

# Summer Jobs Tight, H.S. Grads Do All Right

PLYMOUTH Students looking for summer or part-time work have had trouble finding it this year, but any high school grad who doesn't plan to go to college and hasn't found work just isn't trying.

Louis Belanger, manager of the Michigan Employment Security Commission office at 897 S. Mill in Plymouth, says that this has been the slowest summer in memory for placing young adults looking for summer or part-time work.

"The ones who have come to us, we've had difficulty," Belanger says. It is not that the youths aren't qualified, but "restrictions" are the limitation of period of employment in the case of summer work, or the limited hours of availability for part-time workers.

EMPLOYMENT in the building and construction trades, which hire many students during the summer in other parts of the country, are limited in the Detroit area because the unions control practically all the hiring, Belanger says.

Women in general, Belanger notes, are harder to place than men, so young women looking for summer work are doubly handicapped.

Although discrimination against women in employment is illegal, "I haven't yet heard of a female carpenter or electrician," Belanger adds.

HIGH SCHOOL graduates ready to go to work, however, have had the job market all in their favor during the past three years, Belanger comments.

The auto plants and other large factories in this area hire both men and women starting at about \$3.40, including fringe benefits.

The Plymouth office manager adds that most of the opportunities for women are in factory jobs. During World War II, employers discovered that women were capable of filling,



LOUIS E. BELANGER manages the state Employment Security Commission's Plymouth Office. (Observer photo)

many jobs in factories. Automation has reduced the physical strength necessary in other positions, opening more opportunities for women.

Says Belanger, "The old 'strong back, weak mind' concept doesn't hold anymore."

PROBLEMS LIKE the one expressed by Michael Torok and his wife of Livonia in the July 23 Observer also confront persons who apply for jobs through the state agency.

The 19-year-old Torok said that he was having trouble finding a job because of his long hair and beard.

Bardocz at 421-0761. The event is open to members and friends of the 19th-Wayne Democratic organization.

The price covers food and refreshments. Many ethnic dishes will be featured.

"We expect more than 200 persons this year," said Bardocz. "We had about that last year."

Tickets at \$2 per person may be reserved by calling Mrs.

Atseff Joins D.P. Brother

Laurence C. Atseff of Livonia has joined D.P. Brother and Co., Detroit, as a media supervisor, Sheldon Moyer, resident of the agency, announced recently.

Atseff, a native of Fayetteville, N.Y., transferred to the

D.P. Brother and Co. from Leo Burnett Co., Inc., where he was a senior media buyer.

He holds a master's degree from Syracuse University.

Atseff lives with his family, at 14015 Richfield in Livonia.

## Factories Need More Laborers

The demand for factory labor continued generally strong in May, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported.

Although hiring activity declined slightly, the quit rate rose to its highest post-Korean point.

Factory quits, which tend to reflect the availability of job opportunities, amounted to 29 per 1,000 workers in May (seasonally adjusted) — the highest level since July 1953. That was two per 1,000 above April and four per 1,000 above May 1968.

New hires, which reflect manpower adjustments to production changes, increased less than seasonally expected. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the new hire rate fell from 39 to 37 per 1,000 workers in May — a level still close to the post-Korean highs of 1966.

The layoff rate inched up slightly in May to 11 per 1,000 workers, seasonally adjusted. Since June 1968, layoffs have fluctuated narrowly between 10 and 12 per 1,000 workers.

Belanger says the "question of safety" deters some manufacturers from hiring long-haired young men. Others don't seem to mind long hair.

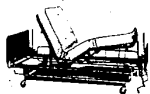
Of the 17-year-old Mrs. Torok, Belanger adds that jobs for persons under 18 are scarce.

ALMOST ALL skilled tradesmen or professionals are in demand, and the veterans of 15 years with the Employment Security Commission notes that the commission is closely involved with programs to produce more men for skilled and professional jobs.

Applicants seeking entrance into jobs requiring training can be referred to the correct federal or state programs by the Employment Service.

Belanger notes that more training opportunities exist than there are qualified applicants to fill them.

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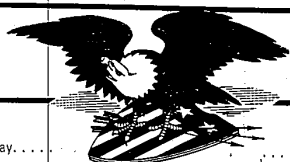
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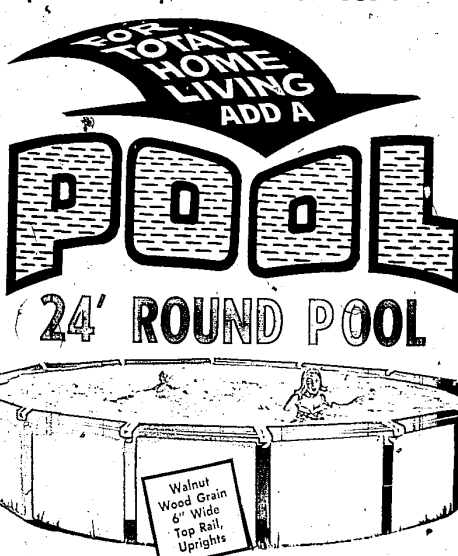
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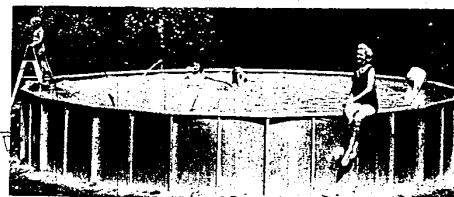
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