

Former Georgetown Ambulance Chief Supervises Brampton Hospital Fleet

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In a tiny room tucked among the offices at Peel Memorial Hospital is a soft-spoken man who never loses his cool, in spite of being one of the busiest men in 10 counties.

Keeping his cool is vitally important to Leonard "Dan" Scarborough of Georgetown because while he deftly handles phone calls on two hotlines, and maintains contact with a two-way radio, he's helping to save lives.

It's consoling to know that under Mr. Scarborough's able supervision, Brampton has one of the finest ambulance services in the province.

The three vehicles at Peel Memorial are owned by the Ontario Hospital Services Commission but are manned by the hospital. They cover an area within a 25 mile radius of Brampton.

This area is also covered by ambulance services in Georgetown, Woodbridge, Orangeville, Strathroy and Cooksville since these overlap, and all are constantly in touch by radio.

CO-OPERATION

An example of how this dovetail operation works so successfully was presented when Mr. Scarborough heard Metro calling Georgetown to say that one of their units had been in an accident on the Lakeshore.

He immediately replied offering to assist and stand by for any Georgetown calls arranged for towing the damaged ambulance and for transporting the driver and nurse back to their base. Consequently, Georgetown was not without ambulance service.

Working with Georgetown isn't a new experience for the

supervisor who spent eight years with his hometown ambulance service — a volunteer service at that time. In fact, Mr. Scarborough felt very bad about the damage to a vehicle that had been for a long time "his" baby.

This 24 hour, instant co-operation between the service ensures the availability of an ambulance where it's needed, when it's needed. The supervisor explained that it wasn't always so, but since the government has taken over, ambulance service has been vastly improved.

The radio for one thing, enables each base to know where every vehicle is located and how long each phase of a run takes. Drivers report time of departure, time of arrival at the scene, length of time to minister to patient or victims, time of leaving scene and time of return to hospital. These times are punched on a clock and everything recorded on tape as it's transmitted.

"Not only that," Mr. Scarborough explained, "few people are aware of the training that ambulance drivers receive today."

"All the men undergo an intensive one month course in first aid and life saving techniques at Camp Borden where Mr. Scarborough taught for a year while with the OHSC.

"It's so thorough," he explained, "it actually gives them paramedical status."

VITAL EQUIPMENT

They are schooled in the use of the vital equipment carried in the units and they can do anything except blood transfusions. As Mr. Scarborough pointed out, the real emergency is getting to the scene in time, for once the ambulance arrives



Dan Scarborough of Georgetown, a supervisor of ambulance services at Peel Memorial Hospital, uses an automatic oxygen-filled elder valve to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The patient is in capable hands.

Watching these men in action, one is impressed with their calm, sure manner, especially in a difficult situation: moving a 250 pound patient with a broken back down several flights of stairs for example.

Calls to traffic accidents, particularly those involving children, are the ones drivers dislike most. And they confess they never become injured to the grisly sights, the road carnage, the suffering they see.

"This is one reason," Mr. Scarborough said, "we try at all times to obey the traffic rules. Occasionally though, it's necessary to run a red light and that's why we need public co-operation."

BEE-BOP HORN

While many people intensely dislike the weird "outer-space" sound of the Bee-Bop horn which has been borrowed from the French, it is so distinctive a sound that it can't be confused with others.

"When you hear it," Mr. Scarborough begs of the motorist, "please, pull immediately to the curb to assist the ambulance driver in his race with death."

The "race" however, is only to the scene. While getting the

it involves a special way of observing and maintaining a "space cushion" around one's vehicle.

Mr. Tetrault insists that any driver who masters this method can drive 50,000 miles a year without having even a close call. Certainly he is living proof of this claim.

Other living proof: the many patients in Peel Memorial who are there as a result of all the training given to these ambulance drivers. It's safe to say that Bramptonians are among the safest, most capable of any on the road.

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At present, a trustee receives \$150 a month and board chairman Peter Walters receives \$200 a month.

The recommendation was contained in a report from the board's education committee and was brought forward by member John Visser. He said he recommended the move to cut their salaries as an "austerity" measure.

A total of \$141,000 had already been chopped out of the board's 1970 budget of \$4 million at an April 18 special meeting.

tend a board meeting and then turn around and make the 200-mile drive back again the same night," he said.

Separate school board members' honoraria (monthly pay) is a set maximum figure, determined by government legislation, and each board is free to pay itself a figure which is not to exceed the government maximum.

After the meeting Mr. Walters explained each trustee attends an average of four meetings a month and that he, as chairman, attends an average of four meetings a week.

A salesman for the H. B. Miller Glue Co. in Toronto, Mr. Walters said his two year tenure of office had cut into his working time but he has the blessing of his firm to work as board chairman.

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"First Dippers" Braved Icy Waters at Rockwood April 19

Three young Georgetown 4th Company Venturers dauntlessly plunged into the Eramosa River Sunday morning, April 19, unharmed by the icy floats, but anxious to be slayed as some of the first dippers for the spring of 1970.

Mike Parsons, the Assistant District Commissioner for the Burlington District Venturers, was the gregarious leader of a group of 70 kids ranging from 15 to 17 who with their five leaders congregated in the Rockwood Conservation Park camping area Friday evening, April 17th. The 2nd, 7th, 11th, and the 12th Companies from Burlington, along with the 2nd Strathroy, 1st and 3rd Waterdown, the 1st Carlisle, 4th Georgetown, 1st Strathroy Companies at one other from Guelph, were all to be found at the Henderson's Dam campsite for a weekend of participation in skill practices and schooling in basic canoe principles.

CANOE RACES

Nightly sing songs, euchre games and cribbage competitions were all parts of the program with wood fires planted on either sides of picnic tables keeping out the early spring cold. Portage and canoe races from the dam straight down to the village gave the Burlington 11th Company boys an opportunity to show their aquatic skills as they came in first and second. Canoe spills in front of the John Clark residence down the Eramosa River caused loud chuckles and cajoling with Steve Elliott of the 2nd Strathroyas getting wet when

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he had to literally push the vehicle out of the mud.

The weekend which started off weatherwise as one of early spring but pleasurable outdoor living, took on a different slant as the warm Saturday sunshine cooled off somewhat and by Sunday morning the Conservation Park Beach Church Service was a chilling affair with its gusty winds. However, as Mike Parsons himself said "One thing about early campouts like this one, at least the kids are dressed and prepared for any kind of weather and, no matter how cold it turns out, everyone always seems to have enough warm clothing." Some of the group stayed on in the Park until late Sunday afternoon, others left early in the day with tents packed, litter cleared and everything neat and beautifully intact.

During the "normal" run, it seemed the streets of Brampton were made of cobblestone with enormous potholes at least every five feet. Without the straps, turning a corner would have had this "patient" rolling on the floor and before long she asked for a bucket.

However, the Peel Memorial drivers are taught a manner of driving which eliminates patient discomfort, is speedy but also very safe. Already professionals, they receive a highly specialized course under the guidance of Edmond Tetrault who is the Director for Driving Education at Ellen's Driving School.

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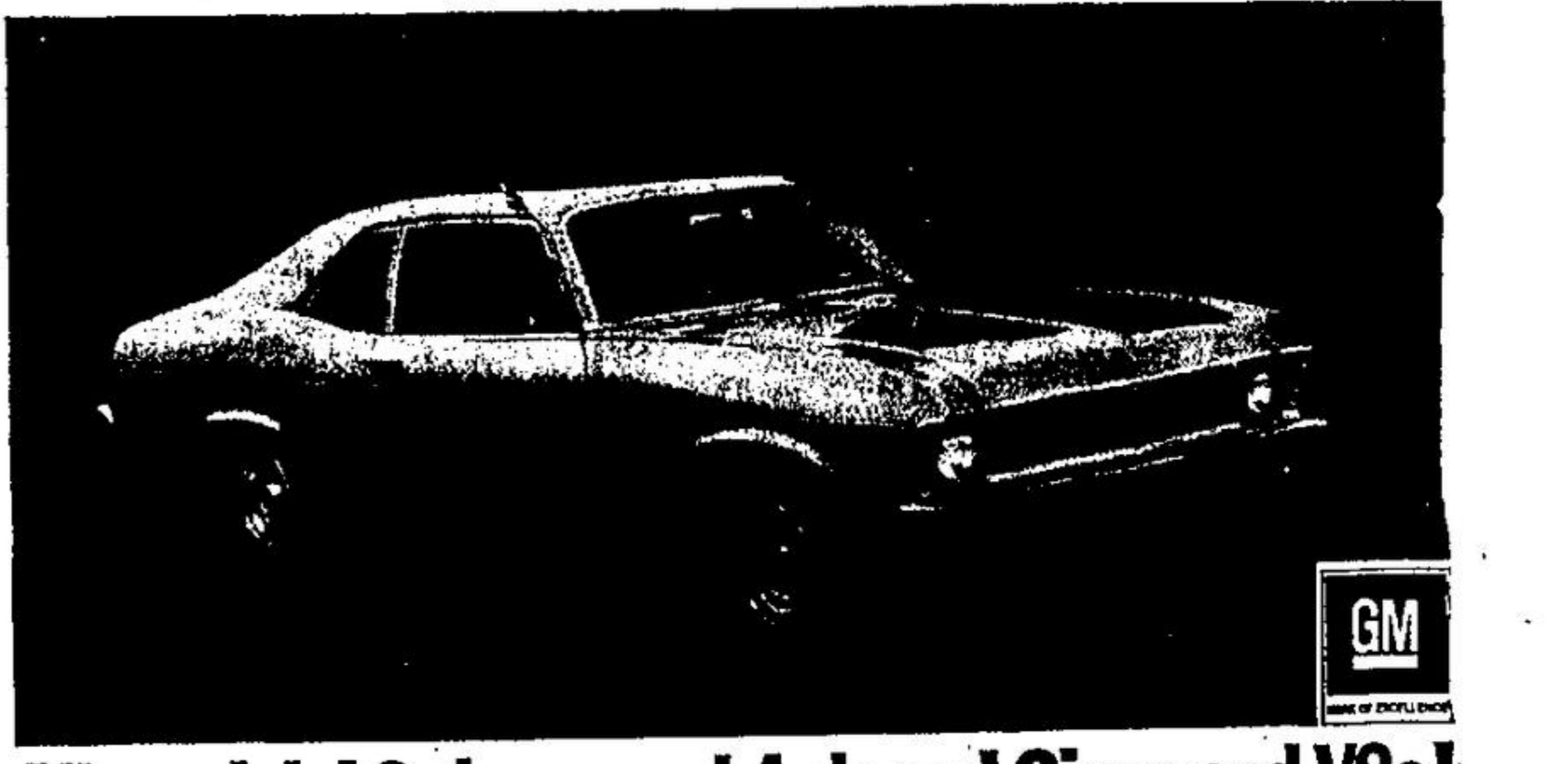
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