

More owners taking care of cars' looks - Tidy Car's got all the answers

By MAUREEN EDWARD
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It doesn't make any sense to neglect that beast sitting in the driveway. With rising interest rates, and the increasing cost of cars, it seems logical not only to maintain your machine's mechanical fitness, but to preserve the appearance and bodywork of your vehicle as well.

The elements your car is exposed to are catastrophic! Sun, acidic exhausts, acid rain, dust, sand, salt, tree sap, bird droppings and animal and insect residues, all combine to cause the top layers of automotive finishes to deteriorate. Rust and corrosion of the sub-surface follows quickly.

According to Chris Bydevaate, owner of Reliable Auto Cleaning in Georgetown, there are a number of do-it-yourself products to restore the luster to a degraded car finish, available on the market. Some of these products can cause considerable damage to the paint film. If a protective coating is not applied properly, it breaks down and permits water and pollutants to seep through. This combination of grime and moisture builds up and is trapped under the supposedly "protective" surface. Hence, the paint film becomes corroded.

TO THE RESCUE
Mr. Bydevaate is an inde-



Chris Bydevaate (right), owner of Reliable Auto Cleaning in Georgetown, is the gentleman to see if you want your car to boast the best shine on the block. Mr. Bydevaate, his son Jeff and daughter, Audrey, are shown here buffing one vehicle with the "Preserv-A-Shine" process, a service offered under Mr. Bydevaate's Tidy Car franchise. The process, he says, tends to harden the paint, making it less likely to chip or flake under our harsh winter conditions. Reliable Auto Cleaning is located at 111 Mountainview Road North.

pendent operator of a large franchise known as Tidy Car. He can restore your car's finish and make it look almost sparkling new again.

protection process. Basically, this professional treatment produces a high-gloss shine and protects the paint finish on the vehicle.

The procedure is fairly simple. First, the dirt and deoxidized paint are removed

(Herald photo) with a cleaning solution. Next, a sealant that penetrates the paint is applied which is then polished with lamb's wool buffers until it glistens. Once a year, a re-sealant treatment is recommended to maintain this glossy finish.

The Preserv-A-Shine process averages about \$100, per car and the cost of the re-sealant treatment is a nominal \$35. "This process tends to harden the paint," Mr. Bydevaate said. "Sand and salt tend to glance off the treated surface and since dirt doesn't adhere to the automobile finish, cold water is all that is needed to clean the vehicle. There is no

need to wax your car."

INTERIOR, TOO
Another service recently developed by Tidy Car, and which Reliable Auto Cleaning has introduced to its customers, is New-Matizing. With this treatment, an aqueous solvent, a dry-cleaning solvent and a fabric sealant are applied to an automobile's interior.

Mr. Bydevaate says that even the lushest velours can be protected from permanent spots and stains for three years, without changing the fabric's texture.

"I became interested in the Tidy Car franchise about three years ago," Mr. Bydevaate recalls. "However, we ran this business on a part time basis, since I also managed Reliable Janitor Service Ltd.

At first, I was a mobile operator; that is, I went to customer's homes to clean their cars, but I had to depend on the weather."

Mr. Bydevaate now has a fully-equipped garage where he cleans the cars and he has devoted his efforts to car protection on a full time basis.

Reliable Auto Cleaning advertises same day service and offers other services such as vinyl roof restoration and an inexpensive Buff 'N' Shine treatment.

For a free estimate, you can call or drop in at 111 Mountainview Rd. North in Georgetown. Chris Bydevaate can be reached at 877-6136. This number is listed under car washing and polishing in the yellow pages.

If you're not happy with the work Mr. Bydevaate does, he promises to do it over. To date he has had many compliments on his work and no complaints.

Ottawa fund-raiser

'TV star' Jaycees return

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer
For some members of the Georgetown Jaycees, a bicycle seat is the last thing in the world they'll want to see for a while.

Six of them—Dale Thibideau, Doug Penrice, Paul Atkinson, Jack Wallinga, Dennis Borotak and Jack Lee—pedaled their way to Ottawa last week, arriving in time for not only the Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill, but for the Jaycees' national convention as well. They raised about \$850 during the trip, \$650 of which will go into the local club's Youth Award bank account.

Working in one-hour shifts on the bikes, the men arrived in Ottawa at about 2:30 p.m. July 1, 22 and a half hours

after they left Georgetown's Moore Park Plaza. The time, according to Mr. Thibideau, the trip coordinator, was four hours better than last year's jaunt, which sped from a rain-soaked Glen Williams to present Jean-Luc Pepin with a Unity plaque.

When they arrived in the nation's capital, he added, they happened upon a local television film crew which was shooting at a shopping centre. Later that evening, Ottawa viewers were treated to about 10 seconds of news about the Jaycees' visit.

"It's an excellent way of raising money," Mr. Thibideau said Monday.

Other trips have earned funds for the Foster Parents Plan and the Hornby Sunshine School for the mentally

handicapped. Money raised during the most recent bike trips has been directed to the club's Youth Award, a high school bursary established yearly on the interest from funds raised.

The cyclists chose quieter highways over the more direct Highway 401, travelling to Highway 12 along Highway 7, then down to Highway 2 and finally on Highway 16 into Ottawa. Mr. Thibideau explained that they were able to cut for hours from their previous time by using the camper truck which travelled with them as a wind screen just outside of Kingston.

There were times, he said, when some members were travelling at about 50 miles per hour on the bikes.

The Jaycees were assisted in making the trip by Georgetown Canadian Tire manager Murray Lawton, who allowed them to purchase the bikes at a considerable discount. Meanwhile, Mr. Penrice covered the camper's gas costs.

Mr. Thibideau expressed hope that the bursary would be made available for a student in either Georgetown District High School or Acton High. Currently, there is about \$1,600 in the account.

A committee consisting of Jaycee members, a municipal representative and teachers will choose this year's recipient prior to conventions in the fall.

The bicycle trips began in 1976 when the Jaycees travelled to Montreal in time for the Olympics.

Fewer quitting school

No commitment for Site F

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Board ruling ordering it to rezone Site F and amend the town's official plan to accept the property's use as a garbage dump.

EAA hearings are not expected to begin for at least a year.

Mr. Bennett later said that the EAA hearings would soon apply to projects initiated by "private enterprise". Currently, the EAA legislation, passed last June concerns itself with provincial and municipal proposals which may have an effect on the surrounding environment.

The total number of students dropping out of school for short periods of time has decreased slightly, according to Cam Jackson, chairman of the Regional Early School Leaving (ESL) Committee. The ESL program was introduced by the Halton Board of Education to accommodate 14 and 15-year old students who for various reasons, wish to interrupt their studies for a period of time. The process involves withdrawing from the school partially or totally, but with the emphasis on work experience or other programs of activities. The students must first discuss their plans with guidance counselors and undergo interviews with the local ESL committee. Mr. Jackson submitted an annual report to board trustees Thursday night to keep them updated on the ESL committee and its work. Trustee Jackson said that the number of students who are taking advantage of the program has declined over the past year which he feels is a positive sign that the education system is growing more sensitive and responsive to the needs of young students. Approximately 35 Halton students took advantage of the ESL program last year.

Common skin woes and best solutions



THE BEAUTY SPOT

By Barb Presswood

Even the best cared-for skin can have its problems. Here are the most common skin problems and how to cope: Blackheads are excess skin oils and other bacteria from the body which accumulate in pores, and darken when exposed to air. Clean twice a day, using a blemish mask twice weekly. Do not squeeze. This could cause damage if not done correctly. Try using a spot treatment at night.

Whiteheads are hardened fatty materials that collect under the pores because of bad circulation. Good, regular cleansing should help them disappear. If not, see your esthetician and have them removed. Never squeeze: they won't come out and you risk infection.

Acne can happen to anyone with unusually active oil glands. The skin is reddish and inflamed, with both pimples and blackheads. It has many causes. Acne can leave the skin scarred and pitted. Have it treated by an esthetician and dermatologist.

Broken Capillaries are near the skin's surface and look like spidery red threads, usually appearing around the nose or on the cheeks. Causes are heredity, extreme cold and too much sun. Foundation will cover them over, or a dermatologist can safely remove them.

Excess facial hair can be a problem. If it's really obvious, you have several options: 1) bleach it, lightening it to blend with your skin; 2) waxing temporarily removes it; or 3) electrolysis (thermolysis) permanently removes it.

Moles are to be left alone. Never tweeze a hair growing out of a mole. Carefully clip it short. If you notice any change in a mole's color or size, see your doctor.

Movie munchers

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