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Local Lions promote 'message in a bottle'

Welcome aid in small package

The Llons Club of Georgetown is bringing one of the organization's major international projects to Halton Hills this week in the form of the much-praised Vial of Life

program. Promoted by Ontarlo's Association for Casualty Care Personnel, the program is designed to assist ambulance attendants and other emergency service workers in quickly determining the state of health of members of any household to which they are summoned.

Should the house occupants be unconscious or otherwise incoherent, the Vial of Life. resembling an ordinary pill bottle, can be found in a specific location inside the refrigerator. Inside the viol will be all the pertinent medical information which emergency workers need to ensure the occupant's safe and speedy treatment.

Georgetown Lions now have 500 of the years ready for distribution. The club is considering blanket delivery

VIAL OF LIFE FIOLE DE VIE

of the vials to all local senior citizens' residences, but wants interested residents to pick up a vial for their own family at one of four designated locations.

Calling the Lions program "an excellent idea", Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service president Daryl Giberson told The Herald that his organization has yet

to discuss distribution arrangements with the Llons Club. The program was a topic of conversation for ambulance workers and Llons a year ago, he sald, although it's not clear which group initiated the idea local-

Acknowledging that the volunteer ambulance attendants in Georgetown are looking forward to the program's start, Mr. Giberson said It will help his crews greatly when they're called to assist incommunicative fire or accident victims, especially senior citizens and the handicapped. If specific information about the patient is needed, such as a detailed list of their drug prescriptions, the attendants know they can look for the Vial of Life sticker on the refrigera-

tor door, he said. Properly co-ordinated with the Ambulance Service, Mr. Giberson added, the Lions' distribution of vials will be a boon to residents and their emergency services.

Mr. Giberson sald he knows of no neighboring municipality which employs a Vial of Life campaign. Acton, which is serviced by the Georgetown volunteers and ambulances from Guelph hospitals, has no current plans for a Vial of



Life program. As well as publicity about the vials in The Herold. citizens will be informed about the project through posters around town.

Vials are available free at the Cooking Emporium and the Co-operators Insurance office in the Georgetown Market Centre, at the Dairy Queen on Guelph Street and at the Akers and Clark Realty office in downtown Georgetown.

If citizens are unable to make the trip to one of the pick-up points, they can call one of the four businesses or any Lions Club member and arrange home delivery. Should demand exceed current quantity, Lion John MacIver told The Herald. more vials will be obtained for continued distribution,



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Round Trip Distance 45 miles 1982.





GUELPH

Round Trip Distance....52 miles

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Round Trip Distance....90 miles 1981..... \$785 1982.....*? 1983..... 1984......?

These figures based on a late model car using unleaded gasoline getting 20 m.p. gallon

BRAMALEA

Round Trip Distance....37 miles 1981.....*325 1982.. 1983. 1984.....*?