Ex-cop, driving coach calling it a day

After 15 years and 2,000 students, Ted Scott's retiring from driver's education at GDHS

By ANI PEDERIAN

Herald Staff Writer The man who started the Elmer the Elephant Safety program in Georgetown public schools, instigated school patrois and began drivers' education courses at Georgetown District High School is leaving safety promotion in the community to others now.

Georgetown's Ted Scott is retiring at the age of 58 on doctor's advice.

Mr. Scott is giving up his 15-year old business that taught young men and women driving skills.

BTS Driving School is taking over the young drivers' education program at GDGS this semester following Mr. Scott's retirement.

.Mr. Scott began teaching students to drive back in September, 1967, after competing a two-week teacher's course in drivers' education at



Raising 'Elmer's' safety flag at Park school, late 1950s

cause of his work with the

Georgetown Police Force, as it

was known then before region-

It was in July, 1955, that he

Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto.

Over 2,000 GDHS students learned the rules of the road with him and another 3,000 through his private business.

Before Mr. Scott picked up his second career in 1967 of giving driving lessons, he was known in the community be-

joined the Georgetown police, coming from East York. As safety officer with the force, he and his papier mache friend Elmer the Safety Elep-

However, a heroic deed by Mr. Scott in June, 1960 damahant were popular visitors to ged his back, causing him great pain, and putting an end

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In 1963 he followed it up with

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(top) and in 1979

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He retired from the police force in March, 1967, and soon after, while recuperating from an operation got active in driver training.

"It was a seven-days-a-week job," Mr. Scott said of his work behind the steering wheel. "I started out with only two courses a year and it grew to four a year".

Retirement is something he's been looking forward to, especially because of his bealth. With an English bulldog "Winston", received as a Christmas present, Mr. Scott will have his hands full teaching Winston the merits of safety too.

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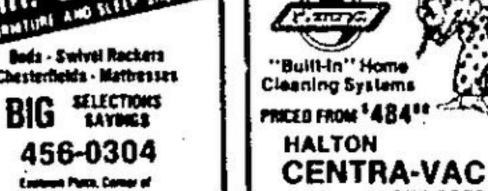
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