

# 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

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The man who started the Elmer the Elephant Safety program in Georgetown public schools, instigated school patrols 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 GDHS this semester following Mr. Scott's retirement.

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



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



Ted Scott as Georgetown constable (top) and in 1979



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 because of his work with the Georgetown Police Force, as it was known then before regionalization.

It was in July, 1955, that he joined the Georgetown police, coming from East York.

As a safety officer with the force, he and his papier mache friend Elmer the Safety Elephant were popular visitors to

local public schools, a campaign he started in Georgetown in 1957.

In 1963 he followed it up with school safety patrols started thanks to the support of the Hamilton Automobile Club. Both safety promotion campaigns are still popular in Georgetown.

However, a heroic deed by Mr. Scott in June, 1960 damaged his back, causing him great pain, and putting an end

to his career as a policeman in 1967.

Two diesel-powered freight trains smashed head on in Georgetown, trapping the train's engineer, derailing five cars and ripping up long sections of the track the last week of June.

One of the first on the scene, Mr. Scott recalls how he was picked up by the engineer in his arms, a man weighing over 200 pounds, and jumped clear of the danger. That jump led to many operations, finally removing six discs in his back and necessitating the wearing of a study girdle around his chest and middle for extra support.

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 health. With an English bulldog "Winston", received as a Christmas present, Mr. Scott will have his hands full teaching Winston the merits of safety too.

### Theft probe continues

Halton regional police are still investigating a robbery at the King Variety store on Georgetown's King Street last Wednesday night. Held up by a lone thief carrying a knife with a three-inch blade, the co-owner of the store was unharmed. The thief got away with \$100.

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