Always learning new methods

Continued from Page 1 dent Giberson. The old and

crippled are not the only patients the ambulance crew attend to, he says. There seems to be a balance between treating citiz-

ens who are suffering from car accidents and sickness. Mr. Giberson says. Sometimes the crew responds to heart attack calls where their life-saving CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) is attempted on patlents. Often crews respond to calls on the phone when the injury or illness can't be diagnosed, he says.

Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Lightowler both agree that a majority of car acidents are alcohol related. They have seen over the years the positive aspects to wearing seatbelts and attribute them to saving many lives in car accidents.

Ambulance crews are well trained in certificate Red Cross or St. John first aid programs plus CPR, says Mr. Wilcox, Many attendants are instructors in first aid, he

An inexperienced attendanct is introduced to the schedule gradually. He rides as an observer until he has seen all types of accidents handled by more experienced crews, Mr. Wilcox says.

When not on duty, the ambulance volunteers are able to relax in the basement of their headquarters where they may read, watch T.V., sleep or cook if they desire, Mr. Wilcox says. Often off-



Members of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service (GVAS) receive top-notch training from highly-qualified professionals which extends beyond first aid and emergency care. GVAS attendants also learn defensive driving techniques, rescue tactics and how to use a two-way radio properly. In a simulated emergency, GVAS vice-president Peter Wolfe (left) and attendant John Lightowiers monitor the condition of their patient, in this case the GVAS' training manequin, "Resusci-Annie". The GVAS will celebrate 25 years of community service.



Georgetown residents relied on local funeral directors for ambulance service prior to the volunteer services founding in 1957. The vintage wagon shown above outside the original ambulance garage on Cross Street probably doubled as a hearse often. The GVAS later moved to the James Street building which now houses the town recreation department.

(GVAS photo)

GVAS motto outlined in its brochure

"Making their community a safer place to live is considered sufficient reward," a brochure on the George-town Volunteer Ambulance Service (GVAS) states in describing why residents join the 25-year old organization.

Qualified personnel regularly keep GVAS members updated on new training methods, and joining the service opens doors to numerous other fields like defensive driving, radio communication, rescue tactics and first aid and emergency care. Individuals thinking of becoming members of the GVAS must be between the ages of 18 and 60, be physically fit and have a good driving record. For more information, phone 877-7172, or write to the GVAS secretary, P.O. Box 33, Georgetown, Ontario.



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Both Liberal leader Stuart Smith, twice defeated by Con-

servative Premier Bill Davis. and the NDP's Michael Cassidy, unsuccessful in the last provincial election, have resigned their leaderships. Five Liberal contenders - four of them MPPs - will vye for Dr. Smith's job while two prominent NDP MPPs and MP Bob Rae are hoping to replace

Periodicals play up Halton's business

layoffs in Halton Hills, the

Report also carries a story

headlined "Building boom hits

Halton". The article says the

business development office

has recorded 51 statements of

intent by companies to locate

in the region or to expand

substantially. Together, the

article says, they'll bring 2,000

Elsewhere in the first issue,

stories about Milton's "High-

way 401 industrial park" and

GO transit expansions, spot-

The Herald has some new competition as far as reporting on industrial progress in the area: Halton region's business development office this week forwarded copies of "The Halton Report" to 5,000 companies and individuals both inside and outside the region.

As a proud, personal message from regional chairman Jack Raftis reflects, the fourpage, green-trimmed newsletter is designed to promote Halton as being "between Toronto and Hamilton at the centre of success".

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In one of the few volunteer

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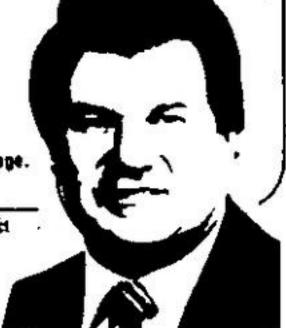
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