

New walk-in clinic treats minor ailments quickly

Contrary to comments made by some in the medical profession a "medical walk-in centre" compliments rather than competes against the services provided by family physicians and hospitals, Georgetown family doctor says.

Dr. Clay Li is one of seven doctors who ran the recently opened walk-in centre in the new professional building at Sinclair Ave. and Guelph Stret in Georgetown.

The centre, which is opened five days a week from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. serves patients with minor ailments such as the common cold,

sore throats, fever and allergy flareups.

Between these hours the public can expect to be examined by a doctor in a calm and comfortable atmosphere without having to wait for a long time, Dr. Li said.

The centre is for people who need medical attention but not enough that they have to take time off work he said.

Dr. Li emphasized the centre is not equipped to provide the kind of personnel care a family physician can offer or handle emergency situations that hospitals can han-

dle.

Although a medical facility of this type is new to Georgetown most large towns and cities have them, Dr. Li said. There are eight or nine alone in Brampton he said.

Dr. Li stressed everyone should have a family doctor. To make a proper diagnosis the doctor must not only know the patient's medical history but also that person's social and personal background. Only the family physician sees that patient enough to learn this information, he said. The family physician is also looked upon to provide health counselling and education and help out in related family problems.

By offering immediate medical attention to non-emergency cases, walk-in centres also help alleviate hospitals' overburdened emergency wards, he said.

Based on experience of working on many emergency wards, Dr. Li said probably 80 to 85 per cent of the people who go to emergency could wait and see their family doctor at a later date. But people worry and want the immediate reassurance of a doctor, he said. This is where the centre comes in.

The walk-in centre frees up needed resources to treat "real emergencies".

Dr. Li said the response to the Georgetown Clinic has so far been supportive.

He would not say how many people have used the centre since it opened three months ago.

There is also other diagnostic services found in the new building. They include X-rays, physiotherapy and electroencephalogram (EEG) tests.

Police STEP up speeding tickets

By BEN DUMMETT
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Halton drivers beware!

Halton Regional Police will begin cracking down on those caught speeding, not wearing a seat belt or driving impaired, starting in mid-August or the beginning of September, Sergeant Ken Bonham of the force's regional traffic bureau said.

"There will be no breaks, strict enforcement will apply," Sergeant Bonham said.

Sgt. Bonham recently completed a telling traffic report showing among other statistics that speeding played a part in a 116 per cent increase in fatalities in the Halton Region this year, from January to July, over last year during the same period. Fatalities are up from six last year at this time to 13, he said.

To reduce this number, Sgt. Bonham has established the new Safety Traffic Enforcement Program, (S.T.E.P.).

The program will be implemented by a task force of two officers from each of the force's four districts, Milton, Oakville, Georgetown and Burlington, plus officers from the regional traffic bureau.

"We're going to be out there; we're going to enforce the speed limits- whatever the radar says will apply", he said.

The crackdown will be concentrated primarily on roads north of Highway 5 and in the 80 kilometre per hour speed zones, Sgt. Bonham said.

He explained, 84.6 per cent of this year's speeding related fatalities occurred north of Highway 5 and 69.2 per of this percentage happened in the 80 kilometre per hour speed zone.

Up until this point police have been soft on the drivers, Sgt. Bonham said. The tendency has been for the police to reduce a speeding ticket enough that the driver receives a small fine and no demerit points, he said.

Demerit points are issued to drivers caught speeding a minimum of 15 kilometres per hour over the set speed limit, Sgt. Bonham said.

Police are criticized by drivers when issuing a speeding ticket, he said. But like most people, the police want to be liked so if possible the tendency has been to give the driver a break, he said.

It's normal to hear someone say that a particular officer is a "nice guy" if he has reduced a speeding ticket, Sgt. Bonham said.

However motorists travelling at a speed limit, about 15 kilometres per hour higher than the established one will be charged, he explained.

The program will hopefully establish a situation comparable to the one in the United States, "where speeding isn't as widespread", he said.

Drivers' reluctance to wear seat belts is another problem Sgt. Bonham hopes S.T.E.P. will help to correct.

There have been five ejections from vehicles so far this year because people didn't use their seat belts, Sgt. Bonham said. He was unable to say whether or not this number represented an increase or decrease over last year. These statistics only started to be compiled since the beginning of the year, Sgt. Bonham said.

A decrease in the number of alcohol-related fatalities so far this year is one positive statistic Sgt. Bonham found. At this time last year alcohol was the cause of 50 per cent of the traffic fatalities in the region. But this year alcohol is involved in only 38 per cent of the accidents, he said.



Georgetown physician Dr. Clay Li is one of seven doctors who operate Georgetown's first medical walk-in clinic. The Sinclair Avenue clinic is open to the general public five days a week from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and services non-emergency medical cases. (Herald photo)

Helldrivers highlight Fall Fair '89

There will be fun, excitement and entertainment galore at the 1989 edition of the Georgetown Fair.

That's right, the three-day extravaganza at the Fairgrounds runs Sept. 8, 9 and 10 and promises to be "A fine time in '89." So come on out and join the fun.

The big attraction at this year's fair is the ever famous "Hell Drivers." The stunt driving team has thrilled audiences all over North America. They are scheduled to start their engines at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9.

The admission price to the fair is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children age seven to 16. Weekend passes are still the best buy at \$9.50 for a family and \$4.50 for a single weekend pass.

Friday night is youth night with a rock concert scheduled to run along side of the western horse show. Saturday, family day, includes fair parade beginning at noon at Dominion Seed House and proceeding to the fairgrounds. The Kinsmen girls' softball playoffs run throughout the day and there will be two local bands performing during the afternoon, the first Sound Investment, a local '60s and '70s group and Rebel Hill for the Country Western in all of us.

Sunday sees the return of the ever popular farm olympics so get ready for a not too serious but fun filled competition which promises to be fun for all.

This year's fair will cost close to \$40,000 to produce. And promises to be the best yet.

Other new and regular attractions of the fair are:

-Conklin Show will return with two more carnival rides and lots of games;

-Wilbur the Purple Pig will once again reign supreme at Old MacDonald's Farm;

-Councillor John McDonald and his band Sound Investment, will be on stage Saturday afternoon. They will be on stage from noon to 3 p.m. and will be immediately followed by the Country Western group Rebel Hill. They will be on stage from 3:30 to 5 p.m.;

-Amateur farmers will compete at the farm olympics on Sunday and the fair organizers are looking for local groups to join in the fun and compete for prize money at the fair;

-Agricultural shows include the 4-H Beef and Dairy show, western horse show, paint horse show, and the light and heavy horse show featuring the magnificent Clydesdale and Belgian horses. Last year's western show had competitors from as far away as Sudbury. The heavy horse show with some of the horses in the competition weighing in at over a ton will host competitors from Quebec and Northern Ontario. Last year's heavy horse show had over 70 entries and was the biggest ever.

One of the busiest spots the

whole fair weekend is always in the homecrafts building.

A vast assortment of local home baking, jams, pickles and canned fruit as well as hand crafted knitting and sewing items are beautifully displayed for viewing and judging.

The junior exhibit gives young people a chance to exhibit with pride their artwork, baking, flower arranging and sewing.

A leisurely stroll through the building assures the fairgoer that Georgetown still has that old fashioned community spirit.

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