# Georgetown resident encourages survival

By Oksana Buhel

Dennis Tweedle, 74, believes the original idea for his project came from his teenage years in England, when he bicycled around the countryside for four or five days at a time. "I only took a makeshift one with me," Tweedle recalls. "I put it together by myself, with the help of my mother."

After retiring from the steel fabricating, manufacturing and distributing industry, he and his wife Edna were able to indulge in their passion for travelling.

During their numerous forays, the Tweedles noticed people either travel with a big backpack or nothing. Upon returning to their Georgetown home from one of their trips, the couple began devising a scheme - to organize, package and distribute a compact, yet effective travellers survival kit.

Detailed plans for the "MAYDAY" survival kit were initiated last September. "We think we've got the essentials down," Tweedle said, but admitted it was "impossible to include everything." In the hip pouch are more than 23 items which Tweedle believes will enable a person to survive for approximately three days under hazardous conditions. Included are; a large yellow plastic bag, which can be used as a ground sheet or a raincoat; a razor blade; cord; fish hook; candle; a firestick; waterproof match container; first-aid kit; collapsible tumbler; "Call Police" sign; insect repellant; paper and pencil; boullion sachets; lip balm/sun block; candy; toilet tissue; safety pins; whistle; compass;

mirror and lanyard. Edna Tweedle mentioned she and her husband are still open to suggestions and may offer additional items, or specialized kits if enough interest is shown.

The pouch has the MAY-DAY logo across the pocket, "so people know they are using the correct kit," and



**Dennis Tweedle** 

bright fluorescent piping around the edges of the pouch, "to make it easier for people to draw attention to Tweedle themselves." explained the reason the pouch was designed as a hip bag was to make it completely self-contained. "If someone even goes for a walk, they can just clip the sack around their waist and go," Tweedle said.

Purchasers of the MAY-DAY survival kit are immediately registered in the MAY-DAY Club. Members of the club are urged to contact the Tweedles to comment on the effectiveness of the kit, and offer suggestions. "We don't want to just sell the kits and walk away," Tweedle explained. Edna Tweedle believed if enough club members show an interest, a newsletter may be circulated.

The kits are offered for \$20, which includes taxes, shipping and packaging. "We wanted to provide something people could afford," Edna Tweedle said. Personal cheques and VISA are accepted. Anyone interested can mail a request to MAYDAY, P.O. Box 258, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 4Y5, or phone 877-7182.

"Personally," Tweedle admits, "I'm very enthusiastic about the whole venture."

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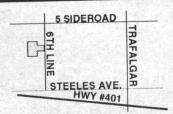


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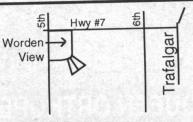


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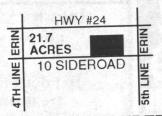
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