

Georgetown Hospital seeks funding approval for two seniors programs

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Two proposals for new seniors programs in Georgetown were sent to the Ministry of Health for approval recently.

A proposal for a day hospital to rehabilitate people who have suffered from strokes and other disorders was sent to the institutions branch of the Ministry of Health.

The other proposal is for a seniors day program, which would be funded through long

term care and has been sent to that division of the ministry. The program would give frail elderly people a chance to socialize and keep active while at the same time giving their caregivers a break.

Both these programs were part of a community wellness proposal put together by Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital last summer, but they were repackaged because of the two areas of funding.

Hospital CEO Ron Noble said

he doesn't know whether the programs are likely to receive funding, since they are new services and would require the province, which is currently cutting back, to find some new money.

"I'm optimistic that the present Ministry of Health says their philosophy is to provide community-based care. And since these are community-based programs, we're hoping they will be funded," he said. "I have no idea when the decisions will be made. It could be in 1996-

97, depending on sourcing of new funding."

The proposals have also been sent to the Halton District Health Council (HDHC), which will play a role in the decision. Noble said the HDHC hasn't made any recommendations specific to these proposals, but they have designated seniors day and day hospital programs as high priorities for Halton.

The day hospital would offer extensive services, like physiotherapy, speech and occupational therapy as well as

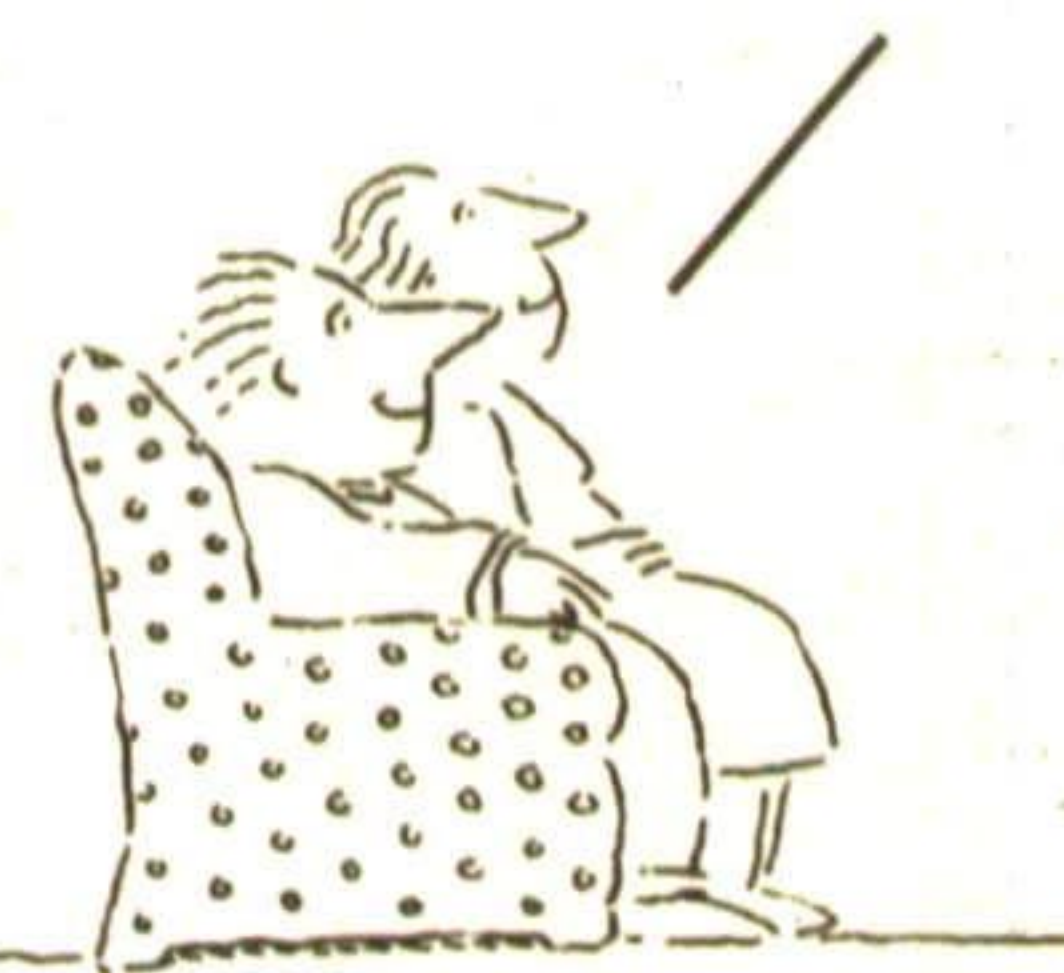
activation. A nurse and social worker would be on staff. The program would serve 14 clients daily with a two-to-one client-staff ratio. Depending on their needs, clients would go for a half day to five full days a week.

The seniors day program focuses instead on activation and socialization of the frail elderly.

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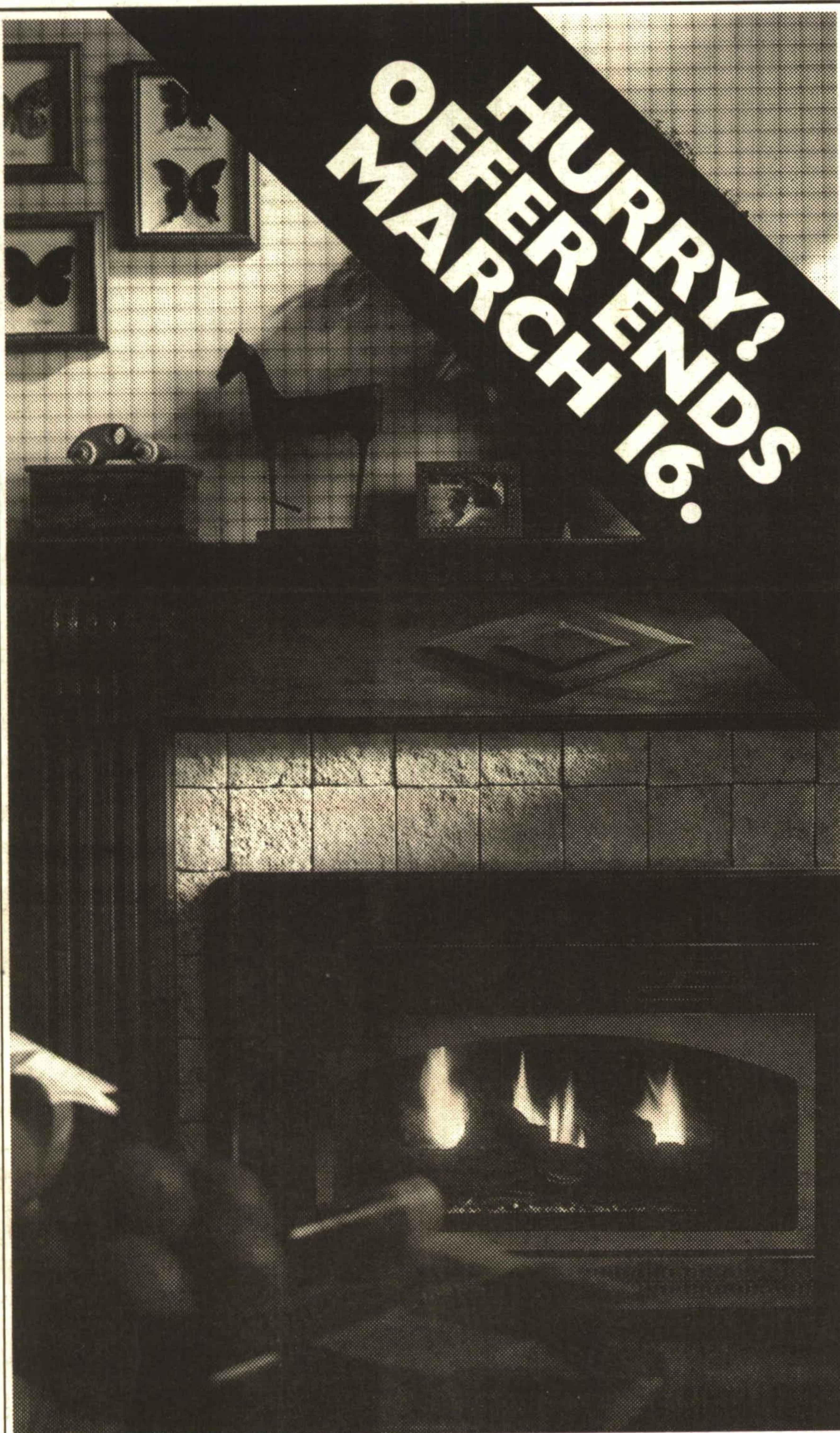
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