



Peter Jones, Georgetown

CABLE WENT DOWN WITH RE-CONSTRUCTION

THIS IS THE HEAVY duty cable which runs like a spinal column up the centre of the Main Street three feet under the surface servicing the centre lights installed this week. Here the local hydro crew commences laying cable in late August.

Admittance Procedure Outlined for Hospital

Now that the local hospital has been in operation for some 4 months, many members of the community have had contact with it. Some have been admitted themselves, some have brought a member of the family for admission and some have come to visit friends and relations who were patients.

Undoubtedly there has been some curiosity about the various things that were done and the questions asked at the time of admission. I should like to explain the reasons behind certain actions on the part of hospital staff members that have perhaps seemed peculiar or unnecessary. I am sure that all questions that have arisen have been answered at the time whenever possible, but during busy periods of the day even the best trained and most capable staff members cannot always be as helpful as they might wish.

All admissions to the hospital must be made through the doctor's office or at the time of a doctor's visit to your home. This is because only a doctor who is privileged to treat his patients in the hospital can make the important decision to admit you to that hospital. This is in conformance with the Ontario Hospital Act and its regulations. He can order your admission for a medical reason for either medical care or surgery. However, the actual time of your admission and the area to which you will be allocated then becomes a hospital decision. In practice, in all cases except an emergency which could endanger life, the doctor requests that you be admitted as soon as possible. At the time of making this request the doctor informs the admitting personnel of the condition which he knows or suspects is the reason for it.

The admitting officer on duty will then check the available accommodation and contact you with regard to the best time for you to arrive and will also ask various questions with regard to your coverage for insurance purposes, for semi-private or private care, etc. This is solely to save you the embarrassment of coming to the hospital for admission only to find that you do not have insurance coverage for other than public ward care or cannot pay the difference from your own resources. You see there may be only the more expensive room available at that particular time. In this case, you will be contacted when the accommodation you desire is available.

You will also be instructed with regard to what you should bring in the way of comforts, clothing, toilet articles, etc. Your punctual arrival at the time requested is very important as a number of departments and services will have timed their actions to make your admission as smooth and pleasant as possible. Normally admission for medical or surgical cases are between 2 and 3 p.m. and for medical cases only between 7 and 8 p.m. We like to have surgical cases in early order to prepare them adequately for the surgery next morning.

Admission
When you arrive for admission you should come directly to the admitting entrance which is sign-posted to assist you. There you will find a convenient and friendly waiting room for the short wait you may have. As soon as possible, the admitting clerk will greet you and the actual admitting procedure will begin. Because your admission is of the utmost importance to many services and departments as well as the Ontario Hospital Services Commission and to you, a number of very important questions will be asked. Some of these will be highly personal, some even may seem like prying into your private affairs. However, each of them is important to your care and comfort and has a direct purpose. You must be allocated a room and bed in keeping with your sex, age, medical needs,

and type of care required, you must be fed, be placed on the doctor's order records for drugs and medicines, certain routine laboratory procedures must be done as soon as possible and all of these things mean others must be notified accurately and quickly. You will, I am sure, appreciate that the questions all do have a purpose. The total facilities of the hospital are really being placed at your service.

Confidence
When the admission forms are completed, you will be quickly taken to your bed by a member of the staff who will be helpful and sympathetic to your needs. What happens to the forms completed by the Admission Clerk? Well, some go to all services who will be meeting your needs for a speedy recovery. Some go to the Commission in Toronto, but all will be treated with the utmost confidence and care.

I have outlined the basic admitting procedure, but remember this applies only to other than emergency patients. For emergency admission, you will be whisked straight through to your bed, we will get all the details as when your condition will allow. However, by having the details as you enter we can of course assure fuller consideration of all your needs.

—H. Graham Gilhooly,
Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital.

Stress Word Meanings Important in Reading

There was standing room only at Burlington's newest public school, John T. Tuck, on Tuesday, October 24th, when over 300 teachers from Halton County, including teachers from Georgetown gathered for the first meeting of this term of the International Reading Association, Halton Council. Mr. Lawless, Superintendent of Burlington Public Schools, opened the meeting with a few words of welcome from the Burlington Board of Education and expressed surprised pleasure at the overwhelming turnout.

The guest speaker was Mr. Donald Urquart, Reading Consultant from North Toronto. Mr. Urquart, born in Hong Kong, was educated in Western China, India and England. He holds a degree from the University of Toronto and has done extensive teaching in Holland for the Canadian Government.

Mr. Urquart spoke on the teaching of word meanings. When a pupil meets a new word, Mr. Urquart stressed, the teacher's job was to see to it that the pupil had the equipment to attack the word himself and finally arrive at its meaning. He also pointed out that as the child develops in maturity, his understanding of word meanings will deepen. Mr. Urquart urged the teachers always to encourage the children to discover meanings of words from the content in which they are used. "Dissecting" words to discover their roots was not recommended. New words should always challenge the pupil. Yet, some teachers, Mr. Urquart feared, in their eagerness to increase the vocabularies of their young charges, often kill the desire of the children to explore for themselves. He stressed the teacher should create a positive attitude among the pupils toward reading. The use of grouping by senior teachers was essential in order to deal with the vast differences in reading abilities at the senior level. It was emphasized that teachers should select stories from the readers that would appeal to the interests of the class as a whole. Mr. Urquart was introduced by Mr. D. Kemp, principal of Lawrie Smith School.

Bermuda, Barbados Honeymoon Follows Brampton Wedding

A honeymoon in Bermuda and the Barbados followed the wedding of Sheila May Rawson and Robert McGuigan in St. Paul's United Church, Brampton, on October 14th. Mr. and Mrs. McGuigan are living on Delreux Blvd., Georgetown.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hubert Rawson of Brampton, is employed with Canadian Baker Perkins in that town. Her husband, son of Mrs. Arthur McGuigan, 16 John St. W., Georgetown and the late Mr. McGuigan, is with Trans Canada Airlines.

Standards of all-white mums and carnations decorated the church for the ceremony which was performed by Rev. John McDermid. Mr. Esplin was organist and Bob Beltridg sang The Lord's Prayer and O Promise Me during the service.

Crystals and Pearls
The bride wore a long white imported chantilly lace dress with undersides of white peau de soie. The dress had long pointed sleeves and buttons down the back, and a high neckline with butterfly collar and sweetheart neckline. The dress fell from a gathered bustle into a scalloped chapel train. She carried white orchids, poms and stephanotis on a white bible. Her coronet head-dress of crystals and pearls held a four-tier pure silk veil. She wore a long strand of white cultured pearls.

Mrs. Elaine Richardson, of Georgetown, was matron of the bride's brother, and Wayne Reid who was junior usher. Male attendants wore midnight blue tuxedos.

Honoured Guest
At a reception afterwards in the church hall, the bride's mother wore teal blue crepe, matching shoes and purse, dusty rose accessories and a pink orchid, pink poms and forget-me-nots. The groom's mother wore plum shantung, white fur hat and her corsage was a pink orchid, white poms and forget-me-nots. The bride's grandmother was an honored guest at the wedding to which

Presbytery Official is Ladies Auxiliary Guest

Mrs. Thomas Giffen, secretary for Christian Citizenship in Halton Presbytery, was a welcome guest at the November meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of St. John's United Church and gave a most interesting and informative address on the various phases of Christian citizenship which concerns each in his daily living.

Mrs. A. M. Nielsen presided at the meeting and urged that members do their best to raise the allocation especially as this will be the last year as a separate missionary society. Sixteen home and five hospital visits were reported made during the past month.

Mrs. H. Curtis, speaking on Christian stewardship stated "All of life is a stewardship, let us therefore give freely and gladly of our time, talents and possessions in God's service."

Mrs. A. Dobson brought a fine devotional message on the theme "Be Still and Know That I am God". The Heavenly Father speaks to us in many ways, wherever we go or wherever we are we can turn inwardly to Him for strength and guidance. Let us take time to relax and rest in God's peace and security. Mrs. Dobson closed her message with prayer.

The meeting closed with singing Hymn 241 and prayer by Mrs. Nielsen.

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