

Former Superintendent of Cedarvale School for Girls



Funeral service was held in the McClure Funeral Home, Georgetown, on Tuesday, January 29th, for Mrs. Orpha May Whitney Houston, who died in Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, January 26th.

Mrs. Houston was born in Toronto and attended school there after which she was a Deaconess Nurse among the Chinese people in Toronto for quite a number of years. A good number of Chinese who had known her in the past attended the funeral. She left this work to be Superintendent of the Cedarvale School for Girls in Georgetown and continued in this excellent work for 16 years, until retiring a few years ago.

She is survived by two sisters, Miss Alberta Whitney and Mrs. Louise Tracy, both of 365 Guelph St., Georgetown. She was a member of St. John's United Church, Georgetown.

Three ministers conducted the funeral service, Rev. Ian Fleming of St. John's United Church, Rev. Oliver of Port Credit, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cedarvale School for Girls, and Mr. John Russell of St. Paul's Baptist Church, Georgetown.

Fallbearers were Mr. Albert Goules of Niagara Falls, Rev. S. Lee of Toronto, Mr. John Whitney, Mr. Claude Kenner, Mr. E. Forgrave and Mr. Carson Rae, all of Georgetown.

Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval.

THE MAIL BAG

Ex-Works Superintendent Refutes Council Claims

R.R. 1, Georgetown
To the Editor:
I have read with much interest the preponderate remarks being made by this year's Municipal Council in what appears to be an attempt to assure the electorate of Georgetown that last year's Council and its senior officers had allowed the operation of the Town business to sink into a deplorable state. It would seem that they are preparing for the day when something goes wrong and they can then turn and say — "Well really it isn't our fault — look at the mess when we look over."

We read that the Town

is in a serious situation as far as subsidies are concerned. That a bridge has been constructed on Ontario St. on privately owned lands; Culverts constructed on Main Street have not been approved for subsidy; that the Town's water supply has been polluted for months and (as it were by a wave of the hand) that the trouble has been rapidly cleared up by cutting off the connection between the Silver Creek Reservoir and the main distribution system.

You ask me, Editor, what are my views on these matters? I am very pleased to give you them. You can fool some of the people some of the time.

These outrageous remarks are all substantially incorrect and are being made to foster the idea that everything being done now is merely putting right matters which were done wrong in the past — however — let us look at the true facts surrounding the statements which have been made.

DEATHS
LAWSON, Walter — On Wednesday, February 6th, 1963, at the Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital, Walter Lawson of Stewartstown, in his 70th year. Beloved husband of Flora Peden and dear father of Robert and Donald and dear brother of Mrs. Joseph Hunter (Jean) of Norval and William F. of Toronto. Resting at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home, 34 Edith St., Georgetown, until Friday morning, then to Knox Presbyterian Church where funeral service will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

Interment, Greenwood Cemetery, Masonic Service at 9:30 p.m. Thursday evening.

MEMORIALS
DITCHFIELD — In loving memory of a dear father Richard Ditchfield who died January 30th, 1961.

May you rest in peace, dear father.

Until we meet again.

—Ever remembered by Edith, son-in-law Ernie and grand children.

DITCHFIELD — In loving memory of our dear father Richard Ditchfield who departed this life January 30th, 1961.

You're not forgotten father, dear.

Nor ever shall you be.

As long as life and memory last.

We will remember thee.

—Lovingly remembered by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ker-shaw.

HALPIN — In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather William Halpin who passed away February 5th, 1940.

May God, in his infinite mercy, grant his soul eternal rest.

—Ever remembered, the family.

HARLOW — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Jack Harlow, who passed away Feb. 7th, 1960.

Within our store of memories, He holds a place apart.

For no one else can ever be more cherished in our hearts.

—Lovingly remembered by wife and family.

PROUSE — In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Margaret Louise Prouse, who passed away February 9th, 1961.

Two little hands are resting, A loving heart is still.

A little daughter (sister) we loved, is waiting.

For us over the hill.

—Ever remembered by Dad, Mum, John, Judy, Tommy and Janine.

CARDS OF THANKS
EMMERSON — The family of the late Mrs. Isabella Emerson would like to thank all their friends for kindnesses expressed during their recent sad loss.

MATTHEWS — I wish to thank my friends for gifts and cards while I was a patient in the Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital. Also to Dr. Panabaker and the nursing staff, especially to Mrs. Nora Tuck. Thank you — Elsie Matthews.

YOUNG — I wish to thank my many friends and neighbors for the cards, gifts and flowers received while I was a patient in hospital. A special thank you to the nursing staff, Dr. O. M. Brewster and Dr. J. P. Panabaker. — Mrs. James (Marion) Young.



Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

CLOUD HOPPING
Our numbers are dwindling. I mean those adults who have never taken flight from an airport. I used to be ashamed to confess I had not been higher than a Ferris Wheel above ground. Those unhappy days are a thing of the past. I've had my first journey by air, and though I get a quiver up my spine every time I remember how the earth's huge relief map of tiny farms and thread-like roads looked from above, my dedication to travel by train has not wavered.

Flying, I am convinced, is an ideal form of transportation for any one in a hurry. Undoubtedly it is here to stay. So I feel comforted to know I travel by train.

My first trip provided considerable amusement for the pilot of our plane and my flying companions: our host, Mr. Stan Whitaker, public relations manager for Manitoba Hydro, and Mr. Ben Metcalfe, editor of Construction World. I had determined not to let the seasoned flyers know I was a neophyte.

The day was murky when I arrived at Mid-West Airways in Winnipeg, at an early hour. There were two planes on the runway. One was a huge silver monster with a wingspan as wide as the depth of our town lot. I felt enormously safe just looking at it. Next to it was the smallest, neatest, most compact airplane I had ever seen.

I signed in and met our pilot, Ed Jensen, who was to see that we got to Grand Rapids and I could hear Old Silver out there revving up. Far from dreading the take-off as I had expected I would seem to be relishing the taste of my heart's blood and the palsy that was knocking the teeth right out of my gums.

The men were all as calm as if they were on their way to board a street car. I forced a laugh at their early morning humor, smiled as though I was Marie Antoinette on the way to the guillotine and acted, I was convinced, like an old pro at this flying game.

I SIT UP FRONT
As I walked toward the silver monster the nice young pilot took my arm and guided me toward the rich man's

to correct the defects in the water supply system which can cause these serious malfunctions and I would again recommend that the services of a consultant be obtained to prepare a report for Council's consideration.

It was also stated on January 28th that the chlorine input had been increased for a week or two. The fact of the matter is that I personally ordered that the chlorine input be doubled at the time of the infiltration from Silver Creek last year and that this was to be continued until further notice. I never recalled that order and to the best of my knowledge it has never been countermanded. No comments were made for the benefit of the press at that time (O.W.R.C. was informed however) since I have no desire for seeking self aggrandisement or to "clean the outside of the platter."

Silver Creek — Anyone with the slightest knowledge of how the Georgetown system operates — cannot be closed off until alterations are made at Silver Creek. To date these alterations have not been carried out.

We see now that thought is being given to supply water on the outskirts of Town. Firstly — "sprawl" development of this kind is the worst kind of planning anyone could imagine and secondly, if my memory is correct, the D.M.A. in their report to Council last year said that any further development would necessitate the spending of considerable sums of money to keep the Georgetown water supply operating. If it costs money in Town — why doesn't it cost money out of Town? Developers both in and out of Town pay for the provisions of mains — who pays for the provision of wells and pumping equipment?

I note that a snow plough has been rented. I trust that the Council are not content playing receiving a subsidy on this item; since tenders were not called for the provision of this service I doubt if the D.H.O. will accept it.

I would suggest that Council stop this Machiavellism; stops trying to convince everyone that they and only they know how to do the job right — and that they get down to business and let us see positive proof of how good they are.

plything sitting in a puddle of freshly fallen rain. "I am to sit up front with you, pilot," I heard Mr. Whitaker say. Next Ben Metcalfe stepped on the wing with a sprightly bounce and settled beside our host in the rear seat. "Now," he thought, "if you run like a fawn you can make it to the gate and hail a taxi before the pilot realizes you're gone." Instead I fitted my 118 pounds into the bucket seat, fastened my seat belt, and didn't even breathe as the pilot pushed the starter of the shining P-180 per Aztec. The two propellers began to "burr, burr" and we started to taxi to take-off position.

I don't suppose anyone can ever recapture that first thrill of leaving the earth behind and realizing that nothing but God and two engines are keeping you aloft. Far below it looked like thousands of chocolate bars had been scattered among a bed of parsley. Here and there were patches of gold, and I presume it was mustard, for in Saskatchewan farmers are allowed to grow this weed as cockpits. "Throw your arms to see the show."

THE OPERATOR GENERAL had a chance to ask Mr. Whitaker if this was so in Manitoba for at that moment he said, "There's your CN railroad over there." The pilot banked the plane so that I could see the small train looking for all the world like so many peanuts strung on a string.

This bank gave me away. I didn't throw my arms around the pilot's neck; I just threw my body in the opposite direction to the plane's tipping wing. The men all laughed as I quaveringly admitted I had never been 2,000 feet in the air before.

We were headed into a storm and because of my confusion, Ed was all solicitude. He warned me it would be bumpy until he could climb above the clouds. Once there I forgot all about my natural fear. We cruised at 175 miles per hour on a mother-of-pearl carpet, or hitched a ride on one fleecy cloud after another until we broke out into the bluest heaven I have ever seen.

FORD GETS DEFENCE JOB
A federal government contract valued at a quarter of a million dollars has been awarded to the Ford Motor Company of Canada in Oakville. This was announced today by Sandy Best, Progressive Conservative candidate for the Halton federal riding.

The contract is for 110 trucks for the department of defence production. Actual amount of the contract is \$248,181.50.

Mr. Best said he received this information through his normal channels.

I LEARN TO "GIVE"
By the time we buzzed Grand Rapids I was used to the bank's instruction to "give with the plane." I am sure I would have been happy to stay up there forever, but there was a job to do and a lot to learn at this great power project of the university's Purple Spur club and received "rave" not a word from the London critics. On Friday, her parents, brother and sister went to London to see the show.

PLAYS ROLE IN BYE, BYE BIRDIE
A local girl, Carolyn Biehn, has a role in the musical Bye, Birdie, which played a week's run at the London Little Theatre.

It was the yearly production of the university's Purple Spur club and received "rave" not a word from the London critics. On Friday, her parents, brother and sister went to London to see the show.

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