

## Police warn of possible fraud artists

Police superintendent Floyd Schwartz this week issued a warning to residents of the town in the event that Georgetown becomes the next area of operation for fraud operators.

Earlier this month police in Oshawa reported that the bank inspector swindle was again in operation and one elderly victim had been bilked out of over \$1,000.

The scheme works in much the same way a previous scam did which took \$500 from a Georgetown resident five years ago.

An inspector requested that a substantial withdrawal be made on a senior citizen's account to test the accuracy of the books, or the computer of an individual employee.

The victim is then instructed to turn over the cash to another bank employee later outside the bank at which time the money is supposed to be re-deposited into the account of the person.

Needless to say the money and the inspector are never seen again.

Although there are many variations to the con-game that has taken thousands from unsuspecting people it basically boils down to a telephone call from the bank, a withdrawal and the discovery of the missing funds.

"Anyone receiving a call should call the bank back immediately for verification," stated the superintendent. The bank will notify the police of the would-be scam in time to protect the victim's fund and hopefully catch the crooks.

Many banks have changed from the padded forms to a single slip to avoid this inadvertent copying but the waste basket and remaining pads permit fraud operators to get added information about would-be victims.

No one should know how much is in your account but you and the bank, and on the advice of the police department, "Report any suspicious calls."

## McGowans celebrate their fortieth

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William McGowan of 143 Confederation Street in Glen Williams who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last Saturday evening.

William and Vera residents of the Glen for the past 25 years were joined by their six children and close friends for an evening at the Skyline Hotel in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lund of Richmond Hill, friends of the McGowan's for the past 40 years joined the family in celebrations.

Mr. and Mrs. John and Dianne McGowan, Mrs. June (nee McGowan) and Lee Longstreet; Mr. and Mrs. Ron McGowan; Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Debbie McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. Vera nee McGowan and John Knowles and Norman McGowan all helped to make the day special for their parents.

The McGowans have seven grandchildren.

# High flying Happy Cooker

By Gerry Landsborough

What do you do when you get bored, or want to think things out? Do you go for a walk? Listen to music? Take time out for a show?

If your name is Barbara Brotherton you have your own special means of getting away from it all, you take to the sky.

Among her many other endeavours Barbara Brotherton is also a lady pilot. She is a delightful, personable woman, filled with enthusiasm and showing an out-going personality. Warm and friendly with a completely natural manner that says "this is the way I am, take it or leave it."

She and her husband Tom, have been married for 25 years. They have two grown sons who attended Georgetown High and are now doing post-graduate studies at university.

Barbara is a member of the 99's, an international, all-women's flying club, founded by Amelia Earhart in 1929. The membership now numbers over 5,000 strong in countries all over the world.

When Barbara and her family moved to Georgetown 10 years ago from the United States, Canada had only members at large in the 99's section in Canada. She has been the Governor of the Eastern Division for the past two years and helped plan the recent survival weekend at Camp Dorset.

"The purpose of the survival weekend was to teach the girls who took part a basic knowledge of survival after the plane is set down in a forced landing," she said. "Very often it's not getting the plane down but what happens after you've landed that your survival depends upon."

Barbara has been flying for over 20 years and loves every minute of it. "Flying is a constant challenge. I can't think of anything that is quite like it and once you start you never want to quit."

At the beginning of International Women's Year Barbara had a meeting of the 99's at her home to which members flew in from various parts of the country. "We wanted to devise a project that would stimulate interest in flying for women in Canada and show some of our accomplishments," she recalled.

Prime Minister Trudeau agreed to draft letters to be flown by members to each provincial prime minister in honour of IWY. It was quite an undertaking but we have completed it successfully.

Barbara feels that there is definite discrimination against women in aviation. "Canada has only one female commercial pilot flying out of Winnipeg at present. This is both sad and unfortunate because there are many qualified females for the jobs available," she said.

She told of one story of a pilot who had received her instructor's permit and was teaching people to fly. She applied for a commercial position at the same time as one of her male students who had not yet completed the course. He received an appointment for an interview; she received a "sorry but you don't have the necessary qualifications." That was quite ironic considering that "she" was his teacher.

"At present such examples are not uncommon, but just you wait," she said with a look of pride and determination.

Barbara has a Masters Degree in home economics. Prior to raising a family she worked as a nutritionist in Washington, DC. She has recently put the knowledge to good use and, along with her collaborator and good friend, Jean Varney, has written an all-Canadian cookbook entitled *The Happy Cooker*.

The *Happy Cooker* contains recipes that have all been tested by Barbara and Jean and took some three years to complete. The recipes run from the very formal to the quick and easy. The book has been accepted by a publisher and Barbara hopes it will be out in the near future.

Aide from flying and writing cookbooks, this energetic woman also paints and plays tennis. She has a witty sense of humor that can be seen in a portrait she painted of her son. The painting shows two tennis shoes with laces hanging, a tennis racket and a beer bottle, which she claims, for one point in her sons youth that was all she ever saw of him.

Barbara is typical of the kind of woman who believes in being her own person. She enjoys the many friendships of her fellow pilots from around the world. "I guess if the 99's have any one thing in common it's their individuality. Each is an achiever; whatever her own, individual endeavours are," she said.

Barbara and her husband, who has been a pilot since his navy years enter many race competitions. They have many trophies to



Barbara Brotherton

attribute to their skill.

Barbara also enters the Powder Puff Derby, an all-female competition formed and founded by the 99's.

It is Barbara's hope that the focus placed on IWY will help young women consider aviation as a career.

Barbara Brotherton as a lady pilot might presently be the exception to the rule but we're sure the future promises exciting things for women in aviation. Women who like Barbara rise to the challenge that flying offers.

Personable women like Barbara who aren't sitting home vegetating; women who prove there's a whole world waiting for anyone who wants to get up and go meet it.

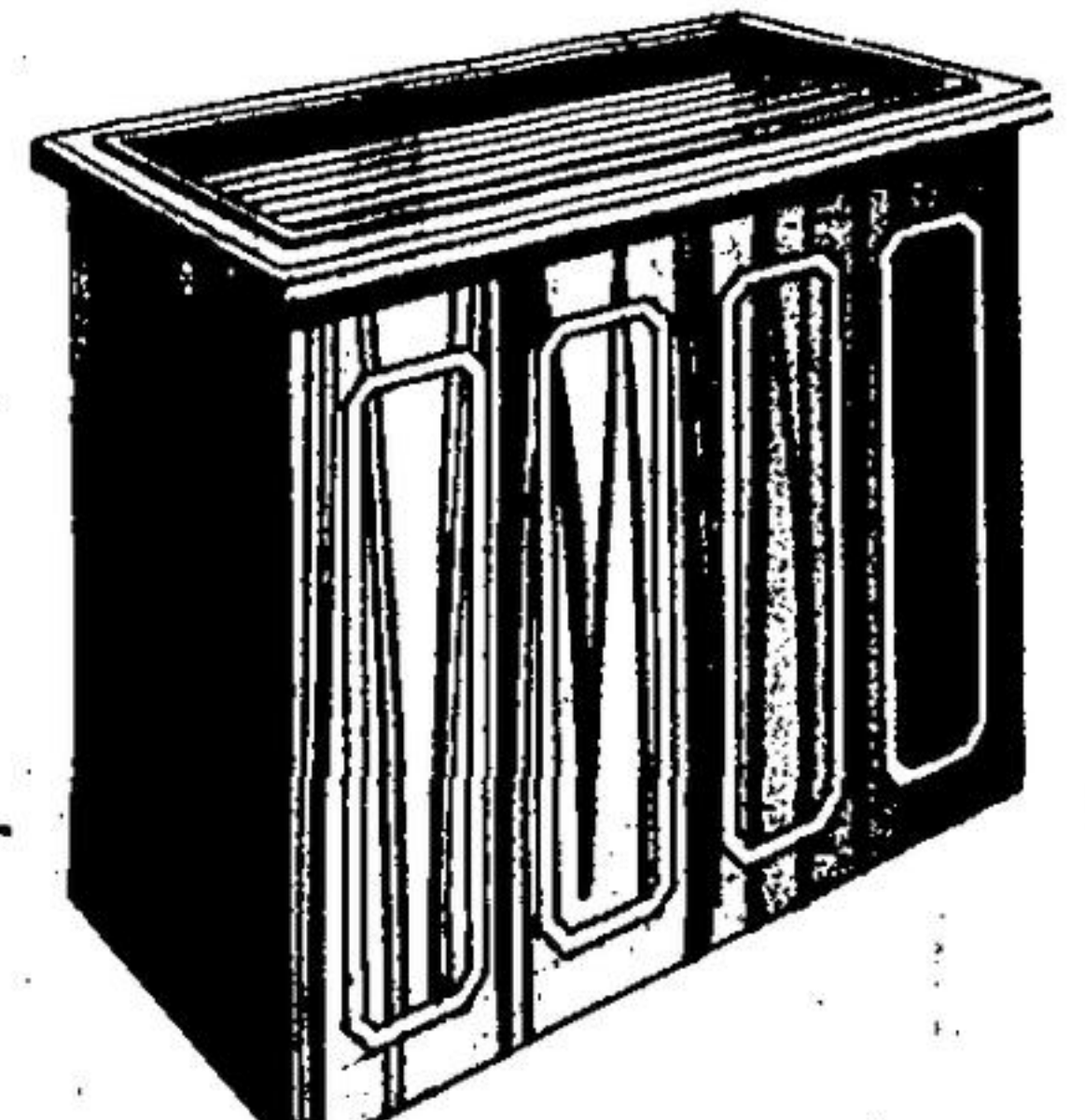
For Barbara Brotherton that meeting takes place in the "beautiful, wild, blue, yonder."

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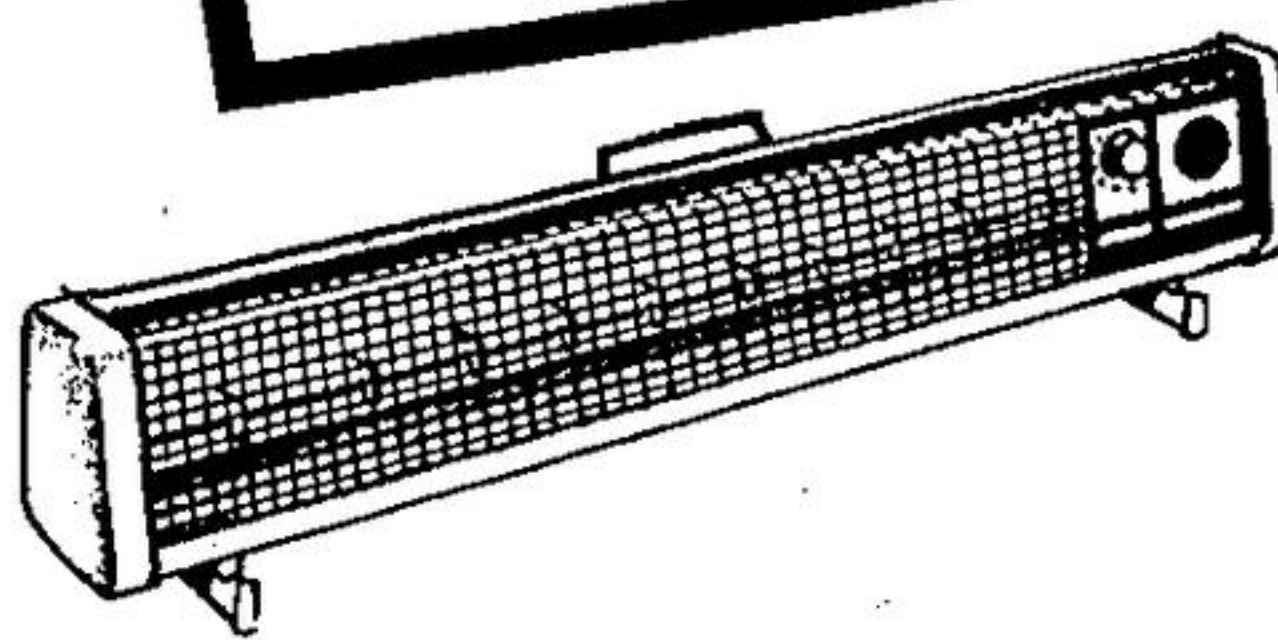
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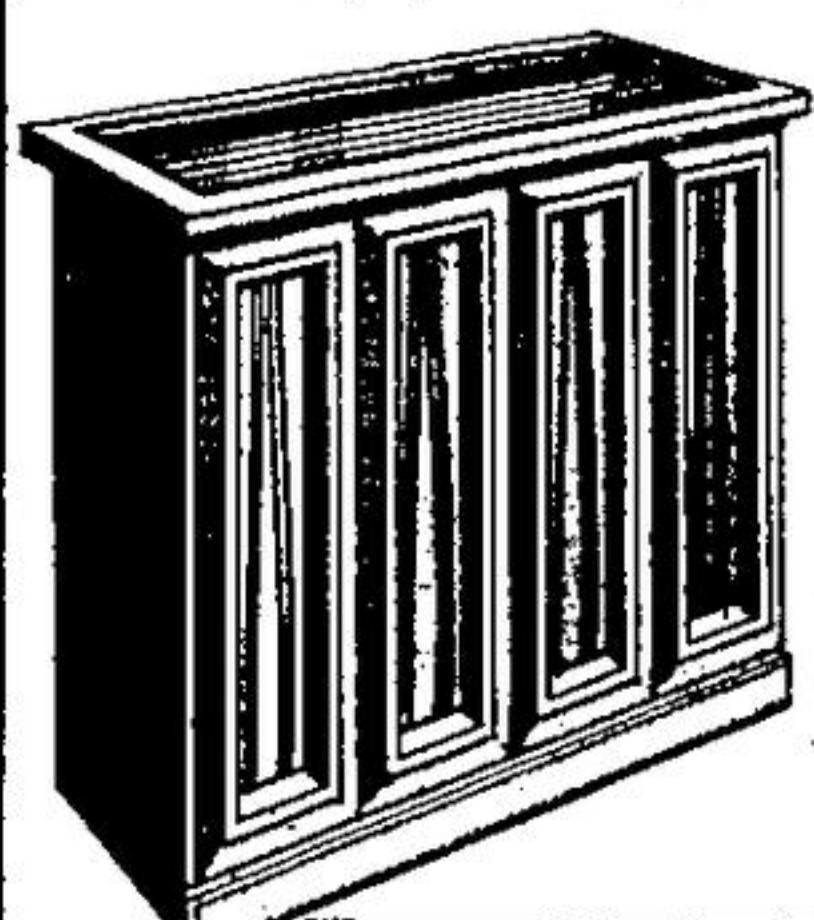
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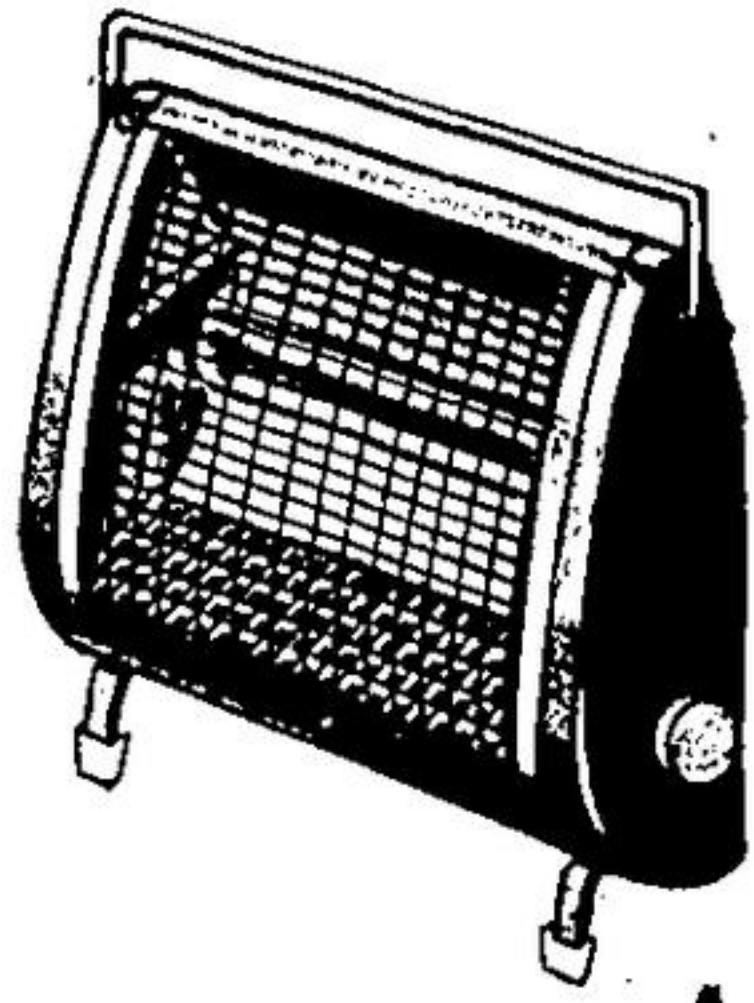
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## Obituary

### Board of Education representative

Many Georgetown residents were saddened at the news of the passing of James F. Evans at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital November 11 in his 61st year.

Mr. Evans was well known through his association with the local board of education and his activities as Past Master of Credit Lodge 291.

His service with the board of education began as secretary-treasurer some 15 years before the inception of the Halton Board of Education while the Georgetown Public School Board governed the few schools in the Georgetown area.

With the formation of the Halton Board of Education in 1969 he was appointed to the post of supervisor of plant maintenance and operation for the board.

While only a part-time secretary-treasurer with the Georgetown board he operated an insurance agency started

by his father. The Walter T. Evans insurance agency was located in the building that was the old movie theatre on Mill



James Evans

Street where a restaurant now operates.

The business was also operated by Ruth Evans, his sister and was later moved to the Log Cabin that was located on Mill Street where the entrance to the police parking lot now exists.

An active golfer and curler at the North Halton Golf and Country Club, Mr. Evans was also a member of St. John's United Church, a member of the session, the official board and a trustee of the Church.

James Evans is survived by his wife, June, a former teacher in Georgetown, and daughters, Mary (Mrs. Don MacLennan) and Barbara (Mrs. John Brown) now both of Owen Sound, and two sisters, Ruth of Georgetown and Margaret, (Mrs. C.S. Jeffery) of Queensville.

Services were held at St. John's United Church with interment following at Greenwood Cemetery.

## 'Armchair' plans force resignation

"Armchair planning" by the region of Halton was listed by a former member of the Halton Land Division Committee as one of the reasons he resigned from that group.

J.A. Montgomery, former member of the committee representing Halton Hills, explained in a September letter to Mayor Tom Hill that "I had hoped that my summer recess would have pacified my frustrations with the region

and the Land Division Committee, but such was not to be. "The first meeting upon my return-with armchair planning from the region; with blind land-freeze attitudes from the Niagara Escarpment Commission; with passing judgement on applicants for the legitimacy and honesty of their requests-triggered the whole pattern and re-established my old feeling of being on a merry-go-round that I can do nothing about."

## Will sell site

All is going well in the planning of Halton's new regional headquarters. Chairman of Halton, Allan Masson told regional council Wednesday that the owners of the property on which the building is planned to be built have agreed to accept the region's offer of \$16,000 per acre.

The only question remaining is whether the region wants the entire 15-acre parcel or just 10 acres, Mr. Masson noted, but that will be decided shortly. The site is located just north of the Queen Elizabeth Highway, between the Bronte Creek Provincial Park and the new provincial sports complex.

Regional council, without comment, on Mr. Montgomery's statement, approved the appointment of Mr. Morrow to the Land Division Committee for the remainder of this year and 1978.

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