

Women in Business

Bonnie Watts



Young and energetic Bonnie Watts not only manages a store but is a wife and mother besides.

Bonnie Watts is an engaging young woman who handles everything from soup to nuts in her second-hand furniture store on Division St.

"I've been in the business in Cobourg for four years now," she said. "I'm on the road every day of work either picking up furniture or delivering it."

The idea for a second-hand store came about in an unusual manner. Four years ago Bonnie's father went to a barber for a haircut and the barber said it was a shame Cobourg didn't have a second-hand furniture store after Bates had closed down. With that, Bonnie's father took the step and opened shop on George St. and moved down to Division St. a year or so later.

"I guess the best thing about this business is the people you meet," says Bonnie, who has her sister and uncle to help out in the store. "You meet all kinds of people."

For half of every working day, Bonnie handles the bookwork in the store, business calls and sorting of furniture. For the other half of the day she is out in the truck picking up or delivering furniture.

"No, I've never found being a girl has held me back," she said. "In fact, it can't do me any harm."

As well as handling the store, Bonnie is a busy wife and mother of a young son. She has lived in Cobourg all her life.

As the interview ended, the telephone was ringing, there was bookwork to be done and furniture to be dealt with.