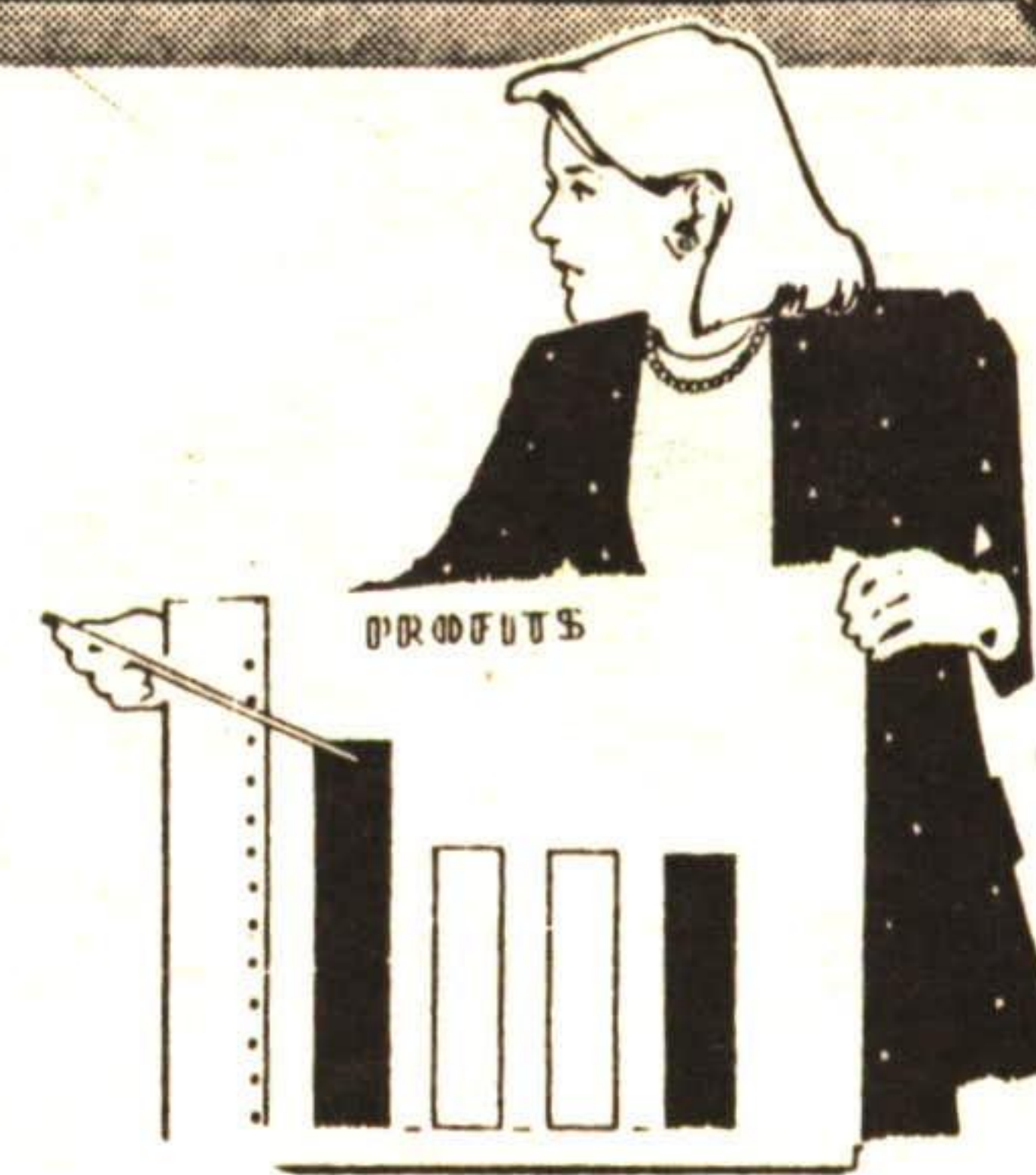




WOMEN IN BUSINESS



LORA GREEN

Lora Green

Insurance is usually the last thing people think of...but it's the first priority on Lora Green's mind. Owner of State Farm Insurance in Moore Park Plaza, Green's been pointing people in the right direction for six years.

"Most people realize they need insurance," said Green, "and it's my job to make sure they get the right kind."

Green helps people by safeguarding them. She regularly does family insurance checkups to insure that people have got the right coverage. By making sure they have enough, and not too much, Green keeps her clients happy.

Green remembers building clientele as the hardest part of starting her business. Once she had accomplished that, the rest was easy.

Green's background includes Mohawk College, where she majored in insurance. After spending two years with an Oakville Insurance firm, Green decided to go on her own.

Now her full-time staff includes Charlene Boyd and Sandi VanOoijen.

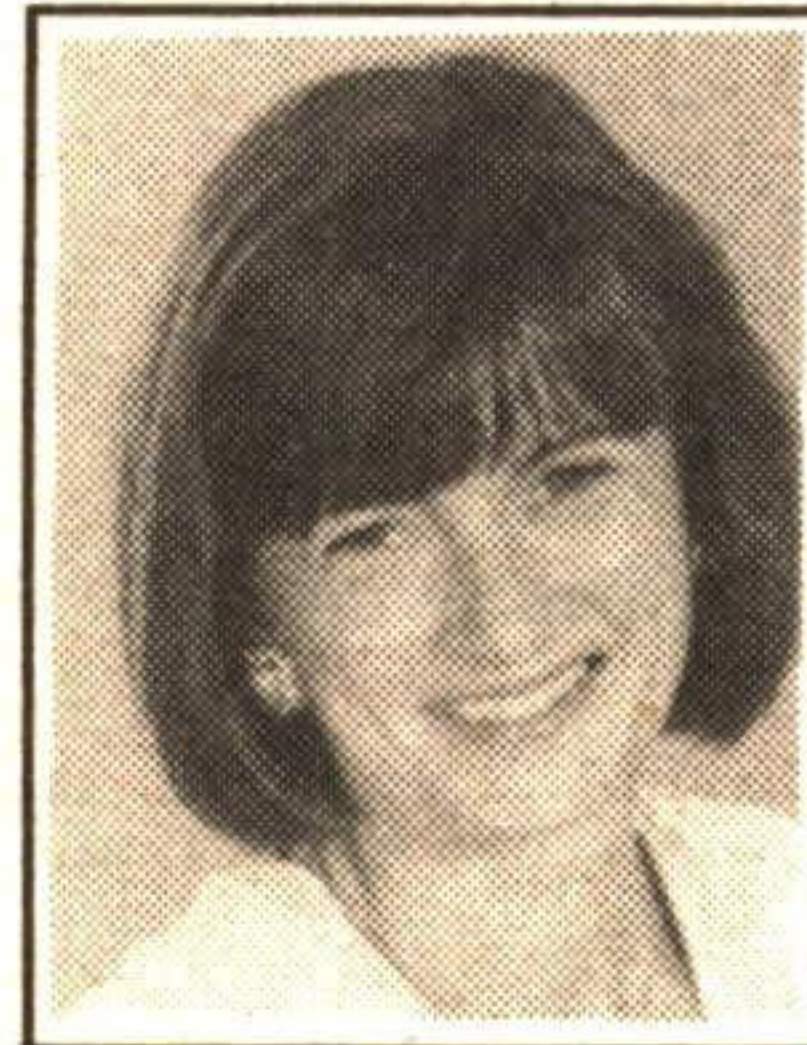
Green sees her business as an aid.

"I make people aware of what they need," she said. "Many people try to get away from taking out insurance, or they just don't think about it. But I've seen so many disasters.

And her motto says it all, "It's always better to be safe than sorry."



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MARTHA SUMMERS

Martha Summers

Perhaps it was a family background in real estate that enticed Martha Summers to enter the field or maybe it was simply fate, but the action was definitely a move in the right direction.

"I was a controller for a manufacturing firm for 12 years and was beginning to feel restless. I needed more independence. I was also growing tired of commuting and wanted to work locally. Because I enjoy people I decided to try real estate. It was the right move and I've never looked back," says Martha, a resident of rural Halton Hills for the past five years.

Martha enjoys meeting the needs of both vendors and purchasers and maintains that hard work has reaped its rewards. "I work seven days a week but I enjoy what I do. People are interesting and the challenge of finding the perfect house for a customer is immensely satisfying," she says.

In addition to the required educational courses, Martha chalked up lots of on-the-job training during her five years with a national real estate company before joining Arthur Johnson.

A consistent top award winner, Martha continues to look for ways to improve service to her customers. "You must be interested and attuned to the needs of your client. Each sale is very individual. Buying a house or a property is a major investment. Properly handled, the experience should be pleasant not a nightmare."

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SYLVIA GALBRAITH

Sylvia Galbraith

When Sylvia Galbraith took her first art classes more than 10 years ago, she had little idea it would lead to a career in photography.

But today, the owner of Silvercreek Photography is still applying the basic principals she learned in her early art classes, to her style of photography.

"I bought myself a used camera system when I was half way through my art courses, and I was hooked," she said. "I later completed the Commercial Photography program at Sheridan College, with the intention of pursuing it as a hobby."

But after photographing friends at local events like horse shows, Sylvia found more and more people were asking her to photograph their children at the show, and offering to pay for it.

"It just snowballed from there," said Sylvia. "I set up my business eight years ago, and it's been growing ever since."

Today, the owner of Silvercreek Photography shoots a multitude of subject matter. Weddings make up the bulk of her work, but she is quite comfortable photographing horses, family portraits, and some commercial work. She also has taken aerials and shoots a great deal of location work.

Sylvia feels there are many advantages in running her own business.

"It's great," says Sylvia. "I'm able to pick my own hours, and I have complete creative control over the finished product of my work."

Silver Creek Photography

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CHRISTINE ZILIO

Christine Zilio

In its third year of business, Anna Christine's For Hair has grown to a comfortable point for owner Christine Zilio.

Zilio opened her own shop after 10 years in the business, after working at two other hair salons in town. Zilio said that opening her own business was an easy task for her, as she already had a faithful clientele. She did move sites, however, finding her prior location too cramped.

Doris Zilio, Christine's mother, said that her daughter's good natured personality is what keeps her busy.

"She's always pleasant to her clients, never down," said Doris. Obviously proud of her daughter's accomplishments, Doris feels right at home in the salon.

When asked if she wanted to expand, Zilio commented that she was happy with the way things were.

"I want things to stay as they are," said Zilio.

"I don't want to be known as some famous hairdresser," she modestly added.

Working with Zilio are three stylists, one esthetician, and one girl who shampoos hair. Zilio also mentioned that she'll be hiring a junior stylist in February.

At present, Anna Christine carries a small selection of lingerie to compliment new hair styles.

In addition to her flair for hair, Zilio also enjoys art. In her spare time she creates oil paintings. This seems to be a natural extension of her talents. Perhaps she'll combine the two and decorate her salon with her work.

ANNA CHRISTINE'S FOR HAIR

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V.J. MITERA

V.J. Mitera

Barragers Cleaners has been in the business for almost eight years, under the guidance of V.J. Mitera and her husband.

Born in East India, Mitera moved to Canada in 1971. Before the business opened in 1985, she tailored part time while she was home raising her three children.

Since her business opened it has greatly expanded.

In addition to the original Georgetown location Barragers has grown with the expansion of two additional main stores. There are now two stores to service your cleaning needs in Georgetown and another in Milton. V.J. also reminds that there are also four pickup stations in Acton,

Erin, Terra Cotta and Ballinafad.

Barragers Cleaners in Georgetown now employs 25 people, both full and part time.

She says her two boys have both lent a hand in the business, and her 13 year old daughter can't wait to get started.

"She has to wait for her social insurance number," added V.J.

Mitera is proud of her accomplishments. She found it a challenge to start a business, but is now reaping its rewards.

To sum everything up, Mitera said, "I'm enjoying it thoroughly."

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RHONA WERRY

Rhona Werry

Rhona Werry was weaned on wood. She grew up fascinated by the intricacies of her father's carpentry and years later what started out as a hobby would develop into a successful business.

"My father used to say I was always right by his side," Rhona says. "I loved working with wood as a child and I still enjoy the satisfaction that accompanies a perfectly finished item of furniture."

It was 1969 when Rhona moved from the London area, opting to settle in Georgetown.

Ten years later Halton Furniture Refinishing and Used Furniture was established.

"After I had read every book available on furniture refinishing I decided I still wanted to know more so I enrolled at Sheridan College and one course led to another. Before I knew it I had completed seven courses," explained Rhona, who still does the refinishing herself.

Although she is liquidating she's still very much a part of the business community.

"It's time to explore new horizons," she says. "I've enjoyed the years I devoted to Halton Furniture and the people I've met and serviced but a new challenge has presented itself and I simply couldn't resist."

Rhona recently purchased the popular Space Ball ride and is looking forward to life on the road.

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