

Oriena Currie's "The Key"

Her book will unlock mystery of motivation

by Joyce Beaton
Oriena Currie is a free spirit and she's writing a book to share her freedom formula with all of us. The title is The Key, and it will "unlock the mystery to what motivates all people at all times to do all things," Oriena tells me.

And while she's telling me about the book, her face is shining with all the fervor of one who has seen the light. But this intelligent woman is no religious fanatic although she feels her book will "give religious people a new life and she considers "being religious is the ultimate."

Revolutionary psychology Her freedom formula as outlined in The Key is, she believes, a revolutionary theory on psychology. "It eliminates many other theories in the treatment of mental illness, senility, crimes and marriage breakdown," she explains, "and will help educators as well."

"But what is your secret solution to the world's problems?" I ask, hoping to get a head start and begin my self-analysis. Just when I think she's about to divulge it, the phone rings in her sunny kitchen in Campbellville.

Business-woman Gone is the soft smile and the evangelistic aura. Oriena has switched from author to business-woman. "I'll be in Toronto with the parts you need tonight and you can have that machine working by 8," she promises. Tangled in a mess of wires from the two phones that seem to ring incessantly, she explains how she's been running the family pinball machine business since her husband Charlie was electrocuted while fixing a machine last December.

"I guess I always did run the business, even when Charlie was alive," she says, and I can believe her. Why, at the age of 17, when she was Oriena Benke of Port Credit, she was running her own snack bar on the Dundas Highway in Erindale.

That's where she met Charlie Currie in 1951. He had been in the amusement machine business since 1945 and serviced the machines in Oriena's Snack Bar.

Three children They married in 1952 and moved to Campbellville where the Curries have lived since the early 1800s. They had three children, Bonny 21, Charles 17 and David 16. Bonny is working on the book with her mother and is a student at the University of Toronto. Charles is president of the Student Council at Milton District High School and David is a cub leader in Milton.

The pinball machine business is not without its problems and one of the biggest problems is that they're considered illegal in Canada. They're considered to be a form of gambling. That is, they were until Oriena took on Ottawa.

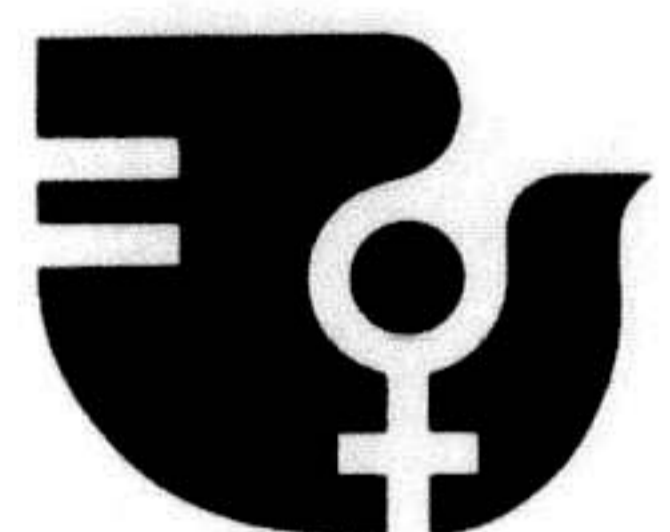
Law change "I didn't realize that if you want a law changed that's all

Oriena's day begins at 8 a.m., organizing the two full-time and two part-time employees as they prepare to go on the road servicing machines from Toronto to London. She's off to Toronto by 5 p.m. where she runs an Amusement Arcade on Yonge St. And there's also Currie Distributing to take care of the business of selling and

questioning. She's studied the works of present-day psychologists and has discussed her theory with two prominent Canadian psychologists. "They think it's a revolutionary idea," she says. She hopes to publish this summer.

Although she considers religion of secondary importance in her own life she

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you have to do, ask for it," she says, making light of her many trips to our nation's capital.

What she was doing was guaranteeing the business wouldn't be "wiped out overnight." The machines in question, the flipper-type pinball machines, are legal in almost every country in the world—except Canada. Oriena began her crusade in 1971 and the law is about to be changed. The operating of pinball machines will be removed from the criminal code.

distributing the machines. She arrives home between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. and this goes on seven days a week.

The obvious question pops into my head. How does she find time to write a book?

"I do much of my thinking in the car going back and forth," she says. "But I do have trouble finding that hour each day I need to write."

Revolutionary The book is all roughed in and only needs final polishing. She began to put it together in October last year after years of research and

says Jesus was "probably the most together person in history." Similar to Jesus, she hopes her work will "appeal to the masses."

"The book will create work for the behavioral scientists and will help in prison reform," she says. "It should throw marriage counselling out the window."

"I can't stand the suspense any longer. The curiosity alone is driving me crazy. But like you, I'll just have to wait until the book comes out this summer to do anything about it!"

Oriena's a shrewd business-woman!

Story of Morocco shows its children

The University Women's Club of Milton and District held the monthly meeting at Ernest C. Drury School, Milton, on Thursday evening, April 10. The speaker was Mrs. Phyllis McKim, the Past President of the Oakville Canadian Save the Children's Fund.

Mrs. McKim visited Morocco several years ago with a delegation from the International Union of Child Welfare, whose headquarters is in Geneva. There were 35 delegates, four of whom were from Canada. The representatives were chosen to bring information on child welfare back to their own countries.

Mrs. McKim wore the indoor dress of the women in Morocco. She showed slides of the various institutions for children in Morocco, such as orphanages, homes for crippled children, schools for the blind and educational institutions. Elementary education is compulsory, but this may mean that the children are in school for only half a day. The

rest of the day, they may do hand work such as chipping tiles into very small shapes for mosaics. The schools in Morocco are very poorly lit, she said.

Girls can work Girls may become self-supporting if they do a two year course in embroidery. The handwork is beautiful but the quality of the cotton used is poor.

Moroccans also do beautiful leather work and weaving, she pointed out.

Mrs. McKim's slides showed the countryside of Morocco, both in the lush lowlands and the higher, more rugged land.

Many of the slides showed the activities in the lives of the people. One such activity was the manual operation of an olive oil mill. Market places are common in Moroccan towns. They are the entertainment centres. It was most interesting to see a Volkswagen on the same street as an overloaded donkey.

Mrs. McKim's presentation was interesting and most informative. She was introduced by Mrs. A. Goldstraw and thanked by Mrs. E. Arbic.

—Milton Boy Scouts will be collecting waste newspaper for recycling this Saturday morning.



ORIENTA CURRIE works in her Campbellville kitchen on her soon-to-be-released book, The Key. She has to find time for writing between her job as owner and manager of an amusement machine business, Currie Distributing, and running an amusement arcade on Yonge St. in Toronto.

Mrs. S. Murray honored with life membership

Seventeen members of Scotch Block Women's Institute enjoyed a delicious dessert luncheon Thursday April 10 at Ligny Hall. The committee in charge was Mrs. W. Harris, Mrs. C. Johnson and Miss Eva Chisholm.

This was followed by the annual meeting with Mrs. W. Harris presiding. The roll call was payment of fees. Mrs. Edith Joyce gave the secretary's and treasurer's report, followed by the thank you notes.

Mrs. Stewart Murray, District Director, gave the report of the district meeting which was held in Milton April 1.

The following committee will be in charge of the next card party. Mrs. C. Service, Miss Eva Chisholm, Mrs. D. Lawson, Mrs. J. Hopkins, Mrs. Lottie Tasker and Mrs. McCann.

Final plans were made for summary day, which will be held in Ligny Hall.

New officers

Annual reports were given by conveners and followed

with Mrs. C. Service being in charge of election and installation of officers. The officers for 1975 are as follows:

Honorary president Mrs. W. Harris, president Mrs. W. Lawson, first vice-president Mrs. G. Hume, second vice-president Mrs. H. Robertson, secretary-treasurer Mrs. E. Joyce, district director Mrs. W. Harris, alternate Mrs. S. Murray, public relations Mrs. C. Pettigrew, branch directors Mrs. D. Robertson, Mrs. C. Brown, Mrs. C. Pettigrew; auditors Mrs. C. Johnson, Mrs. H. Davies; pianist Mrs. C. Pettigrew.

Delegates to District Annual are Mrs. W. Lawson, Mrs. E. Joyce, Mrs. W. Harris and Mrs. C. Brown; alternate Mrs. C. Service.

Miss Eva Chisholm and Mrs. D. Lawson presented Mrs. Stewart Murray with a life membership. Mrs. Murray has been a member of Scotch Block W.I. over 40 years.

Mrs. C. Service presented the retiring president with a W.I. cup and saucer. Mrs.

Murray and Mrs. Harris expressed their surprise and appreciation.

Honor president of Women's Lg.

The general monthly meeting of the Catholic Women's League included an election of officers for the coming year.

Past president is Yolande McCann, president is to be appointed, first vice-president Madeline Shandford, second vice president Kathleen Gibbons, third vice president Stella Hobbs, treasurer Henrietta Vandeneuval and recording secretary Val Hendrick.

The outgoing president Yolande McCann was presented with a past president's pin by Loretta McCarron who congratulated her on a tremendous job of

guiding the League through a very successful year, and being such a dedicated president who inspired members to work diligently for the League.

Regional meet Five members attended the Spring Regional meeting in Burlington Saturday, March 22. Evelyn Sosnowski, Stella Hobbs, Loretta McCarron, Yolande McCann and Marg Kubinec. An informative film on "The Battered Child" was viewed and a speaker Mr. Myers followed the showing.

A pot luck supper prior to an evening retreat will be held Tuesday, Apr. 29 for all the ladies of the parish.

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