



Snow White above stands in front of her house in the miniature recreation of that fairy tale by Dolores Deverell, who said that she started making houses and furniture after dreaming about them. At right she works on a miniature rocking chair that nears completion. About 30 hours of work goes into one of those chairs and many more hours for a house. Her first house, done some three years ago, took two months to build. Her work is sold through outlets at a number of hospitals in the Toronto area.

Don Bernard.

Dolores Deverell Turned dreams into little houses, buildings

By DON BERNARD
STOUFFVILLE — Dolores Deverell has turned her dreams into reality.

The Stouffville woman does handcrafted miniature houses and furniture, but it was only three years ago that she began, in earnest, after she had dreamt about them.

"I dreamt about little houses and buildings," she said in an interview with The Tribune. "One morning I woke up and decided I would try to make them."

Her largest project, a castle, was the product of her dreams.

"For three nights I dreamed of a castle," she said.

Her ideas are almost

totally taken from dreams she has had.

"Sometimes before I go to sleep, beautiful pictures pass before my eyes," she added.

The first house she made took two months to construct. She has done a house for Snow White and another for Cinderella.

Try as she might earlier, Mrs. Deverell could not succeed before having the dreams.

"I had tried for years," she said "I could not even make a paper house."

Mrs. Deverell uses the minimum of tools, including a knife, coping saw and sandpaper and the wooden furniture is made from remnants she buys from a local lumber yard.

The furniture, miniature rocking chairs, chesterfields and lamps, are usually varnished, although just before Christmas she was so busy, the pieces were generally sold unfinished.

One rocking chair for instance takes almost 30 hours of work including cutting out the rough pieces, carving them with a knife and sanding every part carefully.

She makes standing

lamps that use spray can tops as shades, with flashlight parts used as the base. So far her houses and furniture have been on display in hospital gift shops and have sold very well.

Her largest creation is a castle that is "all complete, even to the sun deck on top."

Mrs. Deverell has lived in Stouffville for the past 20 years and is the widow of Stanley John Deverell. They had owned a farm south of Markham prior to moving to town.

Besides her handcraft work, she has a deep interest in animals and has tried for a number of years to establish a local shelter for cats. She presently uses her garage for that purpose, but feels there are a number of empty barns that could hold the surplus animals.

"So many people are being paid to do nothing," she said. "They could look after the animals."

"We would conserve life and not destroy it," she added.

"Some of them are beautiful even if they are strays," Mrs. Deverell said.

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Gormley news

New Year's Eve Watchnight service

GORMLEY — Heise Hill Church will be holding a Watchnight service beginning at 9 p.m. New Year's Eve, which will feature the Outreach Quartet as well as other musical selections. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew McNiven are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Donald McNiven and daughter of Fort Erie, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bossert and family of Fenwick, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Traver and family of Wellandport, Mrs. Fred Bossert of Fenwick, Marlene McNiven of Fort Erie and Bob McNiven of Aurora on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Beulah Jones is enjoying Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. Edythe Jones and sons of Toronto.

Mrs. Deb Baker left Sunday to spend Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Honsberger and boys of Barrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barber recently celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary, and on the same occasion entertained all their family for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit van Rijn of Holland are enjoying four weeks holidays with brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry van Rijn. The van Rijn brothers have not seen each other in 15 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bremner of London are holidaying with his mother, Mrs. Robert Bremner.

Mrs. Lloyd Moyer and Mildred of Stouffville are spending Christmas Day with Albert Heise, Alma and Roy.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Les Hart, Terry, Judy and Wendy on the death of Les Hart in a collision on Les Mills Rd. last week. The funeral was held Friday from The Mar-

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