

"The Girl Next Door"

An excellent pilot

By JIM THOMAS
STOUFFVILLE —
Joy Barker's already
made it to the cockpit of

a 747. Her next
challenge is take the
controls.
"That's what I want

in life," she said,
pointing to the fact that
by Christmas, she
should have her com-

mercial pilot's licence.
She's our "Girl
Next Door".
Joy started flying

about two years ago and
now has 120 hours to her
credit. She trained out
of the Markham-
Toronto Airport at
Dickson's Hill, under
the watchful eye of
instructor Paul Ramp-
sberger.

"I wanted to do it
because it's different,"
said the pretty 20 year
old, admitting that,
during her first solo
flight, "I was petrified".

Joy's a secretary-
despatcher at the air-
port in King City. She
owns her own plane, a
sleek blue and white
Cessna 150 and
possesses all the con-
fidence of an Al Unser
driving a Honda.

Yet, despite the
experience, and her
own ability, she takes no
chances, going through
what she describes as a
"run-up" before every
take-off.

"It's my life up
there," she explained,
"as well as my
passengers". She often
takes friends for rides.

The only unnerving
experience Joy can
recall was during her
first solo at night — all
the lights went out.
"And I couldn't find my
flashlight," she
recalled. She laughs
about it now, remem-
bering that somehow
she brought the craft
down safely. Her
longest trip has been to
Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a
distance of 300 miles.
She's done seven
hours of aerobatics and
loves it.

To get where Joy
wants to go, could cost
between seventeen and
eighteen thousand
dollars. She knows of
only one female Air
Canada pilot. She wants
to be the second.

despatcher at King City and owns her own
plane, a sleek Cessna 150. Joy's our "Girl
Next Door".

—Jim Thomas.



Twenty year old Joy Barker of
Stouffville is a fine pilot with one ambition—
to take over the controls of an Air Canada
747. She's employed as a secretary-

**Many
summer
jobs**

MARKHAM — Jane
Robertson, co-ordinator
of the Summer Youth
Employment Program in
Markham, has described
the project as "very
successful".

The number of
student registrations was
almost double the figure
for 1977, she said. She
attributed this to the
energetic work of
Markham's office staff
that included Robin Jones
and Stephen Moore.

In Jane's opinion, the
100 per cent increase in
job placements was all
the more creditable after
the "gloom and doom"
forecasts that had ac-
companied the summer
employment situation.

"Anyone who was the
least bit flexible and was
really wanting a job,
found one," she noted.

In a call-back survey
conducted among em-
ployers, all expressed
satisfaction, Jane stated.
Painters and unskilled
factory-workers were in
high demand, she said.

The majority of
young people finding
work through the
Markham Centre were
from Markham,
Unionville and Stouff-
ville, although the later
was under the jurisdic-
tion of the Newmarket
Manpower Office, she
pointed out.

"We certainly didn't
turn anyone away," she
said.

Asked whether the
Markham - Stouffville
area warranted its own
Manpower Centre, Jane
Robertson said this "this
is something we should
try for".

Opposition

VIVIAN — Eighty-six
objections have been
received by the Town
with respect to a
proposed 17-lot estate
subdivision at the in-
tersection of the Ninth
Line and Vivian Sideroad.
An Ontario Municipal
Board Hearing is an-
ticipated.

The plan calls for
homes of 2,000 square feet
or more on four and five
acre sites. A change in
zoning is required.

Markham's Doreen Quirk

Trustee's had enough

YORK REGION —
Markham's Doreen Quirk
is quitting her York
County Board of
Education post at the end
of her 1977-78 term — in
disgust.

The former second-
ary school teacher is fed
up with what she
describes as "the
political turmoil at board
meetings". She admits

quite openly that she's
"disillusioned".
"I feel too many
trustees are interested in
playing politics than in
education," she's been
quoted as saying. "I don't
think the educational
system is very healthy in
York".

Mrs. Quirk was the
Board's vice-chairman
during the last two years.

Also planning to
"step aside" are
Margaret Coburn of
King; Robert Houghton of
Richmond Hill and Keith
Hargrave of Georgina.
Harry Bowes of
Whitchurch - Stouffville
says there's a 50-50
chance he will (or he
won't). His decision, he
told The Tribune, will
depend on who, if anyone,

wants to take on the job.
Expected to seek re-
election are — Don
Cousens, Steve Taylor,
Bob McMonagle and
Dave Crombie of
Markham; Craig Cribar
of Newmarket; Norm
Weller of Aurora; Bill
Laird of Georgina; John
Denison of East

Gwillimbury; Dorothy
Zajac of King; Bill Munro
and Eric Baker of Rich-
mond Hill; Don Cameron
and Jim Corcoran of
Vaughan; and separate
school trustees, John
Stephens and Terry
O'Grady.

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