Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and a resident at R.R. 1, Cedar

## "Girl Next Door" Avidskier

By JIM THOMAS CEDAR VALLEY - A winter without snow is no winter at all, says 17 year old Barb Bruinse, an avid downhill and cross-country skier. And thousands will agree.

It's been a strange season, one that has Barb wondering if she should forget the sport completely and think more about a planned trip to Florida this spring. At least there, she'll be able to get in a little swimming, a recreation she also enjoys. She's presently working on her Bronze.

Barb's our "Girl Next Door". A native of Aurora, she and her parents moved to R.R. 1, Cedar

Valley when she was quite youngone year old to be exact. She has a sister, Valerie, 16, in Grade 11 and a brother, Jim, 14, in Grade 8. Barb's in Grade 12 at S.D.S.S., having received her elementary education at Vivian and Ballantrae.

At the recent high school Variety Show, she was a participant in two of the dances and enjoyed the involvement. She plans to complete Grade 13. Shorthand's her favorite subject.

Barb's been on several exciting family trips including a Winebago holiday to the West Coast four years ago; The Bahamas, last year and twice to Florida.

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## Chosen Ones Aids girls

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Chosen Ones Mission, adoptive parents. 20 King Richard Court in need of counselling.

women's coffee hour in the Stouffville Missionary Church, Jan. 16. She said. But she feels this is explained to the women how young girls today are making it easier for them to be drawn away and enticed. That's why she Mission in 1977.

Norene has spent life," she said. several years in this type of ministry including homes and a summer was a great need to assist these young girls. "They were being short changed and they really needed help," she said.

give up their children for Ones Mission provides and donations.

By LYNE COUTURIER arranges temporary care
STOUFFVILLE — for infants or children in a Unwed mothers do have a Christian foster enplace to turn for Christian vironment and interviews counselling and guidance. and counsels prospective

Mrs. Wardlaw feels Markham, offers this that abortion is not the type of service. Casework answer because the girls is provided for any will carry the guilt on mother-to-be and there their conscience the rest are no restrictions as to of their lives. Marrying age, race, religion or the father of the child is marital status for those in not always the best solution either. However, Norene Wardlaw, giving up a baby for founder of the Mission, adoption is not an easy was guest speaker at the decision. "When a baby is born a mother's love is born," Mrs. Wardlaw

the best alternative. Mrs. Wardlaw feels faced with peer pressures that keeping the child poses many problems and has ruined many lives. "When a girl chooses decided to incorporate the adoption then she has chosen to give her child

In 1977, eight children were placed in Christian directing children's homes through the Chosen Ones Mission. In camp. She felt that there 1978, sixteen children found new homes' and in 1979 11 were placed.

Adoption laws are provincial, therefore at the present time, all Encouraging single babies are placed in parents and teenagers to homes in Ontario, Chosen is a nonadoption in born-again denominational faith Christian homes is a vital mission and its funding part of their work. The consists solely of free-will

# Marijuana use increases

marijuana is increasing so rapidly among teenagers, it's almost as common as store-bought cigarettes.

A recent government survey showed that 16 per cent of young people between the ages of 12 and 17 years are smoking marijuana regularly while 22 per cent said they smoke ordinary cigarettes. Eight per cent of the 12 to 13 year olds canvassed, had smoked marijuana at least once

The smoking of and half this group are current users.

Although children under age twelve were not questioned, many of those surveyed admitted they had first tried marijuana and even began smoking it regularly, while still in grade school.

Most young people are of the opinion marijuana is harmless. However, the Ontario Lung Association says this belief may be mistaken.

# YOUTH

Rodger Brndjar

# Youth spent year in Kenya

By LYNE COUTURIER STOUFFVILLE -Rodger Brndjar is a

fortunate young man. At the age of 19, he has already had an opportunity to experience other cultures. Rodger spent from

Sept. 1978 to Sept. 1979 living in Kenya as a voluntary missionary. Through the Penacostal Assembly of Canada, he went to Africa to operate a mobile film unit showing biblical movies to children and adults.

The school curriculum in Africa is managed by government along with the Christian educational program. The purpose of the films was to support religious teaching with audio

visual aids. Rodger said that some children had never seen a movie and they didn't know what to expect. "Some children were frightened and would run out of the room," he said. Overall, the response was tremendous, he ex-

plained. Rodger stayed at a mission station 500 yards from the equator. His itinerary consisted the road travelling to different villages. The remainder was spent showing films four

elementary schools.

He used millimeter films of English content. He said many of the local people spoke English, however, interpretors were on hand for those who

A total of six participated in the program, all stationed in different areas. This is the first year the program has been launched and Rodger said that it has already been extended to other countries because of its

success. The recommended stay is one year but participants are not restricted to this period. Rodger was asked to remain longer but he had already made plans to return home.

Since this program is strictly voluntary, missionaries are required to pay their own air fares and expenses. They receive a monthly salary from the money contributed. If the funds ran out, the mission would make up the rest. Rodger said that it was an experience in self suf-

ficiency. Rodger said it was of two nights a week on his decision to go to Africa when he was in Grade 10. When he graduated from Stouffville Dist. times a day in both Secondary School in

secondary and June 1978, he heard about the program from the Pentecostal Church in Stouffville. So his wish came true.

> One of Rodger's most memorable experiences happened one night when he was setting up the screen to show a film to the Kisi tribe. He said there were 5,000 people in the field when members appeared with spears. The screen and the projector were knocked over and a riot started. packed up

everything and decided to leave because a tribal fight had begun. He said he found out later that the chiefs of the area had planned the battle because they didn't want the Kisis to view the film.

Rodgers decribes the year as a rewarding experience. He said it taught him how to live on his own and to take care of himself.

Rodger said he enjoyed talking with the natives of the villages and having dinner with them in their huts. He said it's an insult to refuse what they offer so you must eat everything from sour milk to fish heads.

Rodger has since left for Edmonton to work on an oil rig until September.

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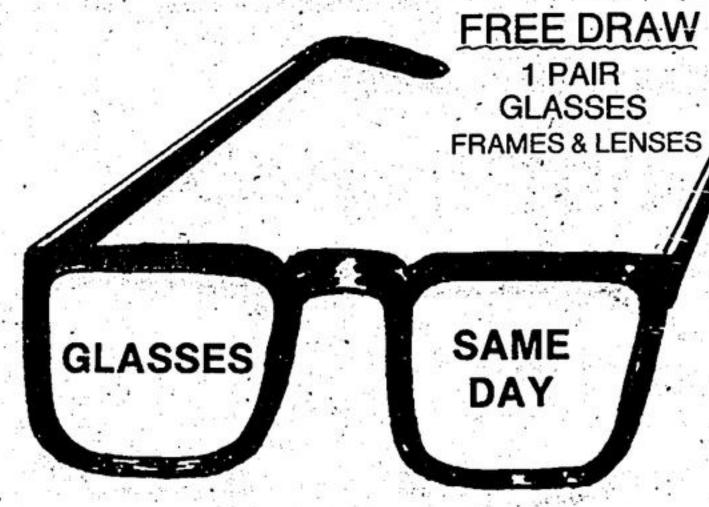
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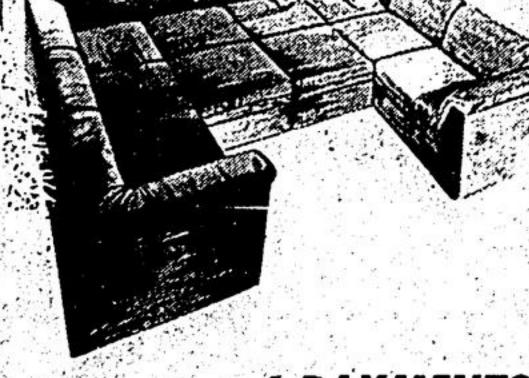


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