

YOUTH

"Girl Next Door"

Enjoys 'new life'

By Jim Thomas
WHITCHURCH
Eighteen year old Doreen Monopoli stands as an example to every young person dissatisfied with his or her lot in life.

Change it. That's what Doreen did, not instantly but gradually and now she admits, "I'm a whole new me".

The dark-haired Grade 12 student remembers reaching the "crossroads" and coming to the conclusion she needed a new direction. "I simply opened my eyes and looked around—I could see where I was headed."

"I met some really nice people," she says, who encouraged her to join the Youth Group at the Gormley Missionary Church. "That changed my life."

While hesitant to name those who influenced her most, Doreen points to Ken and Karen Benson, a brother and sister, as two who extended helping hands.

"It's so easy to go the wrong way, so very easy," she says now, looking back, "but it's you yourself who must change, you can't expect others to do it for you."

Doreen can smile back at the image she sees in the mirror. "I think even the teachers notice a difference," she says. Following graduation from Stouffville High, she plans to enrol in a nursing course at George Brown College. She's presently working part-time at Green Gables Manor and with the money she's saved, she hopes to pay her own way through school.

Doreen refers to Green Gables as "a really nice place". "I love it there, I love the people there," she says.

Doreen has great respect for her parents. "My family is very important," she says, "the bond is very strong". This is due, in part, she explains to her Italian background where the mother and



Eighteen year old Doreen Monopoli, Vandorf Road, Whitchurch-Stouffville is a Grade 12 student at S.D.S.S. Following graduation, she plans to enrol in a nurse's training course at George Brown College.

father are held in high regard by the children. "I'm proud of this. My father's the head of the house, the king of the castle and I respect this". Doreen has one sister, Kathy, 22, and three brothers, Frank, 21, Angelo, 20 and John, 16. Their lovely home is located on the Vandorf Sideroad.

Doreen's taking a couple of extra courses at S.D.S.S. this year including woodworking. She's the only girl in the class and admits she takes some good-natured kidding about it. She speaks highly of her teacher, Mr. Knabe. "He's really good, like a father to us," she says. One completed project is a beautiful end table with others on the way.

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York South

Honor 4-H Homemakers

YORK REGION — Sixteen 4-H Homemaking Club members will be honored with presentations of Provincial and County Certificates, this month, when York North and York South divisions hold their spring Achievement Days.

For York North, the event is Tues., April 8

from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Meadowbrook Public School, 233 Paterfson Street, Newmarket.

For York South, the date is Sat., April 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Victoria Square Community Centre.

In York South, Provincial diplomas will

be presented to Carolyn Shaw, R.R. 2, Markham (Stouffville II) and Ann Sheardown of Nobleton.

Recipients of County Honors will be: Debbie McNalley, R.R. 4, Stouffville (Bethesda); Heather Burbidge and Diane Smylie, King City (King); Karen Watson,

Kleinburg (South Vaughan); Diane Thompson, R.R. 3, King (Temperanceville).

In York North, Provincial certificates will go to: Shari Walters, R.R. 1, Gormley (Vandorf); Wendy McCloskey, R.R. 3, Schomberg (Schomberg); and Nancy Broadbelt, R.R. 3, Mt.

Albert (Belhaven). Receiving County diplomas are: Wendy Grimmett, R.R. 1, Gormley (Vandorf); Kathryn Christensen, R.R. 1, Queensville (Union Street); Pam Spear, R.R. 3, Schomberg (Schomberg); Terri McCloskey, R.R. 3, Schomberg (Schomberg); York.

Sharon McMurdy, R.R. 1, Kettleby (Kettleby) and Rebecca Anderson, R.R. 1, Sutton West (Belhaven).

The projects on display will relate to "Food For Friends". The event will be in charge of Beverley Brook, Home Economist, Region of York.

At the Library

Paper-making

There's no denying that tablets of stone added authority and a dash of drama to the presentation of the Ten Commandments. Thankfully, however, the moving finger, having writ back then in BC, moved on to scribble on a more negotiable substance - paper.

Imagine our society without benefit of paper! A civilization with Big Macs dripping through its fingers and millions of obsolete garbage cans.

We depend upon paper to blot our babies, bag our potatoes, cover our walls, busy our bureaucrats and substantiate our mythical dollar. Without paper there'd be no books and,

alas, no library. A tribute is definitely due and what better time to pay it than on April 12 (prior to National Library Week) when experts from the Ontario Science Centre will be here to set up the mechanism for a day-long paper-making and printing demonstration.

There's no "Don't touch!" admonition with this fascinating presentation and everyone is welcome to participate in the action.

Pre-school Classes Registration of pre-schoolers for the spring session of our morning Story Hour begins April 8 at 9 a.m. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who

can provide proof of registrant's age.

Fun-in-Sun Winners

Reluctantly we've dismantled our Fun-in-the-Sun senerio, turned off the calypso music and tucked the palm tree away for another year. Although the elements outside the library weren't fully cooperative during the March break, we managed to evoke the carefree spirit of the sun islands, inside. Our thanks go to Bunny's Flowers, Card's Hardware, MacLean's Carpets, Stonehouse Travel and the Town Works Dept., from whom we scrounged the necessary items to set the scene.



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