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"Girl Next Door"

Sr. choir member



Eighteen year old Jeannie MacDonald, Faulkner Avenue, Whitchurch-Stouffville, has a lovely singing voice and uses it to good

advantage in the high school's advanced choir. Following graduation, she plans to go on to college, either Seneca or Ryerson.

Final year at S.D.S.S.

By JIM THOMAS WHITCHURCH — Those attending last year's High School variety show were privileged to hear eighteen year old Jeannie MacDonald in her first vocal solo. The number was one of many highlights in an enjoyable program.

Singing's important to Jeannie and she hopes to put this talent to good use when she goes on to college, either Seneca or Ryerson next fall. She's a member of the advanced choir at S.D.H.S. and was a participant in two shows, "West Side Story" and "Hello Dolly" at St. Andrew's College, Aurora. Her music teacher was Eve Jones.

Jeannie's our "Girl Next Door".

A resident on Faulkner Avenue in Whitchurch, Jeannie loves country life. But she sees nothing wrong with living in the city either, in fact, she's looking forward to that experience following graduation in June. She plans to enrol in an executive secretary course.

The pretty teenager has many interests. She plays the guitar, enjoys ballet, needlepoint and ceramics and loves horses. While she no

Respect teen's honesty

Dear Mr. Thomas: The Tribune's "Girl Next Door" feature remains (for me) one of the most interesting items in the paper. It's the first thing I turn to each week.

I was especially interested in the story about Doreen Monopoli in the April 3 edition. Many of us know Doreen and we respect her for the honesty of her remarks, also the way her feelings and her changed life were revealed by you. I'm sure I speak for many when I say that article did a lot of us more good than you'll ever know.

Some of us get down and stay down. We want to change our ways but don't know where to turn. Doreen turned to a few sincere and considerate friends who, in turn, introduced her to other good friends.

As Doreen so honestly said, it's so easy to go the wrong way.

I'm thankful for girls like her and thankful to The Tribune for telling it the way it is.

Signed
A student in Grade 12.

Select bakeoff champion

MARKHAM — Fifteen year old Sharon Gayman, Pomander Road, Uxbridge, is the culinary grand champion at Markham Dist. High School. The Grade 10 student

scored top points in an Open House "Bake-off" April 2. Runner-up was Gall Wannop, 16, of Joseph Street, Markham. Gall's in Grade 11. More than forty entries were received.

The categories included decorated Easter cake, orange bread, gelatin dessert, peanut butter cookies, brownies, and bag lunch. Judges were Christine Hindson, Drakefield Road.

Markham: Angela Piper, Markham Economist and Sun and Jim Thomas of The Stouffville Tribune. The project was organized by Louise Hope, staff Home

Economics instructor at M.D.H.S. The "Bake-off" was open to everyone, excluding the teachers, but this will be changed next year, Mrs. Hope told The Tribune. Several staff

members wanted to enter, she said. Class winners were Sharon Gayman (2); Gall Wannop, Belma de Sousa, J.E. Baulch, Heather White and Brenda Burton.

True friends

Dear Mr. Thomas: I wish to commend you on the wonderful story in last week's Tribune related to your "Girl Next Door".

As a mother, it touched my heart for I'm well aware of the trials and tribulations related to the teen years in this generation.

Thank God for young people like Karen and Ken Benson and thank God for a Young People's Group like the one at the Gormley Missionary Church.

There are so many 'good' things going on around us these days. I'm glad your paper realized the importance of giving credit where credit is due, first to Doreen for having the intestinal fortitude to face the realities of life and second to her friends (her good friends) who offered her a helping hand.

Sincerely,
Shella Jessop,
R.R.1, Gormley.

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