



Sixteen year old Karen Malcolm, Hwy. 7, Green River, is a Grade 11 student at Pickering High School. Following graduation, she plans to go on to university and major in child psychology. Jim Thomas

**"Girl Next Door"**

**Karen cuts fancy figures**

GREEN RIVER — Living in the country, several miles removed from a sizeable urban centre, might prove a problem for most young people, but not 16-year-old Karen Malcolm of Green River.

Karen, a Grade 11 student at Pickering High, has so many activities on the go, she never really stops.

Some of these include membership in the Claremont 4-H Homemaking Club; a member of the Ajax Precision Figure Skating Team; a stage hand in the High School musical "Wiz"; a High School Prefect; an assistant with the Midget Girls' volleyball team; a member last summer of the Claremont Midget Girls' softball team; the list could go on and on.

Born in Amherst, Nova Scotia, she moved with her parents, George and Mary Anne Malcolm, to the Green River area five years ago. She has three brothers, Shawn, Neil

and Merle.

Karen enjoys "being involved". The 4-H Homemaking Club has brought her much satisfaction. She's currently working towards her County Honors. Also, catching a spot on the precision skating team was satisfying because she'd been away from the sport two seasons.

Following graduation from P.H.S., Karen hopes to major in psychology at Toronto University. Math and Physics are favorite subjects.

Pretty Karen still keeps in touch with close friends down Amherst way. On a few occasions she's travelled with her father to The Maritimes so she could visit her grandmother still living there. Her Dad drives a transport.

The lucky boy in Karen's life is Joe Borland of Claremont. Yes, they get along fine, she admits, except when he calls "Strike Three" on an obvious outside pitch.

**Sex education urged in schools**

YORK REGION — The fact "children are having children" is causing the Ontario Medical Association alarm.

Dr. John Denison, chairman of the O.M.A.'s committee on child welfare, accompanied a delegation to a recent York Region Board of Education meeting and expressed concern over the growing pregnancy rate particularly among girls aged ten to fourteen. These young people are not emotionally equipped to handle parenthood, Dr. Denison said. However, more and more unwed mothers are deciding in favor of keeping their babies, he stated.

"They usually receive little support from the father and

their parents, so they often abuse the child when they crack under the pressure."

The Association is lobbying school boards across Ontario for more intensive sex education programs. This way, it feels, is the only correct way to combat the problem of teenage pregnancies.

The rise in the pregnancy rate within the 10 to 14 age group, is due to a lack of information available to pre-teens who, Dr. Denison said, are becoming sexually active at an earlier age.

In 1980, there were 383 teenage pregnancies in the Region of York. Out of this number, 243 ended in abortion and 136 were carried to term.

Dr. Denison ex-

plained that with the weight of the medical profession behind them, school boards will be prompted to make tough decisions about sex education while dealing with pressure from minority groups.

He admitted he becomes upset when minorities control majorities, especially in the area of sex education. Every parent has the right to withhold his child from classes if he so desires, he said.

Markham trustee John Myers questioned the fact that the board is continually being asked to assume social and moral functions.

Dr. Denison explained that the school is the ideal location for sex education because

parents often feel uncomfortable when placed in such a position.

He noted that most educators, administrators, principals and teachers are unaware of the pregnancy rate within their schools.

Said member Barbara Gilbert of Markham: "People think that because we don't talk about it, it won't happen."

The York Region Board is in the process of developing curriculum guidelines for sex education classes. Director Bob Cressman has invited Dr. Denison and associate medical officer of health, Dr. John Hodgkinson to serve as advisors on the committee.

**Area Science Fair**

**Win top awards**

Whitchurch-Stouffville area schools along with entries from Dickson's Hill, enjoyed excellent success at the Area 2 Science Fair in Aurora, Feb. 24.

The following exhibits were accorded first, second, third and honorable mentions: Kindergarten to Grade 1: Lawrence Puente, Summitview, Stouffville (1st); Karen Paisley, Orchard Park, Stouffville (3rd); Jordan Lee, Dickson's Hill (3rd); Erica Noble and Courtney Power, Whitchurch-Highlands (Hon. Mention); Natalie Reid and Paul Russ, Ballantrae (Hon. Mention); Doug Andrews and Jonathan Cowley, Ballantrae (Hon. Mention).

Grades 4 to 6 - Steve Karlsson, Ballantrae (1st); Steve Topping, Summitview,

Stouffville (1st); Darren Gornall, Whitchurch-Highlands (1st); Cindy Ogryzlo, Whitchurch-Highlands (3rd); Jeff Hume, Summitview, Stouffville (3rd); Janet Prince, Ballantrae (Hon. Mention); Andrew Green and Ron Ormston, Summitview, Stouffville (Hon. Mention); Mark Dorey, Summitview, Stouffville (Hon. Mention).

Grades 7 and 8 - Duffy Wallis and Ian Marshall, Orchard Park, Stouffville (2nd).

The following exhibits will be displayed in the Regional Science Fair, April 1, 2 and 3 at Seneca College, King Campus. Lawrence Puente, Summitview; Steve Karlsson, Ballantrae; Steve Topping, Summitview; Darren Gornall, Whitchurch-Highlands and Duffy Wallis and Ian Marshall, Orchard Park.



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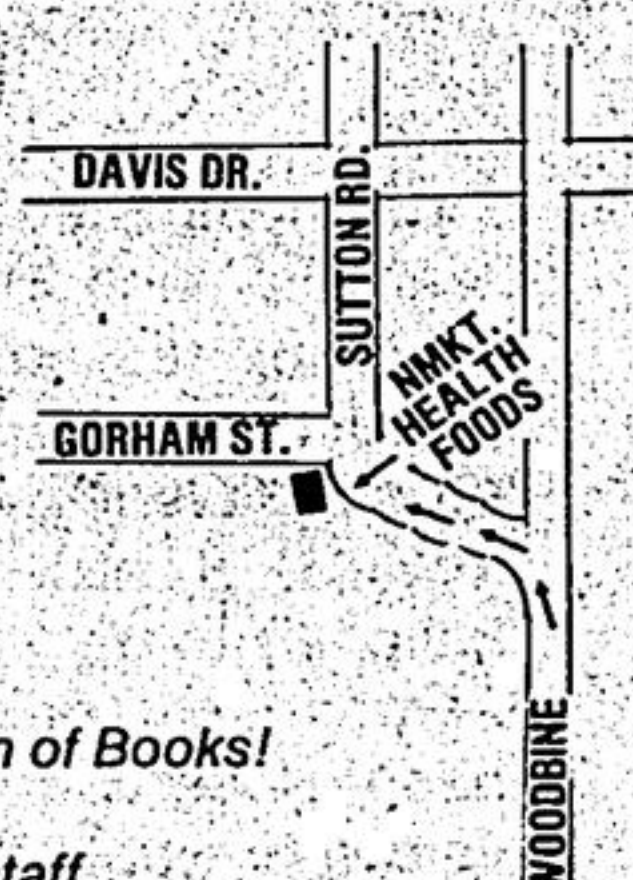
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UNITED WAY OF YORK REGION  
Tuesday, March 16th, 1982

**BUTTONVILLE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

(Woodbine Ave., south of 16th Ave.)

4-6 p.m.

Members will review for approval and ratification. Reports, Board of Directors, Treasurers report, Nominations Committee report, General by-laws No. 1- No. 2.

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