

"Girl Next Door"

A future secretary

By Jim Thomas
At age 15, Carrie Earl, Ninth Line South, already has her mind made up on the career she wants to follow—an office secretary; and she's well on the way.
Carrie can type at a speed of over 50 words-a-minute and she's doing well at shorthand too. She's a student in Grade 10E.
It was two years ago that her parents decided to move from Don Mills to the 9th Conc. of Markham. Carrie wasn't exactly thrilled with the idea of leaving her friends and taking up residence in the country, but she adjusted quite quickly. Still, her heart's in suburbia, and almost every weekend, she visits a cousin, Suzanne Shaw in Thornhill or "civilization" as she calls it.
Carrie's a Home Room Rep. on the Students' Council. She enjoys gymnastics and would participate in even more activities at S.D.S.S., except it's a long way to walk should she miss the bus.
She has one brother, Jason, 12, in Grade 3 at Orchard Park.



Fifteen-year-old Carrie Earl, Ninth Line, Markham, is a Grade 10 student at Stouffville High. She's interested in a secretarial position and already has a typing speed of 50 words per minute.

No holiday

A revised school year, announced recently by Education Minister Dr. Bette Stephenson, eliminates November 11 as a school holiday and will require schools to hold Remembrance services on that date.
Dr. Stephenson, in a statement to the Legislature, said that if Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Remembrance Day services will be held in the schools on the preceding Friday. The change was recommended by the Royal Canadian Legion.
The school year will consist of 194 school days of which there will be a minimum of 185 instructional days. The March break has been moved ahead a week and will be the same week for all school boards. Easter Monday has also been fixed as a school holiday. Boards will no longer have the option to designate another day as a holiday in lieu of Easter Monday. The Christmas vacation will be two full weeks but school boards will still be able to opt for a Christmas vacation that varies in length from year to year.
Up to nine of the 194 school days may be designated as professional activity days and a number of them must be devoted to curriculum development and review. School boards will be required to evaluate activities undertaken on professional activity days.
The change result from the work of a committee appointed by the Minister to study the school year. The committee met with educators and parents across the province and held public meetings in the major centres.
Dr. Stephenson said that the changes will become effective Sept. 1, 1983.



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