

A talented pianist



Eighteen-year-old Wendy Grimmitt, R.R. 1, Gormley, is a Grade 12 student at Aurora High. She's an accomplished

pianist and a Provincial Honors' recipient with the Vandorf 4-H Homemaking Club.

—Jim Thomas

By Jim Thomas
While many Grade 12 students are undecided as to their future careers, not so Wendy Grimmitt, R.R. 1, Gormley. Wendy knows exactly what she wants to do and when. Following graduation from Aurora High, she plans to enrol at Seneca College (King Campus) in a two-year bilingual secretary course. She sees greater job possibilities with this type of training.

Wendy's our "Girl Next Door".
The youngest of six in the family, Wendy has three sisters, Susan, Janet and Linda and two brothers, John and Bill.

Her accomplishments are many—holder of a Provincial Honors' diploma in 4-H Achievement; working on her Grade 10 piano; a world traveller and a member of The Devereaux Singers, Aurora. She's also a member in the congregation of Wesley United Church.

Wendy enjoys her association with 4-H. The Vandorf Club leader is Mrs Gordon Mackey.

As far as travelling's concerned, she still has her sights set on Switzerland and France. She's already been to New Zealand (home of

her grandparents and several aunts and uncles); Hawaii; England and Scotland.

Although playing the piano is a source of personal enjoyment, Wendy's also putting this ability to practical use. She has a neighbor girl as a pupil and sometimes accompanies the organist at services in Wesley Church. Her teacher is Marie Devereux of Aurora.

Suicide---why?

STOUFFVILLE—Sixty-five per cent of all teen suicides originate from "broken" homes, Pastor Dan Statham told a young people's meeting in Stouffville Pentecostal Church, Thursday. Broken romances are the second highest cause—33 per cent, he said.

Pastor Statham dealt with both the problems and the solutions at the wind-up of a three-week series on the subject.

The speaker explained that suicides among young persons has reached epidemic proportions in the United States "and we're (Canada) not far behind".

For the male, the choice is hanging or shooting. For the female, it's poison, he said. For every one suicide, there are at least fifty attempts.

Pastor Statham warned adults in the

audience that all suicide threats should be taken seriously. He described some of the "danger signs" as: Symptoms of depression; previous suicide attempts; sudden changes in behavior and preoccupation with death.

In addition to the "broken home" theory, he listed other causes: Moving from one community to another; loss of someone very dear; mental and emotional instability; competition and pressure to succeed; terminal illness; history of drug and alcohol problems; family feuds and guilt feelings.

Adults, parents in particular, should learn to be "good listeners", Pastor Statham said. The "listening post" is missing in many homes today, he stated. He urged young people to do the same.

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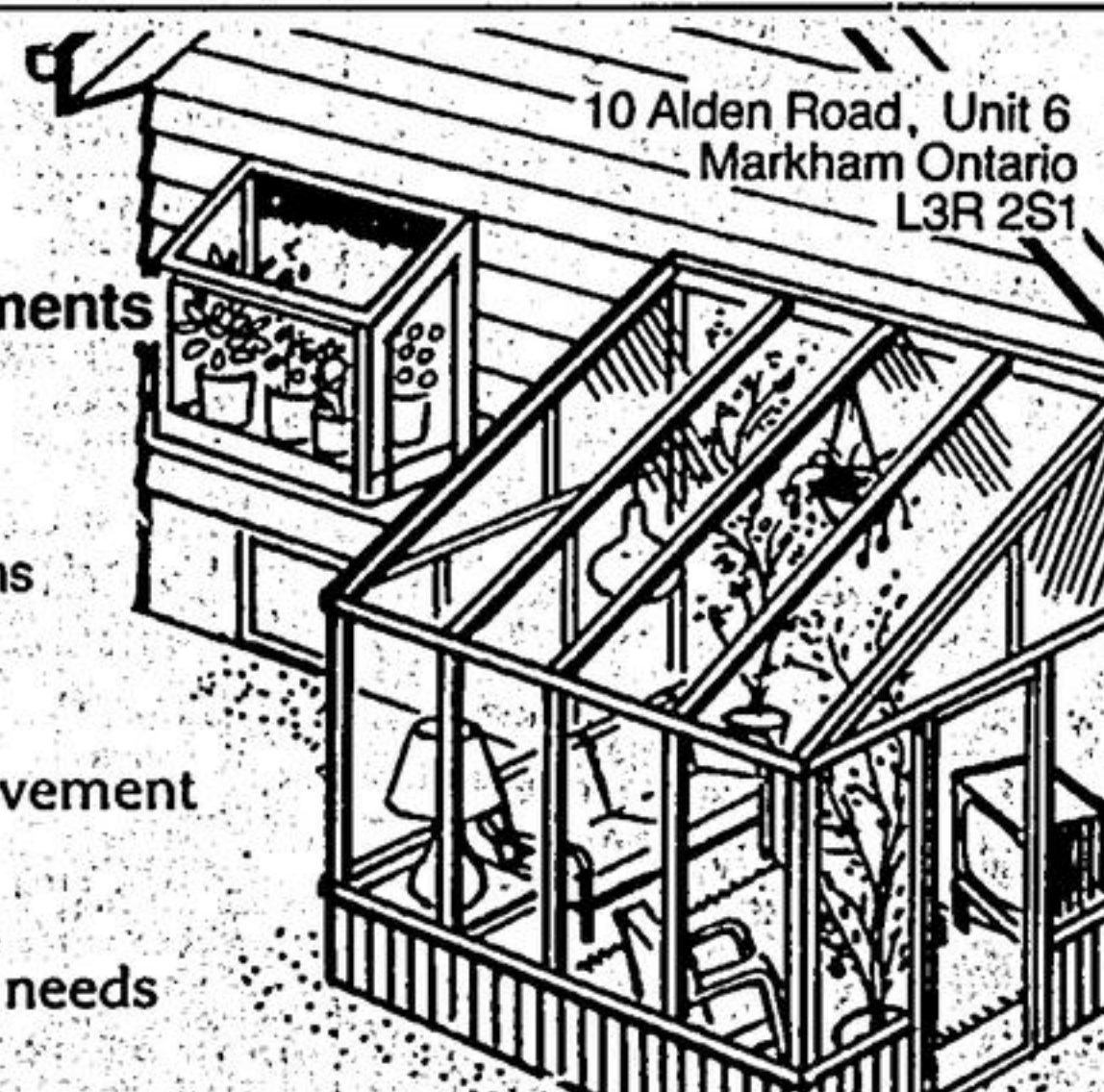
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