

Twenty-one-year-old Martina Bopp, formerly of Mannheim, Germany, has joined the staff of a once all-male barbershop in Stouffville's I.G.A. Plaza. While her presence has generated a few "raised eyebrows", the lovely mother of two says she's been well received in Stouffville

and loves her work. She and her husband arrived in Canada 1 1/2 years ago. They are presently seeking permanent apartment accommodation here.

---Jim Thomas.

## No male barber barrier

## German-born girl boon to business

By Jim Thomas STOUFFVILLE - Stouffville's changing---for the better.

Signs of progress are everywhere. For example, a handsome new hardware store is now open at the westend entrance to town. Beautiful homes are being built in the longawaited Dulverton Subdivision, at the extension . (Tina for for of Millard Street.

A Scott's Chicken Villa is under construction on Main West and, the most progressive step of all, a lady has broken barbering barrier at a tradi-. tional men's hair-styling shop.

It was eight weeks ago that lovely Martina Bopp answered an ad and applied for work at a hair-stylist centre in the A & P Plaza. She was hired almost immediately and is now a regular on staff.

Sure some men greet her with 'raised eyebrows" when they

Dear Mr Thomas:

enter the door, she says, but no one has yet rejected a turn in her chair.

And no wonder. For not only is Martina extremely attractive, but she's a pro, in every sense of the

A "native" of

Mannheim, near Frankfurt, Germany, Martina, short), arrived in Canada with her husband and daughter, Nadine, now four, in May, 1982. "I said I'd try it for three years, and if things didn't work out, we'd go back," she re-

Things are working out. The arrival of Tamara, now one, has made their family complete. Their only wish is to find apartment accommodation in Stouffville.

called.

"I love this country and I love the people," she says. As for the language, Tina can converse in English

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A hazard

amazingly well, even though she hardly knew a word a year-anda-half ago.

> "All I could say was 'yes' and 'no';' she recalls, "I picked it all up in the barbershop". Many of the words are very "close", she says.

Tina's parents live in Germany

but her parentsin-law reside at Belleville. She's looking forward to the day when her father and mother can come

here for a visit.

As one might expect, many of Tina's customers are Germanborn or have an association with her homeland. She talks to them

in her (their) native tongue.

As for repeat patrons, Tina's not sure. She hasn't been here long enough for customers to need to come back. However, if first impressions are important, the male clientele should soon be lined up to Main Street.

## Editor's Mail

## Artist at work

of your participa- and saw you in action in the Celebrity tion! Cake-Decorating competition at Markham Fair was the funniest thing I've read in weeks.

It came as no sur-

ar Mr Thomas: your column), be- make the contest.
The description cause I was there the fun thing it was.

a place for you in the kitchen. I'm still

prise, (to see it in sport and helped lemons!

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trying to figure out P.S.-So those were Dixie cups eh? I You'were a good thought they were





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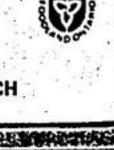
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