

Karen says association with church 'my choice'



'Girl Next Door'

Sixteen-year-old Karen Brown, King Street, Uxbridge, is a Grade 11 student at Uxbridge Secondary School. Karen is a member of the Sr Band; President of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship; sings in the Uxbridge Community Choir and

teaches Sunday School at Uxbridge Baptist Church where her father is the pastor. Other interests include swimming, roller skating, water skiing, cross-country skiing and piano.

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UXBRIDGE — Karen Brown is the daughter of a minister. She's also a Christian, a decision she made at age six.
 While many of her friends are Christians also, Karen refuses to shut herself off from those who aren't. "They know what I am and how I feel," she says.
 Karen enjoys a close association with Uxbridge Baptist Church, where her father, Rev. Phillip Brown is the pastor. But there's no pressure. "It's my choice," she says.
 Karen's our "Girl Next Door." A native of Welland, Karen and her family came to Uxbridge from Port Colborne four years ago. She has an older sister, Esther DeLuca, now serving on the mission field with husband Nino, in Kenya, Africa.
 Karen has many interests. She plays first clarinet in the Uxbridge Secondary School Sr. Band; is president of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship; is on the Ontario Executive of the I.S.C.F.; is an executive member with the Baptist Young People's Group; assists with children in a kindergarten Sunday School class and sings with the Uxbridge Community Choir.
 In spite of all these activities, Karen's been able to maintain an honors academic standing in Grades 9 and 10 and hopes to continue at this level in Grade 11. Music and Computer Science are favorite subjects.
 Karen speaks highly of the U.S.S. Sr. Band, its members and its leader, Mr. Suley. She enjoyed the band's trip to Ottawa last spring and is looking forward to a similar event next year, this time to the Huntsville-Parry Sound district.
 Karen first became associated with the clarinet while attending Jos. Gould Sr. Public School. She was also a participant in public speaking there from Grades four to nine.
 Karen's presently providing clarinet instruction at Uxbridge High.
 This sixteen-year-old's musical talents also includes vocal solos. She was a participant in the Sunderland Festival on several occasions as a soloist and in duets and trios.
 "She may make music a career," she says, "and perhaps teach at the high school level."
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Library Christmas programs

The Whitechurch-Stouffville Public Library will host several attractions for parents and children during the Christmas season.

On Sat., Dec. 8, Camilla Gryski, author of the popular children's book, "Cat Cradle, Owl's Eyes", will demonstrate her skill with string and talk on the history of games in her book. The author is a children's librarian at the Hospital for Sick Children and has toured schools, libraries and folk festivals across Canada. The program, starting at 2 p.m., is free. It's being presented in co-operation with John Lord Books.

Christmas Show
 A unique Sunday show will be presented to celebrate the advent of Christmas. The much-acclaimed Festival Brass will provide festive entertainment and family fun; Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. The program, "Christmas Capers", features three wacky musicians with trumpet, French horn and trombone. Admission is \$1.00 for children and adults.

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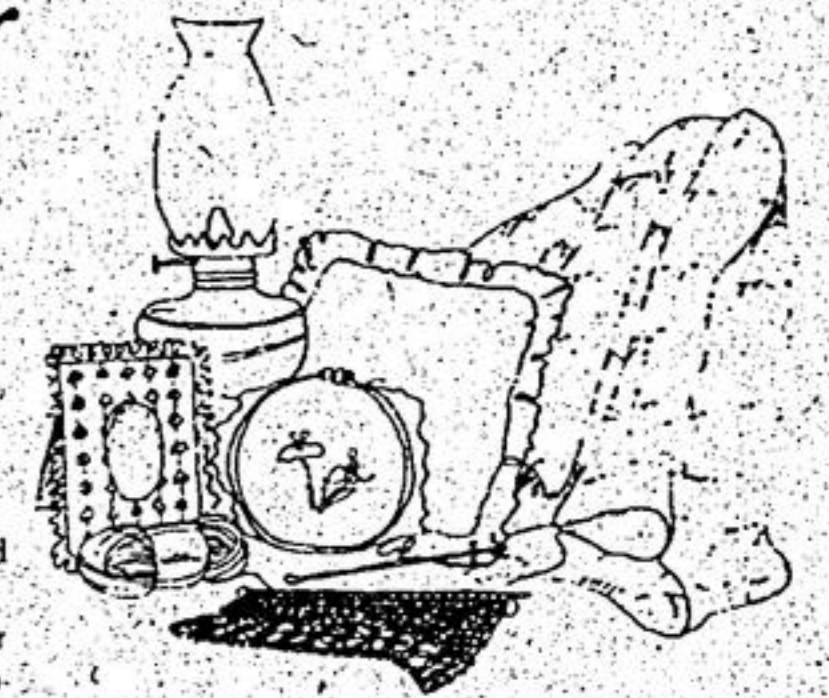
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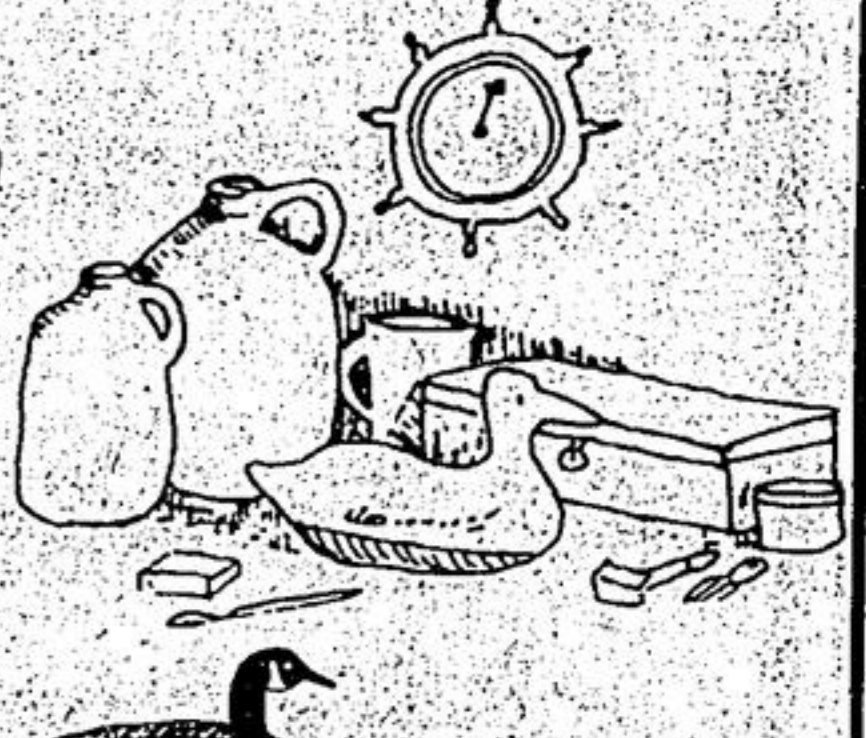


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