

## Late Dorothy Doust

# "A caring person"

GORMLEY — "A very special person." This is how Mrs. Vera Bolender, a niece, described the kindness and caring of Dorothy Doust of Gormley.

Dorothy, a resident at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bolender, Bethesda, for some time, died March 13 in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. She would have marked her 77th birthday April 24.

Born in Toronto, the daughter of James and Mary Doust, Dorothy moved to Gormley at age seven. Later, she was employed at Simpson's, Toronto, and in the physiotherapy ward of St. Mary's

Hospital, Kitchener, where her love and care was much appreciated by patients there. She also gave much time and attention to the care of her grandparents.

In recent years, Dorothy suffered from a heart condition, an illness that forced her to spend considerable time in hospital. "She was very brave," Mrs. Bolender said.

Mrs. Bolender described her as "like a mother", always helping out "behind the scenes".

She was last admitted to hospital March 8 and passed away five days later.

Dorothy was identified with the

Gormley, Missionary Church. Rev. Clarence Hunking, a close friend of the family, and formerly of Gormley, was also her pastor when she lived in Kitchener. It was fitting then that Rev. Hunking should preside at the service held March 16 from the Marshall Funeral Home, Richmond Hill. Pall-bearers were — Wayne Webb, Eric Byers, Laverne Chalk, Fred Yake, George Barrett and Ron Elliott. Andrew Webb, loved dearly by Dorothy, was a flower-bearer.

One brother, Fred Doust of Gormley and one sister, Mrs. Florence Edwards of Toronto survive. She was predeceased by two sisters, Verna and Vera.

Spring interment will be made at Heise Hill Cemetery.



## Rural setting for new Markham Missionary Church

The congregation of the Markham Missionary Church will soon have place of worship in the country. The location is 17th Avenue, (Major Mackenzie Drive), east of McCowan Road. A por-

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Pat Holland of Musselman's Lake is currently enjoying her first overseas holiday in Venezuela. Pat is The Tribune's faithful courier between Stouffville and Metroland Publishing on Tempo Avenue, North York.

## 'Children and the media'

# A diet of sexual violence

By MARGARET FOTH

Recently, I viewed a video tape of an interview with a Thai-dam family. What I remember most is the beautiful faces of the children. In a child's face we see innocence, possibilities, life, significance and a reminder of our role in society.

We are called to be peacemakers, caretakers of our earth and nurturers of children whose faces crowd our schools, our playgrounds and our streets.

These faces are turned towards television sets, often as long as six to eight hours a day. These youthful minds are being filled with the images and the interpretations of the media; controlled largely by 'what sells'. And, sad to say, what sells today is sex and violence!

The first line of defense in the family is parent-involvement with children. Research continues to affirm the value of parent and child discussing what they watch together. Fantasy and reality, meaning, alternative actions, positive values—parents can influence greatly what a child LEARNS from the public media.

Of course, limiting TV time and deciding appropriate programs for various family members is another important parental involvement.

Children also learn from what parents watch while the children are absent. We adults are also shaped by the images we regularly choose, and our children learn to laugh at what we think is funny; cry at what we recognize as cruel and unjust.

In the public arena, I believe there is also a need for family-led opposition to the growing pollution of minds. That opposition must be responsible, considerate of the rights of individuals with other values, open to what is ultimately life-enhancing for all of society.

But the increasingly violent pornography being broadcast over a multiplicity of channels is a family and public menace. Greed, the drive for profits at any price in human cost, is a modern as well as ancient evil.

To find the way between responsible opposition and irrational anti-actions is the challenge of the church. Here is an opportunity to seek wisdom together and to speak with a common voice.

Recently, I read this newspaper editorial that said in part: "The data suggests that the portrayal of sexual violence is, indeed, 'a sickness in society' that DOES adversely affect its viewers. We urge increased educational programs—by family, church and school—and also community action to control distribution and sales. The church needs to help provide constructive answers."

Recently, several women, prominent in a particular city, spoke out about the increasingly sexual and violent messages coming through to adolescents and teenagers through rock music. Through the media of videos, children not only hear lyrics that are suggestive, but live action that leaves little to the imagination.

These opponents are not 'dried up old prunes who detest all rock music'. They believe it or not, grew up on a diet of it themselves. Rather, they're saying the type of portrayals coming through are sick and frightening. They do not advocate government censorship, but rather industry controls—that producers and performers exercise control and at least print the lyrics on the album covers so parents can easily read for themselves what the music contains.

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# Gormley family gallery expands

GORMLEY — The artistic talents of the Keirstead family are expanding.

Anneka Chapman of Belleville will display her skills when Pie Menger of The Menger Gallery,

Gormley, holds a spring 'Open House' on Thursday, March 26, (to-morrow), from 7 to 10 p.m.

Pie and Anneka are sisters. Other paintings by their two brothers, Mitch and Colebrook

will also be on display. The second storey of the former Post Office has been renovated to accommodate the 'family additions'.

The exhibition will continue through April 12 with the artists in

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