

Story gets her started in magazine writing

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Humorous family incidents may well start a Mississauga woman on the way to a successful freelance writing career.

For Lynda Muransky, a Park Royal mother of three, the road to a writing career has been full of distractions and rejections. But her hard work and persistence have paid off recently with the appearance of her first published story, entitled *The Right Time*.

The tale tells a humorous anecdote of a dry sink Lynda buys as a new piece of furniture for her home. Complications arise, producing some tense but amusing moments with her husband.

The story was published in a new 64-page book of short stories entitled *Why Farm Wives Age Fast*, published by a monthly magazine, *Farm Wife News*.

While Muransky is not a farm wife, she

believes her stories are universal and she takes care to remove any references to items urban or suburban.

Since her initial success, Muransky has had further indications from *Farm Wife News* that they are interested in more stories.

She currently has sold the magazine short stories for its October and December editions and has contracted to work on at least one feature article.

With the advent of the new *Farm Wife* Canadian edition, Muransky hopes this will give her an opportunity to become more involved with the publication.

Muransky claims her love affair with writing began with her first story written at 5 years of age. In university, she was involved with the school newspaper and took courses in writing and English.

Since then, however, the 37-year-old

Poplar Dr. resident has been more involved raising her family than with writing.

"I've finally settled down to it," she said. "The kids are old enough now that I have some free time."

To get her feet wet, Muransky took a creative writing course at Sheridan College which she credits with giving her the know-how to go about selling her stories.

Now, with a few successes under her belt, Muransky hopes to make a career out of magazine freelancing.

"I'd like to see how high I can go in the magazine field," she explained. "I'll take the opportunities when I can. In a couple of years I may have enough clippings to have a shot at some bigger magazines."

"Writing is what you like to do — or have to do. You just hope for something in the future."