

Pageant paved the way for career

She's an 'amazing' young lady

By BILL WALKER

In her career, Nancy Jane Newburn has toured as a dancer, modelled internationally, made commercials, become a politician and has worked full time as a television weather reporter. She has travelled extensively and appeared as a host on a nationally televised special program.

While there are many other entertainers who can claim similar achievements, Newburn sports a distinction unmatched by her colleagues. She is only 18 years old.

Miss Teen Canada 1977, Newburn will be in Mississauga on February 2 to host the first annual Miss Teen Mississauga Pageant, co-sponsored by Square One Shopping Centre and The Mississauga News and held at Dominion Court at Square One.

Miss Teen Mississauga has received an overwhelming response from entrants in its inaugural year. The young lady crowned will be Mississauga's first entrant in the prestigious Miss Teen Canada Pageant, shown across Canada on the CTV Television Network.

The highlight of Newburn's television career to date came last year when she hosted Miss Teen Canada on CTV.

"She's an amazing young lady," remarked Elaine Anisman of Cleo Productions, who is national pageant co-ordinator for Miss Teen Canada. "As a telecast hostess, she's extremely poised."

Newburn has the experience of live television behind her. She appears on 11 live broadcasts a week on CKSO in Sudbury, in addition to attending grade 13 at Copper Cliff High School.

What began as a part-time job has blossomed into a full-time commitment for Newburn. The potential for a bright career in television is there.

As Miss Teen Canada 1977, Newburn travelled "as a goodwill ambassador for Canada's teenagers". The experience opened up opportunities for Newburn that she has been fortunate enough to be able to pursue.

Somehow, Newburn finds time to continue modelling, doing commercials and co-hosting many charity telethons, Santa Claus parades, fashion shows and pageants.

"Whenever girls become Miss Teen Canada, the opportunities are there," said Anisman. "It's up to the girls themselves if they want to pursue them."

Although almost all Miss Teen contestants are still enrolled in high school, tours and appearances for Miss Teen Canada and Miss Teen Mississauga are scheduled so that school is never disrupted.

"Miss Teen Canada becomes a national figure," said Anisman.



How it all started . . . Tears well in the eyes of Miss Teen Canada 1977, Nancy Jane Newburn as she is crowned on national television . . .

Other than appearances, Miss Teen Canada receives an impressive list of prizes, as will the first Miss Teen Mississauga. Square One Mall Merchants have donated a long list of prizes and every girl who takes part in Miss Teen Mississauga will be awarded a valuable gift.

"We are delighted that Mississauga is participating this year," said Anisman of the 12th Miss Teen Canada Pageant, which will draw from 31 community pageants from across the country.

Burt Rankin will provide musical entertainment at Square One during the Mississauga pageant.

Twin fashion shows, sponsored by Sears will take place at Dominion Court Thursday January 31 and Friday February 1, featuring Miss Teen Mississauga contestants in spring fashions.

Miss Teen Canada 1979 is Vancouver's Jody Trammell.

For Nancy Jane Newburn, the Miss Teen experience has been invaluable.

"It has given me the opportunity to do many things I otherwise wouldn't have done and it has helped me decide what I want to do in life (in the broadcasting field)," said Newburn.



... now an accomplished television personality and model, Newburn will be in Mississauga to host the first ever Miss Teen Mississauga Feb. 2 at Square One Shopping Centre.