

Pictures and Presents opens in Georgetown



Gayle Kiss shows hand carved decoys paintings among a host of other gifts at Pictures and Presents which opened last week. Partner Heather Urch is missing from the photo.

It's called "Pictures and Presents" and that's exactly what is sold inside the attractive white frame house on Main Street South, south of Knox Church, Georgetown.

The new store and gallery combined, located in the former Armstrong Insurance building, opened its doors Saturday.

The attractive four room shop is a joint venture by Gayle Kiss and Heather Urch. Heather has wide experience in the business owning Visions Gallery in Brampton.

Heather and Gayle worked together in Brampton and found they had similar tastes and enjoyed working together so decided to try a business here in Georgetown. "It's such a pretty street," said Gayle who thinks more tourist type stores would bring people to town from the Toronto area. She finds the old house charming and ideal for a gallery.

Limited edition prints by such well known artists as Richard Bateman, Shirley Deaville, and Gretchen Day, as well as many others grace every wall. Gretchen has a special place in the owner's heart since she taught art to Gayle at Sheridan College.

But there are many more gifts displayed. China ceramics, pieces of sculpture, Christmas decorations, rocking horses, wooden hand-carved decoys and antique furniture fill the new gallery.

The antique furniture is from Kennedy's Galleries in Brampton. In addition custom framing is available. "We chose our gifts on the basis of what we would buy and what price we would pay," said Gayle.

For now the store and gallery will be open Wednesday to Saturday, but as Christmas approaches it will be open Tuesdays as well.

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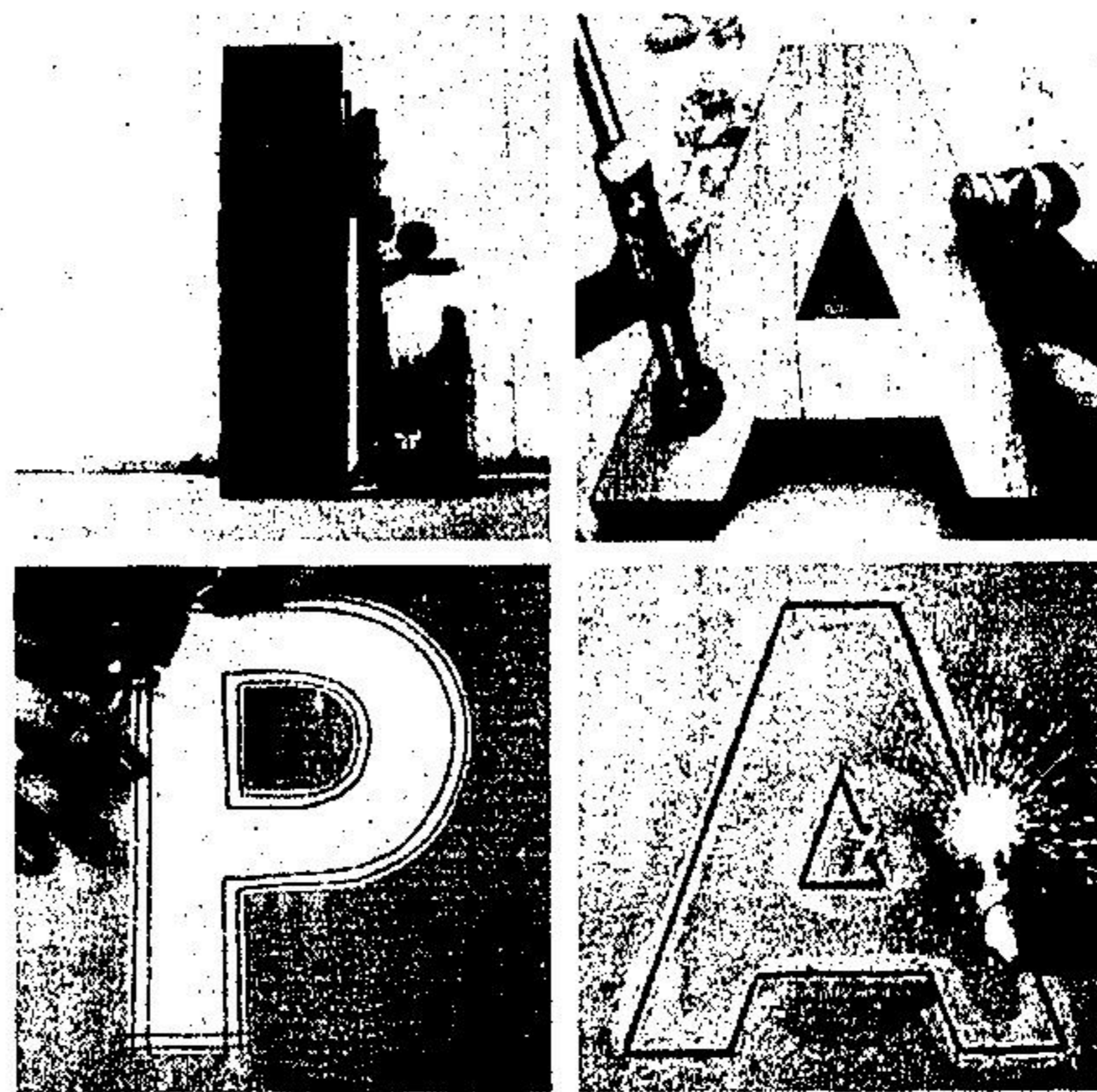
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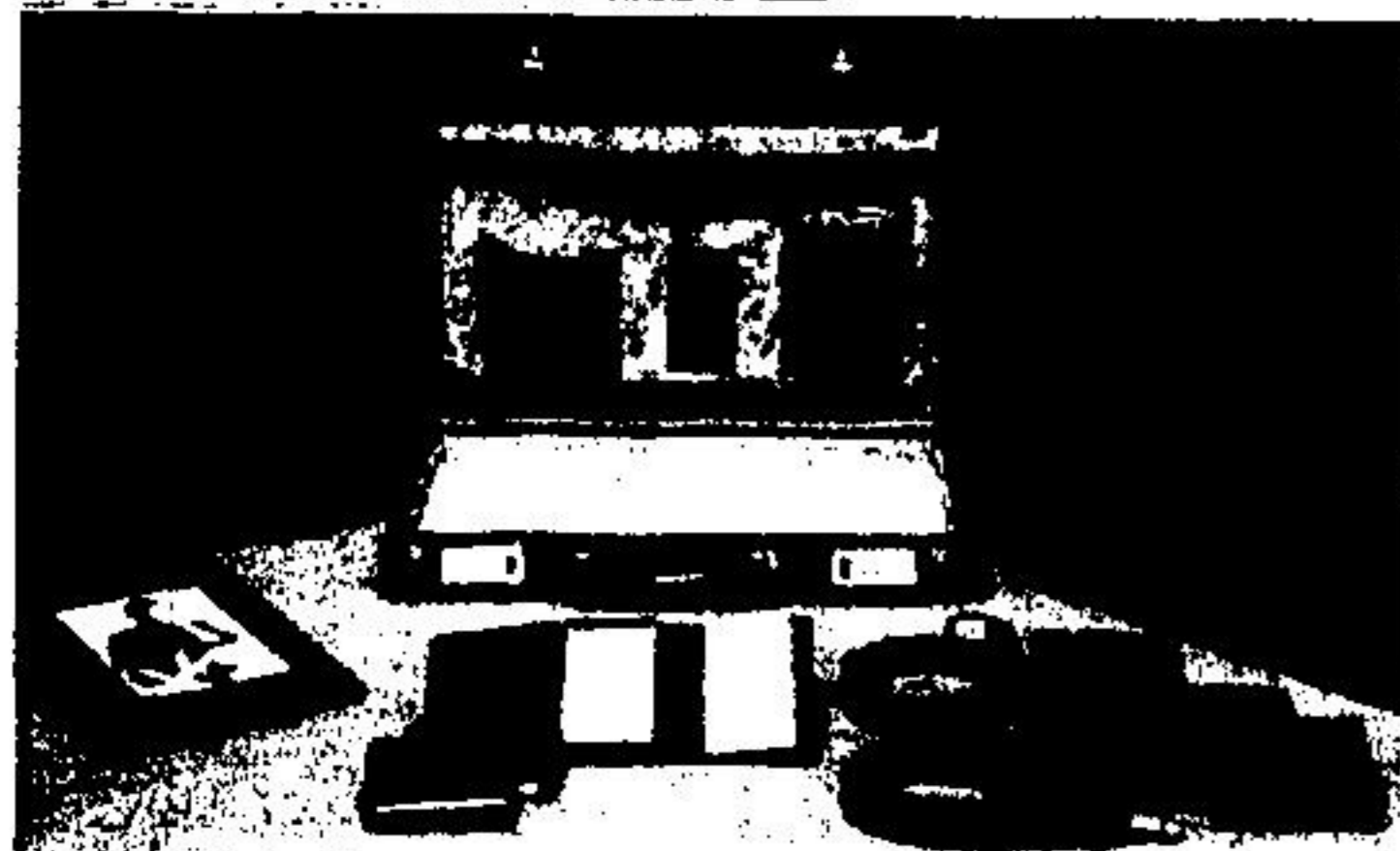
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