



Weekend!

EXTRA



Friday, December 12, 1986



Irma Fahrni had a little help from her new niece, Allison Buck, in cutting the ribbon for the official opening of Irma's Beauty Chalet on Mill Street Saturday. The new business is located in quarters formerly occupied by Keck's Beauty Salon. Allison took great delight in holding the ribbon for her aunt, and when the time came, she didn't want to let go. (Herald photo)

Joan Crawford among former clients

Keck's becomes Irma's beauty salon

By Edd Williams-Nicholas
Herald Special

IRMA'S BEAUTY CHALET, located at 126 Mill Street in downtown Georgetown, celebrated its Grand Opening Dec. 6 under new management.

The new owner, Irma Fahrni, took over Keck's Beauty Chalet seven weeks ago, keeping Barbara Young on staff and adding Sally Brennan.

Mrs. Fahrni has resided in Toronto for 26 years since emigrating from southern Germany. She trained in Germany and later at Marvel school of hairdressing in Toronto. She has continued her craft through the years, "semi-retiring" while to have a family interest in the artistic trade of hair design. She worked at the Royal York and with noted hairdresser Paul Pough for 20 years.

A business woman at an early age, Irma owned a hairdressing shop in east end Toronto for many years. Mrs. Fahrni has served such clients as Joan Crawford, Lillian Roth, Juliette and others of note and prepared hair designs for Ice Capades and many performers "on the boards" at O'Keefe Centre. Mixing with the famous, Irma Fahrni learned to appreciate the simple life and values and enjoys a good life with her family.

Ready for an escape "from the rat race" Irma became interested in Georgetown

through friends, the Kecks, and when Beatrice Keck decided to semi-retire to have her third child, Irma took up the challenge and bought Keck's Beauty Chalet. Mrs. Fahrni had scouted around country locations, striving to find a small town with friendly atmosphere and slower, more meaningful pace to her career. Out of the blue, Irma settled on Georgetown and is already overwhelmed with the friendliness of the people.

UP-TO-DATE

During the years, Mrs. Fahrni has taken refresher courses in cutting and up-to-date styling. She recalls the last refresher course being in Nassau for one week, which was

hard work from 8:30 to noon, then 4 to 9 every day. However, the time in between she managed to have a swim.

Irma Fahrni is a member of the Willowdale Art Group which is an outlet for her interest in fine art. She enjoys oil painting and sketching as a method of total relaxation as well as pursuing the craft of restoring antiques.

"One of my passions is statues, I love to restore any old thing and make it come alive again in the hand of the beholder," says Irma.

At present, she's working on 19th century French Canadian chairs; another hobby is taking interest courses and Irma hopes to take one in upholstery

soon which will go hand in hand with her desire to restore and refinish furniture.

One of the joys of Mrs. Fahrni's life is the cottage they own at Sturgeon Lake right on the water.

"This is a peaceful escape after a week of work", Irma says, her eyes lighting up as she recalls sitting on the dock watching the sun come up or the sun go down. "All feelings of frustration and all troubles on my shoulders seem to disappear. I need this quiet time to meditate and recharge my batteries."

The Beauty Chalet's growth is expected to encompass a clientele which enjoys frequenting the shop.

"A place for everyone to find creativity and to feel a sense of belonging," Irma stated. "I'd like to be the best boss any of my staff has ever had."

Irma would like the Beauty Chalet to have an excellent reputation, to be known as a good place to work. Irma believes that by working alongside your staff, a good rapport and understanding is built on an everyday basis.

Looking to the future, Irma hopes to specialize in every field of hair design and hair care. Eventually, the business will encompass the total field of beauty care as well as all hair needs, in keeping with public demand. With progressive-thinking, Irma anticipates

Winterfest needs you!

The Georgetown Jaycees are looking for people to participate in the 1987 Winterfest Feb. 7. Community groups and sports teams are needed to help run such events as the deep snow tug-of-war, the ladies' nail-driving contest and the doughnut-eating contest. Commercial interests are also being invited to set up a display or a demonstration of their products. There will be a dance in the armoury in the evening and a raffle of a freezer full of food. Anyone interested in taking part in Winterfest can contact Jaycee Bill Pshyk at 877-6702.

Colorful Rainbow Pets Shop has appropriate name

By MAUREEN EDWARD
Herald Special

Every pet under the rainbow? Well not quite, but there are colorful budgies, yellow canaries, gerbils, hamsters, several tanks of tropical fish and, in lieu of the "pot of gold", an aquarium full of goldfish, all of which are for sale at Rainbow Pets, the new pet shop at the Guelph Street Plaza.

The pet shop, which was formerly Nikki's Pets and Pools, is now under new management. Steve Clayton, the proprietor of the shop, carries a complete line of fish and pet supplies.

It's evident that Mr. Clayton has a genuine interest in pets.

"I've always had pets," he said. "I've enjoyed looking after animals as a hobby, so I thought owning a pet shop would also be an enjoyable experience."

Steve's wife, Debbie, is keen to learn as much as possible about pets.

"Every spare minute I have, I read books on the care of pets."

Mrs. Clayton lends a helping hand in the pet shop Thursday and Friday evenings, as well as Saturdays.

Rainbow Pets is open for business from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, and Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The store is also open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

If you are looking for that special gift for "man's best friend" this Christmas, perhaps you could give your dog a cozy sweater or an over-size rawhide bone, both of which are available at Rainbow Pets. On the other hand, if you want your dog to look his best for the Holiday Season, then Joe Dowson, a professional dog groomer, would be pleased to make an appointment to shampoo, clip and groom your hairy friend.

Shampoos designed for dogs generally tend to be too harsh for a dog's sensitive skin.

"We use only human shampoos and cream rinses on the dogs we bathe," Mr. Dowson said. "Human shampoos contain very little detergent compared to the large amount of detergent in dog shampoos, which dry a dog's skin."

Mr. Dowson used to operate his own pet shop and undoubtedly is of great assistance as an advisor to Mr. Clayton. If you wish to book an appointment to have your dog groomed, the telephone number of Rainbow Pets is 877-0954.

Certainly the colors of salt-water fish and the magnificent plumage of parrots and cockatoos can only further enhance the appropriate name of Rainbow Pets.



Colorful representatives of many different species give Rainbow Pets ample justification for its name. Owner Steve Clayton and his wife Debbie not only offer for sale a wide range of popular pets but employ Joe Dowson to professional groom dogs, using the latest in pet care innovations. Rainbow Pets is located in Georgetown's Guelph Street plaza. (Photo by Maureen Edwards)

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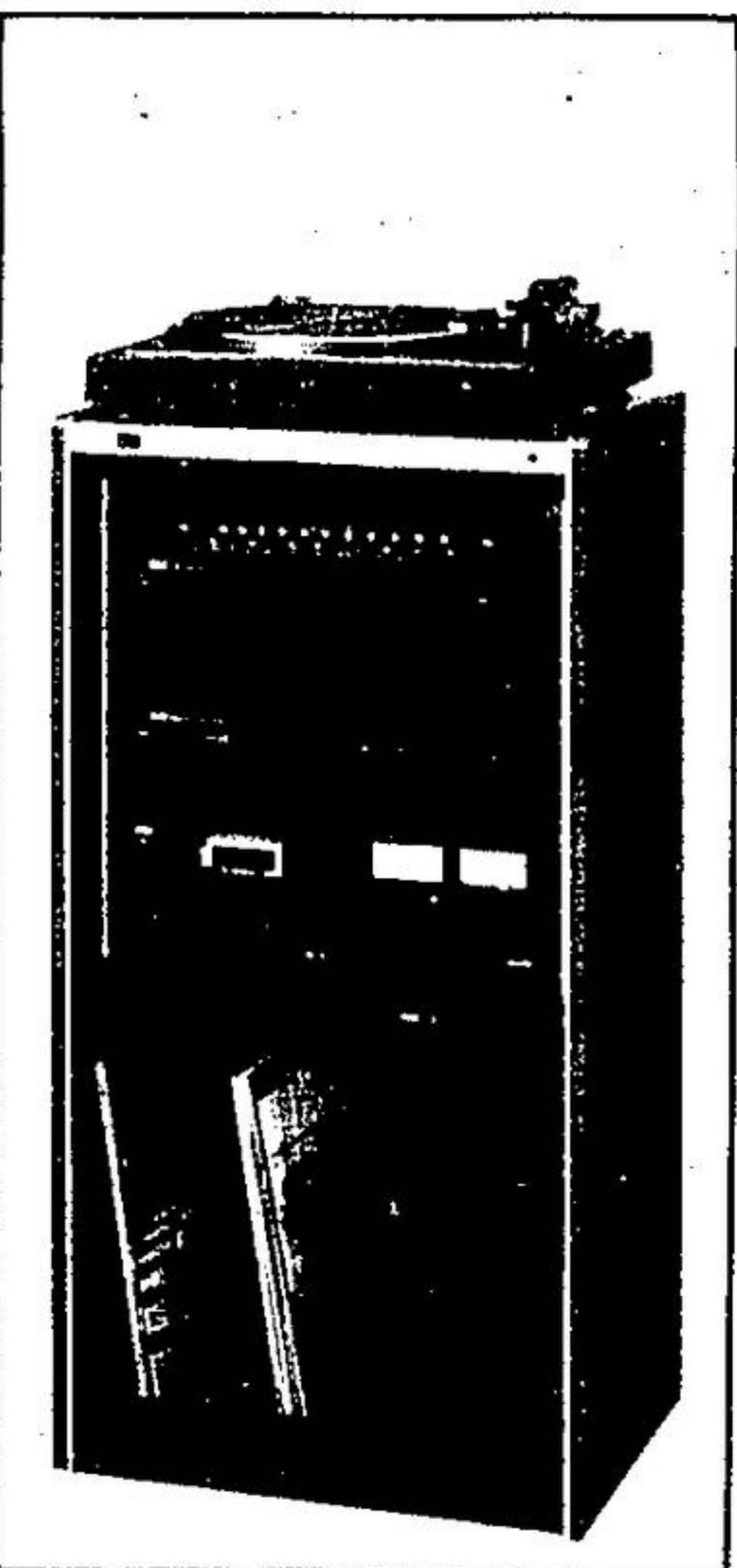
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