

Tropical's in Silk offers the next thing to real

Not everyone has a green thumb. Not everyone has the time or energy to water house or office plants. Sometimes a building just isn't suitable for growing and plants have to be replaced on a regular basis.

A new business called Tropical's in Silk is here to rescue those with plant problems. Two Georgetown ladies, Louise Steley and Pat Jones, have teamed up to introduce silk flowers and plants to the community.

The neighbors started their business venture in March and since then, they've been busy creating "silk foliage" creations for homes and offices.

There are a number of advantages to artificial flowers and plants, the ladies say.

They are virtually maintenance free, ideal for low light situations and aren't affected by changes in temperature or humidity.

The realistic-looking plants are usually made of silk and polyester and are heat and fade resistant.

The businesswomen are stressing to customers that plants can have a

positive psychological effect on people. Much of their business has come from business or restaurants. Tropical's in Silk can offer a wide range of plants, including trees and flowering bushes. You have to see the product to believe how life-like it is.

The business is run from their homes on Danridge Crescent in Georgetown. The first step is to make an appointment with a business, building group or homeowner and find out what their customer is looking for. Estimates are free and the duo have a portfolio for viewing. Their phone number is 877-9609.

Sometimes, a landscape designer will tell them exactly what type of plants, bushes, trees and flowers they want. Otherwise, the women put together an arrangement based on what the customer has told them about their needs.

The business offers competitive prices compared to the Toronto area. They believe in putting together quality arrangements us-

ing quality materials. Plants, small in size, range in price from \$20-\$80, depending on the greens and pots used. For the large trees used in commercial settings, the price ranges from \$70-\$300 depending on the height.

Pat and Louise look around for the type of materials to suit their client. The "silk foliage" isn't bought ready-made. Tropical's in Silk must put together the stems, leaves and green, buy the pots and arrange the plant.

Pat Jones used to work in a florist shop for four years and Louise is a graduate of a design course.

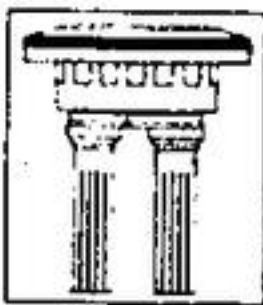
Artificial plants are more realistic than they used to be because of the materials being used, the co-owners say. The market for their product is growing rapidly. They deal with about eight different wholesalers to find just the right material for their clients.

The neighbors have known each other for about the past five years. They consider their business "fun" and "like a craft".

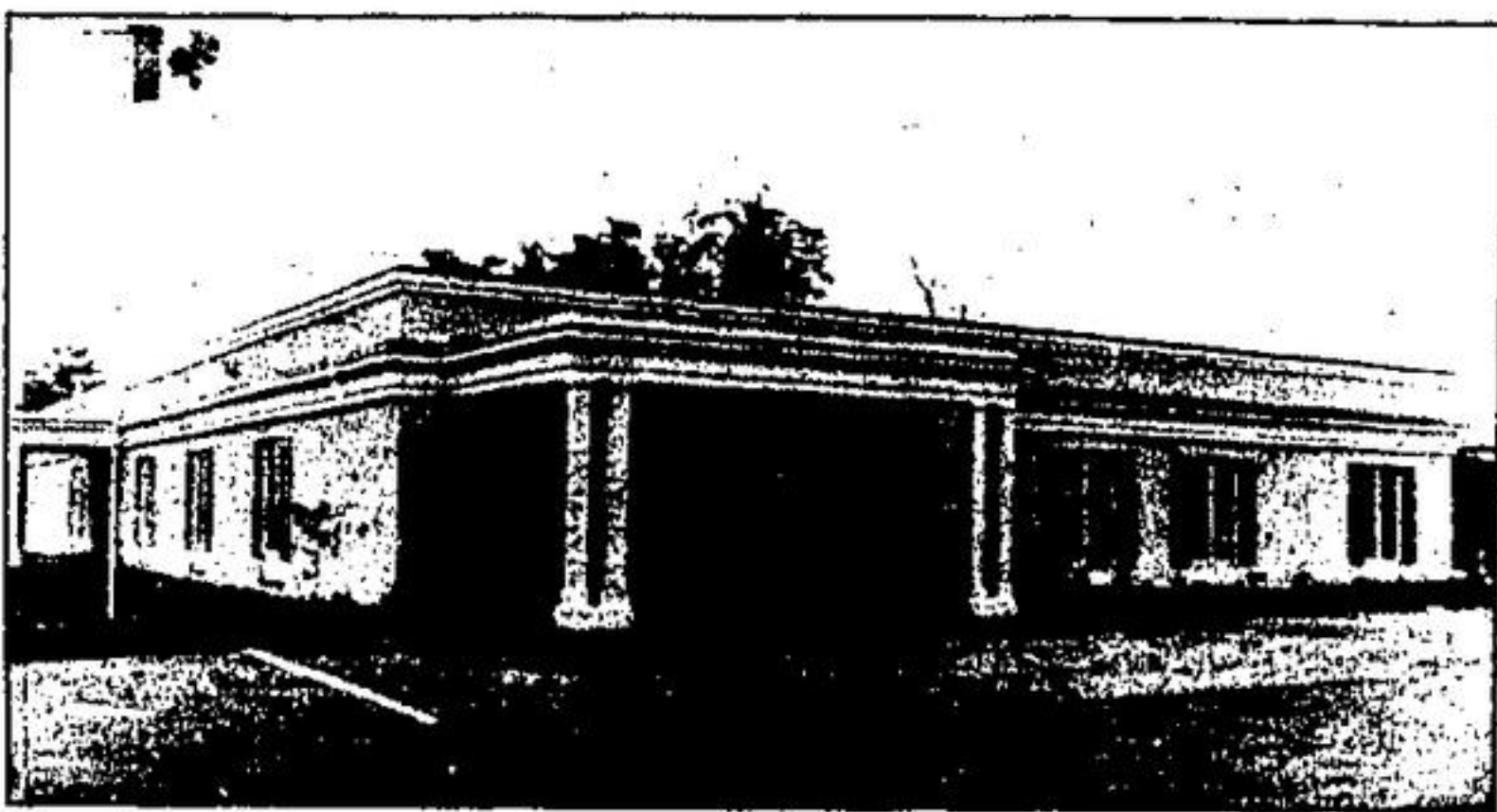


PLANTING ROOTS—Two Georgetown neighbors have started to distinguish from the real thing. Seen here are the owners, (from left) Louise Steley and Pat Jones, with provide homes or offices with a variety of "silk foliage" that's hard to distinguish from the real thing. (Herald photo)

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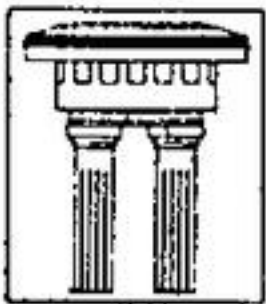


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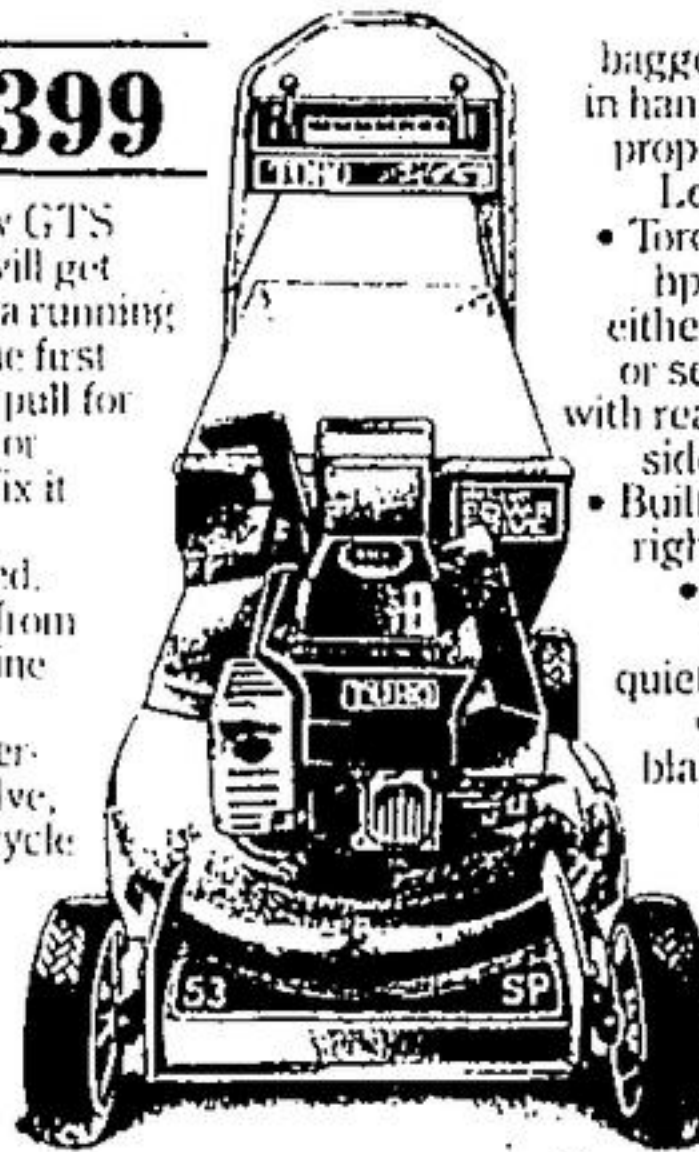
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