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Unionville dentist leaves 'em smilin'

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Although most mothers always insisted that their offspring diligently brush three times a day, strong healthy teeth don't always add up to an attractive smile.

However, a recent development in cosmetic dentistry using molds and porcelain can turn ugly teeth into a fabulous smile.

David Dudley, a Unionville dentist, has been using the veneer technique since last fall. He has treated several patients and said that all have been pleased with their veneers.

"We don't have to reduce the tooth, the cost is more reasonable and there's no freezing," he said, comparing the veneers to capping (a

technique in which the bad tooth is filed down to a post and a crown is fitted onto it).

Dr. Dudley said the technique is being used more often.

"I've done more in the last month than in the past six or seven months," he said.

"Nobody is disappointed with the work afterwards," he added, "that's the nice thing."

Shaw Laboratories, a Toronto firm which supplies dental equipment, is the sole supplier of Chameleon porcelain veneers in Canada. The veneers are thin porcelain facings which are cemented onto the fronts of individual teeth to enhance their appearance.

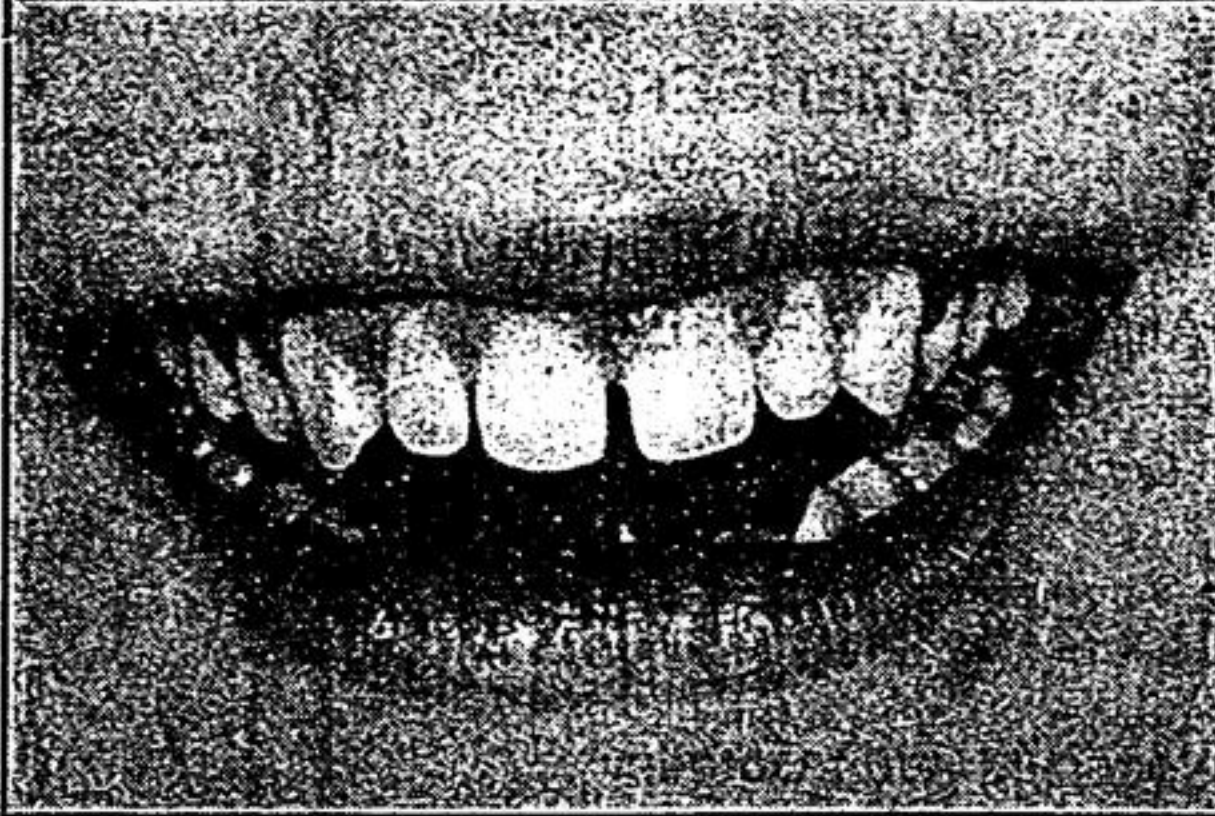
The process takes two

visits to the dentist's office. During the first appointment, a soft rubber impression of the patient's teeth are taken.

This mold is filled with plaster resulting in an exact replica of the teeth. Liquid porcelain is painted onto the model to improve imperfections on the teeth. The solution is brushed on so lightly that there is almost no noticeable difference in the thickness of each tooth.

John Williams, a technical consultant at Shaw, said the veneers are about half the thickness of a dime. "Even dentists have a hard time observing them in place," he said.

His job is to inform dentists of this relatively new process. He has attended 220 operations and holds



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seminar presentations and visits dentists in their offices.

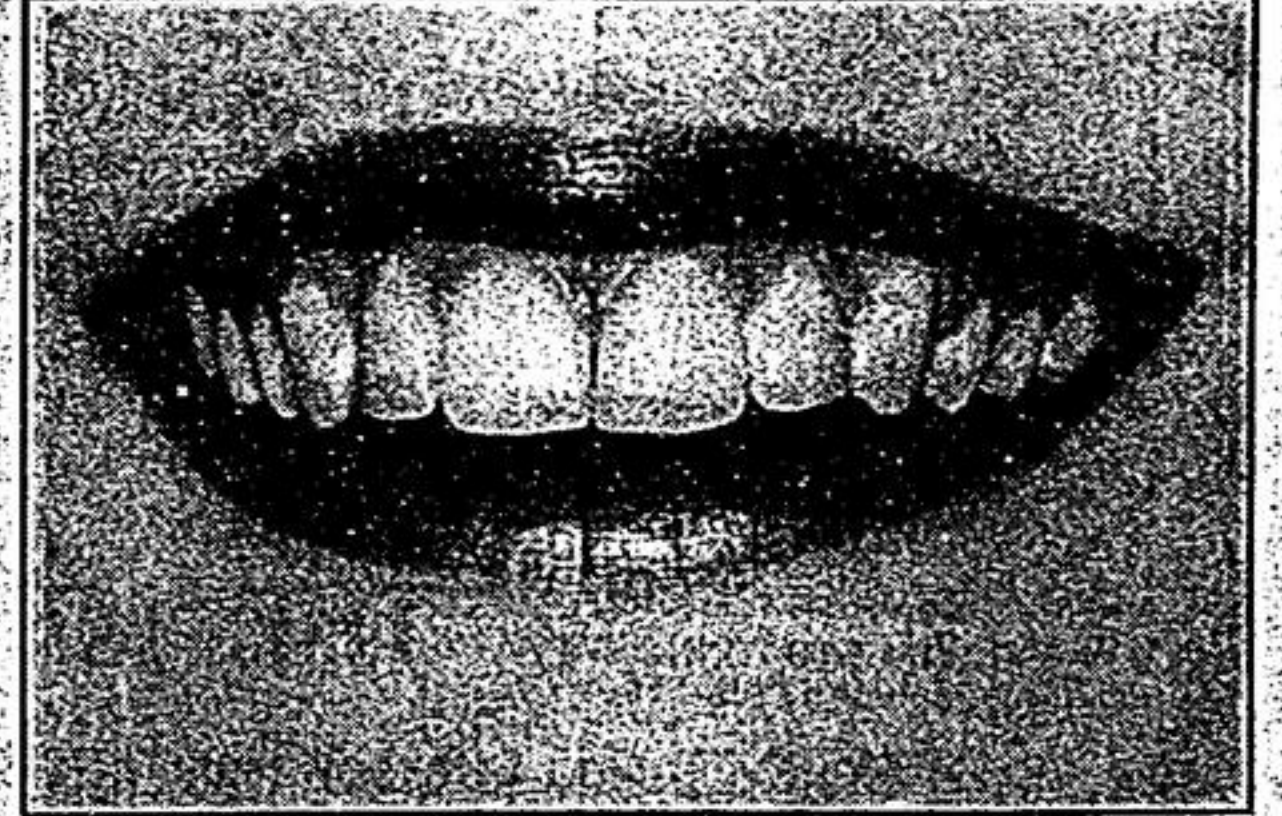
When the veneers are complete, they are fired in

much the same way as pottery or ceramics, and are removed from the plaster cast.

On the patient's second visit, the facings are cemented onto the front of each tooth with a bond that will withstand up to 2,000 pounds of pressure per square inch.

The process is done without freezing or drilling the teeth, although in some cases the teeth may have to be shaped slightly. It takes about an hour to apply two veneers, and up to two hours to have all six visible front teeth restored.

Until this technique came about, the best a dentist could do was cap unsightly teeth. But a single cap can cost up to \$700. Porcelain



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veneers cost between \$175 and \$200 per tooth.

Mr. Williams said the Ontario Dental Association has included a suggested price for veneers in next year's price schedule. He said the price will go up to about \$275 per facing.

He added that they are stainless, easily tolerated by the gums, and are more durable than the teeth's natural enamel.

Among the conditions improved by veneers are spaces between teeth, uneven teeth and even permanent stains such as those that can be caused by the drug tetracycline.

"I have a Hollywood mouth," said Melanie Scarr, one of Dr. Dudley's patients. "I'm getting looks

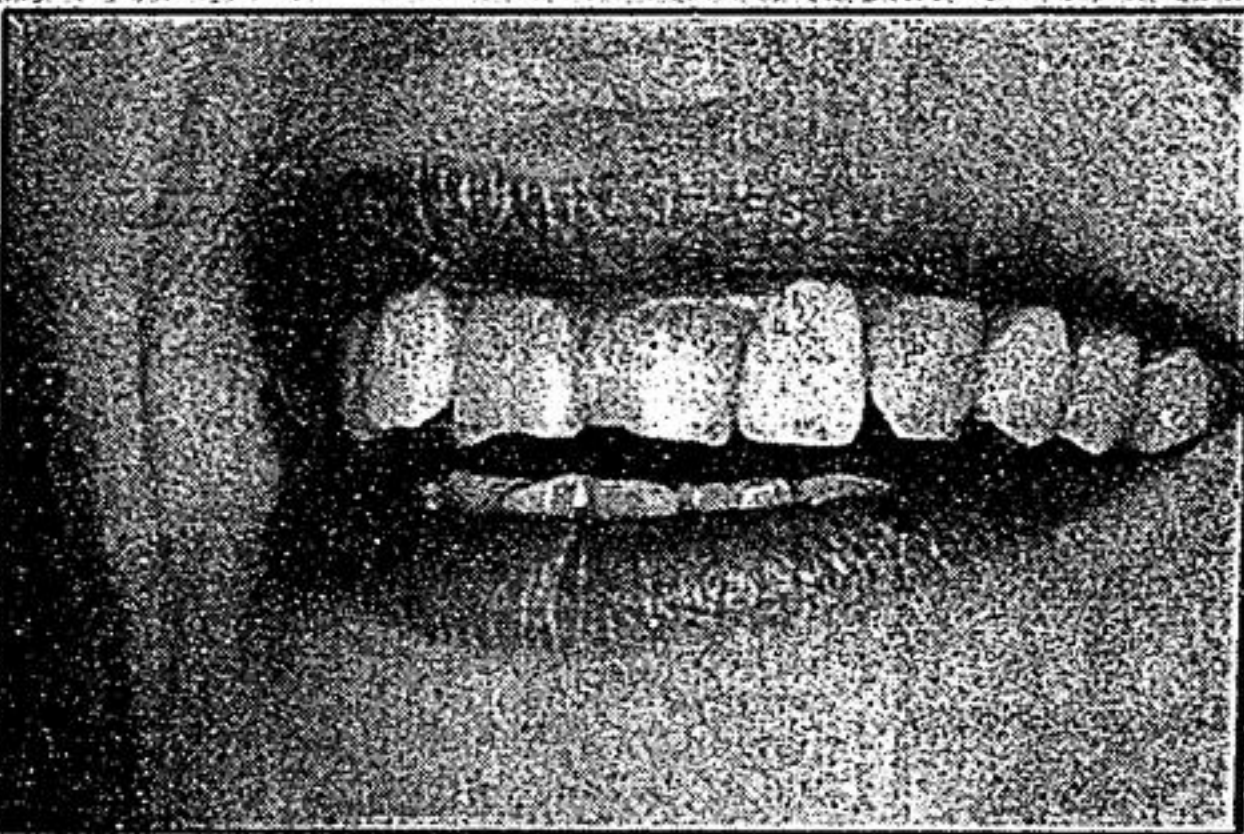
from men and women alike."

Ms. Scarr is an actress and explained that any tiny flaw in her appearance is magnified by television cameras.

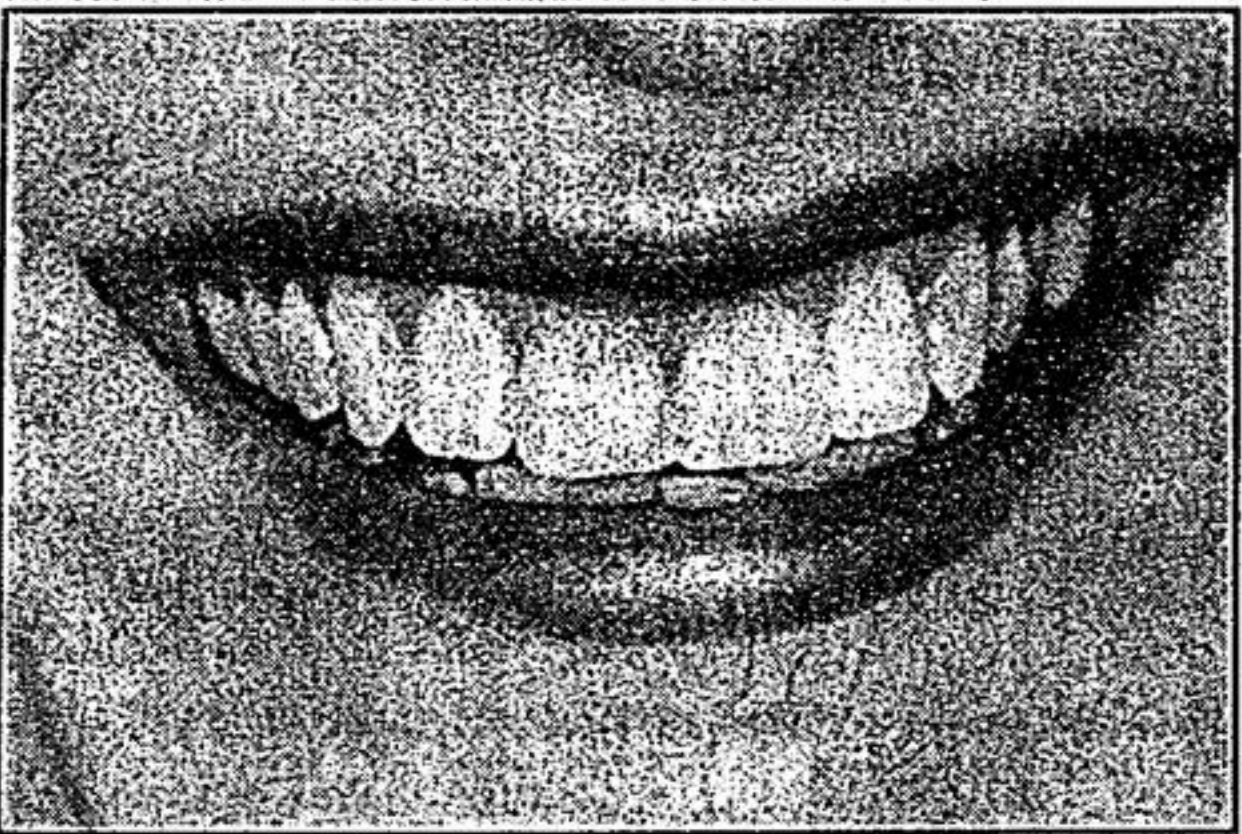
"On T.V. a little gap looks like a canyon," she said, admitting that she had nice teeth before laying veneers on her eye teeth. "In real life it didn't mean a lot, but on camera the difference is like night and day."

Ted Bonham, a Unionville resident said the restoration is "definitely worth the money."

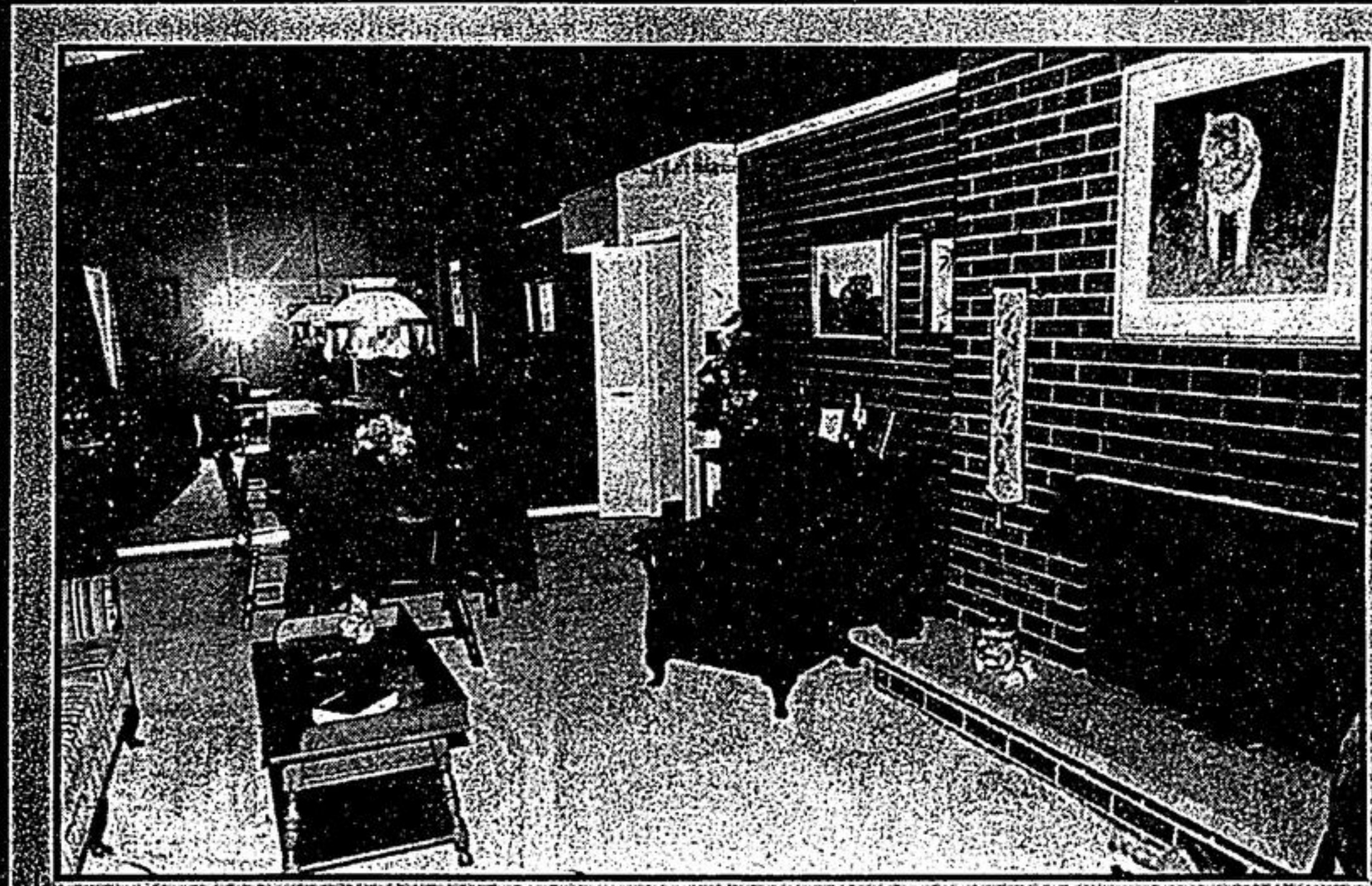
He explained that the day he had it done he was out doing the lawn when his wife drove in the driveway. "She could see the difference from inside the car about 20 feet away," he concluded.



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Home of the Week

Markham home on one-acre site

This custom built bungalow located at 15 Ridgevale Dr. in Markham has been chosen as our Home of the Week.

The home, situated on a one-acre lot, was built by Carl Keiffer in 1968 with an addition in 1982.

The combination living room/dining room has a cathedral pine ceiling and a large bay window. One end wall is covered with smoked glass mirrors. A see-through fireplace with copper hood is set into the brick wall. Included is the three-speed ceiling fan and the handcrafted white wool broadloom.

The kitchen, which opens to the family room, has

oak cupboards with a hostess bar, complete with brass rail and bar stools. Included is the double door refrigerator with ice maker, the corning-top stove and self-cleaning oven, the dishwasher and a microwave oven.

The family room also has a cathedral ceiling and ceiling fan. Floor to ceiling triple glazed windows brighten the room. There is also a walk-out to a cedar deck in the backyard.

The 23 foot by 23 foot cedar deck has a newly installed hot tub with gas heater.

The combination laundry room/sewing room in-

cludes a freezer, a washer and a dryer. There are also several built-in wall cupboards and a double sink. A large picture window brightens the room. The first bedroom is 11 feet by 14 feet and has a built-in desk, while the second bedroom is 11 feet by 11 feet and has two built-in desks. Both have access to a five-piece bathroom with ceramic tiles.

The larger master bedroom comes complete with a built-in dresser, a walk-in clothes closet with shelving, a three-piece ensuite and a walk-out to the cedar deck.

The oversized double garage is insulated and dry-

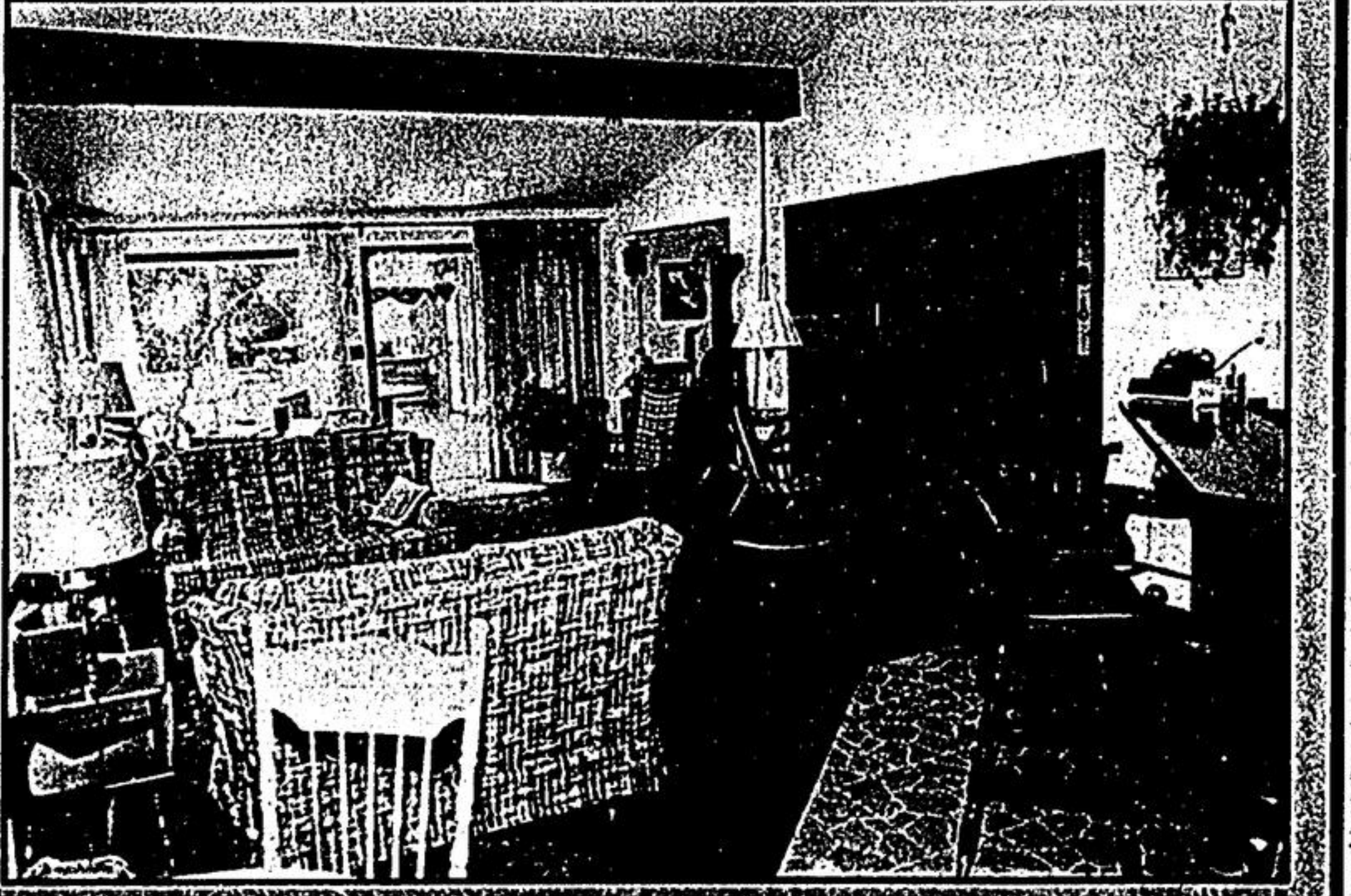
walled. A cedar door has recently been installed along with a new concrete floor. The automatic garage door opener is included.

Extra features included are the monitor security system, all appliances, all drapes and the broadloom where laid.

The asking price for this home, loaded with extras, is \$294,500. The home is listed with Century 21 Armour Real Estate Inc., on Wellington St. in Markham. For further information, contact the listing agent Barbara Raffensperger at 294-2533 or 294-2001.



The kitchen has oak cupboards with a hostess bar, complete with brass rail and bar stools. Conveniences include a refrigerator, the corning-top stove and self-cleaning oven, the dishwasher and a microwave oven.



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