

Walter Campbell (left) and the manager of Uxbridge's Gingerbread Gallery, Lynn Rhodes, display a print of the new Campbell painting, Chateau St. Lawrence. Ms. Rhodes organized a recent Christmas party to introduce the latest of the artist's watercolor collection. — Chris Shanahan

Walter Campbell

Artist's victorian charm

Walter Campbell's latest painting effectively captures the Victorian charm that has become his working trademark.

Entitled Chateau St. Lawrence, the watercolor was featured Nov. 24 at the artist's Gingerbread Gallery in Uxbridge.

The 34-year-old Mr. Campbell's dry brush paintings display an interesting Victorian building as their focal point. In Chateau St. Lawrence, the subject is an ornate Quebec mansion overlooking the St. Lawrence River. The theme is "Winter in the Country." Another recent release, "Sum-

mer Memories, portrays Bowmanville's stately McArthur House.

Both paintings are available in a limited edition of 350 prints (\$125 each) and in a smaller series of artist proofs.

"I try to catch a little of the charm and character of the old Victorian structures," the self-taught artist explained in an interview earlier this year.

Mr. Campbell's happy with his present surroundings and says he and gallery manager Lynn Rhodes, an Uxbridge native, hope to settle in the area. They're now

based in an apartment behind Uxbridge's Strawberry Threads shop, 80 Brock Street West, which serves as a gallery, studio and living quarters.

According to text prepared by Ms. Rhodes, "Walter Campbell's paintings are a delightful pot-pourri of realism and illusion, history and fantasy: a Victorian day-dream come to life with a little bit of watercolor paint, an inspiring subject and a lot of creative imagination."

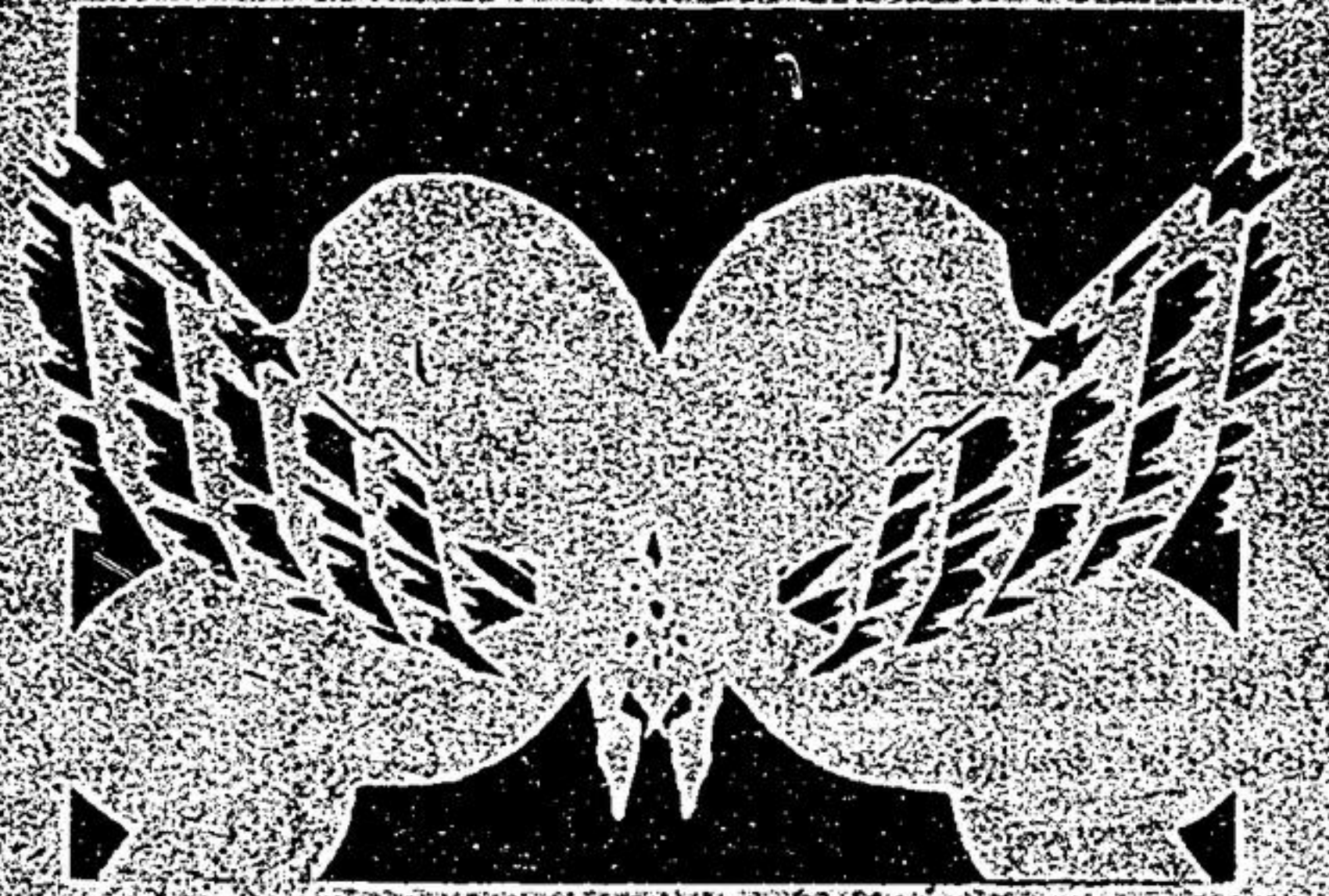
Other recent Campbell subjects are the Quaker Hill (Uxbridge Township) and Markham Road coach houses.

Auditions all set

Auditions for Uxbridge Play-ers' next stage presentation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 11. The session begins at 7:30 p.m. in Uxbridge Music Hall. Advance ticket orders are now being accepted for the Feb. 7 and 8 performances of Blithe Spirit, directed by Steve Ballantine. The theatre group welcomes new actors and production assistants. For more information contact publicity director Mary Bolter at 852-7320.

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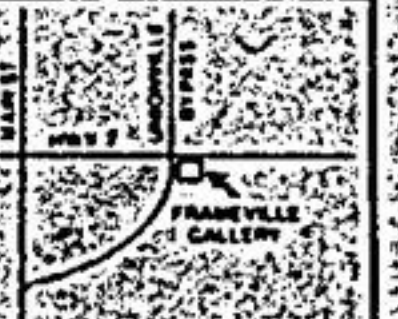


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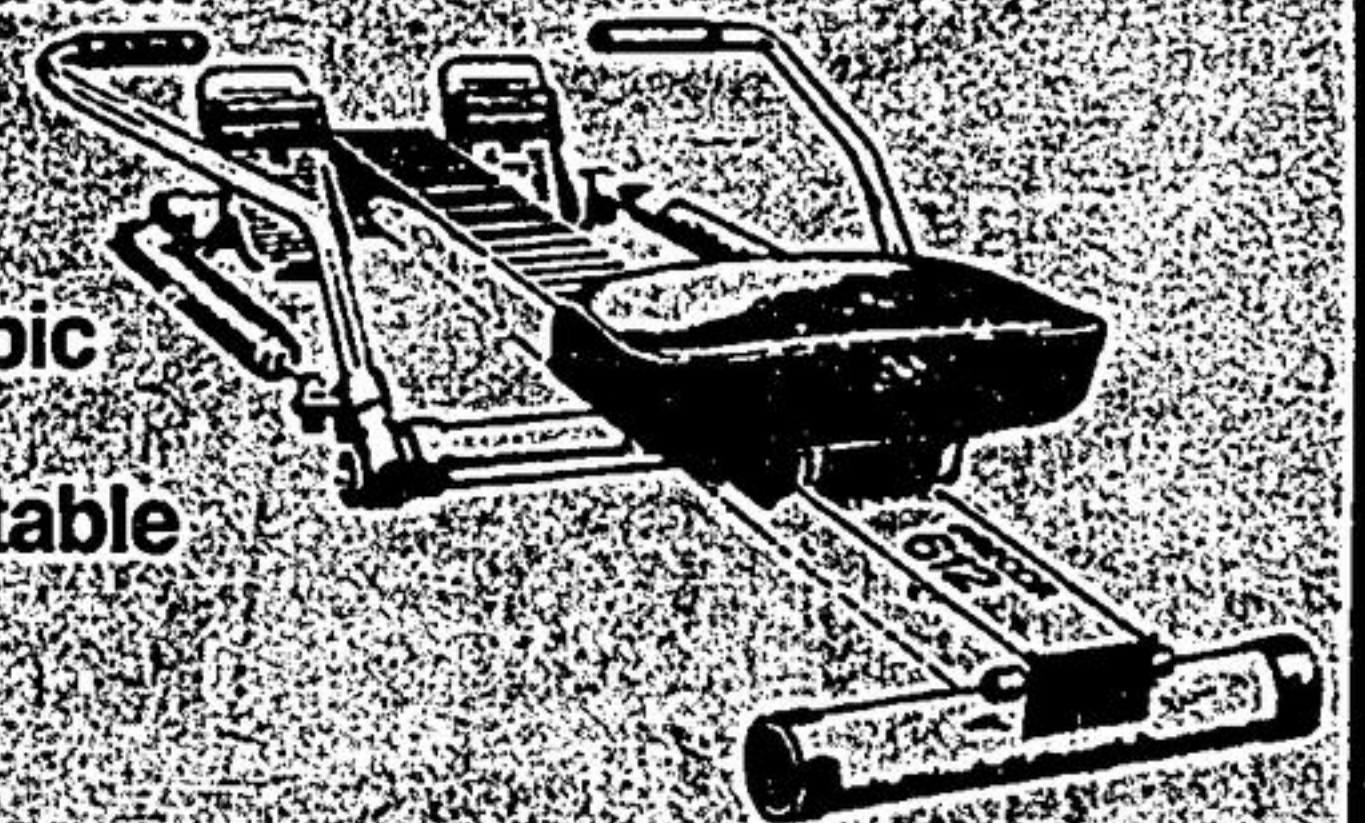
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