

# Century 21

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Green N' Growing

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## Plants add to indoor enjoyment

A love of nature is deeply planted in our hearts. It is a part of our lives whether outdoors or in. We are addicted to it.

Flowering and foliage plants provide green freshness indoors and we revel in the vitality of their everchanging characteristics. Tending them is therapeutic, too, for cares temporarily cease.

Plants are exciting decorating tools as they truly smack with the ability to transform, accent and bring interiors alive.

### It isn't a palm

If you've been on the lookout for a foliage plant that is capable of giving a touch of the unusual to decor, or add spice to flavor a collection, perhaps consideration should be given to a palm that isn't—the exotic Sago Palm (*Cycas Revoluta*). And, as a dividend, you don't have to be a seasoned expert to grow one.

This palm-like plant is unique because of its stubby base (which sits on top of the soil and holds water to sustain it in dry periods) that looks somewhat like a pineapple. It's sure to give a tropical air to patios when allowed to summer outdoors in a sheltered spot.

Arching upwards and outwards from this rust-colored tank are feather-shaped, stiff, needle-like foliage. It grows year 'round when light is sufficient, but grow this relatively slow and often, only a few glossy green leaves are produced annually. It will suffer in a poor exposure so give an abundance of curtain-filtered sunlight or extremely bright indirect light.

### Medium humidity

Medium humidity, normal room temperatures, good drainage and moderate waterings are preferred. To avoid the "kiss of death", allow the top 3/4 inch or so of soil to dry before a thorough watering and give slightly less moisture than normal in winter because of the lower light intensity.

Feed monthly and repot one size larger only when essential—perhaps every few years. This handsome plant can achieve a 3' height with a 5' spread over many years and as an indoor accessory, it will make a statement to a room.

### HELPFUL HINTS:

Avoid aches and pains later by using a big shovel as a sled when moving heavy bags of soil, fertilizer, large plants, etc.

Soil is often helped from getting under fingernails if the nails are scraped along a bar of soap before starting garden chores. Tuck the end of a facecloth in a pant pocket or belt for wiping messy hands.

An old potato peeler is dandy for weed removal between patio slabs.



**REDUCED! REDUCED**  
Charming older home on Main St. Markham, corner lot, 66'x132'. Close to GO Transit & shops. Lorraine Harman, 294-2533.

#1 \$189,900



**SUNSET BLVD.**  
Executive home features greenhouse kit., fam. rm. with fireplace, 5 bdrms., 3 baths, walkouts & pool. Lorraine Harman, 294-2533.

#2 \$173,900



**SPECIAL INDEED!**  
Trees & privacy are yours in this 2-storey home on one acre in the country. Call for details. Lorraine Harman, 294-2533.

#3 \$123,500



**CLAREMONT COUNTRY**  
Rare offering, 10 room house, 3 f/p. 10+ acres abutting Glen Major, offering miles of riding trails, skiing, hiking; 3 stall barn. K. Lackie, 294-2533.

#4 \$350,000



**BEST OF BOTH WORLDS**  
Country living on an acre of pines - estate homes, 5 mins. Main St., custom-blt. home. Helen Buell, 294-2533.

#5 \$325,000



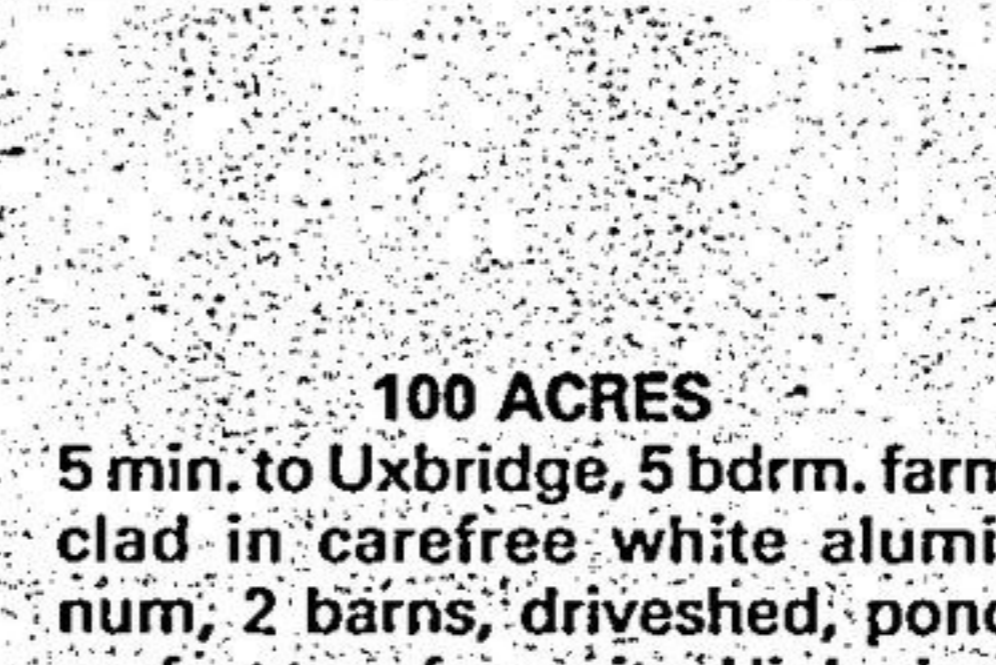
**ENJOY THE POOL NOW  
SELL IT LATER**  
3 br. home on large lot with in-ground pool, master bdrm. on main floor, many extras. Call Fred Crawford, 294-2533.

#6 \$179,900



**AFFORDABLE TEMPTATION!**  
Appealing bungalow, 200' pvt. lot! Large living rm., eat-in kitchen, 2 fireplaces! Barbara Rafensperger, 294-2533.

#7 \$164,500



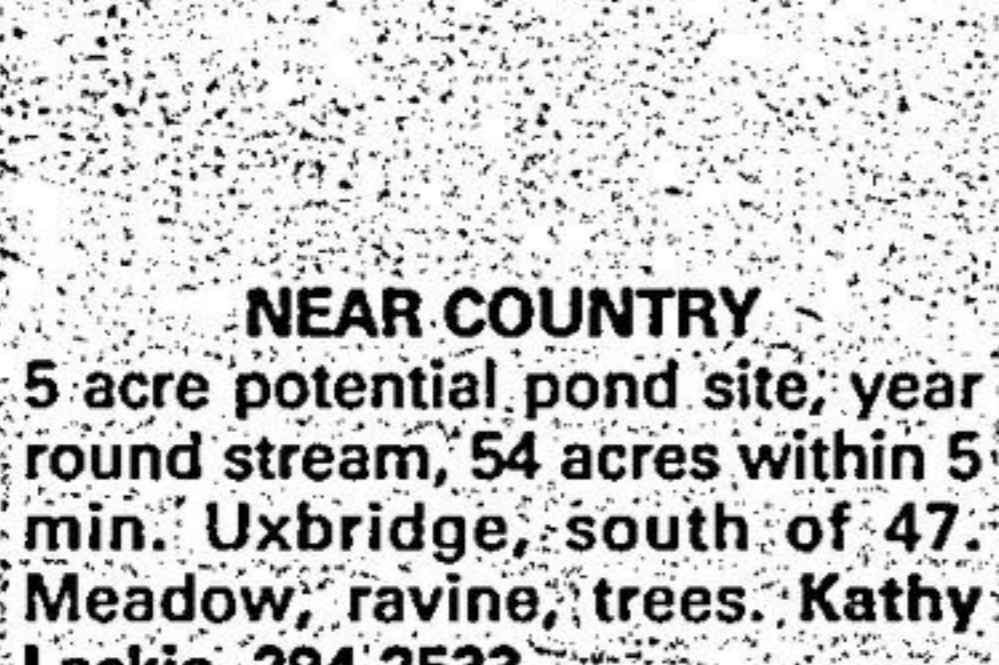
**100 ACRES**  
5 min. to Uxbridge, 5 bdrm. farm clad in carefree white aluminum, 2 barns, driveshed, pond perfect tree farm site. High view to east: Lovely, Vici Dale-Herra.

#8a \$189,000



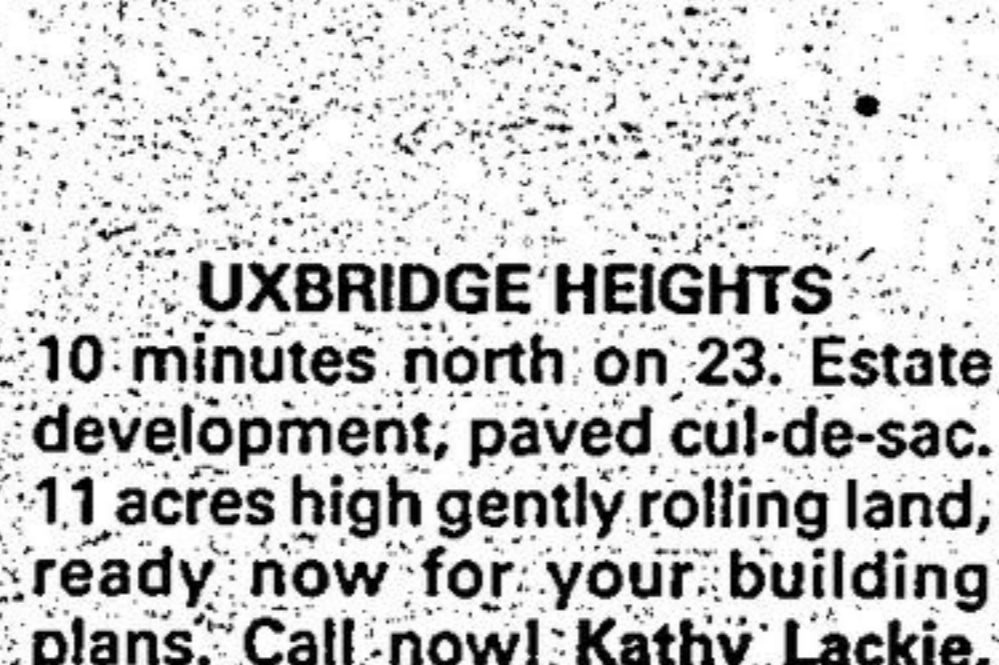
**UNIQUE! UNIQUE!  
IN UNIONVILLE**  
4 bdrm., exec. 2 storey, finished rec/games, pool rms., kitchen delight, what a lot! CAC. Jennie Cook/Don Hamilton, 294-2533.

#10 \$289,900



**NEAR COUNTRY**  
5 acre potential pond site, year round stream, 54 acres within 5 min. Uxbridge, south of 47. Meadow, ravine, trees. Kathy Lackie, 294-2533.

#9 \$109,000



**UXBRIDGE HEIGHTS**  
10 minutes north on 23. Estate development, paved cul-de-sac. 11 acres high gently rolling land, ready now for your building plans. Call now! Kathy Lackie, 294-2533.

#9a \$55,000



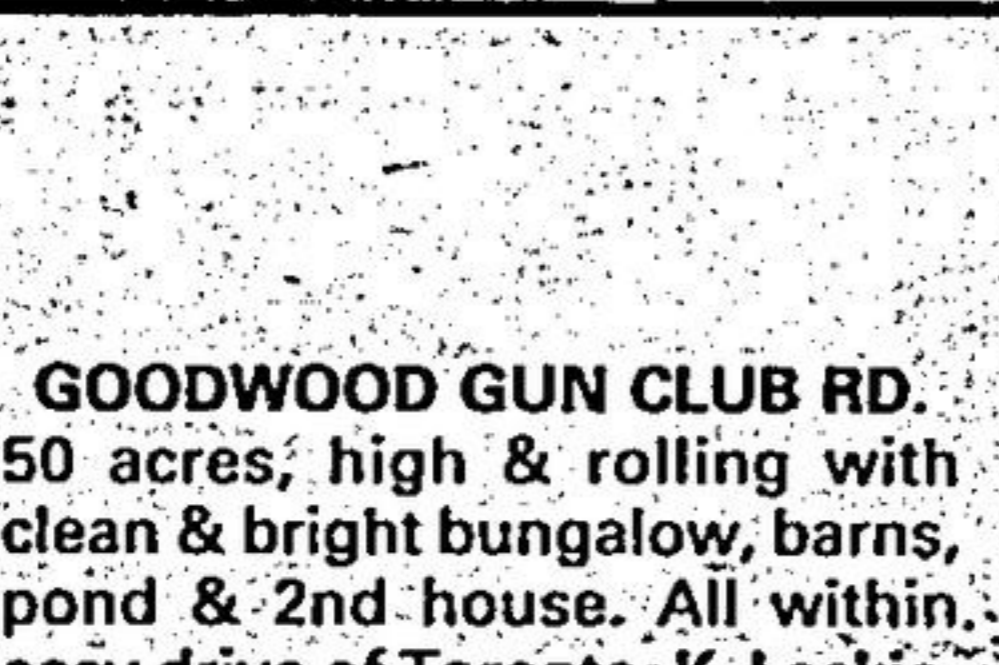
**TOO BEAUTIFUL TO LAST!**  
4 bdrms., main flr. fam/laun. rms. Interlock brick drive, treed lot, steps to park. Call Don Hamilton/Jennie Cook, 294-2533.

#11 \$184,900



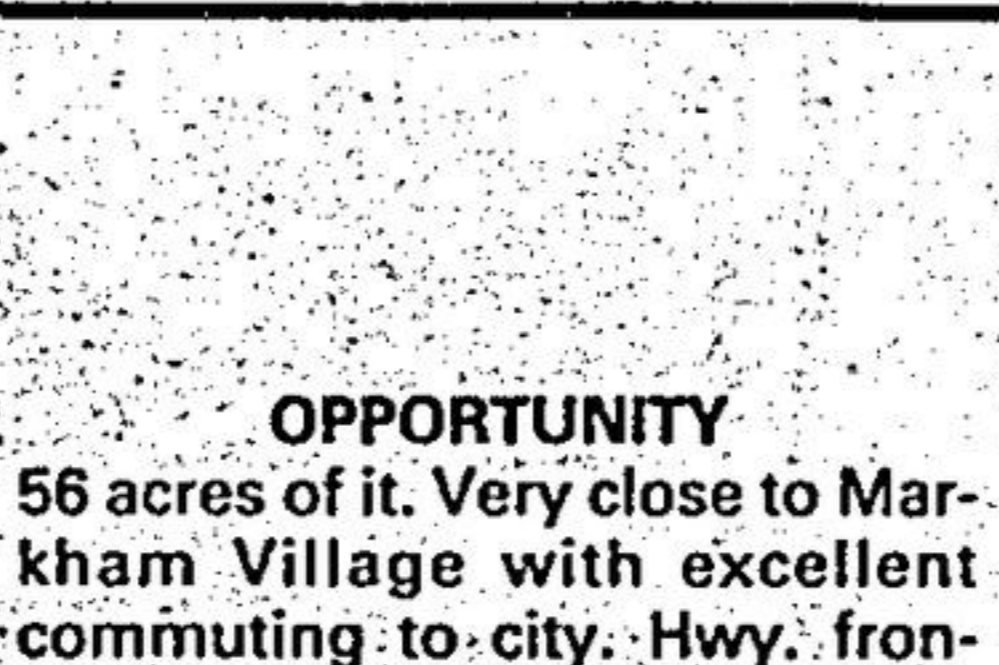
**SMASHING CUSTOM  
HOME**  
Skylights, sunken family room, huge master with 2nd fireplace, walkout basement to private yard. Call Nancy Ethier, 294-2533.

#13 \$232,000



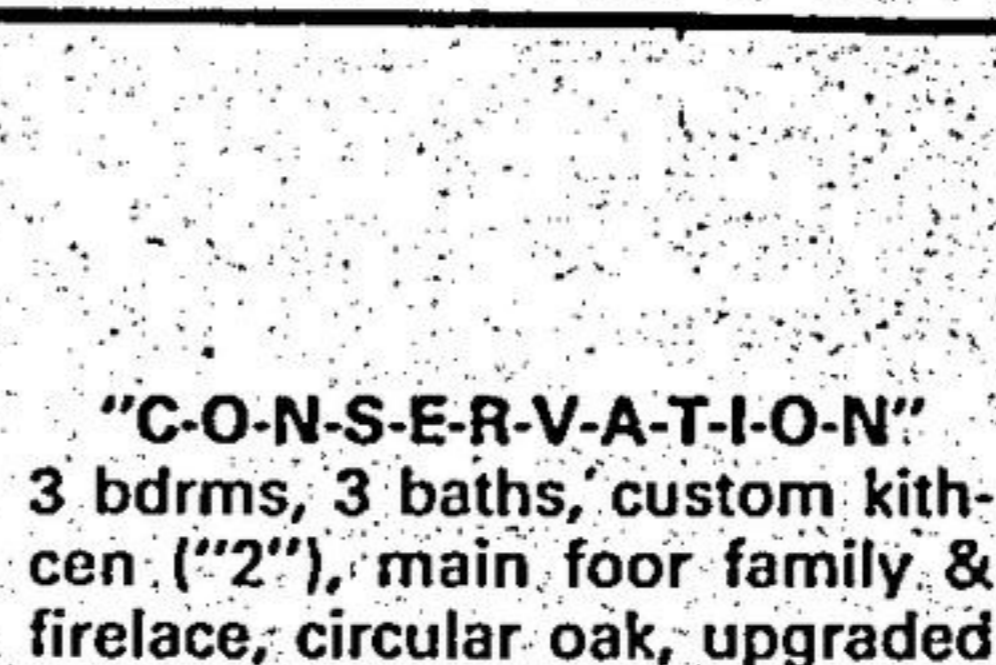
**GOODWOOD GUN CLUB RD.**  
50 acres, high & rolling with clean & bright bungalow, barns, pond & 2nd house. All within easy drive of Toronto. K. Lackie, 640-5300.

#8 \$260,000



**OPPORTUNITY**  
56 acres of it. Very close to Markham Village with excellent commuting to city. Hwy. frontage. Call Jan Frisby, 294-2533.

#12 \$459,000



**"C-O-N-S-E-R-V-A-T-I-O-N"**  
3 bdrms, 3 baths, custom kitchen ("2"), main floor family & fireplace, circular oak, upgraded brdm., t-r-e-e-s, t-r-e-e-s! Sylvia Houghton, 294-2533.

#21



**COUNTRY LIVING**  
"Bethesda Road" 10 acres, custom 2 storey, 4 bdrm, 3 bath, den & family & "Sunporch", 2 stall barn, pond, 10 min. to Mkm. Sylvia Houghton, 294-2533.

#20 \$475,000



**JUST LISTED**  
Park your "J-A-G" in the "Rose-dale of Markham", 3 fireplace, grand foyer & sweeping circular, greenhouse kitchen & w/o to deck. 60x110. Sylvia Houghton, 294-2533.

#22



**A "B-A-R-G-O-O-N"**  
In the heart of "M-a-r-k-h-a-m" 159' "t-r-e-e-d" private lot! Dream kitchen overlooks family rm, comb liv. & din with fireplace. Sylvia Houghton, 294-2533.

#23 \$169,500



**"Olde U-N-I-O-N-V-I-L-L-E"**  
A "22", 3 bdrms, 2 baths, "m-e-s-m-e-r-i-z-i-n-g", huge liv. & din & sunporch, eat-in kitchen, exquisite rec. room, 88x148' lot. Sylvia Houghton, 294-2533.

#24 \$169,500