

CARPET & VINYL FLOORING  
**MARKHAM DECORATING CENTRE**  
 CUSTOM DRAPERY • SHEWIN WILLIAMS • KEM PAINTS

**WALL PAPER 30% OFF**

**EVERY BOOK EVERY DAY**

Personal Shopping Only

82 Wellington St. West (Hwy. 7)

**294-9833**

MR. GROCER PLAZA

CUSTOM DRAPERY • SHEWIN WILLIAMS • KEM PAINTS • BEDSPREADS • SALES AND INSTALLATION OF CARPET & VINYL FLOORING

SALES AND INSTALLATION OF CARPET & VINYL FLOORING

# Uxbridge artist looking to future

By CHRIS SHANAHAN  
 Staff Reporter

Dave Ward launched his career as a professional artist after seeing the phenomenal success enjoyed by his contemporary Marc Barrie.

"Marc has been a really big influence. When I saw he could do it full time, I said 'what the heck, I can do it to.'" he says of his fellow Uxbridge Secondary School alumnus. "When I got out of high school and saw how well Marc was doing, that's what got me into it."

But after a hectic six-month stint in the saturated field of wildlife art, the 21-year-old Ward appears to be in a transitional stage.

Looking back on his first foray into the competitive art world, he says "it was a shame (wildlife) art had to be so commercial."

Mr. Ward still plans to become a full-time fine artist, probably within the next couple of years, but is now supplementing his income as a self-employed stock trader and commercial artist.

Wildlife — much of it observed in the Uxbridge area — was his initial subject matter, however Mr. Ward now focuses his ample talent almost exclusively on landscapes.

This summer, he's compiling a collection of about 10 pieces

for a fall display at Willowdale's Canada Fine Art gallery.

His work has already proven extremely marketable, with a typical original fetching about \$1,200. Mr. Ward also takes commissions and he's now trying to find time to do several of these.

So far the young artist has bucked trends and avoided releasing limited edition prints of his work — and he hopes to stick with originals as long as he can.

While many of his earlier wildlife renderings share Marc Barrie's high realism trademark, Mr. Ward's original acrylics have a distinctive appeal.

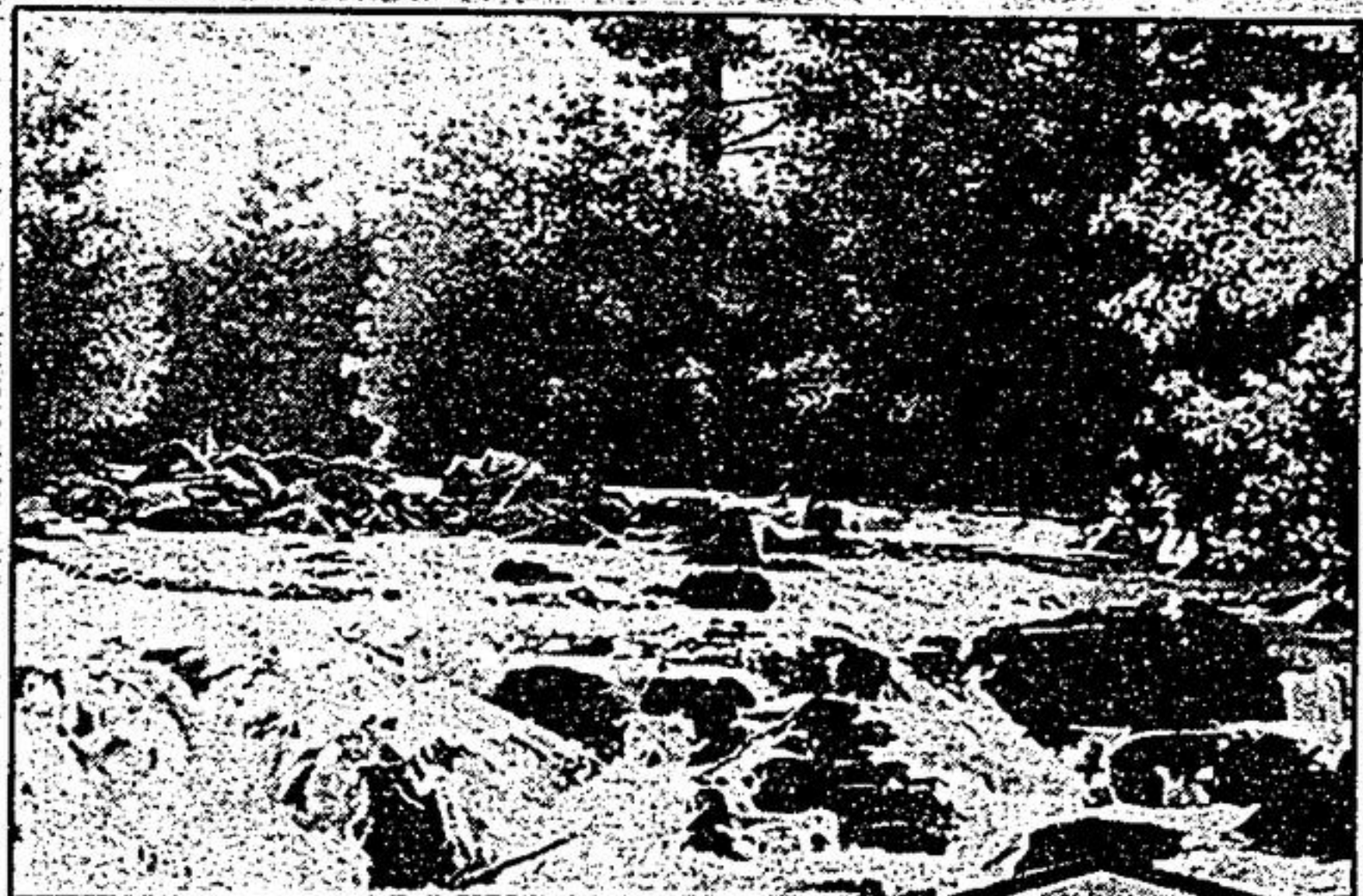
"I like to try and portray a mood although I don't like impressionism. I know there's a place for it, but I always go back to realism," explains the soft-spoken Ward, who works out of a basement studio in his parents' R.R. 1 Claremont home.

The largely self-taught artist uses sketches and photographs to help with detail, but avoids 'photo realism' because "a good painting is far superior to a good photograph."

According to the self-admitted naturalist: "I think art is something where you either have it or you don't."



Uxbridge Township artist Dave Ward is shown at work in a photograph taken by friend Quin Barrie, brother of another highly acclaimed area painter — Marc Barrie.



*inseparables*  
 A Pot-pourri of Fashion  
**CLEARANCE CONTINUES...**

AS MUCH AS **75% OFF**  
 Everything Must Go...

33 The Bridle-Trail  
 Unionville 477-3400



Bridle-Trail Shopping Centre

Culligan

**50TH ANNIVERSARY SAVINGS**  
**SAVE \$50.00**

TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONER OR DRINKING WATER SYSTEM.



ROD GENEREAUX

Water is our full-time business. We are local specialists backed by the world's leading maker of water treatment equipment.

Your local Culligan man

**"KEY CULLIGAN MAN!"**  
 DURHAM REGION YORK REGION  
 683-6332 887-9333

A vivid portrait of Algonquin Provincial Park's Barren River is a good example of the distinctive style of realism common in a Dave Ward landscape. Mr. Ward, who turns 22 next month, is a naturalist who paints from first-hand observations made during extensive field trips. One of his originals, featuring an owl, is currently on sale at Uxbridge's Select Art Galleries. During an earlier stint as a full-time artist, his work was displayed at Scene Canada Gallery in Markham.

WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR 2nd ANNIVERSARY

**MIKE'S BOOK STORE**

191 WELLINGTON ST. E., MARKHAM MALL, MARKHAM  
 JULY SPECIAL

**10% OFF** WITH THIS COUPON  
**294-4860**

**PRONTO MUFFLER CENTRE**

**MUFFLERS RADS GAS TANKS GUARANTEED**  
 36 WELLINGTON ST. EAST (HIGHWAY 7)  
**294-9476**

HOLIDAY VIDEO SERVICES

YOUR PERSONALIZED HOME VIDEO TAPING SERVICE

- Weddings ..... \$60.00 to \$300.00
- Sports Events...\$30.00 to \$60.00
- Parties.....\$30.00 to \$100.00
- Transfer old home movies and slides onto one easy playing video tape
- Give a video as a gift

ALL WORK IS FULLY GUARANTEED

LEX ABERNETHY 294-0593