

Carrie Garrett loves singing

Five years in Canada have done nothing to take the edge off Carrie Garrett's engaging Irish accent.

To talk to her for the first time is to think you have suddenly been transported to the land of the shamrock.

But when the congenial Dublin native-turned-Stouffville opens her mouth to sing, she unleashes a voice as controlled and powerful as her brogue is endearing.

Carrie is a mezzo soprano who loves nothing better than to wrap her well trained vocal chords around such classics as Ave Maria and Panis Angelicus.

As a young girl in primary school in Dublin, she remembers being taken in hand by a teacher with a musical bent, who had her up on the school stage doing solos at the age of five.

She starred in school musical productions throughout her primary and secondary school career, getting to perform her favourite numbers in such presentations as the Sound of Music, the Gondoliers, and the Machado.

From the age of 10, she was a perennial winner at Ireland's annual music festival, the Feif Ceoil, mesmerizing judges and audiences alike with her light opera offerings.

At the age of 12, she was put under the direction of noted blind Irish voice trainer Dan McNulty. So forceful was her voice she would always refuse to use a microphone when singing at weddings or in churches, which she was constantly being asked to do.

But as so often happens with talent of her kind, Carrie has put her singing on the back burner as she goes about the business of raising her two children, Suzanne and Sean.



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When the Garretts decided to come to Canada so husband Henry could take advantage of career opportunities here, Carrie found herself in a new setting where nobody was aware of her great gift.

However, son Sean is a chip off the old block, Carrie admits. The four year old is proving to be a real entertainer with an impressive voice, according to his mother.

As for Carrie's musical aspirations, the few people fortunate enough to hear her sing on this side of the ocean have been suitably impressed. It was while singing in a near empty Stouffville Legion Hall for family members who had come from Ireland for a visit that she was heard by an official of the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Carrie was asked to sing at the inaugural for the town's new council after the municipal election in 1991.

Last January, she was

approached by the town's recreation department to sing the national anthem at the annual Recognition of Athletes ceremony. She was back again this year, causing adults and kids alike to stand in awe as she delivered her resounding rendition of 'O Canada'.

Carrie admits to a certain frustration from not being able to put her voice to better use these days. She would love nothing better than to be able to sing at weddings and other formal functions, and hopes the opportunities will eventually come her way. She's not looking to make a career of it, preferring to sing simply for the fun of it for now. Ideally, she'd like to become part of a group of amateur singers looking to strut their stuff.

In the meantime, she sings to her children, as well as to the young tots she looks after during the day. The young ones love it, and have responded by becoming "the most musical children in Stouffville", according to Carrie. Youngsters, Carrie maintains, will listen to everything from Mozart to country, such is their openness to music of all kinds.

And no doubt, the little ones are also fascinated by the stories Carrie tells them in her wonderful Irish accent.

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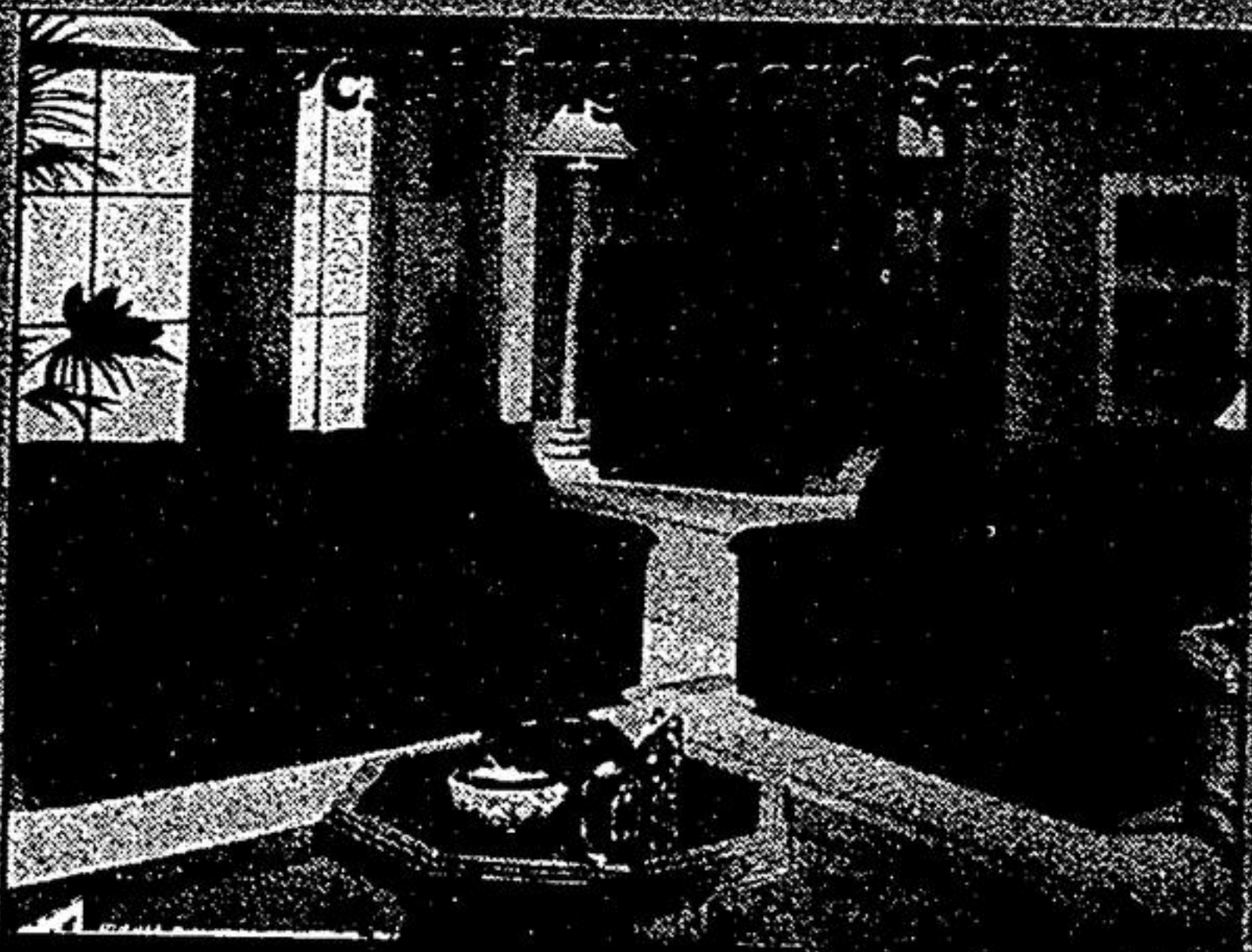
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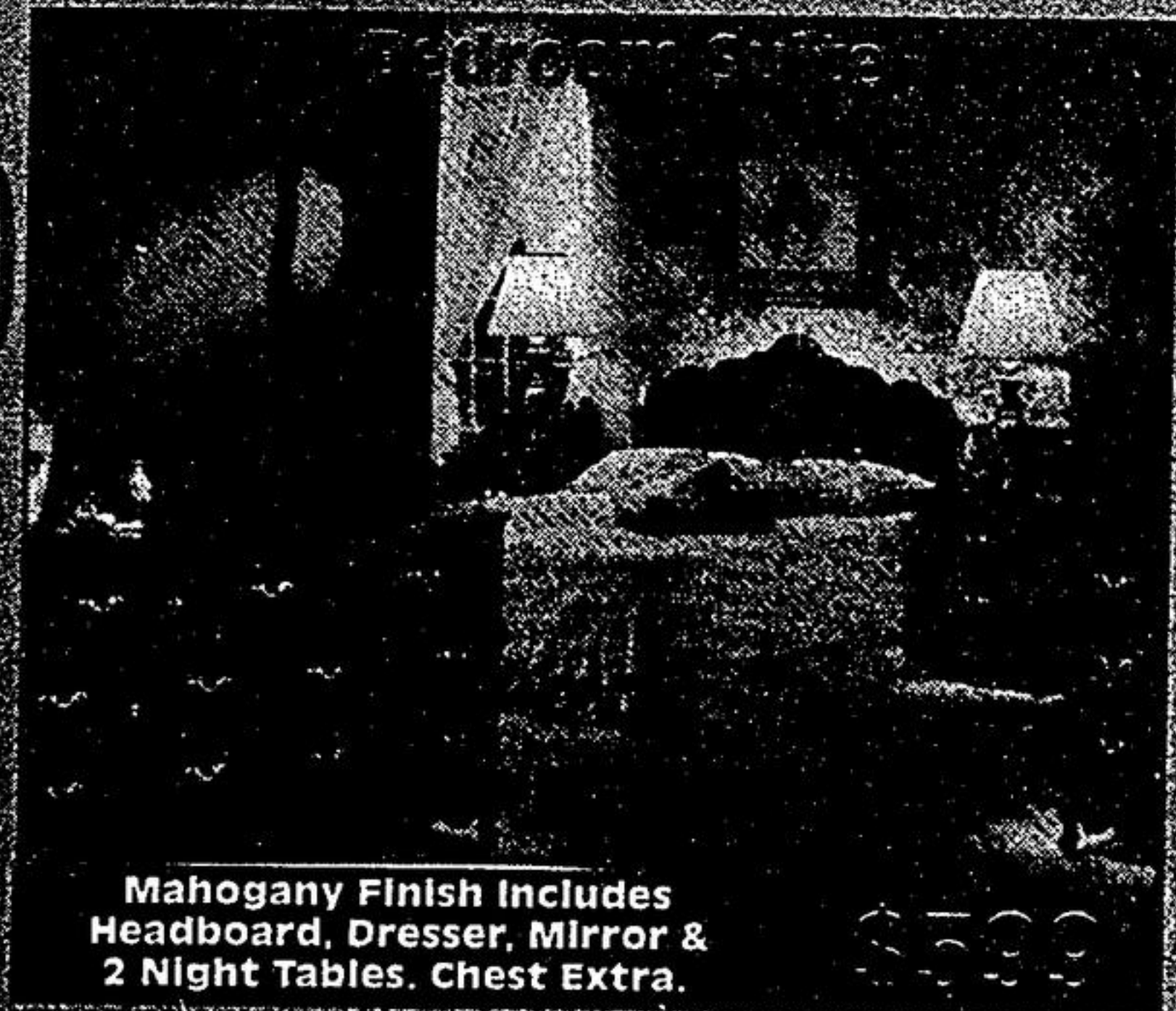
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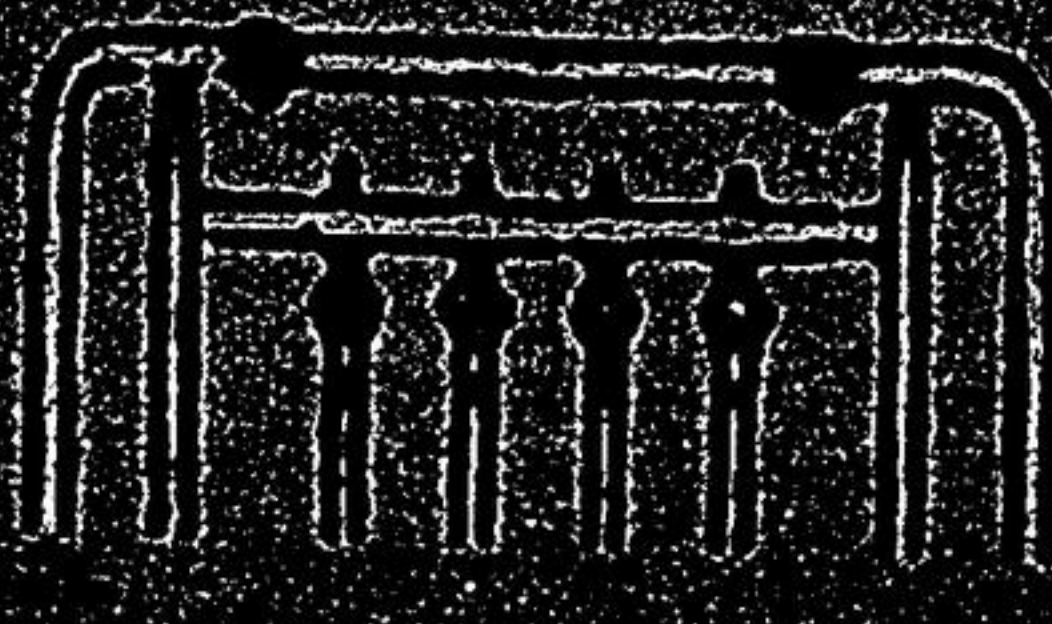
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