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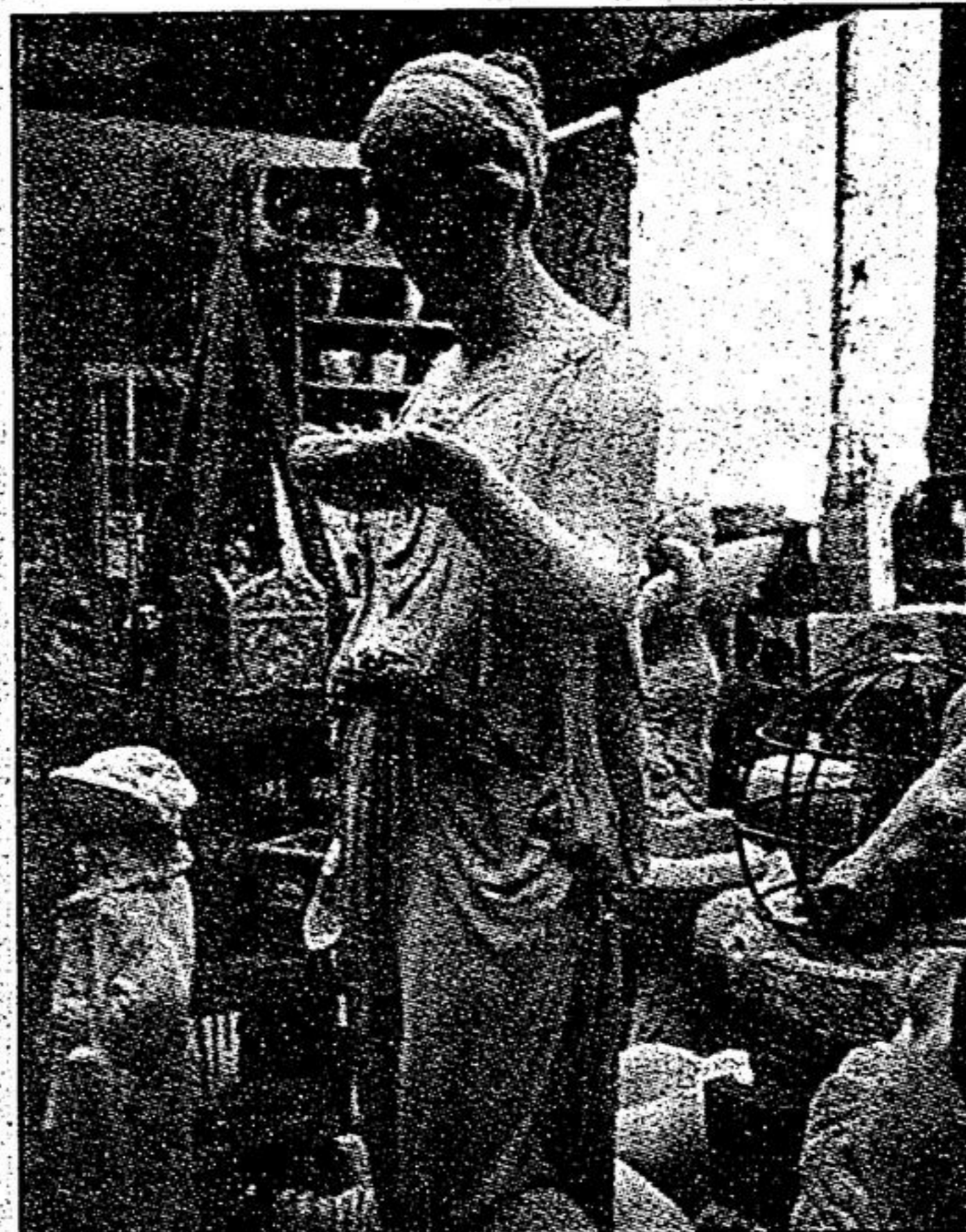
At Kate's Garden, we think of ourselves as gardeners and as "exterior" decorators. Our goal is to help you to create glorious gardens and beautiful outdoor rooms.

Kate's Garden is a Garden Décor shop located in the heart of Markham and Unionville, now in its fifth year of business. We source the world for unique garden décor and pride ourselves on featuring the work of garden-artisans from across Canada.

We host a wide variety of Gardening, Floral and Carpentry workshops throughout the year ... during the day, evenings and weekends too! During the months of May and June, we are offering 60 courses on 33 different topics, with all materials and refreshments included. The topics range from gardening, fresh and everlasting flower arranging to faux-finishing containers and garden carpentry. There are seventeen different courses on Container Gardening alone!

Another unique feature of Kate's Garden is our on-site carpentry workshop. We custom build arbours, trellises, potting stands, garden benches, window boxes ... you name it! We build them to spec ... and deliver and install them too!

We have a great team of Master Gardeners, a Custom Carpenter, Floral Designers, Exterior Decorators, Welders, Blacksmiths and Artists to help serve you. Our on-site reference library will help you to visualize and plan your garden. We also



have about a million ideas for garden-inspired interior decor and gardening gifts ... perfect for Mother's Day!

Please drop by and see us soon.  
Kate's Garden is located at the southwest corner of Highway 7 & McCowan in Markham ... just north of the 407.  
We are open from 9:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sundays.  
Phone 905-475-7674.

## Markham Furniture has moved to larger premises

Markham Furniture has moved to a larger facility, right across the street.

"We're excited to be expanding to larger premises," says Bill Rizk, owner of Markham Furniture. "The larger showroom will allow us to feature a wider range of furniture in a warm, inviting atmosphere."

### WHAT'S HOT IN FURNITURE?

Many of today's consumers are opting for compact designs in furniture. People who live in condos and smaller homes are choosing classic looking furniture that is visually appealing and practical for smaller living spaces.

"There is a trend toward retro these days," says Mr. Rizk. "We're seeing a return to the boxy-looking, tuxedo-style furniture of the fifties."

### OVER 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Prior to establishing Markham Furniture, Bill Rizk spent more than 13 years managing the Barrymore Furniture plant. With a total of 25 years experience in the furniture building industry, Mr. Rizk is committed to providing customers with superior quality and service at reasonable prices.

"Most of our employees have 25 years' experience, or more, and will deliver unbeatable quality," says Mr. Rizk.

### CUSTOMIZE YOUR SOFA

At Markham Furniture, customers choose from a variety of floor models in the showroom. Custom sofas and chairs are made to suit an individual's needs and tastes. Many choices of seating firmness (soft, medium or firm) are available, as well as deluxe, down and leather.

Skirt or different leg treatments are offered, as well as a variety of wood finishes. Most sofas can include a full arm or a T-cushion (recessed arms). Seat height to the floor can be adjusted at no additional cost.

### NEW FURNITURE BUILT ON THE PREMISES

Markham Furniture offers a great selection of furniture, of different styles and fabrics,



Markham Furniture is owned and operated by Bill Rizk former Barrymore Plant Manager

including sofa, mini sofa, loveseat, chairs/chaise lounges, wing chairs, Louis XV chairs and tufted or plain footstools. The company carries brand names such as Robert Allen, Joanne Fabrics, J. Ennis Fabrics, Caravan, Avante Garde, and many colours of top grain Italian leather.

Custom-built sofas are produced on site. "Our frames are constructed from Canada hardwood (1 1/8" thick) double dowelled, glued, screwed and blocked at every corner," says Mr. Rizk. "We use 8-way hand-tied, heavy gauge coil springs, four rows deep."

Cushions are filled with high-density ultra cell foam while the backs are padded with brand name Dacron. All fabric is perfectly matched whether it's floral, stripe or plaid.

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In addition to offering brand new sofas, Markham Furniture provides expert reupholstering services for a wide range of furniture, for less than the cost of buying new.

For details, visit Markham Furniture at 1020 Denison St., Unit 115 (one block west of Warden Ave.), or call (905) 947-9575. Their web site is www.markhamfurniture.com.

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