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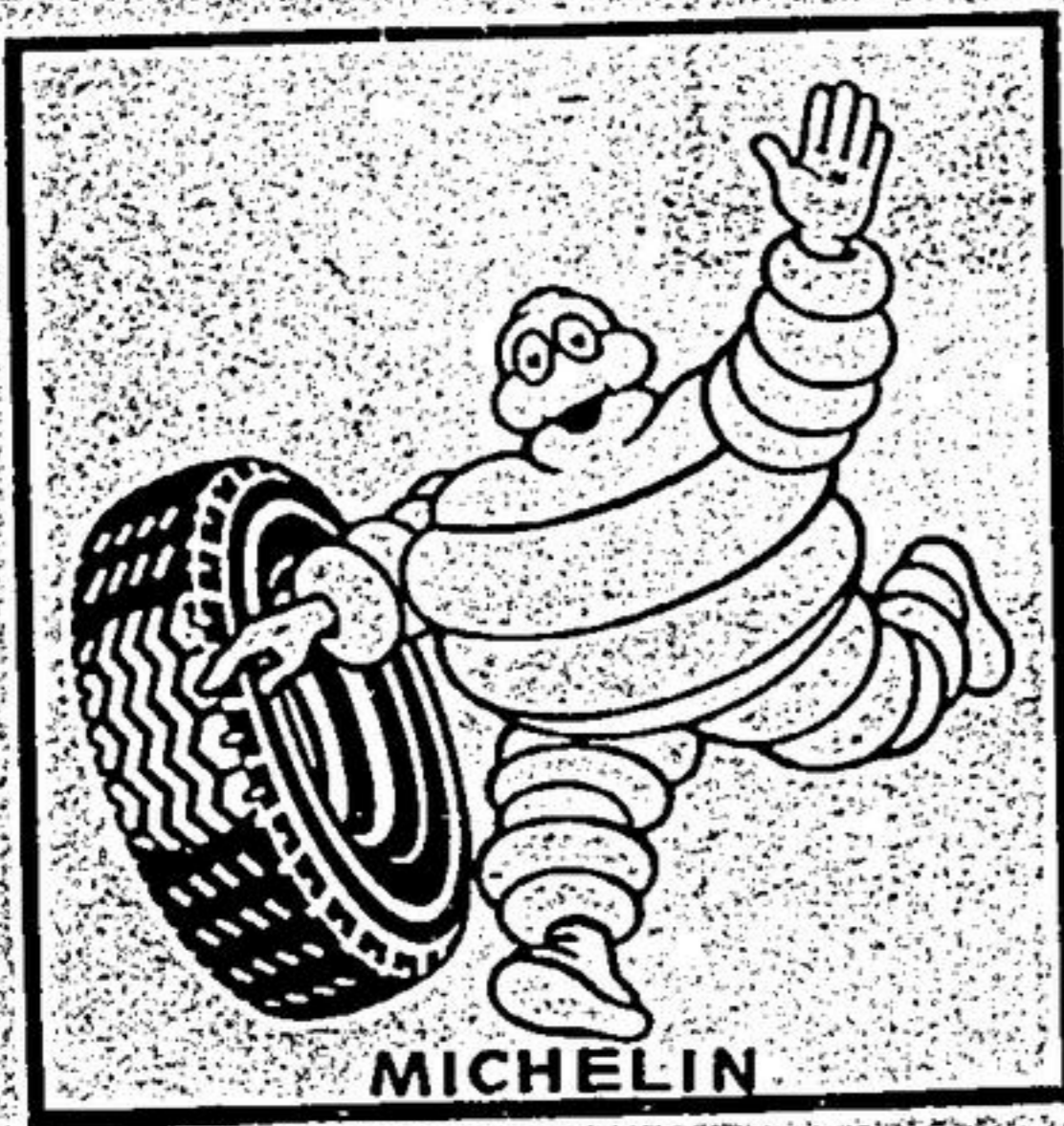
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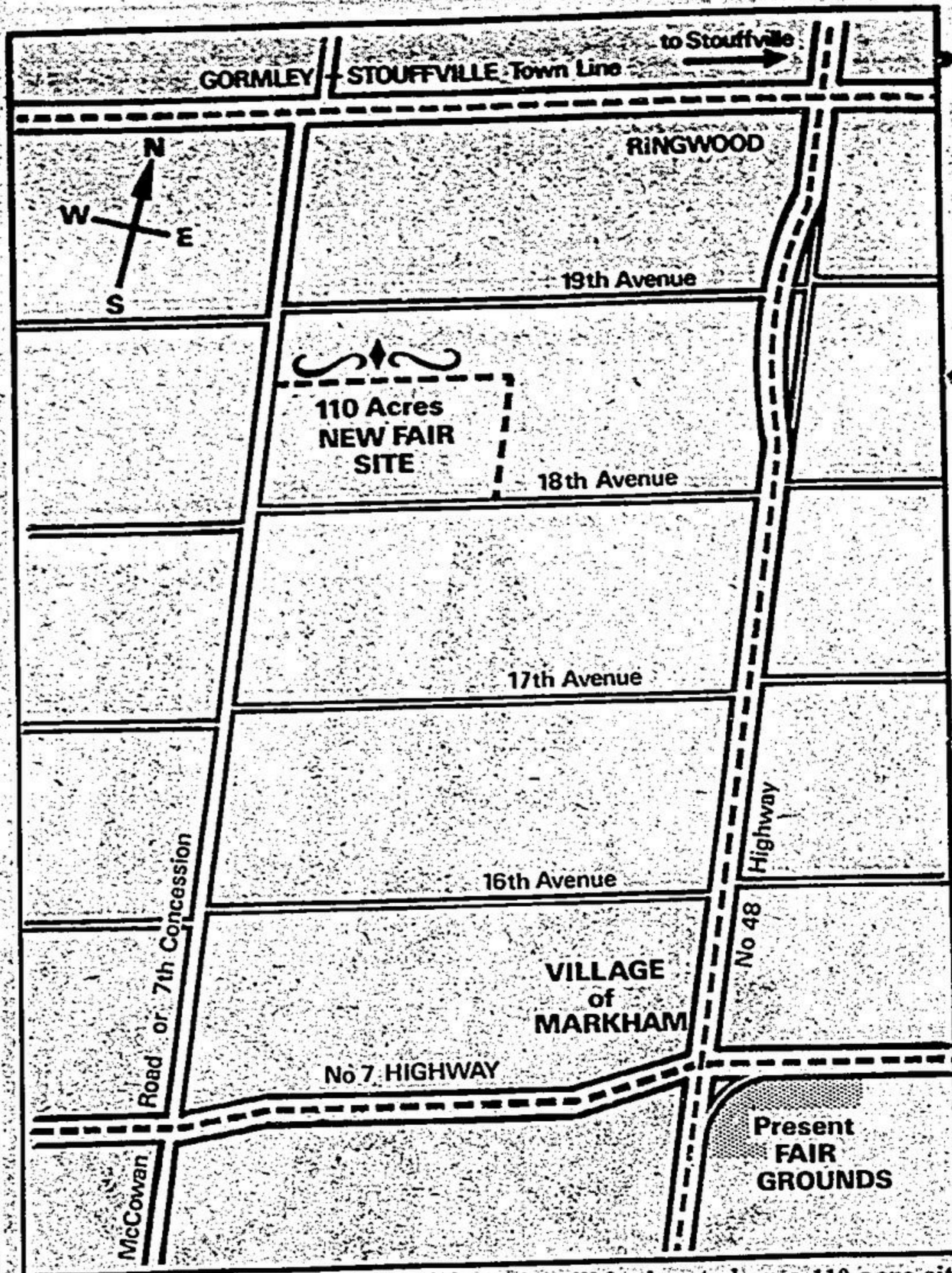
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The new home of the Markham Fair will be located on a 110 acre site west of Highway 48 and north of 18th Avenue on the 7th line. The property was acquired from Stan Watson a few years ago. The move will mean more room for exhibits and better parking facilities.

The 1923 Fair

It's 1923, and Fair time. Anticipation rides high, as from north, south, east and west, the Model T's chug along the "County Good Roads System" heading for Markham. Are you coming from Toronto? Then nothing has been left to chance to get you to the Fair. Along with hundreds of others, like a small army of Boy Scouts clinging to a blazed trail through uncharted forest, you may be following a series of blue and white poles up Yonge St. and along No. 7 Highway to Unionville, then green and white poles for another 2½ miles to Markham.

day, "turn east and follow the green and white poles to Markham."
From Oshawa, Lindsay and Brooklin Fair visitors are coming, cheered on by the knowledge of "good roads to Brooklin — then go west to Markham." (We aren't told just what might be expected between Brooklin and Markham. Apparently having got that far, the rest of the journey did not matter.) Kingston road at long last has been completed and as the Toronto Telegram puts it, "If the ownership of a motor car can be taken as a standard of thrift, then the farmers of York, Ontario and Peel are thrifty beyond doubt."

From 9 a.m. to 3 in the afternoon they pour in, confident in the guarantee of "Two gates for autos and quick get-away anytime," by Fair officials.

"Markham has never seen so many cars crowding its streets before at one time" stated the Economist of 1923. "The large parking space in the Fair grounds was congested; the back streets were lined with them, and hundreds stood in the yards of citizens."

These were the years when special trains huffed and puffed in from south to north, crowded from caboose to cowcatcher with laughing, cheering multitudes.

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