

**Husband-wife team**

**Mennonite story retold**

Back in 1786, the first Mennonite pioneers established a settlement at Vineland. That was 199 years ago.

Later, similar settlements were established at Markham and Waterloo.

To mark this upcoming 200th anniversary milestone, a volunteer husband and wife team is currently travelling coast-to-coast, telling the Mennonite story. Reg and Kathy Good of Kitchener, visited the Wideman Mennonite Church, last week and attended a worship service there Sunday night, involving four area congregations.

Reg and Kathy's tour of duty began in June, 1984 and will conclude June, 1986. Between the start and the finish, they'll have travelled thousands of miles and spoken to thousands of people.

They have an intriguing story to tell.

For it was 200 years ago that these hardy pioneers, (usually the head of each household), set out on horseback from York County, Pennsylvania, to acquire virgin lands from the Crown, first at Vineland, then Markham and Waterloo. They later returned on foot and arranged for their families to settle here. The distance, one-way, was 450 miles.

Because the iconostoga wagons were laden with needed supplies, the women and children walked much of

the way. They established 'roots' in the Markham-Stouffville area, the influence of which is still felt here.

Reg and Kathy Good are well versed on the Mennonite heritage. They will make a total of 600 stops on their Cross-Canada tour.

The history and culture project comes under the direction of the Mennonite Central Committee. Funds have been made available from both the provincial and federal governments.

"The reception we've received has been wonderful," Kathy said. "Seldom do they prepare their own meals. Instead, they're invited out to various homes in the communities."

Reg points to the diversity that exists within the Mennonite fellowship. "There's a strong emphasis on a simple lifestyle," he said. "Resistance to war is also a firm belief and a commitment to 'live the Bible.'"

Both Reg and Kathy are enthusiastic. They believe the Mennonite story is exciting and they're excited about telling it; to as many people as possible—even to those not associated with the denomination. For this reason, they're placing books in the local libraries, including Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville. In this way, those who can't hear about it, can at least read about it.

**Shoe merchant**

STOUFFVILLE — "People who live in town, should be able to shop in town." This is the feeling of Bob Ancheril, R.R. 2, Stouffville. He'll help to make this happen.

Next month, Bob will open Ancheril's Fine Shoes Limited on Main Street. The location is formerly Wilson Shoes.

Major renovations are underway. Bob's hopeful all work will be completed by March 7 or March 15 at the latest. "The more we tear things apart, the more we see things that need doing," he said.

Bob and Cindy Ancheril love Whitchurch-Stouffville. They consider it a fine place to raise their family. They have a daughter, Rachael, five.

"If we're going to live here, we might as well do business here," he said. "I feel Stouffville's a place with great potential."

The store will feature top brand names.

An extremely personable man, Bob Ancheril's looking forward to opening day. From the work that's going on there, customers won't know the place.

**Theatre is alive**

Dear Jim:  
Following the successful completion of the second production of our three-play 1984-85 season, I wish, on behalf of the Stouffville Players, to publicly thank the Whitchurch-Stouffville Culture and Recreation Committee for its kind grant that is allowing us to replace 12-year-old sets with new ones, and to McNeil Pharmaceutical (Canada) Li-

mitted for underwriting the cost of programs for the children's play "Marmalade Gumdrops".

Our thanks also to all those in the community who are supporting us through their attendance at our performances.

Sincerely,  
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President, Stouffville Players

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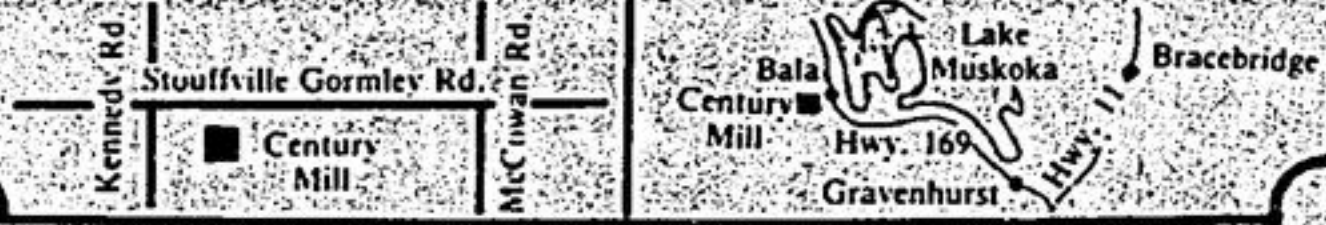
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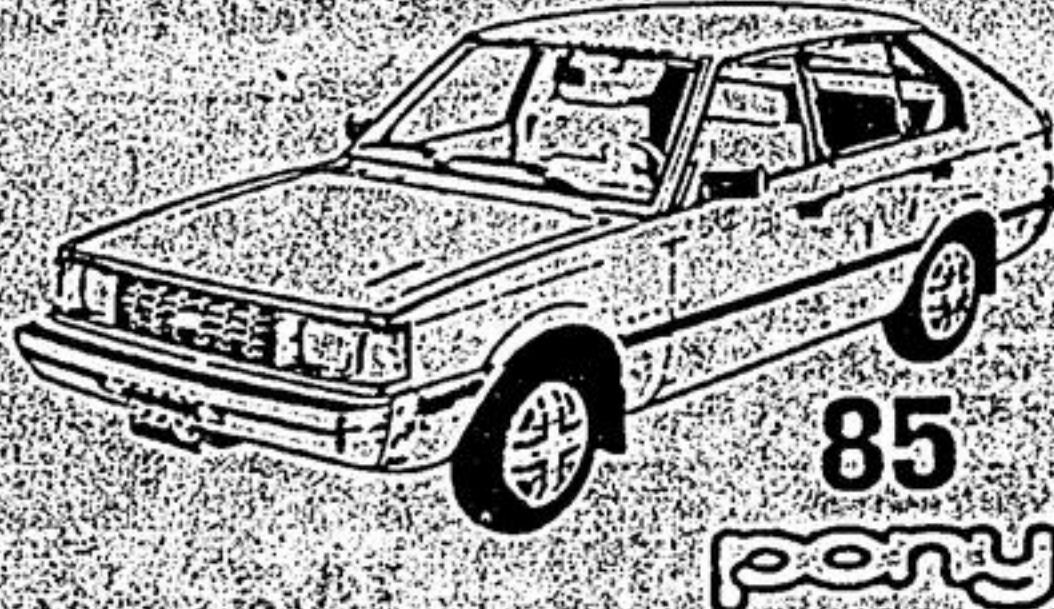
**Display skills**

WHITCHURCH — Thirteen students from Whitchurch-Highlands School, displayed their Science Fair projects at the Area 2 competition in Aurora, Tuesday.

Participants follow:  
Philip Warder, Grade 2, (Acid Rain); Daniel Snooks, Grade 2, (Icebergs); Laura McLarty, Grade 3, (Magnets); Katrina McFadden, Grade 4, (Solutions); Carl Milroy,

Grade 5, (Crystals); Mark Richardson, Grade 5, (Dry Ice); Walled Zekry, Grade 6, (Chemicals); Tanya Lanz, Grade 7, (Heat Transfer); Carin Milroy, Grade 7, (Bacteria); Tim Scott, Grade 7, (Holography); Chris Murray, Grade 8, (Air Pressure Effects on Weather); Nicole Ireland, Grade 8, (Enzymes); Renee Gibson, Grade 8, (Microbes).

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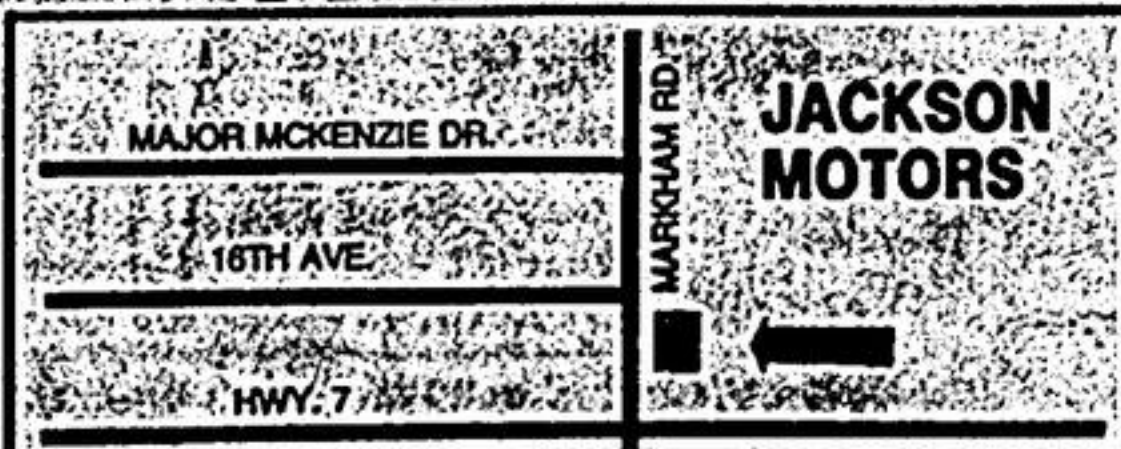
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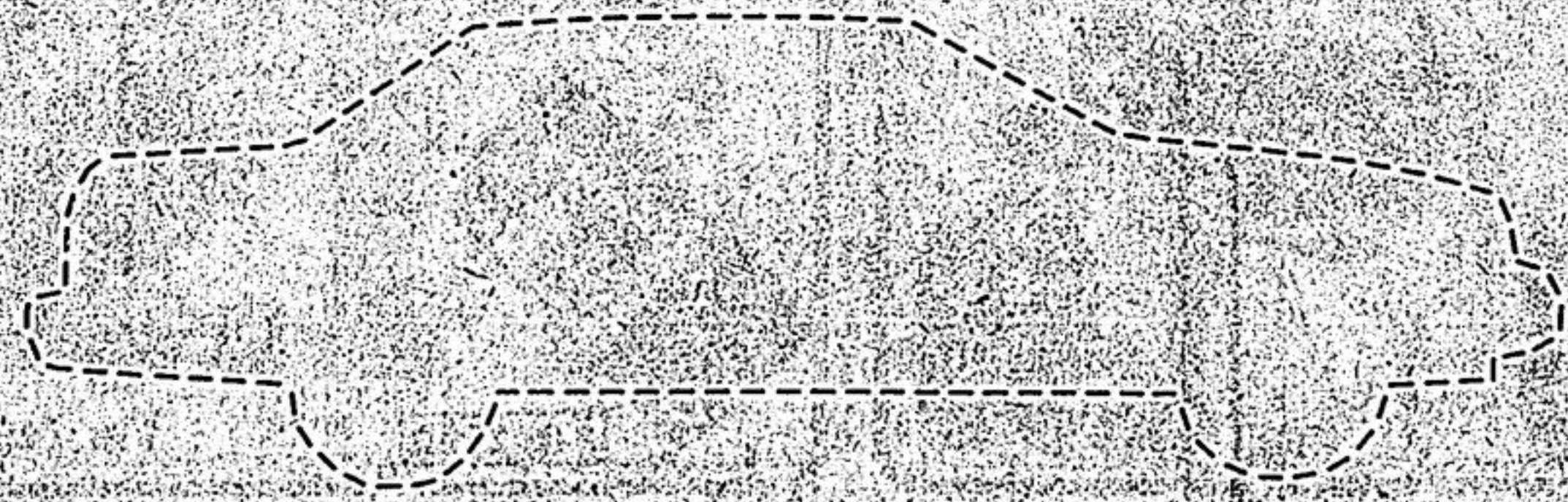
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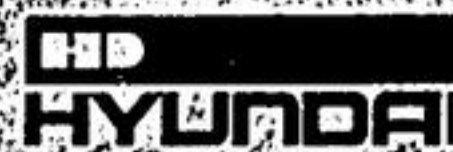
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