

# No back lane--resident

Dear Jim:  
As a resident of the notorious Ninth Line, I was interested in your Sept. 4 "Roaming Around" column. Perhaps I could make several observations. Although the Ninth Line passes through a rural area, its comparison to a wagon trail is only appropriate when speaking of its rough and uneven surface and practically non-existent shoulders. Unless speed is controlled on roads of this quality, real driving hazards do exist.

The Ninth Line is no longer a low traffic volume road. It has become a particularly choice option for morning and evening commuters wishing to avoid traffic snarls in Markham. As an early-morning cyclist, I often have occasions to observe the streams of cars heading south during the 7 to 8:15 a.m. time period. The speed and driving habits of too many of these motorists would indicate they are just a few minutes late and hope to make up the lost time. From a cyclist's point of view, Hwy. 48 is probably a far safer road. It should be noted as well that for most of the year,

school buses are attempting to pick up and discharge passengers during the busiest times of the traffic day. A few minutes saved is never worth the loss of life or injury to one of our children.

As an area farmer, one of the problems I face is moving large pieces of farm equipment from one field to another on the Ninth Line. A combine with a 16-foot grain head, of necessity, takes up almost two-thirds of the road. We operate machinery slowly and carefully, use slow-moving vehicle signs, display bright orange flashers, avoid heavy traffic periods and yet have experienced heart-stopping near misses.

What might be an appropriate speed limit for this road? I'm not sure. Perhaps 60 km/ph is too slow. But often speeds over 70 km/ph are too fast. Certainly, a realistic figure that the public will respect, is the wish of Ninth Line residents.

Hopefully, when educated, motorists will also see the benefits of safe driving, not only to save the lives of raccoons and groundhogs, but for the well-being of themselves and their neighbors.

Sincerely,  
Glenn Steiner,  
R.R. 1, Stouffville

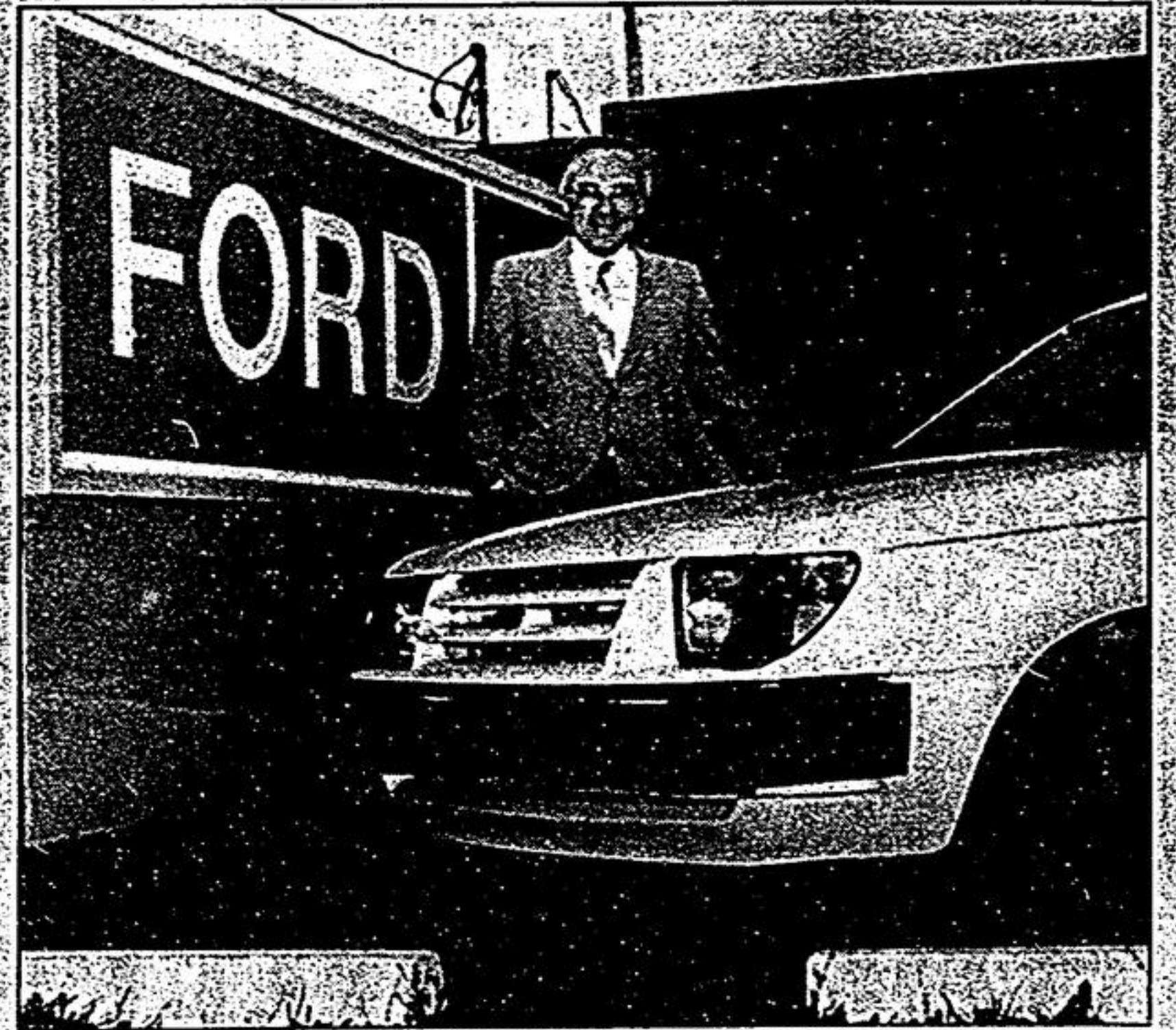
## Regional match at Savagedale

YORK REGION — The annual York Region Plowing Match, for many, a warm-up to the International, will be held this Friday, Sept. 13 at Savagedale Farms, Elgin Mills Road and Bathurst Street. Competition begins at 10:30 a.m. and concludes at three.

The branch president is Ken Ferguson of Stouffville.

The match will include ten classes, one for horse teams and nine for tractors. There's a category for the oldest pieces of equipment, (two), and the the best restored piece of equipment. Cash prizes for these are donated by Savagedale Farms.

## New Ford agency at Hwy. 48 site



A new Ford dealership has been established in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Larry Cotter Ford-Lincoln-Mercury Sales Limited is located on the east side of Hwy. 48 near Dickson's Hill. The agency opened for business Sept. 3, offering both sales and service. An official opening is planned for October with the introduction of Ford's new 1986 models. A

former company president, Mr. Cotter said he wanted to get into the automobile business, like his father. He and wife Doreen are interested in making the community their permanent home. "The lifestyle here is terrific," he said. "we want to be a part of it."

—Jim Thomas

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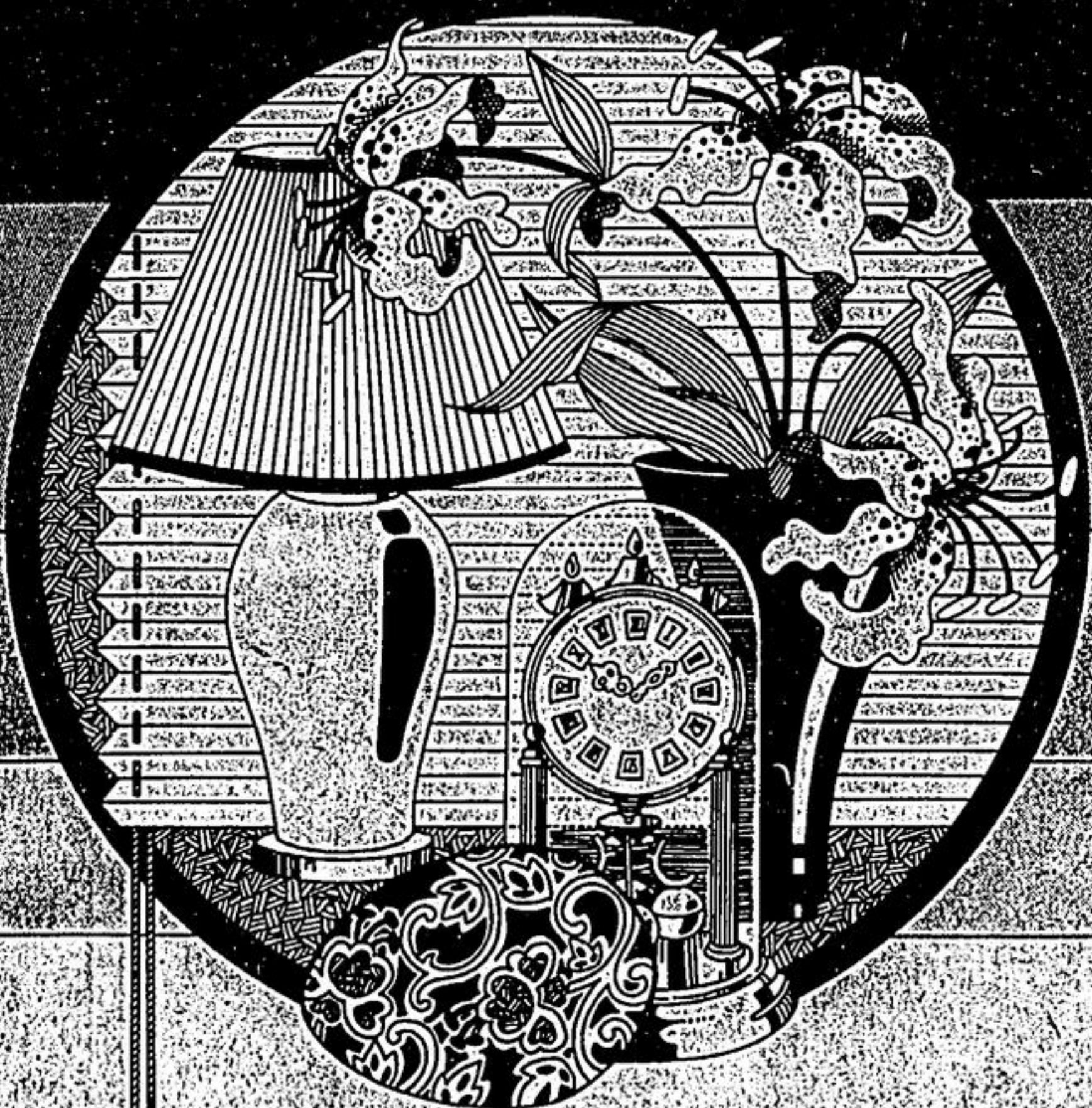
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