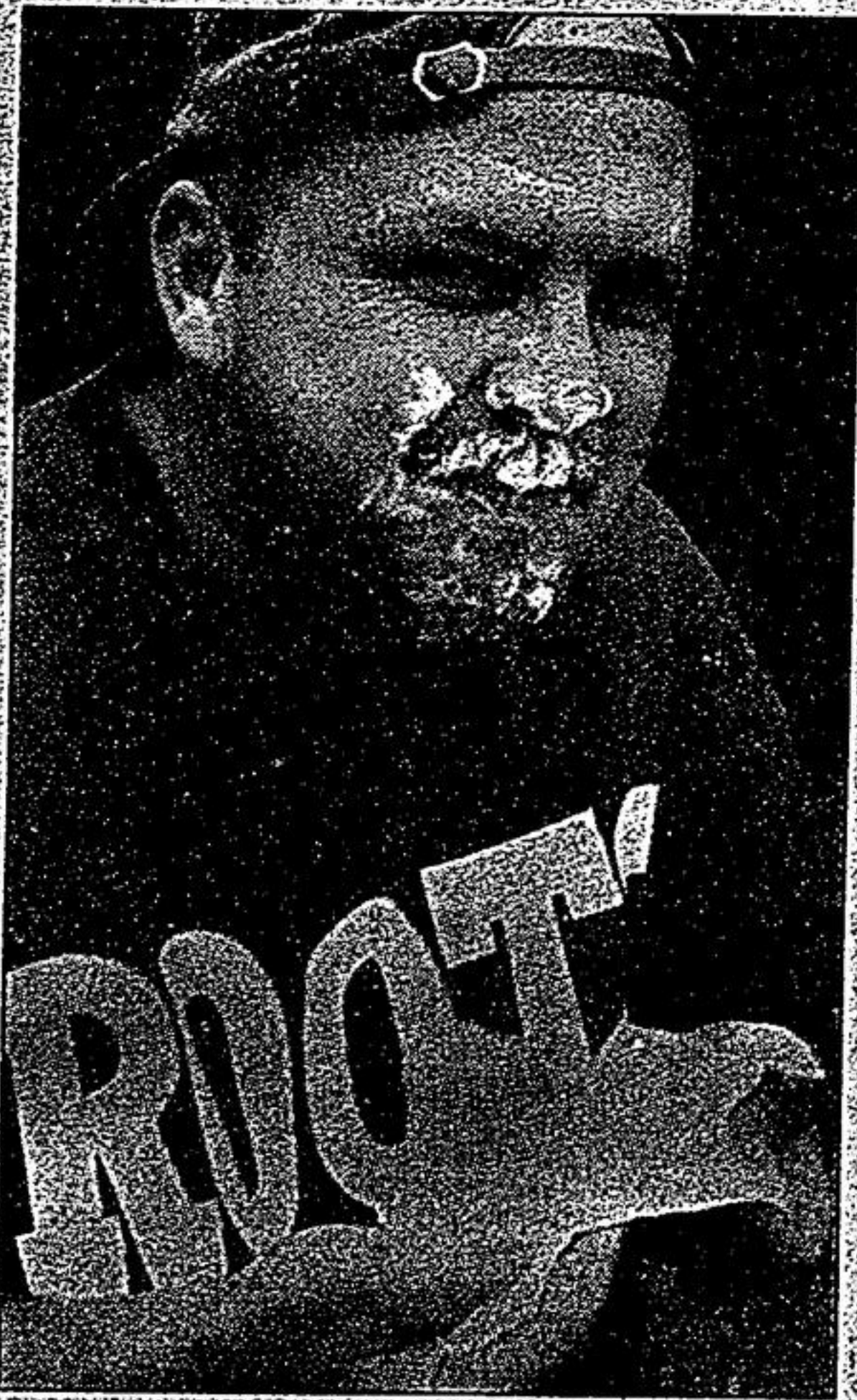


### CHOWING DOWN AT HOMESTEAD DAYS



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There was a variety of eats Saturday in downtown Stouffville. The Stouffville Business Improvement Area hosted several food-related contests at its Homestead Days festival.

ABOVE: Jackie Brown, 11, and Emily Brunton, 10, compete in the apple eating contest.

RIGHT: James Green, 3, picks an apple from the bunch on display.

LEFT: William Green, after winning the pie eating contest over Rob Reid.



### Lake ranch workers on trial this week

The trial of two Musselman's Lake men charged in connection with the death of a 10-year-old Aurora girl got underway in Newmarket this week.

Court officials spent Monday and Tuesday selecting a jury for the trial. With Judge Bruce Glass presiding, opening addresses by the defense and the Crown Attorney were to be heard yesterday.

James Coultice, owner of Wagon Wheel Ranch and his guide, Scott Tarpey, were charged with criminal negligence causing death after York Regional Police investigated the death of Elizabeth Haderin April of 1999. Elizabeth was killed after falling from a horse at the ranch.

Earlier this year, following an intense campaign launched by the Hader family, the Ontario government passed a law demanding that children riding horses wear helmets and proper footwear.

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