

Markham Public Utilities Comm. Has New Headquarters Bldg.

Markham Public Utilities Commission headquarters staff, which recently was expanded and moved into an all-electrically heated office building at 215 Main Street next to the municipal offices and firehall, has a new Manager-Secretary. He is David Campbell McVie, 30, a capable, young business executive, who formerly was office manager for Mimico Public Utilities Commission.

Mr. McVie's appointment became effective December 6. He succeeds Howard Graham, Markham Village Clerk-Treasurer, who also held the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the Markham PUC for five years. Mr. Graham, a former Ontario Hydro Central Region staff member, took over from his father, the late Austin Graham who had been Secretary-Treasurer for Markham PUC in 1959 and 1960 as well as Clerk-Treasurer for Markham Village since 1914.

But Markham Village has been growing at a rapid pace in the past five years and the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Public Utilities Commission in addition to his responsible post of Clerk-Treasurer of the municipality was too onerous for Howard Graham. Both these posts had become full-time occupations and the Public Utilities Commission acted to enlarge the staff, obtain new headquarters as well as appointing a new manager.

Some indication of the current population growth of Markham is given in this statement by Howard Graham, the village Clerk-Treasurer. "With its present population of 6,700, Markham has one of the largest populations of any village in Ontario," he said.

Five years ago there were only about 4,000 people in Markham. Now this bustling community boasts new residen-

tial subdivisions, a new shopping plaza also some 30 all-electric homes and a large, new attractive 52-suite all-electrical apartment building, 'The Village Squire.' There are some 2,200 Hydro customers in Markham and the total load is about 5,500 kilowatts.

Raised in Mimico
The Markham PUC Manager-Secretary, David McVie, brings to his new post some valuable experience. For the past 12 yrs. he has served as a member of the office staff of Mimico PUC, and the last two years as the Office Manager. He was born at Garson, Ontario, near Sudbury, and moved as a youngster with his parents to Mimico. Dave McVie was educated at Mimico High School and the Dominion Business College. He also has taken a LaSalle University extension course in accounting.

To keep thoroughly informed in the latest trend in the electrical field, he completed the Electric Heating Association course sponsored by Ontario Hydro.

Dave McVie was married in 1958 to the former Frances Smith of Bethesda, near Stouffville, and they have one daughter, Lisa, aged 10 months.

Staff of Nine
The staff that David McVie will direct at Markham PUC headquarters includes two office clerks, Mrs. June Paterson and Mrs. Lois France, as well as 6 men on the outside staff, a superintendent, A. Eadie, two linemen, a ground crewman, and two water department men.

The Markham PUC headquarters is the former garage, display rooms and business offices of a local automobile dealer. It has adequate space for the Public Utility offices, storage rooms, meter shop as well as garage accommodation for the local Commission's four trucks. Comfortable, modern baseboard convective electric heating is



New Markham P.U.C. Manager

Mr. David C. McVie is the newly appointed Manager-Secretary of the Markham Village Public Utilities Commission. The recently opened offices are located next to the town's municipal building. —Hydro Photo.

provided for the offices and storage rooms.

Mr. McVie said that the new PUC headquarters is a credit to the steadily growing village and is indicative of the forward trend in Markham.

The chairman of Markham Public Utilities Commission is Charles W. Reesor, a well known local businessman, and the other members are Commissioner Howard Cosburn and the Reeve, Mrs. Alma Walker, a commissioner.

Miss Colleen Cork, baton-twirling champion from Hamilton and a leader in the Markham Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKean and family of Stouffville in the afternoon.

Mrs. Bell and Miss Betty Bell of Toronto, also Miss E. Williamson, along with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nolan of Stouffville, were Sunday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson, Elm Street. It was the occasion for Mrs. G. L. Williamson's birthday.

Friends of Mr. Max Reesor will be pleased to know that he is now up and around again through the use of a 'walker' and hopes to be released from hospital in a week's time. Mr. Reesor was seriously injured in an auto accident several months ago.

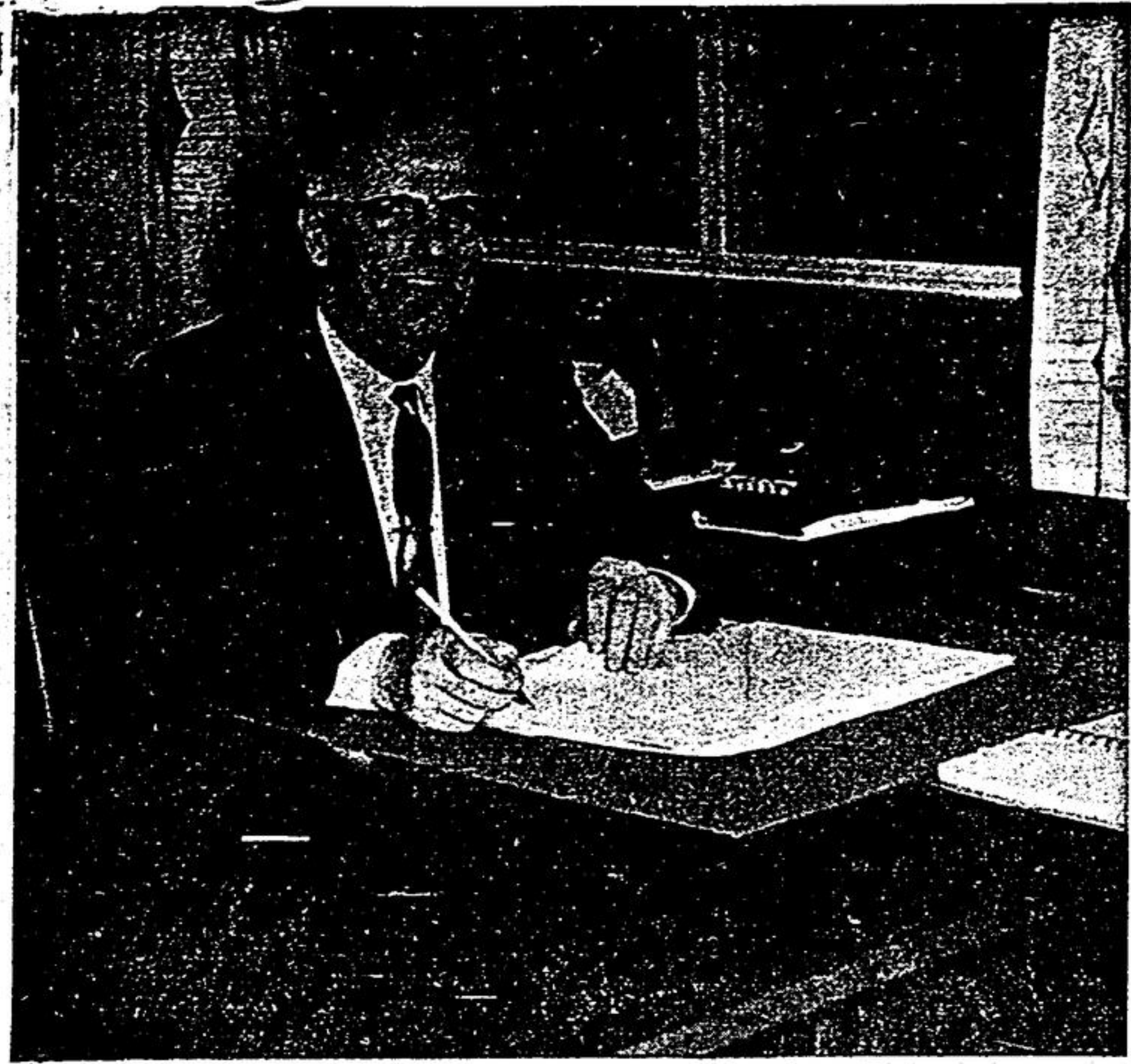
Sympathy is extended to Mr. Reef Wilson in the passing of his aunt, Mrs. Butcher, at Hagersville recently. During her stay here she made many friends in town.

Friends of this community will be sorry to learn that Mr. George Maynard is presently confined to the Markham Nursing Home.



A Word Of Welcome

A word of welcome is extended to Mr. McVie by Markham Village Clerk-Treasurer, Howard Graham (left). —Hydro Photo.



Markham District High School Principal, E. J. Newell. —Staff Photo.

Markham Principal B. J. Newell Looks Back Over 21 Years Plans To Retire Next June

MARKHAM — Only a few steps from his spacious office, Burton J. Newell, Principal of Markham Dist. High School can pause, and for a few brief moments, look to the west through a large plate glass window. He sees the roofline of a red brick building that fronts on Albert Street. He also sees the beginning of a professional connection that covers a period of more than 21 years. It was his 'second home'.

Since 1944, Markham's population has exceeded 6,500. The old school has been replaced by an ultra-modern structure. The student enrollment has climbed from 150 to 830. The staff has increased from 8 to 43. Everything is changed.

But Burton J. Newell has not changed. Nor is he likely to change for, at the conclusion of the June term, he will leave his spacious office and the labyrinth of halls, classrooms and auditoriums for a period of retirement. He plans to travel.

A Farm Boy
Principal Newell was born on a 300 acre farm in Elgin County. His first high school was at Walkerton. He then spent five years at Welland, coming to Markham in 1944. "Walkerton was a beautiful town," he recalled. "I remember Welland for its fine people. Markham has both."

Only two of the forty-three teachers are original members of the staff of '44 — Miss Cole and Mrs. Ruth Torrance, then Miss Thacker.

Mr. Newell recalled how gym classes were held in the old town hall, now the site of the Roxy Theatre. Later, students went to the old Methodist Church, now the Veteran's Hall. Only a ping-pong table was located in the basement of the school. For girls, there was only a volleyball court and it was outside.

An ardent promoter of athletic activities at Markham High, Mr. Newell held the inter-collegiate wrestling championship while enrolled at the University of Toronto. He is still the wrestling coach at Markham. "It makes men out of boys," he said.

Fine As Ever
Have high school boys and girls changed in the last 21 years? "I have always had a high opinion of young people and they are as fine to-day as

Australia and New Zealand. They will, however, continue to live in Markham. Their bungalow home is situated on a spacious lot on Orchard Street, not too far from the school.

"Some think I'm foolish to give up such a position," he said. "It's been rewarding but also difficult. My wife and I want to 'live a little' while we can still enjoy it. A teacher can teach too long."

Markham Village Realtor's New Office Heated Electrically

A new, electrically heated office on Hwy. No. 7 near the intersection with Hwy. No. 48 has become the headquarters for Thos. N. Shea Ltd., Markham-based realtors.

Designed as two self-contained structures joined by a common roof, the building on Hwy. No. 7, Markham was constructed by Doug Meharg, Markham designer and builder. Architect was Robert Greig, of George J. Yamazaki architects, Scarborough. The electric heating system for the Thos. N. Shea building is in keeping with the contemporary design.

"We chose electric cable heating in particular because of its prestige value," Mr. Shea said.

Most of the heating system is hidden from view. Electric heating cables embedded in the ceiling plaster radiate heat downwards as the sun does. Baseboard electric heaters are installed in some rooms, such as the reception area. Room air drawn in through the bottom of the baseboard units passes the heating element and is discharged into the room by natural convection.

Installation costs for the 30 kilowatts of electric heating were under \$2,000, which compare favourably with costs for other forms of heating. Annual operating costs have been estimated at \$650 for the total 2,500 square feet in both structures.

The electrical system for lighting and heating was installed by Lavole Electric, Scarborough. The Thos. N. Shea building was the electrical contractor's first electric heating job.

One section of the building is occupied by Thos. N. Shea Ltd., which also has offices in Stouffville, Uxbridge, Pickering, Agincourt, Port Perry and Mt. Albert.

Too often what your friend tells you in confidence was told her in strictest confidence.

Around Markham

Local and Personal

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The sum of \$1,000 was realized for the Markham Minor Hockey Association from the game between the N.H.L. 'Oldtimers' and the Metro All-Stars.

Dr. A. L. Hore has been confined to his home for a time with a bad back.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd James of Markham Chrysler Dodge returned home this week from a trip to Nassau. They travelled by air.

Gordon Penny was confined to the Scarborough General Hospital for three days last week due to the recurrence of a kidney stone ailment.

There will be a total of four church services in St. Andrew's United Church this coming Sunday. The public is invited to two regular worship services in the morning and the C.G.I.T. Candlelight Service will be conducted at both 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the evening.

The other section is shared by an insurance agency and a firm of chartered accountants.

The public is being invited to tour the new, electrically heated building any evening from Dec. 13 to Dec. 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friends will regret to learn that Walter Brignall is confined to bed through illness.

Jack Snowball is back to work after being confined at home several weeks with back trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hale of Markham Chrysler-Dodge are leaving for a two weeks' vacation in Florida.

Mr. Peter Connon and Mr. and Mrs. Watson Fairies of Stouffville visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Thomas, Main St.

Mrs. Nelda Graham is back behind the counter of Graham's Store after recuperating from an injury to her leg. She slipped backwards down some steps to cause the injury.

Markham firemen answered two calls on Thursday evening. One could have been serious when a space heater exploded in an apartment above the paint store at Main and Church Sts. The second call was to the local laundramat.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thomas and Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thomas, Susan and Barry, enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner at the apartment residence of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Thomas on Saturday evening.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Frank Sewell, father of Murray Sewell, suffered a stroke last week and is confined to the Scarborough General Hospital.

Mr. Jack Baird has opened a new real estate office in the former Hamilton auto building on Main Street. Mr. Rod Torrance has joined the firm.



Santa Arrives In Markham

A red fire truck, with lights flashing, is enough to thrill any child. But with Santa Claus riding on top, the excitement of the day is doubled. On Saturday morning, children and adults by the hundreds lined the parade route in Markham to welcome St. Nick. —Staff Photo.

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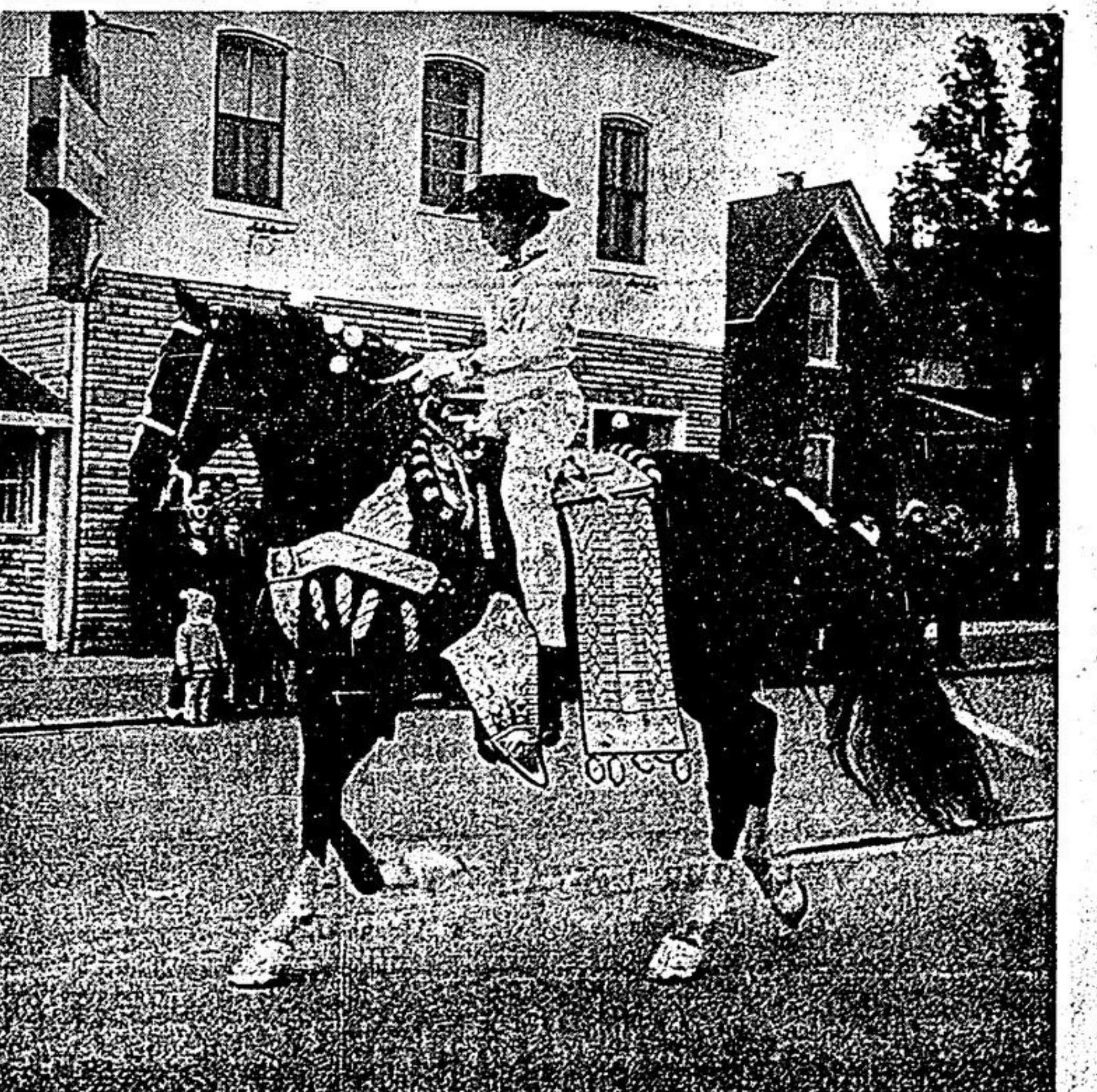
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Prances In Parade

The most colourful single entry in Markham's parade on Saturday was Betty Beeve, riding this beautiful Arabian. —Staff Photo.