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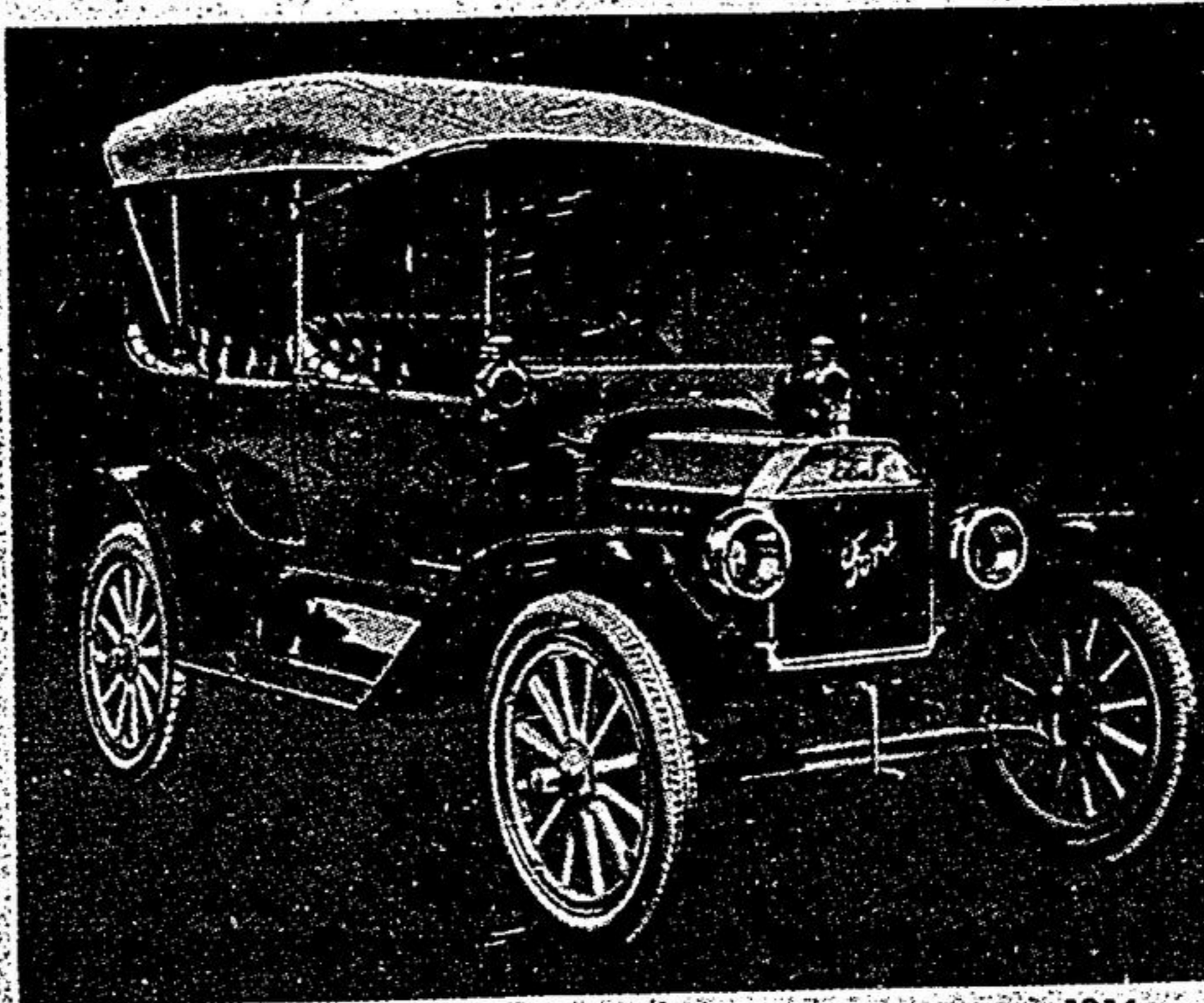
Gord Lewis of R.R. 1, Unionville, has been a constant showman (and winner) in the Clydesdale class at Markham Fair. This

handsome 4-horse hitch participated in the Main Street parade of '74.

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Fair in final year at site

On Sunday, Oct. 3 at 4 p.m., one era will end for Markham Fair and another will begin. At that time, official closing ceremonies will be held to commemorate the final time the Fair will be held at its present location. Gerri Seeley and Bill Snowball have planned a special closing for the old site, keeping in mind that this is "The Fair With a Future."

Gord Charters will be building a nine by six foot cairn of field stone. It will be unveiled at the ceremony by past presidents of the Agricultural Society, and will represent the people who have worked so hard for the Fair in the past. There are at present two plaques on the stone entrance gates and one on the bandshell. They will be mounted in the cairn along with a new plaque.

The choir of Central United Church in Unionville will sing at the closing, and 100 balloons will be released, each with a little note inside. The person who brings one back from furthest away will be asked to

attend the opening ceremonies at next year's Fair as a special guest of the Board. This activity is planned to show people this is not the end of Markham Fair, but rather a new beginning.

A display of the plans for the new site will be set up, probably close to the General Exhibits building, or some other central location. Senior citizens, in addition to their rocking chair contest on the Saturday, will receive free admission to the Fair Sunday, so they can say farewell to the site that has been "home" to the Fair for so long.

Mrs. Seeley is very appreciative of the support council, and particularly Hi Lawrie, has given to the closing ceremonies committee. "They have really been super about the whole thing, and are enthusiastic about the cairn idea."

The closing ceremonies will take place at the cairn site, a location accessible to all who plan to attend this historic event.

Rocking chair marathon event

By Aileen Johnson
The time has come for Markham's senior citizens to dust off their favorite rocking chair and enter this year's newest event at the Fair. Gerri Sealey and her contest committee are ready with prizes for the over '65 who cannot be accused of "Being off the rocker."

"It's a marathon event which should prove to be a future favorite," Mrs. Sealey said.

The contest begins at 10 a.m., Saturday morning and only those who

have kept their chair rocking the longest can win.

Volunteers are needed to assist in bringing entrants' rocking chairs to the fair grounds. "We will have some chairs available, but not too many will want to compete in just any old rocking chair," she said.

"Considering their liveliness of today's seniors, it's likely that the judges will probably will before their contestants," the Committee Chairman added.