

Calvin winter carnival gets under way Friday

CALVIN TWP. (Staff) — Calvin winter carnival begins Friday evening and continues throughout Saturday.

Activities get under way during the evening of Feb. 28 with a spaghetti dinner and social evening beginning at 6 in the township hall. This part of the carnival program will be sponsored by the Calvin Twp. Women's Institute.

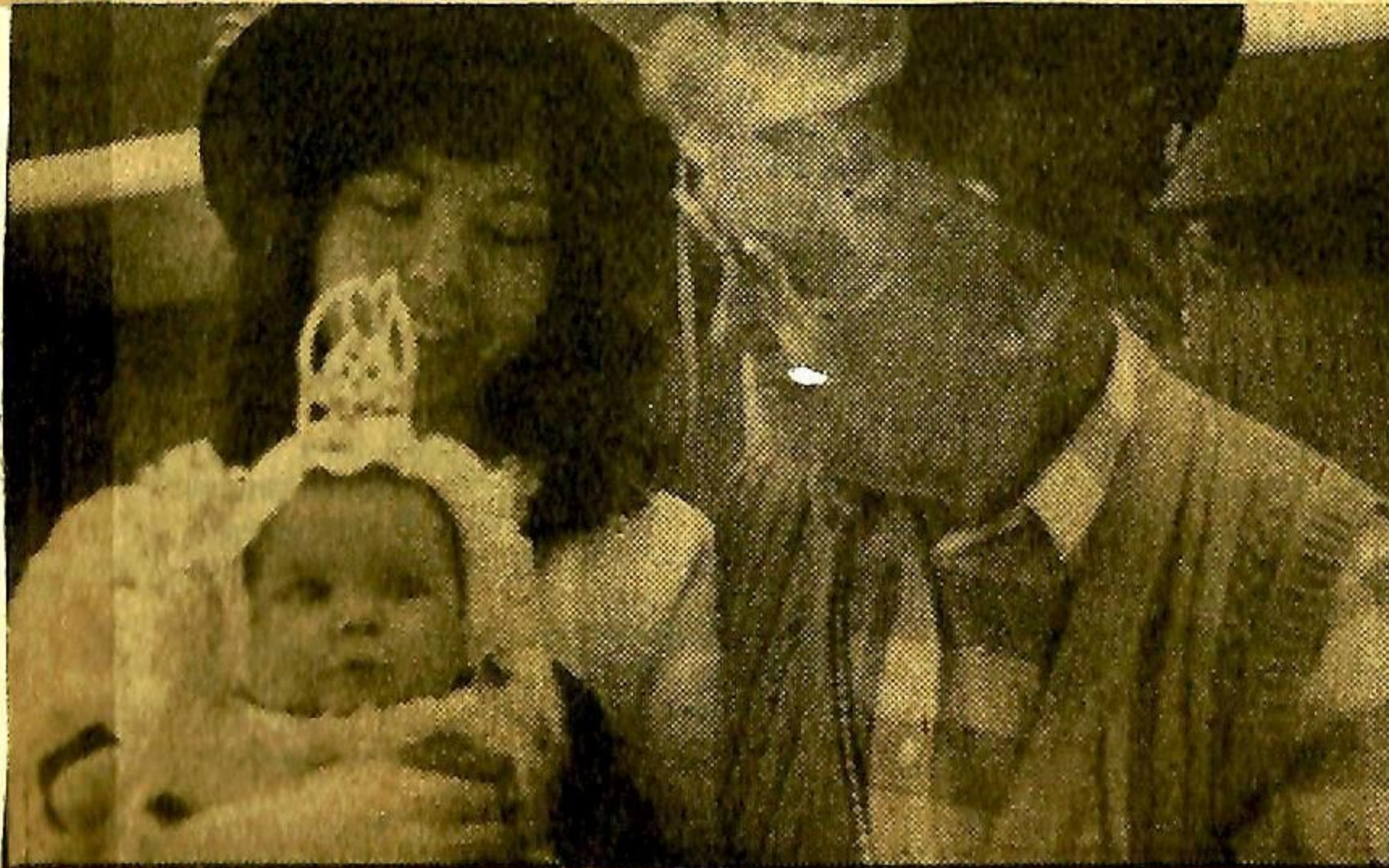
Saturday's events begin with a firefighters' pancake breakfast served in the township hall beginning at 9 a.m.

A full slate of activities including

woodsmen's events, games, cross-country skiing and snowshoe races will be held during the afternoon in the vicinity of the township hall.

The program includes two special events. An Easter bonnet contest open to all ages from infants to senior citizens will be featured. And for those who wish to work out any remaining winter lethargy, a bale-tossing contest is planned.

The carnival organizers invite everyone to come out and join in some good, old-fashioned country fun.



Gord McCulloch, The Nugget

For the Duquettes the bonnet contests at the Calvin winter carnival was a family affair. Dolly Duguette holds niece Kristy, age four months, while great grandmother May Duquette rounds out the trio.

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CALVIN TWP. — Mild weather and even a spot of sunshine from time to time helped enhance the Calvin Twp. winter carnival activities held Saturday.

The program got underway Friday evening with a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Calvin Twp. Women's Institute and served in the township hall. A social evening and dance followed.

Saturday afternoon contestants in the woodsmen's competitions donned their safety gear as they tuned up their chainsaws, pulled the guards from their cross cut saws, ensured the edges of their axes were sharp and loosened their muscles for the contests ahead. And not only men were participants in the various events. Many ladies tried their hand at log sawing, nail driving, and other games and tests of skill and strength.

There were also snowshoe races and cross-country skiing competitions. A real test for the hardy was the hay-bale tossing contest.

horses and has a stable of 10 of the big gentle creatures brought along a team in order to provide sleigh rides for the carnival goers. The horses which weigh approximately a tonne each drew many admirers from among the gathered crowd.

For those who preferred less physical activities there was something for almost every taste inside the hall. Refreshment booths, bingo games and tables spread with a variety of homemade goods, offered a wide range of choices for the carnival participants.

An event with a different slant which created much interest was the Easter bonnet contestant, a part of the carnival program.

The winter event came to a close with a dinner and carnival dance held in the township hall. Music was provided by Dusty Trails.

"Yes, it was a success, the weather was so good and we wish to thank all those who helped, members of the volunteer firefighters, the recreation committee, everyone," said Jennifer Carmichael, secretary of the recreation committee.