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Winter weather wasn't here but carnival was still a hit



This young man is sporting a smile which was the look of the weekend for carnival participants.



Not a hair escaped the watchful eyes of judges at the mutt show.

It was something more akin to a spring carnival with unseasonably warm temperatures which did nothing but draw the crowds.

Most events planned for the third annual Winter Carnival went ahead with the exception of family skating and skating races on the mill pond.

While the mild weather ruined the outdoor skating surface it enhanced snow conditions to make the snow sculpturing contest the most successful ever.

"We had 18 sculptures this year. The snow was perfect," said Bonnie Ward, chairman of the carnival committee.

Speaking on behalf of the committee she said organizers were pleased with community support which will ensure a carnival in 1985. One of the events sure to be repeated next year is the broomball bash and carnival dance.

"Saturday evening was the highlight. The broomball bash was excellent and we received a lot of compliments," Mrs. Ward said.

She added the bash was also a success in terms of raising money for the committee.

Many people attended opening ceremonies which included an appearance by the province's bicentennial town crier. The fireworks display was another crowd pleaser Friday evening.

Saturday's parachute demonstration was cancelled as a result of dense cloud cover. But showing that even dense clouds can have a silver lining, helicopter rides were in full swing.

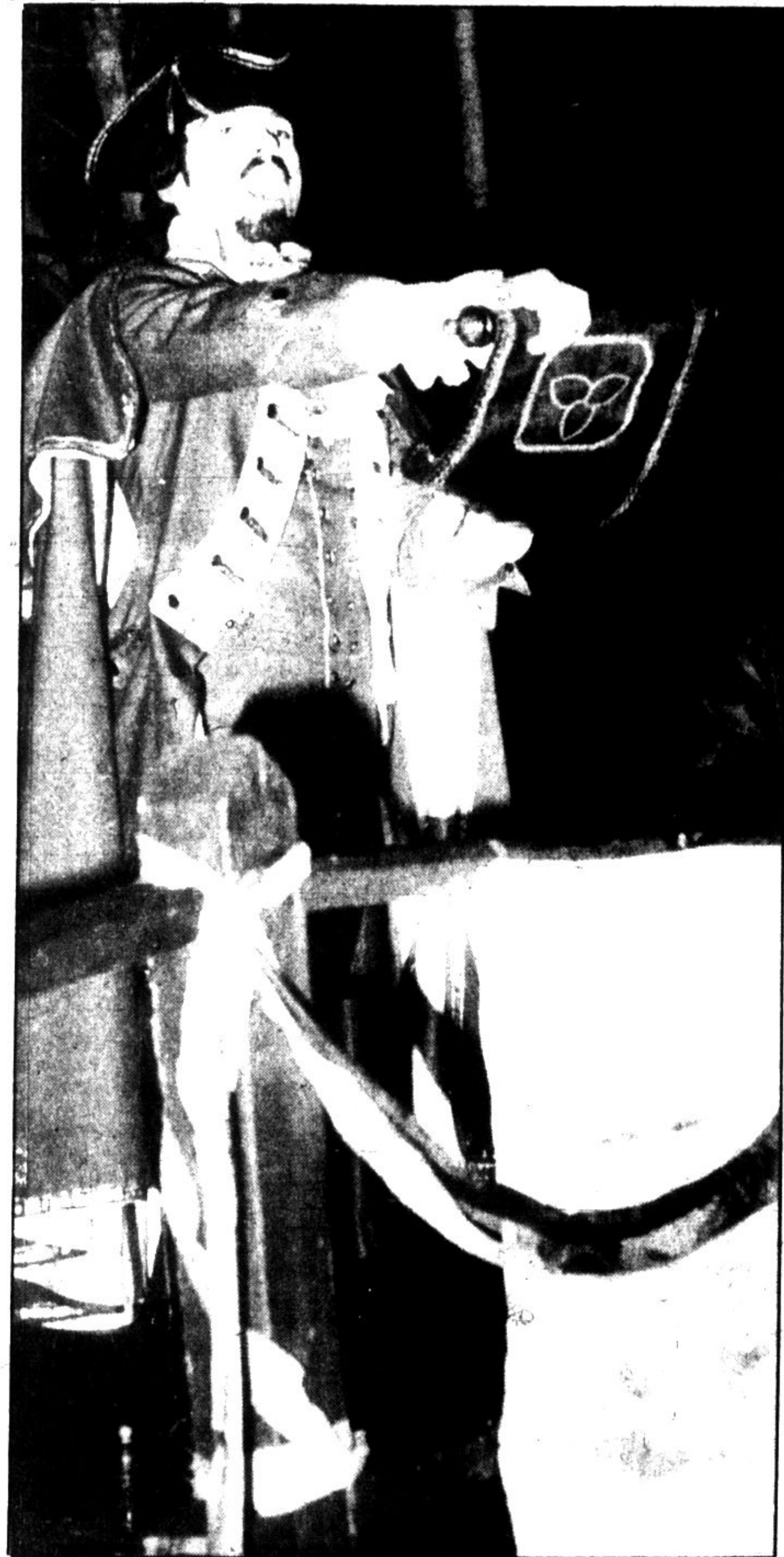
People waited up to two hours for the rides which lifted off about every seven minutes, according to Mrs. Ward.

Participation by children in activities designed for them was good, the committee chairman reported.

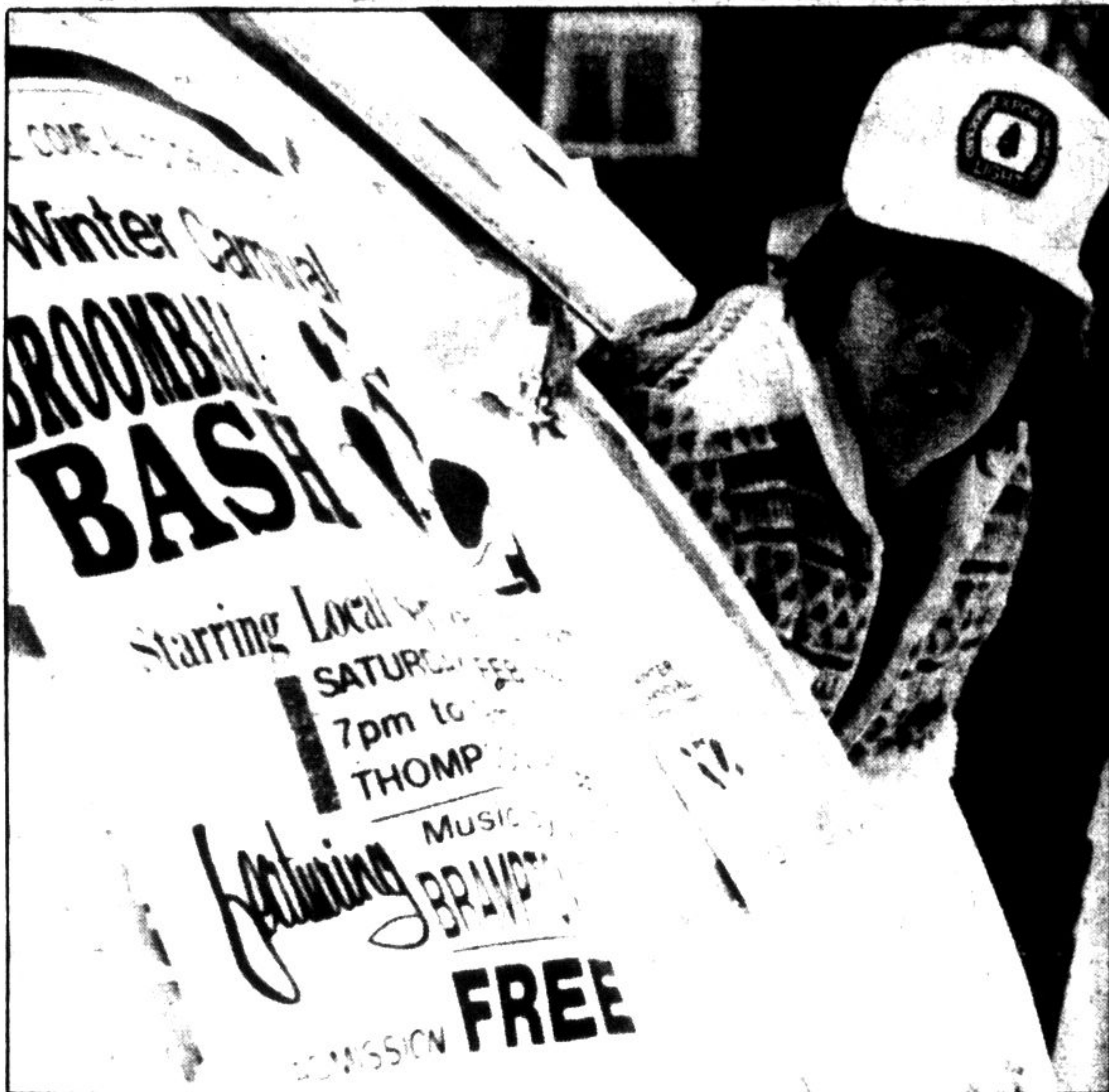
"The snow was wet but we were thrilled it didn't rain. I think people enjoyed getting out in the mild weather," she said.

Dogs of every description were entered in the traditionally popular mutt show Sunday afternoon. Prizes were earned for a number of traits including the dog which most resembled Mayor Gord Krantz.

Committee members will collect their thoughts on Winter Carnival 1984 and present them at an evaluation meeting to be held sometime in March. Mrs. Ward suggested anyone with comments or ideas concerning the event could call her at Milton Parks and Recreation Department, 878-7211.



Daniel Richer, the provincially sponsored bicentennial town crier was part of Friday evening ceremonies.



An igloo at the mill pond has to be an indication something different is happening. This weekend it was Winter Carnival 1984.



Christopher and Pamela Taylor were among the many passengers of this helicopter operated by Terry Abell. The rides were one of the biggest attractions at the carnival.



One of the most popular events of the weekend was the broomball bash Saturday.



Hot dogs were the order of the day at least for this youngster who needed a hand with her lunch.

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