

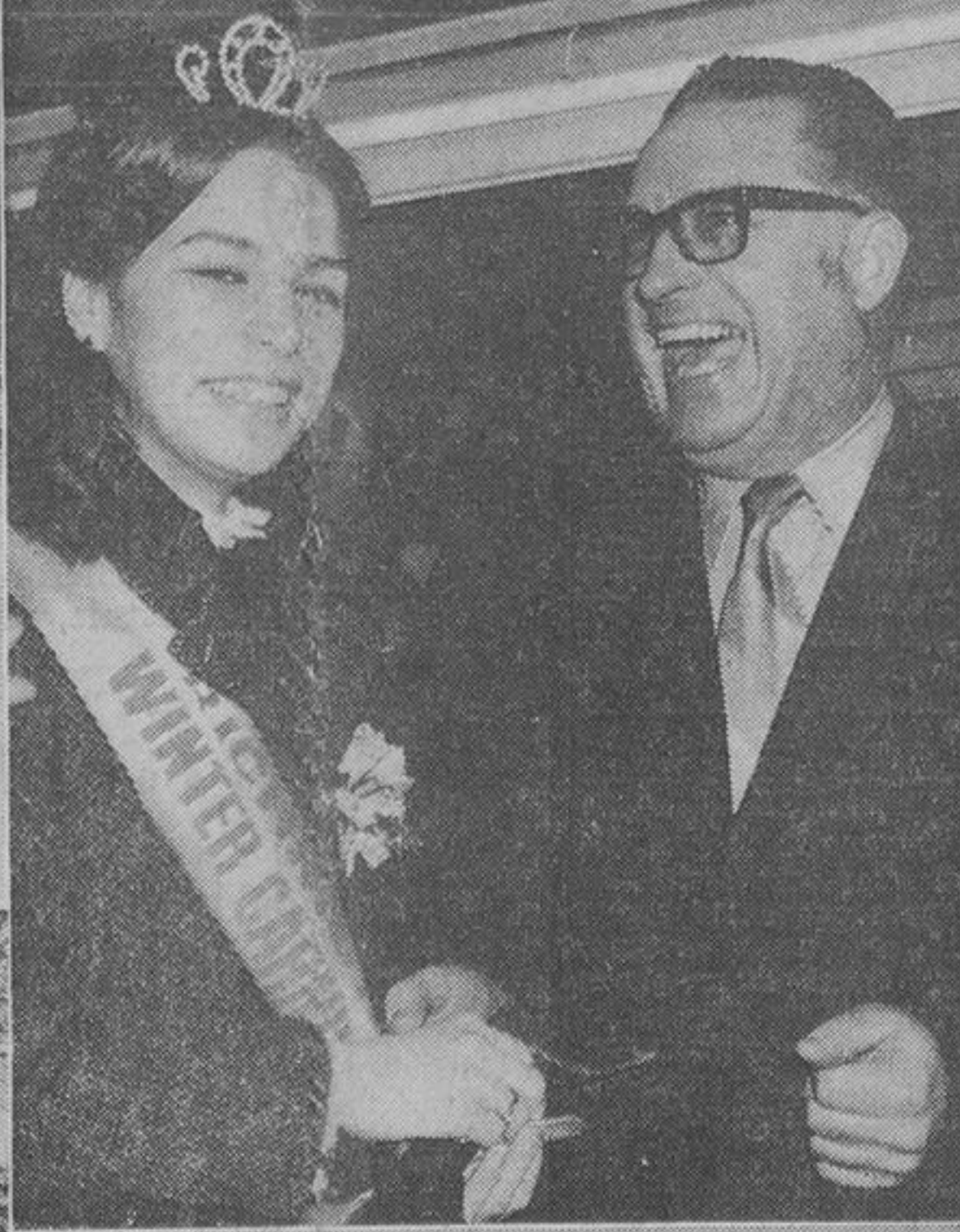
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1970 Winter Carnival—Something For Everyone!

A wonderland of snow, color, and excitement greeted spectators last weekend at the three-day Richmond Hill Winter Carnival on the Mill Pond. Variety was the order of the weekend as the above photos attest. Top left, Recreation Administrator Al White shows his broomball form in a game between the firemen and the carnival committee; at the far right (top to bottom) Snow Queen of 1970, Brenda Lamoureux, of 251 Bluegrass Boulevard, accepts the keys to drive a new car for six months from President Robert Tompkins of Tompkins Chrysler-Dodge Ltd., and Town Councillor Lois Hancey in unidentifiable costume gets ready to do battle in a game of ice hockey.

Middle row (top to bottom) are some of the many sidelights of the carnival which included snowmobile racing, snow sculptures (showing a steam engine as built by Grade 8 pupils of Pleasantville Public School) and pony rides for wide-eyed youngsters.

BY FRED SIMPSON

Strings of colored lights were still swaying in the not-mild, not-chill Sunday evening breeze. Watery light probed the darkness and bathed the drooping, abandoned outlines of the snow sculptures which had attracted numerous onlookers earlier in the day.

A cardboard sign nailed to the tree by the main tent was still offering hamburgers, hot-dogs, coffee, and hot chocolate. But it was an empty gesture all way around. There were no takers.

Across the road the Mill Pond was an almost-deserted stage of dirty ice and snow displaying

here and there the odd left-behind paper cup, paper plate and program.

Four or five youngsters were batting a puck around and a few ragged shouts would periodically announce a goal.

But that was all. The pretty balloon had burst.

Three days of the 1970 Richmond Hill Winter Carnival had come to a rousing finale. Had dissipated into the winter air.

Earlier in the day, on Saturday, on Friday, streams of Richmond Hill and area residents had jostled their way onto the scarred ice-surface of the pond to view the colorful proceedings.

Featured were ice-skating, snowmobile rides and races, dances, orchestras, racing competitions, tugs-of-war, log cutting contests, and what some people described as just an "old-time family outing."

"We're sold out of everything and it's great," was the comment of Richmond Hill Town Councillor Shaun Beggs, one of the organizers of the program.

He was seated on the steps of an improvised bandstand stage arm-wrestling with a large cigar and looking rather weary.

"We ran out of hamburgers earlier in the day," he said. "That shows you just how many people attended this thing. It

was undoubtedly the best year we've had. Everything went well."

He paused as a youngster roared up with a wet, limp looking child's mitt. "Someone lost this, sir," said the voice, deposited the mitt, and disappeared into the crowd. Mr. Beggs was assisted by Bill Ruttle.

Large groups of people, youngsters, middle-aged, and old people were still wandering around although the three-day carnival was wobbling on its last legs. So was the ice as a bright sunny day turned it into slushy puddles in spots.

One unidentified tot was still determinedly skating or was

"I must have gotten rid of 743 pounds of hamburger alone," she said enthusiastically while continuing to pour the chocolate to young and grasping hands. "In fact we had to go and get some more," she said. The meat was donated by William Klees Wholesale Meats of Richmond Hill.

Most spectacular feature of the three-day carnival had to be the snowmobile races on the grounds behind Pleasantville Public School.

It was like a midge-sized version of the Indianapolis Speedway as the monsters-of-the-snow-banks roared and spluttered their way around the courses.

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Suspension A Last Resort, Catholic Trustees Agree - Want Full Report

Suspension should be a last resort in disciplining a student, said Superintendent Joseph Hodge at a meeting of York County Roman Catholic School Board on February 3.

"I don't believe in suspension, and I try to discourage it whenever possible," he told the trustees when he presented a report on suspensions in the county separate schools during 1969.

Of the eighteen schools in the system, only six reported suspensions, and there were 12 children (all boys) suspended for periods ranging from one half day to five school days.

One boy with ten suspensions in two months was reported as suffering from a health problem and will be getting home instruction for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Hodge supplied the trustees with a list of regulations governing suspensions, plus a copy of acts and regulations of the Department of Education concerning suspensions, expulsion and exclusion from school.

"Suspension of a pupil is very serious, and principals realize that this is to be used only as a last resort, or to bring a problem to a head by bringing the parents and the school together to solve it as a team," stated Mr. Hodge.

Principals have the authority to suspend pupils, but must inform the parent in writing, stating the reason for the suspension and the dates, and a copy of the letter is sent to the superintendent as representative of the board.

If it is agreed that the suspension has achieved the desired results, the pupil returns

ent opposition to authority, habitual neglect of duty, use of profane or improper language, or conduct injurious to the moral tone of the school.

Before a student may be expelled, the problem must be considered by the board, but there have been no expulsions since the county board assumed office January 1, 1969.

An inspector may deal with exclusion of a child who is unable to profit by instruction offered in the school.

In January one child who came in this category was transferred to a school for trainable retarded children following a meeting with the parents.

Reports of professional psychologists, doctors and other experts who have tested and examined the child are all considered before a child is excluded from a public or separate school.

Mr. Hodge's report was brought in at the request of Thornhill Trustee Dr. William LaCroix, who protested at a January meeting of the board that suspensions often occurred between board meetings.

"By the time we meet, the problem might be solved and we wouldn't even hear about it. The school act says we must be informed."

Trustees should know the child has been suspended as well as why the teachers have taken such action, and whether or not it was justified, declared Dr. LaCroix.

After considering the superintendent's report, the board agreed that trustees should be

kept informed, but that the names of students involved in suspensions, expulsions or exclusions should not be made public.

John Flannigan

Whitchurch, Richmond Hill Crimes Committed Under LSD Influence

The influence of the hallucinogenic drug LSD was blamed in Richmond Hill Provincial Court Monday for crimes committed by a local youth in Whitchurch Township and Richmond Hill.

John Flannigan of 10 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill, a young man in his late teens, pleaded guilty to two charges and had three other charges dropped by the Crown.

Crown Attorney Kingsley W. Jesintha told the court that Flannigan admitted using drugs and police considered the drug was "speed". Needle marks on both of Flannigan's arms showed heavy drug use and it was apparent the youth had turned to crime to pay for drugs, Mr. W. Jesintha said.

Flannigan's lawyer Alfred Stong said he found his client had arms that looked something like pin-cushions and that they were extremely red. The youth was examined by a drug expert to see what the drug effects were.

Mr. Stong said Flannigan was using LSD in such quan-

Mayor Lazenby Suggests Sidewalks On Local Improvement Plan

Richmond Hill's works department will be asked to come up with a realistic estimate of installing a sidewalk on the east side of Neal Drive from North Taylor Mills to South Taylor Mills as the result of a motion by Deputy-reeve Ivan Mansbridge at last week's council meeting.

Plans are nearing completion for installation of a storm sewer, curbs and pavement on Neal Drive. Included in the plans are a sidewalk in front of Beverley Acres Public School, but concern about the safety of the young children attending this, the largest public school in York County, has prompted Mr. Mansbridge to raise the question of extending the sidewalk on more than one occasion.

Estimated cost of the project as it stands is \$225,000. It has also been estimated that to install sidewalks for the whole length of Neal Drive could lead to an expenditure of up to \$100,000. The topography of the land is such that retaining walls would be necessary in extensive areas, it was pointed out.

The deputy-reeve expressed shock at this price. "I'm flabbergasted," he reported.

Councillor Eric George, who represents Ward 1 where Neal Drive is located, stated that in his experience concrete sidewalks cost \$4 a square foot. If the requested information would add an intolerable burden to the already hard-work-

Roberts Favors Pay Raise Federal MP's

Our federal Members of Parliament have been agitating for a substantial salary raise. At present they receive \$18,000 a year. Of this total figure the sum of \$6,000 is tax free.

Reports indicate they are seeking a new salary level of \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year. So far Prime Minister Trudeau has not given in to their demands.

John Roberts MP, York Simcoe (Liberal) defends the MP's salary demands and says he favors an immediate salary increase.

Read Mr. Roberts' feature article on Page 9 of this issue.

Stanfield Here Next Wednesday

National Progressive Conservative Leader Robert Stanfield will visit Richmond Hill Wednesday evening of next week. Mr. Stanfield will come from Ottawa to chair a panel discussion on the federal government's proposed White Paper on Tax Reform.

This public meeting to which every resident of Southern York County is invited will feature an open forum inquiry into Federal Finance Minister Edgar Benson's controversial tax changes which if enacted into law will mean new and higher taxes for most Canadians.

Serving on the panel with Mr. Stanfield will be former Borough of North York Controller Gordon Hurlburt and Conservative Candidate in the 1968 federal election. Other panelists include Leonard Reilly MLA, Toronto Eglinton, chief government whip in the Legislature and Eric Ford a partner in Clarkson, Gordon Co., Canada's largest firm of chartered accountants. The fourth panelist will be Bruce Johnston, president of McKim, Benton and Bowles Advertising Agency.

The meeting will be held in the auditorium of Richmond Hill United Church on February 18 with proceedings scheduled to commence at 8 pm. It is being sponsored by the York North Federal Conservative Association as part of a series of public forums. (See editorial on Page 2 of this issue.)

North Yonge's Buses To Run 2 More Years?

A two-year renewal of the North Yonge Street bus agreement has been recommended to Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham Councils, after a joint meeting of representatives of the three municipalities last week. The three councils meet February 16.

Under the agreement the Toronto Transportation Commission operates buses between Richmond Hill and the Eglinton Subway in Metro.

If the three councils agree to the two-year renewal, a meeting will be sought with the TTC.

Richmond Hill Deputy-reeve Ivan Mansbridge said the two-year renewal proposal was a compromise reached at the joint municipal meeting. The town originally proposed a one-year renewal, but was willing to go another year, he said.

The town shoulders half the bus route's loss or profit under the agreement. The townships are responsible for 25% each.

Mr. Mansbridge says any effects of the planned northern GO Transit service should be felt by the bus service by the fall. A two-year renewal would allow these GO Transit effects on the bus service to be assessed.

Regional Government Gravel Pits To Come Under Control Regions

Local municipalities will continue to control opening and operation of gravel pits in York County until regional government comes into effect. At that time control will be transferred to the regional government.

York County Council last week approved recommendations from its planning committee concerning opening and control of pits.

The recommendations, initiated by the mineral resources committee, propose amendments to the Planning Act, Municipal Act and Mining Act.

In its report, the mineral resources committee recommends that enabling legislation be granted to local governments to regulate and license operation of pits, require rehabilitation of quarries, performance deposits and share road costs.

County Planning Consultant Conroy Dowson told council that the recommendations came from gravel pit operators themselves, that they are prepared to establish a fund for rehabilitation of quarries that have been mined out.

Richmond Hill Reeve Donald Plaxton commented that such requirements might put some existing operators out of business.

The gravel operations in some municipalities in the county, particularly the townships of Whitchurch and Vaughan, have been a source of annoyance to residents and councils who complain of their unsightly appearance and the damage done to roads by heavy gravel trucks.

Restrictive by-laws enacted by the municipalities in recent years have been upheld by the Ontario Municipal Board in spite of strong opposition from operators.

Regional Government County Council United

York County Council agreed last week that, if it does not take a more aggressive stand on regional government it may find that it has lost its southern municipalities.

At a meeting of council in Newmarket on February 5 Reeve Kenneth Laushway of Stouffville proposed that a letter be sent to the Department of Municipal Affairs pointing out that York County had submitted a brief in 1968 requesting that the county constitute a region, and asking the Minister to prepare legislation to be introduced in 1970 authorizing regional government for York County effective January 1, 1971.

It was pointed out that loud voices are coming from Metro urging Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough to extend Metro boundaries north and east to include Vaughan and Markham Townships, taking in the municipalities of Woodbridge, Richmond Hill, Markham and Stouffville and the Township of Pickering.

When county representatives last met with Mr. McKeough, said Richmond Hill Reeve Donald Plaxton, they suggested such changes "would not be popular with the majority here. Since then there has been an aura of silence except for what the press has been able to get from Metro."

It was suggested that Mr. McKeough's reassurance that his department would not consider northerly expansion of Metro was sufficient, but the majority were concerned about Premier John Robarts' decision to have Mr. McKeough review Metro's continued demand to be allowed to expand north and east.

"I think the Minister will be making an announcement in a very short time, but I think we should speak up. We have not said enough," declared Vaughan Township Reeve Garnet Williams.

Former Metro Chairman Frederick Gardner and Metro Chairman Albert Campbell are not making requests, they are making demands, said East Gwillimbury Reeve Gladys Rolling. "We were told last fall that an inter-municipal meeting will be called." There has been no such meeting to date.

"If we sit and wait we will lose the south, and we up here will be real sorry," agreed Newmarket Reeve Clare Salisbury. Council is "sitting on pins and needles," he declared, pointing out that many decisions have been deferred by County Council because it does not know when regional government will be inaugurated nor what form it will take.

Markham Township
Reeve Stewart Rumble was opposed to the resolution.

"We have made our views known. It is the responsibility of the Minister to decide."

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Three Wolves Seen In Vaughan

There are wolves in Vaughan Township — at least three of them. This information was given to us by former Police Chief Ernest Bone, who lives at 9141 Bathurst Street.

Last Friday evening, Mr. Bone and his 15-year-old grandson, Donald Bone of Birch Avenue, Richvale, were checking the fields on Tintern Farms, owned by Mrs. Dorothy Graham, when they heard a disturbance. They were able to get within 20 rods of two romping animals which Mr. Bone identified as brush wolves.

Returning Saturday morning, Mr. Bone sighted three animals which took off south and disappeared from sight between Carrville Road and the Langstaff Sideroad.

Tintern Farms are located on the west side of Bathurst Street, opposite Welldrick Road and are composed of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 2, Vaughan Township.

Mr. Bone advised the Department of Lands and Forests of the presence of the wolves and believes that this explains several sheep killings in the area in recent weeks.

A spokesman for the department told "The Liberal" that it is quite possible for wolves to be seen in this area. "We get them all the time," he said.