

Winter carnival to begin in 8 days

By Mary Dawson

Richmond Hill's big event of the winter is just eight days off as the 1975 Winter Carnival gets under way Thursday night of next week with the Snow Princesses dinner and dance at the Legion Hall on Ohio Road.

A limited supply of tickets is still available for this event and they may be obtained by phoning 884-6240 or 884-2371. The princesses will be judged during the evening. Cocktails will be served at 7 pm and tickets are \$5 each.

The sale of oopiks starts this week at 50c each. Revenue from this sale plus the small profit from food sales is what makes the Winter Carnival possible. Be sure to buy one — you are sure to get more than your money's worth during the three days of festivities.

Added features

There are some added features this year —

The Royal Regiment of Canada band will be playing for the Saturday evening skating party at the Mill Pond.

The sky divers will be making two jumps over the pond — one immediately following presentation of the Snow Queen Friday night when the divers will float to earth illuminated by torches. The other jump is Sunday afternoon.

There is a strong possibility there will be helicopter rides available. But for certain there will be rides behind the beautiful large St. Bernard dogs, on snowmobiles and on two carnival rides set up on Mill Street.

Competitions

There will be elementary school curling as well as the finals of the elementary school hockey and the Okpil coloring contest. Being arranged at present is a broomball game between the German exchange students attending Bayview Secondary School and those attending Richmond Hill High School.

To ensure Sunday morning breakfasters will get their pancakes hot off the griddle, the committee is setting up a bank of eight grills and a conveyor belt, "a pancake machine", which will be available to any group in the town and for future winter carnivals.

Fun for everyone

Add to all this skating on the pond, children's races, tugs of war, sleigh riding, cross country skiing, log cutting, snowshoe races, ice sculpture and an informal dance and sleigh ride at Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club Saturday Night.

Also add a full afternoon of entertainment on the Mill Pond Sunday featuring the Richmond Hill Youth Concert Band and other local talent, demonstrations by the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club and a late afternoon community folk service.

The 1975 Richmond Hill Winter Carnival promises to be the best yet.



(Photo by Hogg) Sherrie Barber (above) replaces Carol Anderson as the year 2 representative from Don Head Secondary School in the Snow Queen contest in connection with the carnival.



(Photo by Ron Fawn)

Bayview princesses

Bayview Secondary School's bevy of charmers who will be competing for the title of Richmond Hill 1975 Snow Queen at the Winter Carnival February 6-9 are seen above. Bottom to top are Elke Woldenga (Year 5), Pam Grasse (Year 4), Cathy Deciantis (Year 3), Angela Steenson (Year 2) and Janis Taylor (Year 1).

60-foot centre core building height limit

Richmond Hill Town Council's new planning committee agreed at its first meeting of 1975 to recommend to council that building heights in the historic central core of Richmond Hill be restricted to 60 feet.

This would permit six storey buildings. If the majority of council agrees, the implementing bylaw will be given two readings. Then a public meeting will be held before a third reading. Also, the bylaw is sent to the OMB for approval.

The staff report, ordered last year and presented to the committee January 21, says the new restricted area bylaw 66-71, covering the former Town of Richmond Hill, did not impose any height limitations.

This was because it was felt a formula of yard coverage and open space requirements would control the height of buildings.

At an OMB hearing on this bylaw in June, 1973, concerned citizens expressed a desire that the historic centre of the town and its distinctive skyline of church spires rising from the treetops, be preserved to become a focus of community identity.

Staff also pointed out high rise development could lead to greater traffic congestion on Yonge Street. It could reduce privacy and sunlight to other residents and put a strain on municipal services.

Fire Chief Robert Kennedy also asked buildings be restricted to a maximum of six storeys. This was

because the aerial apparatus the town has on order would have a vertical limit of 80 feet.

Any buildings above that height, he said, should have included special built-in features for the safety of those working or living there.

The OMB's decision was it would approve Bylaw 66-71 with height restrictions "no more onerous than those in effect in Bylaw 1000" which it would succeed.

The planning department carried out a survey of 248 businesses and householders in the affected area and throughout the municipality.

The results showed 57 percent of those in the core area and 64 percent of the residents in other areas were not in favor of more than six storeys. An independent survey carried out among property owners in the core area by Len Pugh was also included in the study. In this case the businessmen all favored a greater height.

The 60 foot height will permit a floor space to lot area ratio of 2.5, "which would be economically competitive and would compensate for the height limitation", according to Planning Director Hessie Rimon.

The core area extends from Markham Road to Bedford Park on Yonge Street, and from Church to Elizabeth Street.

The 60 foot height limitation does not include the mechanical room on the roof, which would have a maximum allowed height of 14 feet.

Regional council re-opens family life centres issue

Despite the contention of Aurora Mayor Evelyn Buck that "problems are the natural state of marriage and families", and can't all be solved by the government, York Regional Council agreed to send the

matter of continuing Family Life Centres in the region back to its health and social service committee for further discussion.

The centres, which previously were financed on a 50-50 basis by the region

and the provincial government, no longer have the support of the latter. Since the provincial government bowed out, there has been pressure on the region to take over the financing of the centres.

Last week, a regional inter-church delegation appeared before council to present a brief.

Spokesman for the group was Reverend Robert McElhinney, chairman of York Presbytery, United Church of Canada. He read the four-page brief to council.

This asked council "do everything in their power to assure that these services be subsidized in the order of \$100,000 for 1975 in order to assure their continuity."

The petition pointed out that the churchmen realized \$100,000 only represented about 75 percent of cost. The rest would continue to be raised through fees and the contributions of church and community groups.

In 1972 and 1973 the region (Continued on Page 2)

Day care kindergarten staying open

There's been a stay of execution for the kindergarten section of Richmond Hill Day Care Centre. The kindergarten was slated to be phased out in September.

The proposal to close the centre was announced by Dr. Owen Slingerland, commissioner of health and social services, and his staff. The action was rescinded following a secret

meeting of the committee last week, Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Schiller told The Liberal.

The mayor is a member of the committee.

Mayor Schiller also made a motion to establish a liaison committee, made up of representatives from the health and social services committee. Dr. Slingerland's staff, daycare staff members and parents

of children who use the facilities.

The motion was similar to a recommendation put forth by a Richmond Hill task force last year, investigating day care.

The motion will be included in a report of the committee to be presented for approval at the next meeting of York Regional Council.

Observatory hassle settled Sports field lights ordered

The soccer field at Crosby Park will have a rosy glow as a result of Richmond Hill Council's decision Monday night to install high pressure sodium lighting there as a protection for David Dunlap Observatory.

Hooded metalhelide lights will be installed on the softball diamond in the Town Park and regulations banning use of the lights in both locations past midnight will be introduced, it was decided.

Dr. Tom Bolton* of the observatory told council the teaching and research facility could live with this decision, which was proposed by Councillor John Birchall.

He said that because of the direction and the angle of elevation from the observatory, metalhelide lights in the Town Park would not be the same problem as the same type of lighting at Crosby Park "where one bank of lights will be facing right down the pike at us."

He explained that in the central Town Park the lighting is largely directed away from the observatory.

Extra town cost The additional cost to the

town from this decision is about \$4,000.

Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe said he realized the value of the observatory.

"But we have reached the point where we have to

decide whether the town is going to subsidize the observatory," he said.

"I have a moral obligation to explain this to the electors. We receive no taxation from the observatory. The City of Toronto does all right

out of us — the jail farm sits there and they throw us a biscuit."

Rowe then warned council it was nearing the \$25,000 mark of overspending "in our first month of office. By the end of the year, at this rate it could be over a quarter of a million."

Opinions vary Councillor Mike Burnie felt the observatory was a good neighbor and should "lay down criteria we can accept so this type of thing won't happen again."

He was assured the observatory is working on lighting guidelines.

Councillor Andy Chateauvert said the lighting problem goes far beyond Richmond Hill.

"We have to come to grips with just how far we are prepared to go to ensure the observatory will last another 50 years."

End in sight Councillor William Corcoran said, "I think it is only a matter of time until the observatory is phased out. They will probably get \$7 million for the 200-acre site. Maybe they can then repay the town for our added expense."

Glen Philip pointed out that existing bylaws, which are observed by the Richmond Hill Ball Club, require that no full inning will be started after 10:45 pm. Play ceases at 11 pm or shortly thereafter except in the case of playoffs when play may be continued to 11:30 pm.

He said the recreation groups are looking for the best light for the best dollar.

Public access Mayor David Schiller said the Ministry of Transportation and Communications has indicated it will provide properly shielded and recommended lighting for Highway 404, when it is built, as a protection for the observatory.

He expressed the hope some agreement could be reached between the town, the University of Toronto and the observatory which would open the observatory grounds to limited recreational use by residents of Richmond Hill — such as hiking or jogging.

Badly hurt in car crash

Sadhu Singh of Downsview, driving a 1973 Chevrolet station wagon, on Highway 11 at Muirhead Crescent, south of Oak Ridges.

The station wagon was driven by Hanne Strachan of Willowdale and was northbound in the left-hand lane of Highway 11.

At press time it was not known in which direction the Singh car was travelling, but it was struck on the driver's door on the left side.

Mr. Singh was taken by ambulance to York Central Hospital.

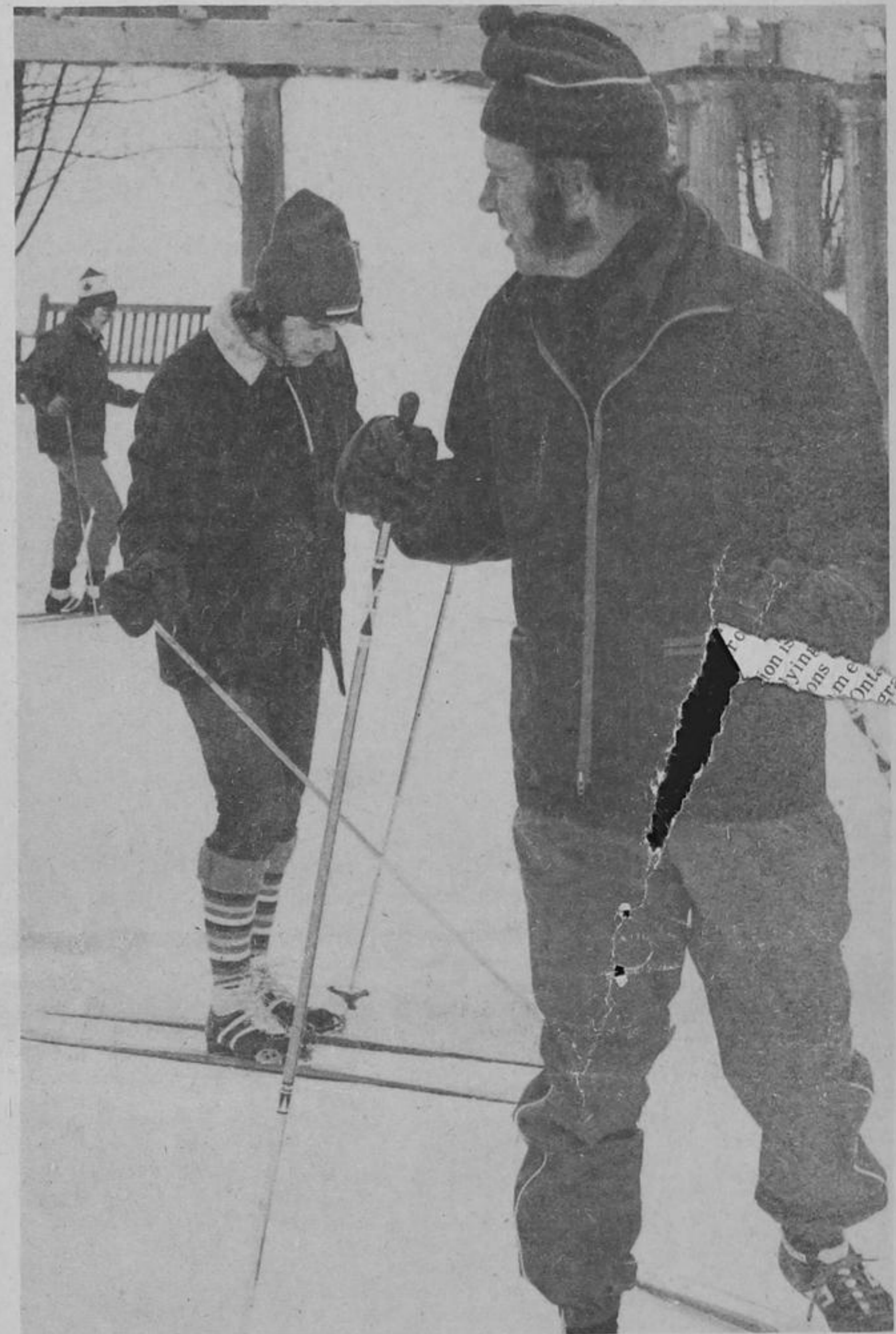
The investigating officer was OPP Constable Camille Kinanen.



(Photo by Hogg)

Champion gymnast

First all-round tyro gymnast was the award won by 13-year-old Kathy Beckwith, in Metro East Regional competition, a qualifying meet for the Ontario Championships. She won first for floor routine, first for beam routine, second for vault routine and 2nd for bar routine to win the all-round first in the 12-14-year-old group. A member of the Seneca Winstonettes she trains at Seneca College five days a week. This club is geared for Olympic competition. Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Beckwith of 7 Marilim Road, Richmond Hill, and attends Crosby Heights Senior Public School.



(Photo by Hogg)

Cross country ski instruction

Cross country ski instruction is being offered seven days a week to the public by Seneca College, King Campus. Fifteen skiing instructors are on hand and skis, poles and pants may be rented. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Entrance fee is \$1.50 for adults, \$4 for a family and \$1 for students. Lessons are at 9:30, 11, 12:30 and 2 o'clock on weekends and at 2 pm weekdays. The 900-acre school has nine miles (13 kilometers) of trails and is in an area of heavy snowfall. In the above picture Ralph McKim of King City is instructing in the finer points of cross-country skiing to a class of outdoor recreation students. McKim is seen at the right followed by (back to front) Jack Prohaska, 100 Roanoke Road; and John Courtney, 25 Loudon Green. Ice skating is also available at Seneca.

Industrial accidents hospitalize three

Industrial accidents sent three people to hospital in York Region last week.

Staeros Gratsos of Toronto, received an electric shock in an accident at Universal Section Limited, Esna Road, Markham, January 25.

According to York Regional Police, Gratsos, a foreman for the company, was working at a machine when it caught fire.

Police said he shut off the power and then put out the fire. However, when he put the power back on, he was electrocuted.

He was taken to North York Hospital for treatment.

Robert Dyball of Graydon Hall Drive, Don Mills, was treated for injuries at Etobicoke General Hospital following an accident at Highway 7 in Woodbridge.

Dyball, an employee of Bell Canada, was atop an 18-foot ladder working on a telephone pole, when he was toppled from the ladder by a gust of wind.

Edward Lewis, 48, of Jamestown, was injured when he fell while carrying a board down a short flight of steps on the site of the addition to Markham Town offices, Don Mills Road.

He was treated for injuries at York Central Hospital.

Inside The Liberal

Domik quits Dynes for Ray's

Sports excitement this week includes star pitcher Bob Domik's surprise move from Hill Dynes to Newmarket Ray's. Last night's game between Hill Junior 'A' Rams and second place Wexford was a fight for the playoffs. See stories on sports section Front Page 17.

York Region has won a national safety award during Safe Driving Week, which brings us our second Nice News column on Page 26.

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