

# Carnival a success despite rain

By Robert Hughey

RICHMOND HILL — The eighth winter carnival was an overwhelming success despite Sunday rains which forced cancellation of most last day events.

On Friday evening large crowds gathered at the Mill Pond to skate to the music of local talent — Bender — featuring Jeff Knowles, Glenn Belcher and Jeff Moulton.

After charming Karin Steiner was crowned carnival queen for 1976, skating continued until midnight.

Between skating sessions people gathered at the fires, situated at the edge of the pond, to ward off the evening chill.

Saturday began with skating races for children from three to 15 years.

At the Heritage Day flag raising ceremony (Canadian and Carnival flags) led by Mayor David Schiller at noon Saturday, a stirring rendition of O Canada was led by the harmonious voices of Richmond Hill's own town councillors.

Peter Merrell, Kinsmen president, commented briefly on the appropriateness of Heritage Day.

Carnival queen Karin Steiner and Luke (the Oopik look-alike) were kept busy throughout the winter carnival proceedings with presentations.

Now, hockey and broomball matches stir carnival participants.

Later, the gathering crowd roars its approval as Gunner, the North American frisbee champion Labrador dog, performs his acrobatic frisbee catching antics.

All the while, Luke strolls the Mill Pond, content that all are happy and enjoying themselves, suppressing a smile. He seems blithely dazed by the pretty girls which whirl past.

Now, the three members of the Canadian Parabolic Skydiving Team bring everyone to life as they free-fall from the passing airplane.

As the parachutes open, Rocky has manoeuvring difficulties and drifts into someone's pool up on the west bank of the Mill Pond and children scurry to see the happening.

The other two chutists are more accurate and land within a few feet of the orange target and are immediately engulfed by curious well-wishers.

While all these events are in progress a large sleigh, loaded to capacity and drawn by a two-horse team, skims around the perimeter of the pond.

Sunday brought rain in abundance leaving the marquee tent as the last outpost of the winter carnival.

And Luke wanders silently away, looking like a wet beaver, knowing another year must pass before Karin Steiner will snuggle up to him and announce — "it's Winter Carnival time".

Winter Carnival competition winners are in order of placings:

Children's races — Boys 3 and under — Syeed Saleuddin, Terry Woldenga and Jeremy Fieldberg.

Girls 3 and under — Donna Moritsugu, Janet Cox.

Boys 4 and under — Curtis Mihorean, Percy Parman and Jimmy Blum.

Girls 4 and under — Angela Snouie, Jason Jackson and Melissa Hunt.

Boys 5 and under — Donny Chitenden, Gregory Cairns and Jason Jackson.

Girls 5 and under — Lisa Kristensen, Christine Farrell and Teresa Doyle.

Boys 6 and under — Josh Deutch, Robert Cairns and Jason Maxey.

Girls 6 and under — Mandy Nelson, Kelly Bel, Heide Kunstmann and Susan Trumphour.

Boys 7 and under — Daryl Kinley, Peter Bulock and Sid Peters.

Girls 7 and under — Debbie Dregg, Cathie Blm and Leslie Barnett and Jackie Williams.

Boys 8 and under — Angelo Dangeis, Mark Plakton and Patrick Mulcahy.

Girls 8 and under — Melissa Flood, Rosana Firrell and Dina Plum.

Boys 9 and under — Kevin McInnis, Paul Joshi and Ralph Seybold.

Girls 9 and under — Heather MacLean Angela Court and Annette Barber.

Boys 10 and under — Derrick Baker, Donald Wilson and Adam Petterson.

Girls 10 and under — Leslie Ford, Dinna Apenis and Heather MacLean.

Boys 11 and under — Bob Mashinter, Adam Cox and James Kennedy.

Girls 11 and under — Janey Stepherson, Karen MacInnis and Cathy-An Crump.

Boys 12 & 13 — Michael Barnett, Adam Cox and John Follows.

Girls 12 & 13 — Sarah Williamson, Carol Mathewson and Patty Plaxton.

Boys 14 & 15 — Jamie Lepine, Norm Murphy and Mike Kirk.

Girls 14 & 15 — Carol Mathewson, Wendy Moore and Caroling Brooks.

Boys open — Jamie Lepine, Dave Kenny and Steve Moritsugu.

Girls open — Joey Stepherson, Carol Mathewson and Wendy Munroe.

Publ school hockey — Jefferson defeated Pleasantville 2-1 after a shoot out.

Seniors — MacKillop 4-2 over Roselawn.

Girls high school hockey — Don Head.

Boys high school hockey — Langstaff.

Broomball — Richmond Hill High Toboggan race — Bayview.

Snow shoe race — John Wynn, Fred Robbis and Lynn Randall-Foster.

Log cutting contest — mens, Eric Stohr, ladies, Diane Fulton, boys, David Walker, girls, Arlena Hebert, mensdoubles, Mel Call and Bob Witmars, ladies doubles, Sue McGregor and Jim Robson.

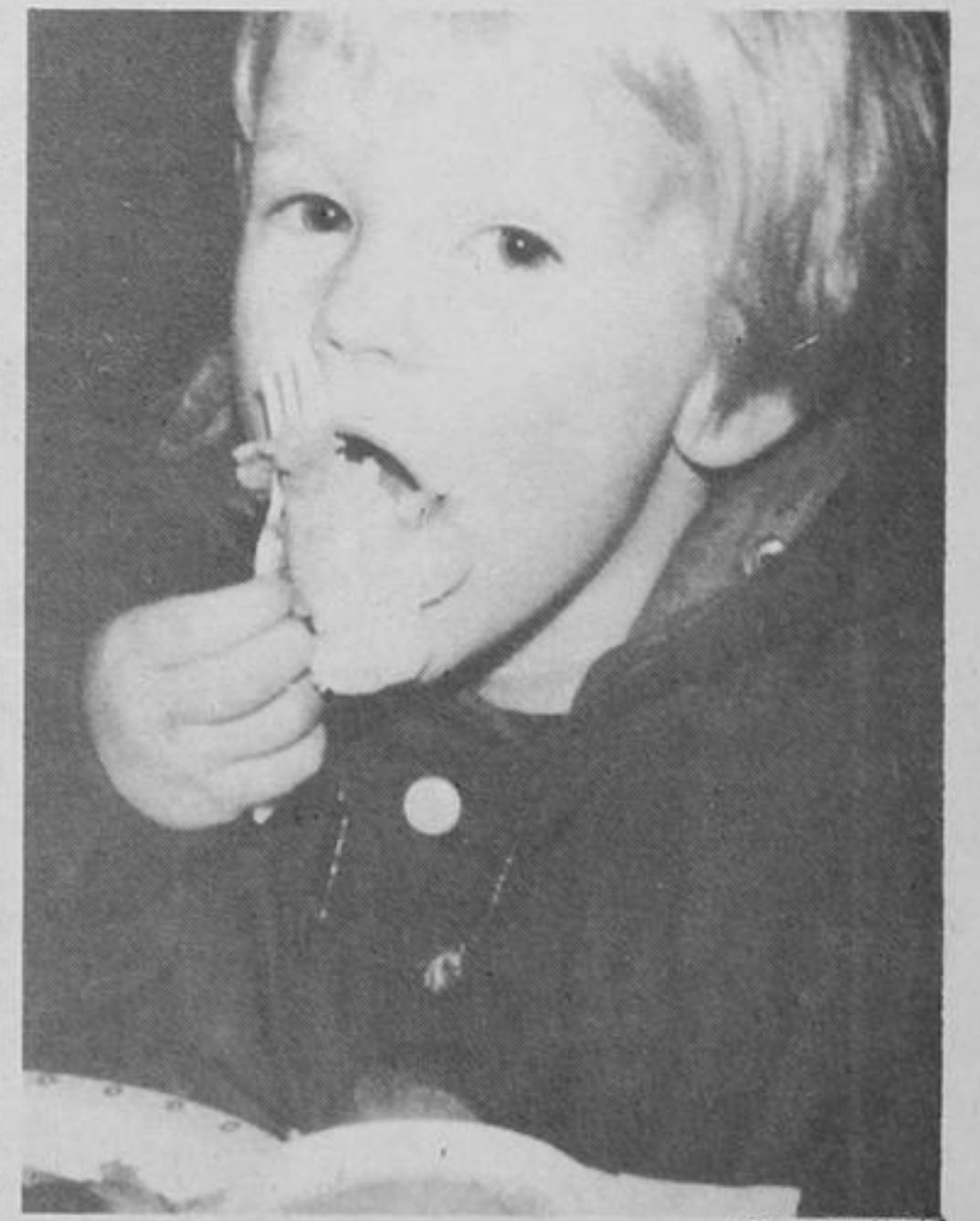
Tufof war — high school — Bayview; publ school — Pleasantville.

Snow sculptures — grade 9 — Bayview — Flintstone car; grade 10 — Bayview — elephant; grade 11 — Richmond Hill — dog's head; grade 12 — Richmond Hill — bear mug; grade 13 — Langstaff — beaver.

Snow sculpture — publ school — McCnacky — volkswagen.



PART of large Saturday crowd at Mill Pond.



PANCAKES a-plenty are enjoyed by Gregory Barrow, 3, at Sunday morning break fast.



SURROUNDED by snow sculpture is Billy Powell, 30 Muirhead Cr., Richmond Hill.



CARNIVAL worker Ed Banks and 1975 Queen Gail Amodeo.

## Queen leads busy life

RICHMOND HILL — Karin Steiner, our eighth Winter Carnival Queen, is a bubbly, energetic young lady.

And when Karin says she likes meeting people she takes little time to convince one she means it.

Karin said being selected carnival queen for 1976 is "quite an honor".

"It's exciting and it has brought me closer to my friends."

Karin, an only child who resides at 367 Kerrybrook Dr., is 15 years old.

She is in Grade 10 at Richmond Hill High where she is active on the school debating team and the year book committee.

She likes languages as she speaks English and French, and also studies German and Latin, yet her sights are set on a career in dentistry.

Other interests for this active girl include: collecting stamps, participating (tennis) and watching sports (hockey), playing chess and reading historical biographies.

For being chosen Winter Carnival Queen for 1976, Karin received a lavish muskrat coat, a 1976 Carnival Queen necklace, roses, cosmetics and a frisbee. Her next official appearance will be Feb. 23 at an Old Timers hockey match in Richmond Hill.

First runner up to Karin is Laura DiBatista of Langstaff Secondary School.

Second runner up is Lesley Shelton of Bayview Secondary and third runner up is Elvira Varriale, also of Langstaff.

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