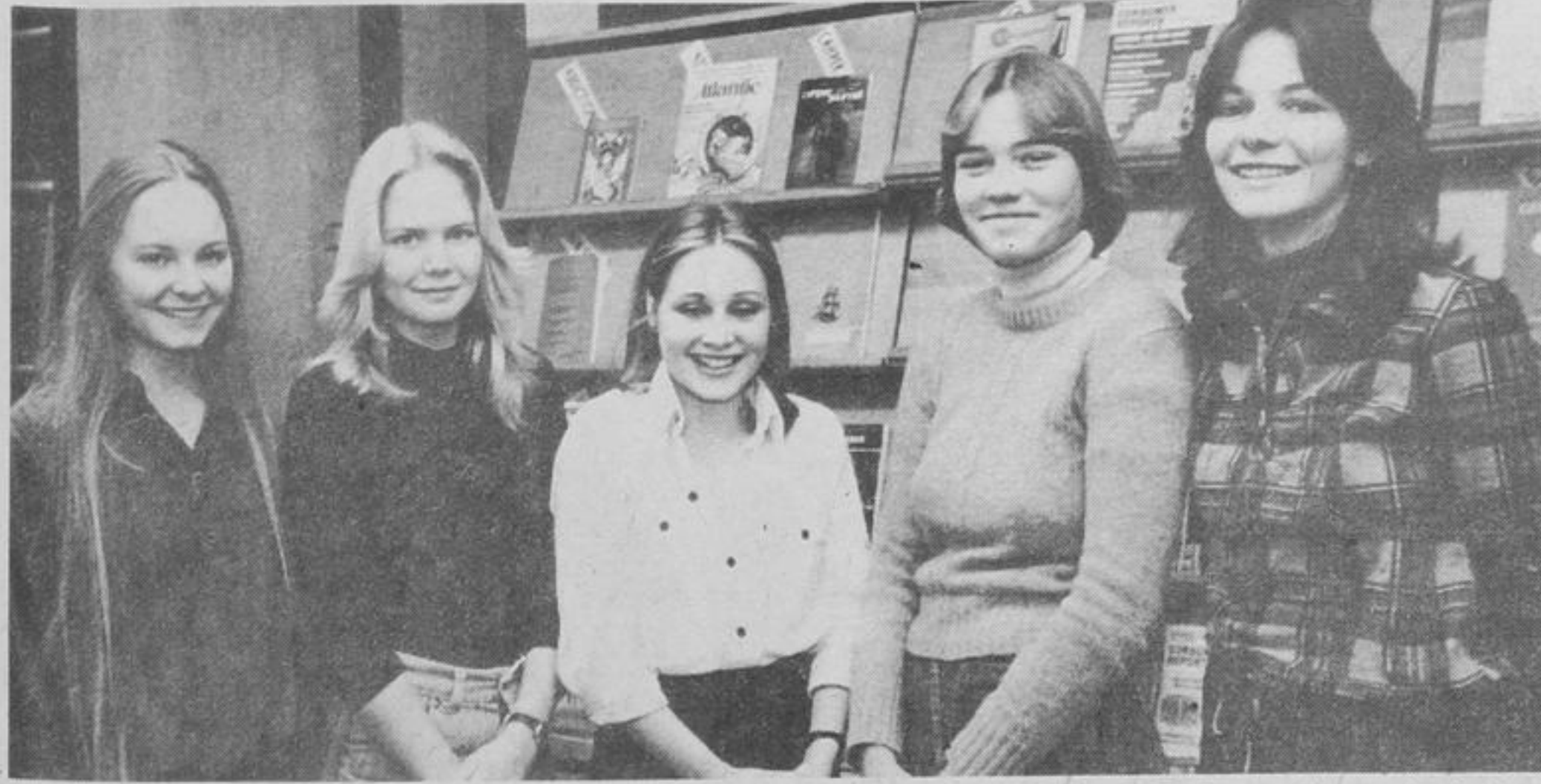


Carnival — 10 successful years



RHHS

Richmond Hill's Snow Princess lineup includes Miriam Johnston, Wendy Wilcock, Lilian Burg, Anke Bakker and Gertrude Simitz. (Photo by Alec Bruyns)



Langstaff

Langstaff Secondary School's Snow Princesses are decked out in their ribbons and ready to go for Richmond Hill's Tenth Winter Carnival. From left are Paula Frasca, Cory Bockus, Maureen Svensen and Brenda Porter. Absent is Manuela Vani.



Don Head

From Don Head come three Snow Princess competitors: Lisa Cannon, Linda Auger and Gwen Hood. (Photo by Alec Bruyns)

Sale of Winter Carnival buttons for the event's 10th anniversary is brisk, according to carnival committee member Marg Barrow.

Students in all Richmond Hill high schools are selling the buttons, and Bayview Secondary is presently leading the race, having sold 200.

Buttons may be purchased from students or at any local bank, she said.

Meanwhile, plans are continuing for the bash, scheduled for February 3, 4, and 5, at the Mill Pond, and a pre-carnival event needing participants in the bed race.

Invitations are open to anyone who wishes to enter, and the judging will take place at Hillcrest Mall January 28.

For rules and further information, call Tom Carvin at 884-9577.

As plans for this year's festivities continued, organizers took time out to look through the minutes of carnivals over the past 10 years.

With Shaun Beggs having been Chairman of the Richmond Hill Parks Board for 11 years and Bill Ruttle having been on that board for nine years, it was easy to see how these men got together with local businessmen Dalt Hicks and Warren Davey to discuss the idea of a Winter Carnival for Richmond Hill.

Anja Beggs acted as secretary.

The date was November 3, 1968.

Scanning the minutes of that first meeting, it was amazing to see how farsighted they were in their planning as most of the proposed attractions are still running and getting bigger and better every year.

One of the reasons for the success of the Winter Carnival was written on the first page of the minutes: "High school student involvement to be stressed".

Every year the committee has been blessed with intelligent and spirited representatives who have acted as liaison with the students of their respective high schools, spreading involvement and enthusiasm to all grades.

The committee had grown to include Paul Binkley, Evie Ruttle, Don Hodgson, and Don Wulf, with Sandy Cameron, and Paul O'Brien from Rich-

mond Hill High School; Janice James from Bayview Secondary; and Dennis Anderson from Langstaff Secondary, acting as the first school representatives.

It wasn't until January 31, 1971, that the Big Ookie called "Luke" made his appearance.

After a trip to Eaton's Santa Claus Parade workshop, many hours of figuring, and many more of bending heavy wire and taping it together, "Luke" became a reality.

That first year, the Parks Department paid for the purchase of posters and buttons.

Years have gone by quickly. From a budget of \$1,500 for the first year, finances have grown to more than \$10,000.

With the help of local contractors and contributions from many merchants, the committee built a portable stage which is for use by any local group, free of charge.

With the 10th annual Carnival now less than a month away, committee members are pushing for Richmond Hill residents to participate and "celebrate winter".

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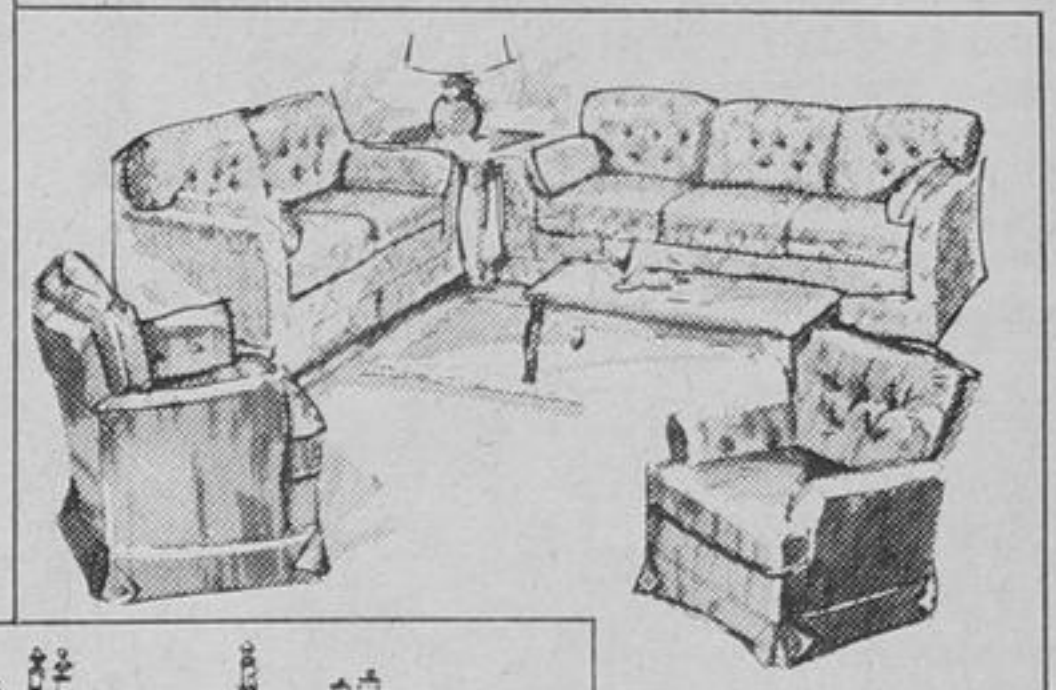
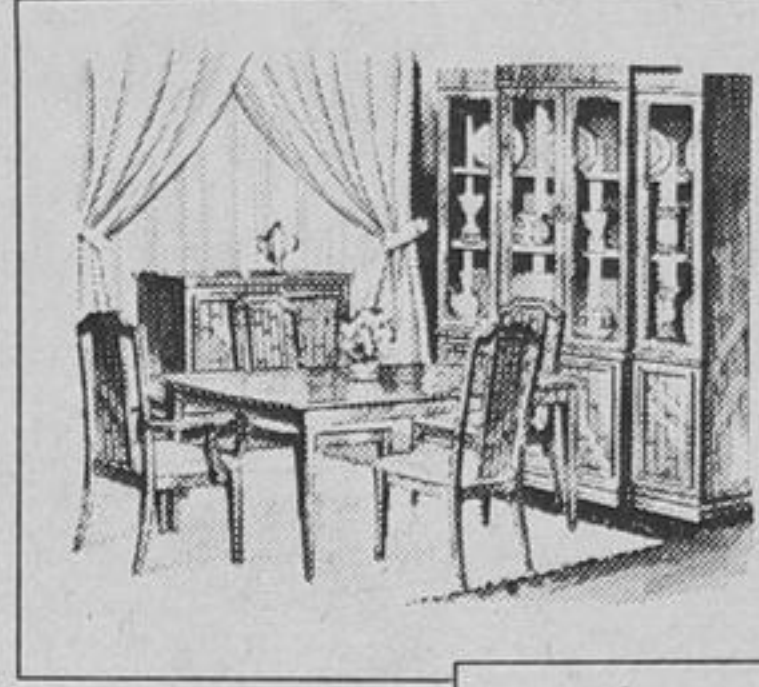
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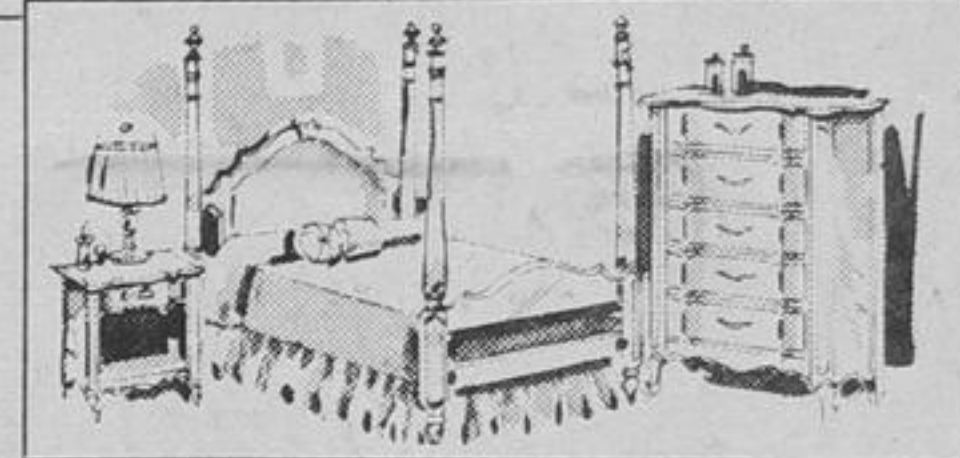
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