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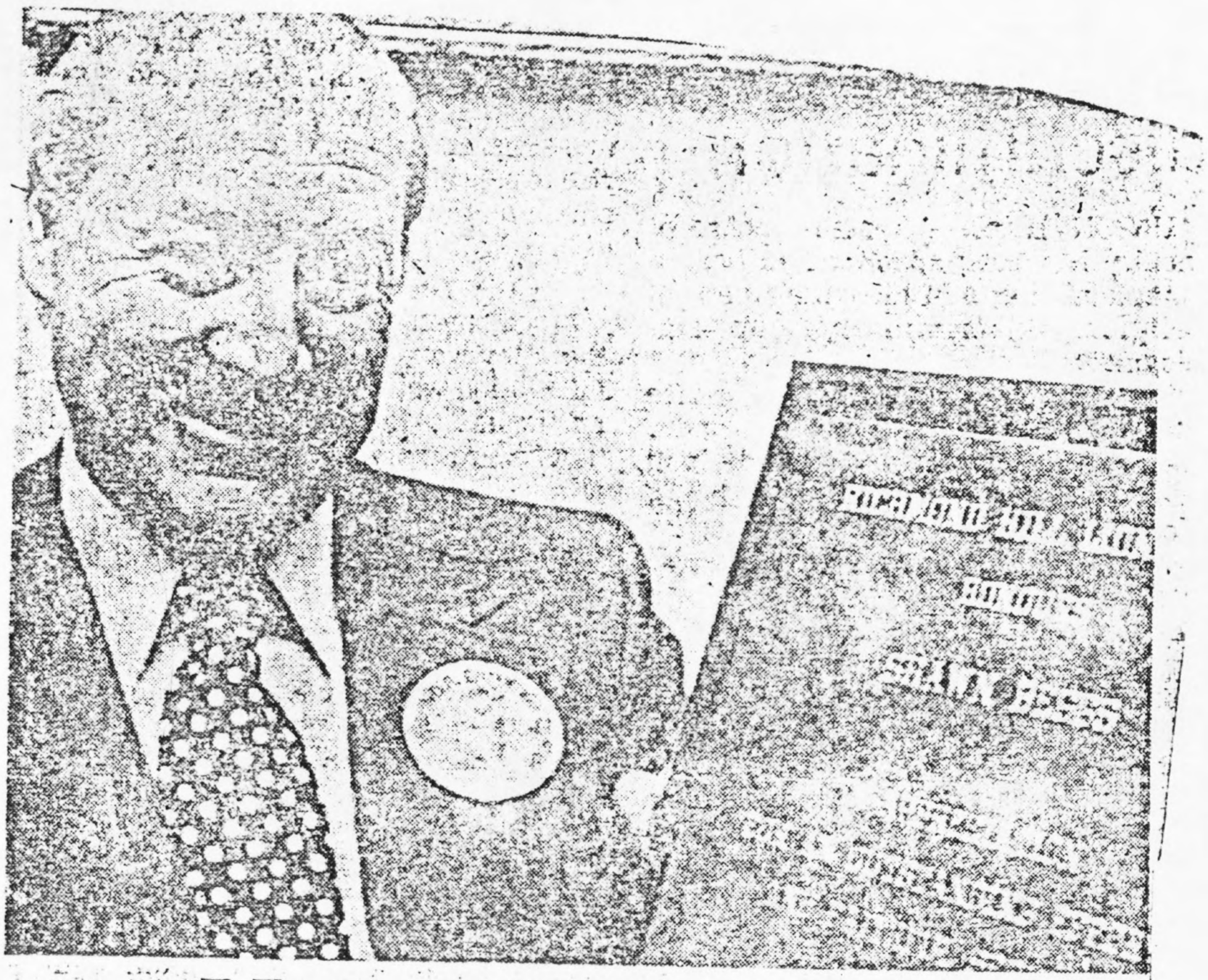

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Man of the Year

The Lions made a fine choice in singling out Shaun Beggs, founder of Winter Carnival which has become an annual highlight of community life in Richmond Hill. Nine years of organizing the event has been a major effort.

Lions name Beggs 'outstanding effort'

RICHMOND HILL — The Lions Club last week honored Mr. Winter Carnival — Shaun Beggs — with its man-of-the-year award.

Shaun, who started the Carnival idea nine years ago and has been a prime organizer of it ever since, was presented with a plaque at a Lions dinner.

Inscription on the plaque reads:

"In appreciation for an outstanding effort and faithful service to a successful Winter Carnival for the past nine years."

When Beggs was parks board chairman, he found that beautiful Mill Pond park was used by folks in the vicinity, but not by residents in other parts of town.

To attract more attention to the park, he came up with the idea of Winter Carnival. Bill Ruttle, Warren Davey, Dalt Hicks and Paul Binkley agreed to help and they promptly made Shaun chairman and Bill Ruttle vice-chairman of the Carnival committee.

Things stayed that way for five years, then they decided they'd had enough and all quit.

Later, they decided they couldn't let the Carnival die and started the committee up again with Ruttle and Beggs switching the top jobs. It's been that way ever since.