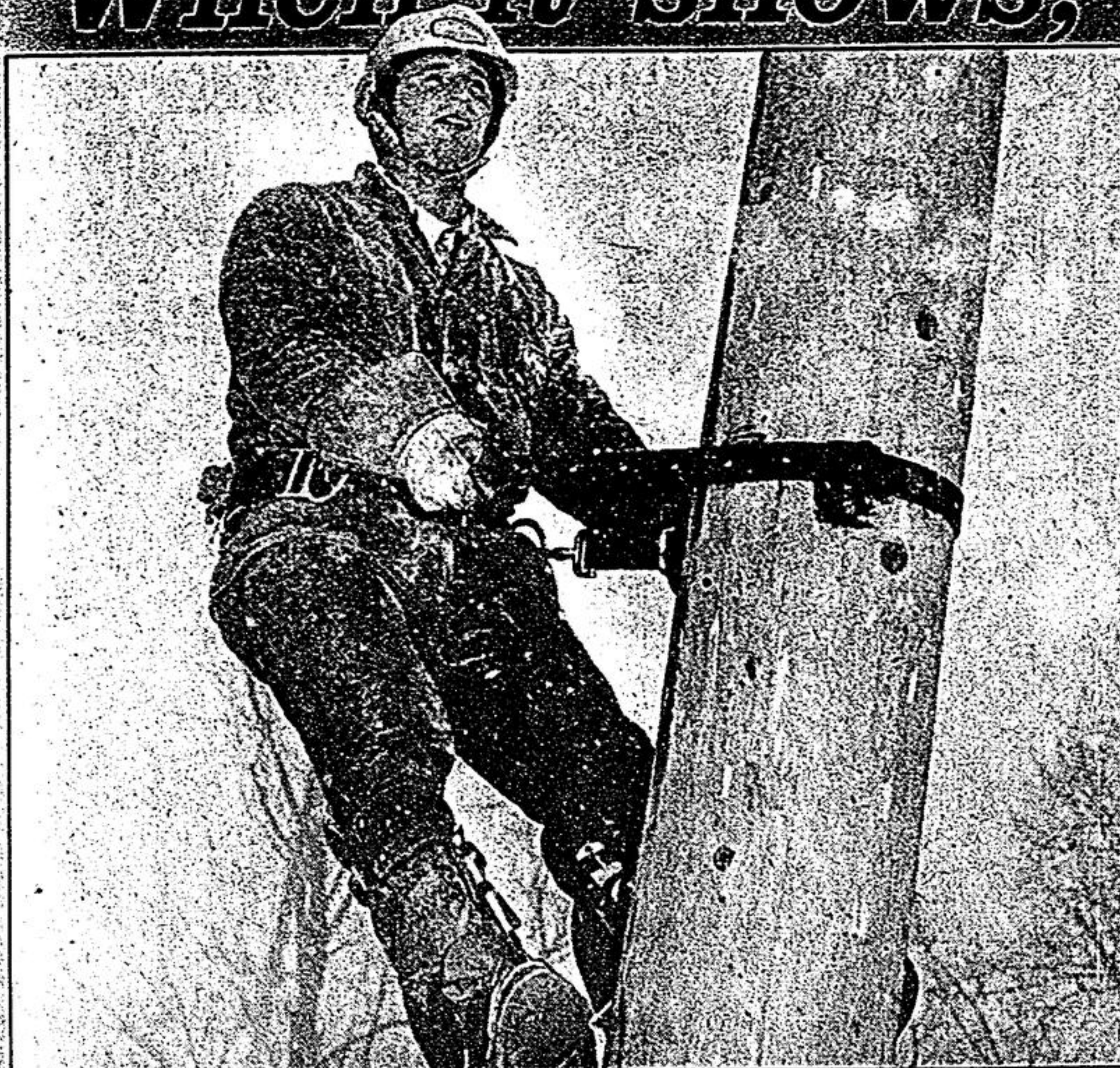


Third annual Claremont Winter Carnival

When it snows, it really snows!



Saturday's blizzard-like conditions failed to dampen the spirits of Claremont Winter Carnival competitors like 25-year-old Tom Bouchard. The Pickering man scurried to the top in 12:40 seconds to capture individual honors in a hydro pole climbing con-

test held at the park. Mr. Bouchard registered another fast time to pace his three-man Toronto Hydro unit to a 45-second victory in the team event. He also combined with Carl Clark and Gary Lavallee to claim the title of best overall utility.



A new mascot helped add a little spark to Claremont's third annual winter carnival Jan. 29 to Feb. 2. Giant gopher Mr. C.W.C. was on hand to officiate at virtually every event, including a gala parade on Saturday.



Carnival-goers all had their own methods of coping with the brutal snow storm on Saturday, after-

noon. Crystal Greene of Unionville found comfort next to one of Dave Ainger's sled dogs.



Rene Rennie (left) and fellow 'cry babies' were part of the prize-winning Legion Ladies' Auxiliary parade entry. It won in the most humorous category while the U.C.W. had the most original float and Claremont Boy Scouts the best overall.



Karen Marks (right) was a repeat selection as Diamond Lil of the Trappers' Ball, and Danny Pettit was chosen the new Trapper Jack. The gala dance was held Saturday at Claremont Community Centre.

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Al Redshaw (right) won Claremont's community snow sculpturing contest with his detailed 'hunter shoots bear' creation. The Franklin Street resident checks out his handywork along with Mr. C.W.C. (played here by his 13-year-old daughter, Leanne). Mr. Redshaw receives \$100. Murray Carson and family collect \$50 for their second-place sculpture, and Pam and Jake Taylor get \$25 for placing third.



These two bearded hombres raised many an eyebrow when they suddenly joined the field Saturday during a beard-growing contest. Hiding behind the rather obviously fake facial fibres are Linda Pettit (right) and Al Redshaw. The real winners were: best trimmed, Doug Rowe; untrimmed (Gabby Hays); David Grainger; mustache, John Quinnell; and established, Gary Postill.



Claremont's 1986 Snow Queen, Susie Pekkinen, is flanked by her Princesses Deanna Evans (left) and 16-year-old Dianne Painter. They were selected from a field of nine Pickering High School girls at a pageant Thursday. Susie, 15, was a runner-up to the carnival's 1985 Queen, Karen Carlson.