

Claremont beats the winter blahs with wide range of snow activities

CLAREMONT — A recent influx of snow has helped boost the spirits of those gearing up for Claremont's annual Winter Carnival, Jan. 28-Feb. 1.

A list of family events is being finalized by residents of the 620-strong community located in the northern limits of Pickering. The fun gets underway Wednesday, Jan. 28, with a gala bingo hosted by the Lions and Lioness Clubs. An early-bird game begins at 7:30 p.m. in Claremont Community Centre, Old Brock Road South, with play continuing until 11 p.m.

Record crowd at meeting

BY MARJORIE WOODLAND
FOURTH LINE — A record crowd of ladies gathered for a Goodwood Christian Women's Club meeting Friday morning at the community centre.

The great attraction at this coffee clutch was a program featuring a 'doll' theme. Mary Baggs displayed her rare doll collection and demonstrated how she crafts these attractive porcelain items. One of her treasures was a restored 'Eaton Beauty,' which caused some nostalgia among the viewers.

Kathy Pike and baby James were the recipients of some lovely gifts Saturday at a shower held at the home of Olive May. About 15 women gathered to welcome the new baby. A happy time of congratulations and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Hostesses Olive and Dawnna May served a dainty lunch.

Friends of Alex Schneider will be sorry to learn that there seems to be no improvement in his condition. He remains a patient at Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

Mrs. Rueben May spent a few days with her granddaughters in Newmarket last week. Daughter Diane Barnes was in North Bay shopping for a new home. Husband Frank is employed there.

Those bright lights on the Fourth Line are diamonds sparkling as wedding bells will soon begin ringing and will continue through to summer.

Carol Moore is able to be back at work part-time after a forced holiday due to a back injury. Here's some Food For thought provided by Ruth Walsh in The Minden Times:

'There's something to remember That's inescapably true Whatever you say about someone else Says MORE about you.'

On Thursday, Jan. 29, a morning snow sculpture contest takes place at Claremont Public School. Then at 8:30 p.m. that evening, a 1987 Snow Queen will be crowned in a pageant set for the community centre.

The public is welcome to watch as judges Gail Elliott, Dan Laffey and Cathy Lombard choose a successor to 1986 Queen Susie Pekinen.

Carnival mascot Mr. CWC will lead a community torchlight parade along Old Brock Rd. at 6:30 p.m. Friday, followed by a 7 p.m. opening ceremony at the skating rink in Claremont Community Park. A family skating party goes from 7:15 to 9 p.m.

D.J. Joe Borland will supply music for a teen dance set to start Friday at 8 p.m. in the community centre.

Saturday's busy agenda kicks off with a pancake breakfast from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Claremont United Church, Old Brock Rd. North. The morning will also serve as the judging period for a community snow sculpture competition.

The Claremont Mile foot race starts from Hoxton St. at 9:45 a.m., followed by a gala carnival parade at 10 a.m. (Any groups or individuals who haven't submitted an application; but still wish to enter the parade should contact Peter Gillespie at 649-3336).

Everyone's welcome to enjoy refreshments at Claremont Legion Hall immediately following the parade. Snow sculpture prizes — 1st, \$100 donated by Claremont Estates; 2nd, \$50 supplied by Gillespie Real Estate; and 3rd, \$25 courtesy Norton Home Improvements — will be presented at this time along with other awards.

Carnival-goers move to the park Saturday afternoon for a variety of events, including children's games from 2 to 3 p.m. An annual oldtimers hockey game takes to the ice at 4 p.m.

A Trappers Ball goes Saturday at 8 p.m. at Claremont's 4 Seasons Golf & Country Club. Tickets are \$25 per couple and \$13 single, with transportation provided by a shuttle bus.

Cross-country skiers will gather Sunday, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. in

the United Church parking lot, then proceed to the Claremont Estates property. A ski reception is planned for the Masonic Lodge, Brock Road South, between 2:30 and 4 p.m.

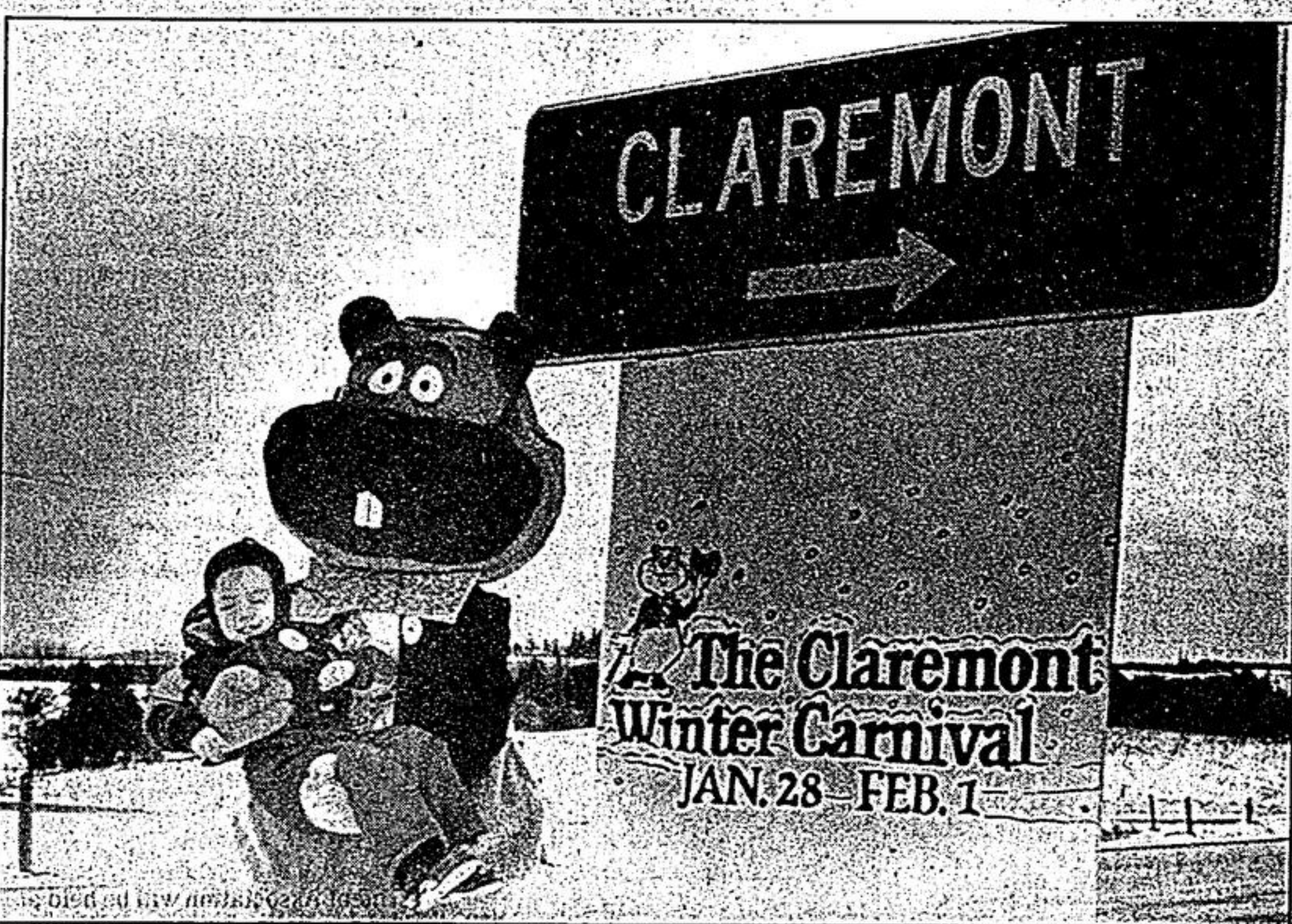
Family tobogganing will take place on Killer Hill also beginning at 1 p.m., while a youth versus 35 and over hockey match-up is set for the rink at 11 a.m.

All these outdoor enthusiasts will be working up appetites for a bean dinner and hymn sing set for Claremont Baptist Church Sunday between 5 and 7 p.m.

Apart from the general goings-on, organizers are continuing to run a button-spotting contest. Youngsters under 12 years of age and senior citizens will receive a \$5 cash prize if seen wearing a Mr. CWC button by a mystery spotter.

There's also a raffle for a weekend for two at Sir Sams Inn in Haliburton, with the winner to be announced at the Trappers Ball. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5.

For more winter carnival information contact Lauri Towata-Roy at 649-2296.



Mr. CWC ready for annual winter carnival

Claremont Winter Carnival mascot Mr. CWC and his pal Joey Hill, 4, can't wait until the big event begins on Jan. 28. Joey was a recent winner of the carnival's promotional button-spotting contest, as was 12-year-old Katie Simmonds of Claremont. They each received a \$5 cash prize.

—Chris Shanahan

Goodwood Lions Club meets again Jan. 26

By ELSIE BOLAND

GOODWOOD — The Lions Club held a successful dinner at the community centre Jan. 12 and it looks like the Goodwood chapter is re-organizing.

The next Lions meeting is scheduled for Jan. 26. It was quite a surprise when former Goodwood resident Trevor Harris called bingo during a recent game at the community centre. Trevor is now living in Beaverton.

Deepest sympathy goes out to the Harper family on the passing of Jim Harper, who was killed in a weekend snowmobiling accident in Brock Twp. His family resided in Stouffville before recently moving to a farm at Cannington.

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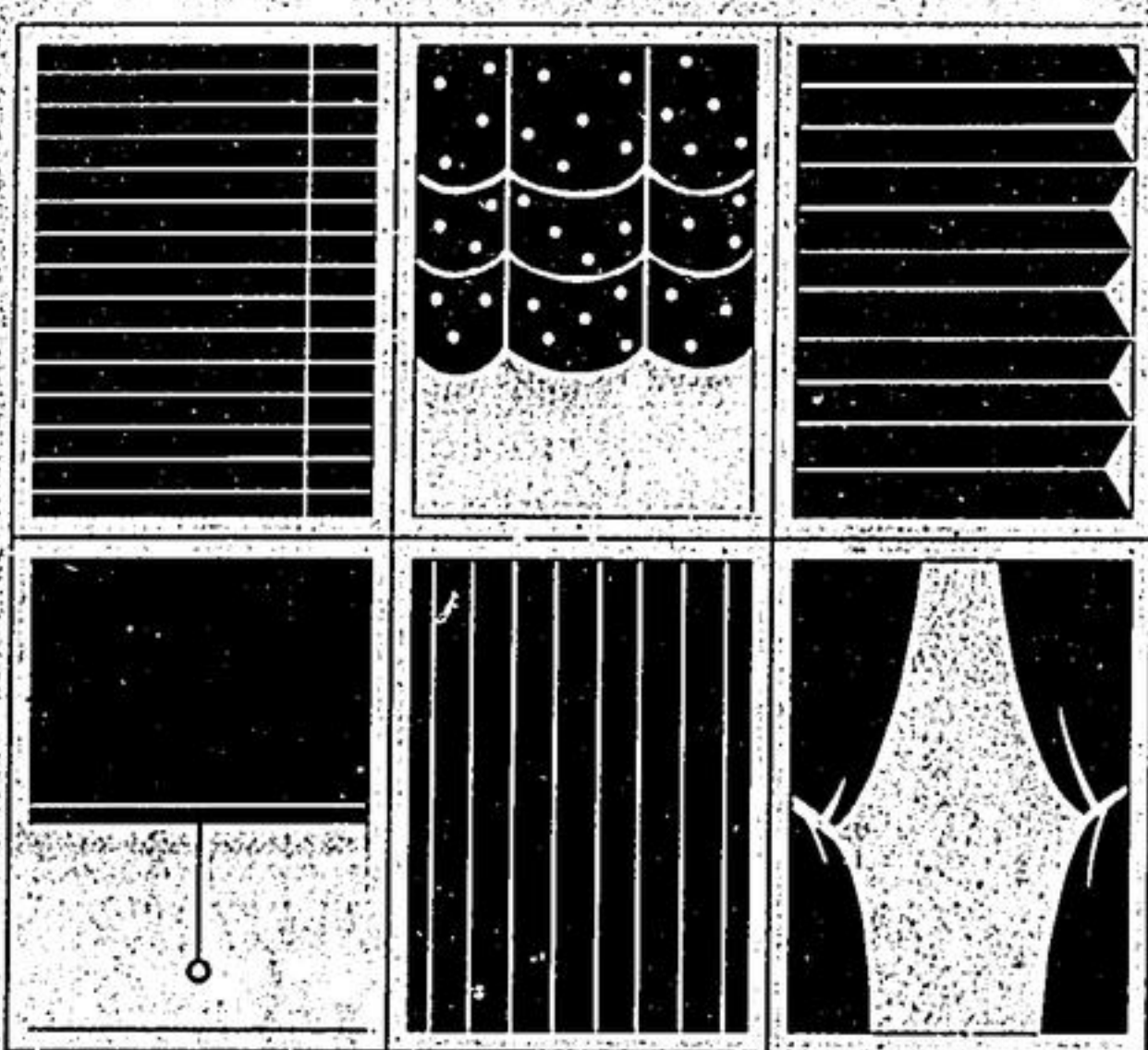
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