

CARMEL DRIVE

Turn lane gets nod

Highways Minister Alex Fraser has agreed to improve the junction of Highway 16 and Carmel Drive, west of Prince George.

Over 400 residents signed a petition last fall complaining of dangerous conditions at the intersection due to the lack of a right-hand turn lane.

"I am willing to widen and pave the shoulder to provide right-turning vehicles some refuge from the through traffic," said Fraser in a letter to the Fraser-Fort George Regional District.

Work will proceed "as time and weather permits," Fraser said.

The district board agreed to send a letter asking that the roadwork begin as soon as possible.

Board also agreed to have district staff study whether lighting could also be installed. The ministry has offered to foot two-thirds of the cost if the district agrees to pay power and maintenance charges.

The district board wants to get further information before approving a plan devised by a Shelley residents to establish fire protection in the rural community southeast of Prince George.

A committee of ratepayers in the community wanted the board to approve a referendum giving Shelley residents a chance to decide whether to raise taxes for the service, which would reduce home insurance costs.

However, representatives of Northwood Pulp and Timber, which owns a sawmill in the area, are opposed to paying higher taxes to help pay for fire protection, since they already have their own service.

District board members agreed

that more financial information was needed on the proposal.

Estimates provided by the Shelley committee showed estimated costs of \$264,240 to acquire land, build a firehall and purchase equipment. Taxes to be levied were based on assessments that included a levy against Northwood.

The amount was called "excessive" and "rich" by Harvey Clark, district board representative from Chilako River-Nechako, who said a larger fire department is run for less money in Beaverly.

The district board gave approval in principle to Du Pont Canada Inc.'s plan to store hydrogen peroxide on land just outside city boundaries.

A public hearing into the proposal has been scheduled for Feb. 20.

The land, owned by CN Rail, is a gravel pit served by a spur rail line east of Miworth and several hundred metres west of the city boundary, near the Nechako River.

Du Pont wants to store hydrogen peroxide in rail cars at the site for later distribution. The chemical is used to bleach pulp and Du Pont anticipates markets for its product at mills throughout the Central Interior.

The bleaching agent is highly combustible but is not considered environmentally hazardous. The Environment Ministry has indicated there is no health hazard potential from a spill of the chemical into the Nechako River.

In order to use the site for chemical storage, a zoning change is needed.

Du Pont officials plan to attend the public hearing, which will be held at the regional district office, Queensway and Fourth Avenue.



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TEEN QUEEN CONTEST

Candidates vying for crown

by BERNICE TRICK
Staff reporter

Judges are preparing to pick the winning smile from 12 candidates vying for the spotlight and the crown at the 1986 Miss Teen Prince George pageant.

One of the candidates will be chosen at the eighth annual pageant at 8 p.m. Feb. 8 at Vanier Hall to represent this city in Toronto's Miss Teen Canada contest in early spring and at events at home and away during the year.

The candidates, ranging in age from 15 to 17, were selected from 76 entries and represent local secondary schools.

Last year's many-talented queen, Colleen Bell, and princesses Helen Wilson and Heidi Towers, will provide the major part of the entertainment at the pageant in Vanier Hall before their final official act of crowning the new queen and two princesses.

Pageant organizer Steve Troup says 1985's royalty "really gave us a year to remember with their many talents."

The two-hour pageant will feature several dance and song productions and a tribute to sponsor CKPG Radio-Television on its 40th birthday.

Miss Congeniality and winners of scholarship, speech, fashion and fitness awards will be announced.

Pageant tickets, at \$6, are available at the door or from candidates.

Local residents can select their favorite candidate during several public events designed to help the judges make the right selection.

Fashion shows were slated for Friday and today at Pine Centre Mall, featuring fashions from clothing stores in the mall.

Talent night will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at Sacred Heart auditorium and is free to the public.

Speech night will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in the cafeteria at College of New Caledonia and is free to the public.

Candidates will also be interviewed individually by judges, who will be looking for poise, intellect and an ability to commu-

nicate as well as talent in modelling, makeup and fashion coordination.

Past teen queens include Annette Scop, Kathy Meares, Kathy Lees, Alayne Dawes, Susan Abernathy and Laura-Ann Cutway, who was selected runner-up in the 1982 national contest.

ANDREA BATES: is a native of Victoria who was adopted at three weeks of age and has lived happily ever after in Prince George. The 15-year-old, who is a Grade 10 student at Lakewood secondary school, has a musical family. Her father Eugene is a teacher of band and piano and leads the Bel Canto Choir, while sister, Sandra Meister, leads Die Meistersanger Choir. Although Andrea participates in musical activities, her first love is horses. Following graduation she hopes to own her own stable to raise and train horses.

SUSAN BOTT: is a 16-year-old who arrived in this world as a premature baby weighing three pounds, five ounces and who grew to five feet six inches tall. She's a Grade 11 student at Kelly Road secondary school who achieved the highest level — the all-round cord — in girl guides. She is an accomplished diver who competed in the provincial competition and badminton player who helped bring home the silver medal from last year's provincial championship. Future plans include world travel and a career in education.

INA BROOKS: at 16 years old already has several achievements to her credit. Four years ago she took fourth place in modelling competition in New York City which featured 800 models from around the world. She is a teacher of contemporary jazz dance and has performed in public and in commercials. She is a Grade 11 student at College Heights secondary school where her favorite subjects are algebra, English and drama. She was born in Smithers and has lived the past eight years in Prince George.

VALERIE JONES: is a native of Prince George, attending Grade 12 at Prince George sec-

ondary school. Music has always been an important part of her life having sung in a children's choir, played piano for 11 years and competed in the local music festival annually. She plans to attend Capilano College to further her music studies. She enjoys tennis and hopes to make the local B.C. Summer Games team.

CARRIE KREKOSKI: is an artist who has won several prizes in drawing contests. The 17-year-old is a native of McBride presently in Grade 12 at Prince George secondary school. Last year she attended a private boarding school on campus at the University of Manitoba. While there she toured the Prairie provinces and studied different cultures like the Hutterite and Amish people. One of the goals of her school counter-attack group is to dissuade graduates from drinking and driving during graduation celebrations.

ANNA KUHNI: With a Swiss background like Anna's, it's no wonder she spends a lot of time on the ski slopes. This Prince George-born, 15-year-old likes to work with animals. In the past she has worked as a volunteer with the SPCA and is presently involved in a Spruce City Wildlife project. Following graduation, Anna, a Grade 11 student at Prince George secondary school, intends to obtain degrees in several languages in preparation for a career in the diplomatic forces.

TANIS MARTIN: is a 15-year-old who loves people, the color red and Italian food. She says as a young child she was known as a "heavenly terror" who cried and screamed "until the blood vessels in my face would burst". She's a Grade 10 student at John McInnis secondary school who has a goal "to reach out and help people see how beautiful life can be." She likes dancing and exercising as a means to "break free" and leave her problems behind.

ANDREA MONSMA: is a native of Edmonton who spent her first 10 years on a ranch. This 16-year-old likes to sing, play

clarinet and participate in public speaking competitions where she has excelled. She's a Grade 11 student at Prince George College and played on the basketball team last year which represented this city in the provincial finals.

LINDA ROBERTS: is a singer who does solo work at many public and private functions and competes in various musical competitions. This 16-year-old is a Grade 11 student at D.P. Todd secondary where she's on the honor roll and participates in plays and dances. She loves people, her family, ice cream, pizza and exercising, and describes herself as bubbly and completely happy with her life.

NIKKI SELF: is a 17-year-old native of Ontario who grew up in a home filled with music and musical instruments of which she chose to play the organ. She's a Grade 11 student at D.P. Todd secondary school who works as a model in her spare time. Following graduation she hopes to participate in an exchange program with foreign lands before embarking on a career in pharmacology.

CORRINE THONY: lives on a farm where she rides horses English, Western and bareback style. She's 16 years old, a Grade 11 student at Prince George secondary school and is a native of Prince George. Her future plans include studying theatre and becoming a lawyer. She's active in soccer, jogging and aerobics. She maintains "physical activity helps one think and keep a clear mind."

JOANNE ZIBIN: is a Grade 11 honor roll student at College Heights secondary school. She was born in Chemainus and moved here at age three. She began swimming at five years old and was rewarded with jelly beans. "The training got harder and the jelly beans changed to trophies" as she captured provincial medals, placed seventh in national competition and became a member of the B.C. swim team. She is a modelling instructor for teens and participates in many fashion shows at home and away.

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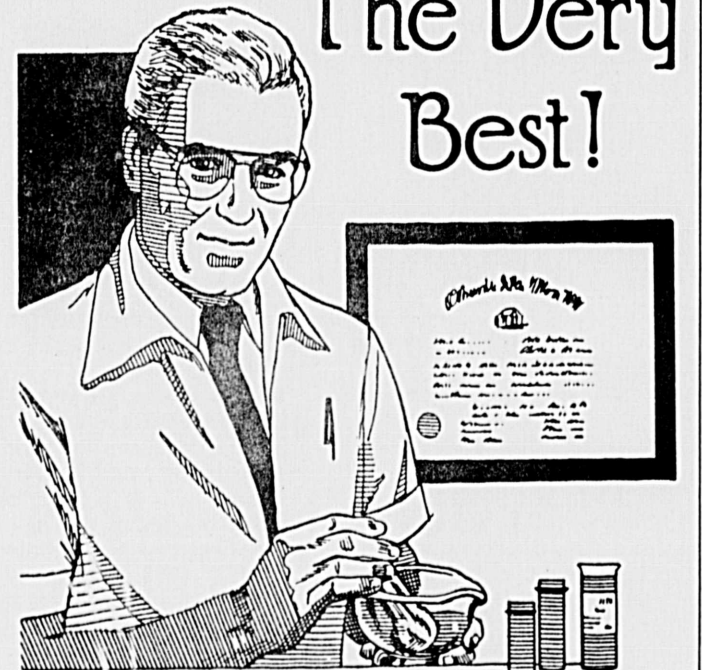
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