

It's Christmastime in the village . . .

By Eileen Argyris

This weekend marks the beginning of the Christmas season in Colborne.

Friday night, everybody is invited to gather round the village Christmas tree in Victoria Park (in the village square) to witness the ceremonial first lighting.

Traditionally the village works department and the Colborne Public Utilities Commission co-operates on the project, and the tree should be a sight to behold.

It's not far from the World War I memorial at the south end of the park.

As the tree is lit, the First Colborne Girl Guides will lead off carol-singing, joined by community members of all ages.

Everyone is welcome at the community carol-sing, which is marking its third year as an annual village

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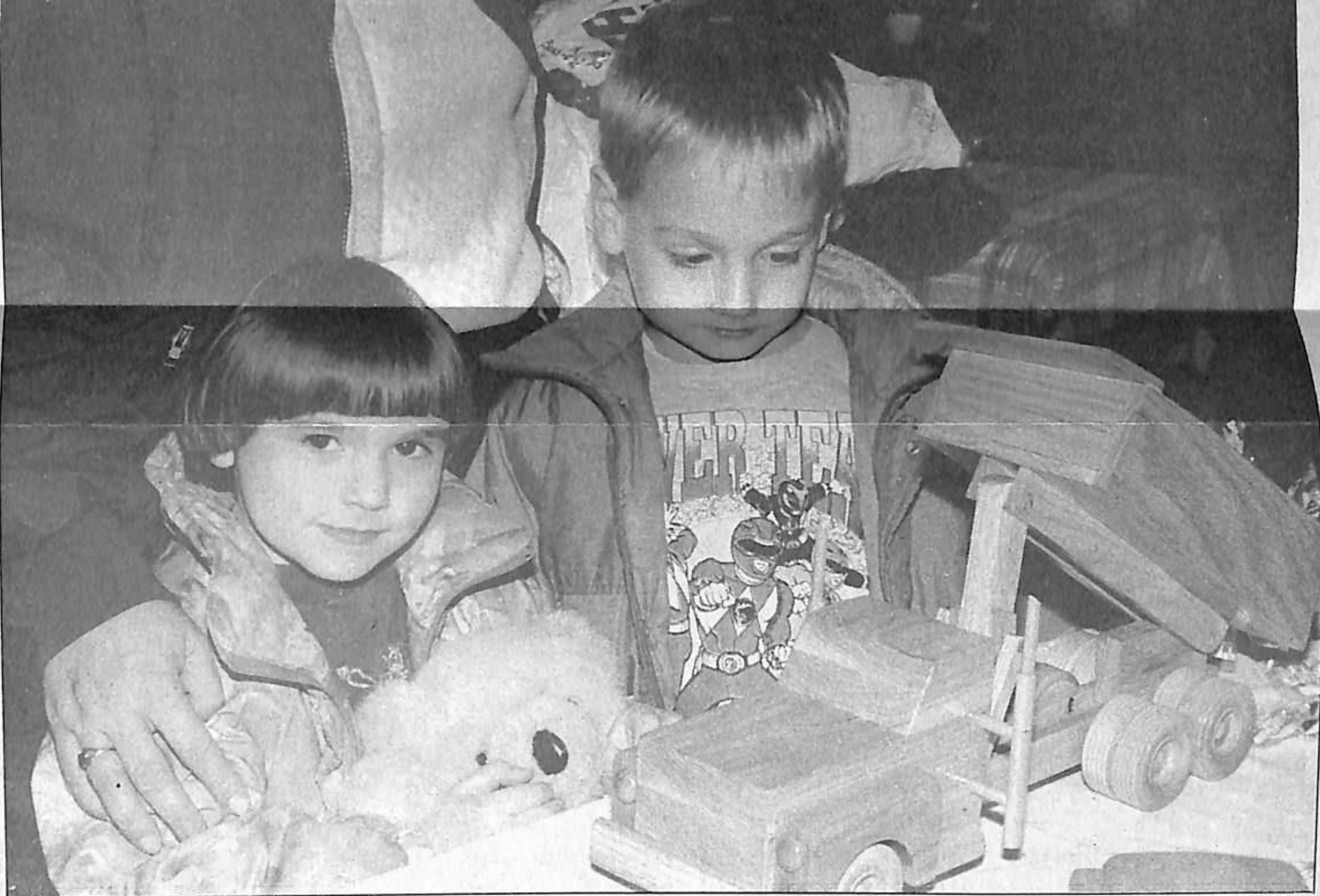
event. It begins at 7 p.m.

The kindly volunteers at the Drop-In Centre on Victoria Square will open up their cozy premises between 7 and 8 p.m. and serve hot refreshments to chilly carollers.

Then, Saturday at 1 p.m., the Kinsmen annual Santa Claus parade with the theme "Your Christmas Fantasy," moves off from Colborne Public School.

The parade proceeds north on Elgin Street, west

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Visions of — toys! — Olivia McComb, 4, and her brother, Matthew, 6, of Morganston, admire wooden toys handcrafted by Bob West of Wooler, displayed at Castleton United Church Christmas Bazaar, Saturday. Photo by Eileen Argyris