

# for gala parade of floats, bands and many marchers

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The sidewalks were thronged with happy watchers Saturday shortly after noon, when the traditional fall fair parade wended its way from the middle school to the fair grounds.

Bands, floats, horses, cars and parades passed by in a well-organized array, welcomed by cheers and applause.

Acton Citizens' Band led the line as always, with parade marshal fire chief Mick Holmes up in front as well.

There were two other bands this year, as the cost of hiring bands has become too high to have more. The Legion brought the North York Legion pipe band to town for the day, and these fine players added a spirited Scottish touch to the route.

The other band was the impressive 80-member Dutch Boys Cadet Band from Kitchener. These boys and girls with instruments, flags and drill team delighted the crowds as they passed.

There were no separate categories for floats this year, with all of them judged together.

In the first place was the float entered to celebrate St. Joseph's church 120th anniversary. Directed by John McHugh, volunteers had constructed a huge cake and colorful trees. Parishioners and two altar boys, Tim Garton and Paul South, rode high on the float. The entry won \$40.

In second place came the Acton Hillbillies CB float. The members of the citizens band radio group decorated their float well and the familiar sounds of CB radio conversations emanated from it. They won \$20.

In third place was the curling club float, edged in curling stones and manned by club members. It gets \$15.

Other entries that brought praise were put in by the skating club, library, Acton Business Association, Acton Baptist Church, Halton Hills Furniture, Cancer Society, high school Athletic Society, Halton Hills recreation department and Tremaine Britannia residents who oppose the dump Site F.

Marching along were beavers, cubs, scouts, brownies, Girl Guides and many members of town teams in uniform.

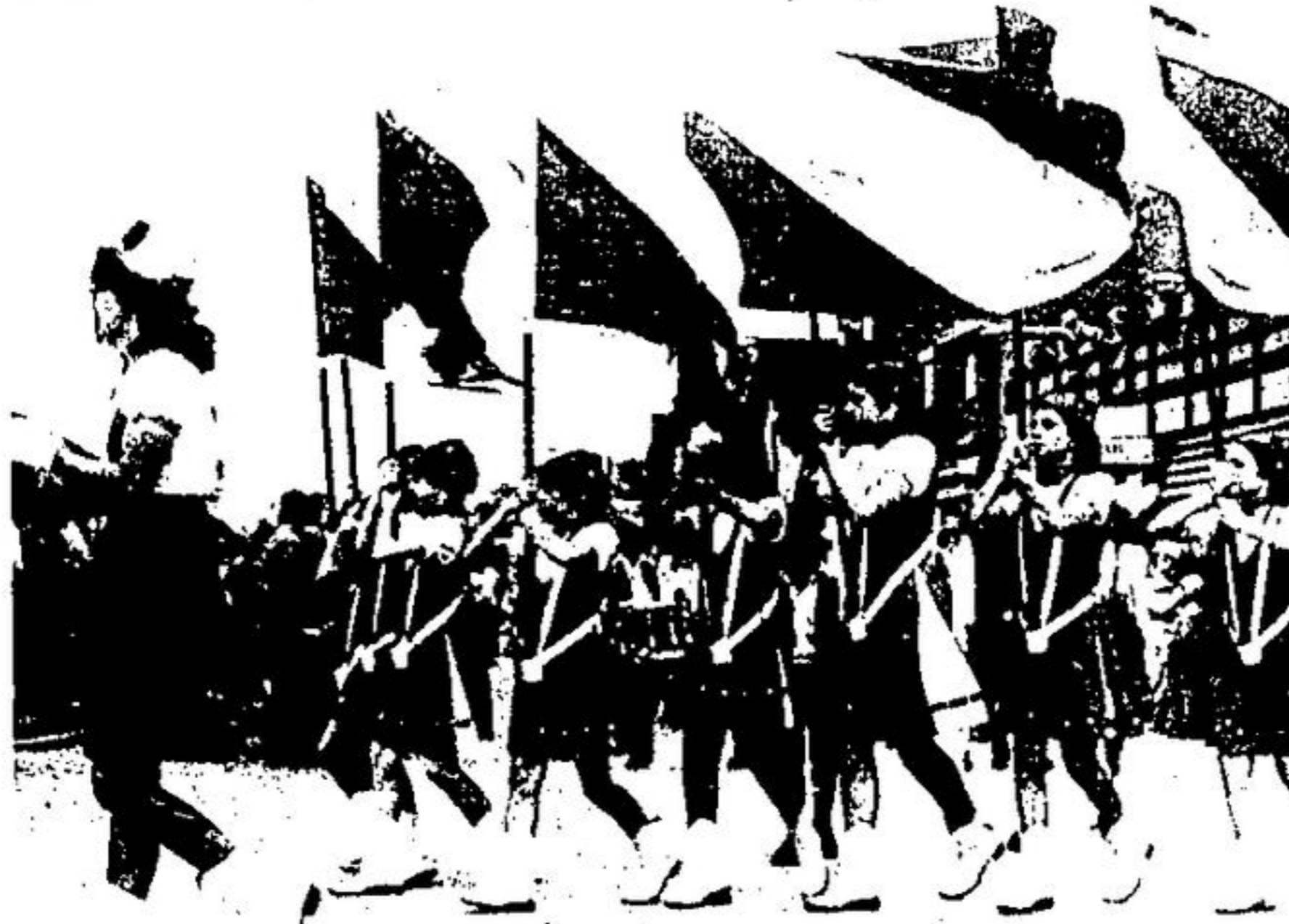
Fair president Russell Murray, Miss Acton Fair contestants and Mapleview Lodge residents rode along in cars. Rockwood Trail Riders brought their own four-legged transportation.

There were several old cars included as well as the old town fire truck.

Youngsters who entered the decorated bike and doll buggy contests were put on a huge float.

Dicky Dee ice cream salesmen got in there, too.

The St. John Ambulance got the time-honored spot—at the very end.



DUTCH BOYS cadet band color party leads the group of 80 boys and girls from Kitchener.



ALTAR boys Paul South and Tim Garton ride on the first prize winning St. Joseph's church float.



ACTON MONARCHS IN uniform carry their lacrosse sticks as they help swell the ranks of paraders Saturday.



ACTON CITIZENS' BAND led off Saturday's parade in fine style with a rousing selection of marches for the crowds that lined Mill and Main Streets.



BROWNIES follow their flags to the park in Saturday's fine parade.



EXPRESSIONS RANGE from very cold to horsing around among the troops as the Acton minor soccer association marched past in Saturday's parade.



BEAVER contingent was headed by a beaver.



ROCKWOOD Trail Riders added variety to the entertaining entourage that snaked through town.



ACTON MINOR SOCCER turned out for the Saturday parade down Mill and Main Streets as part of the Acton Fall Fair activities.



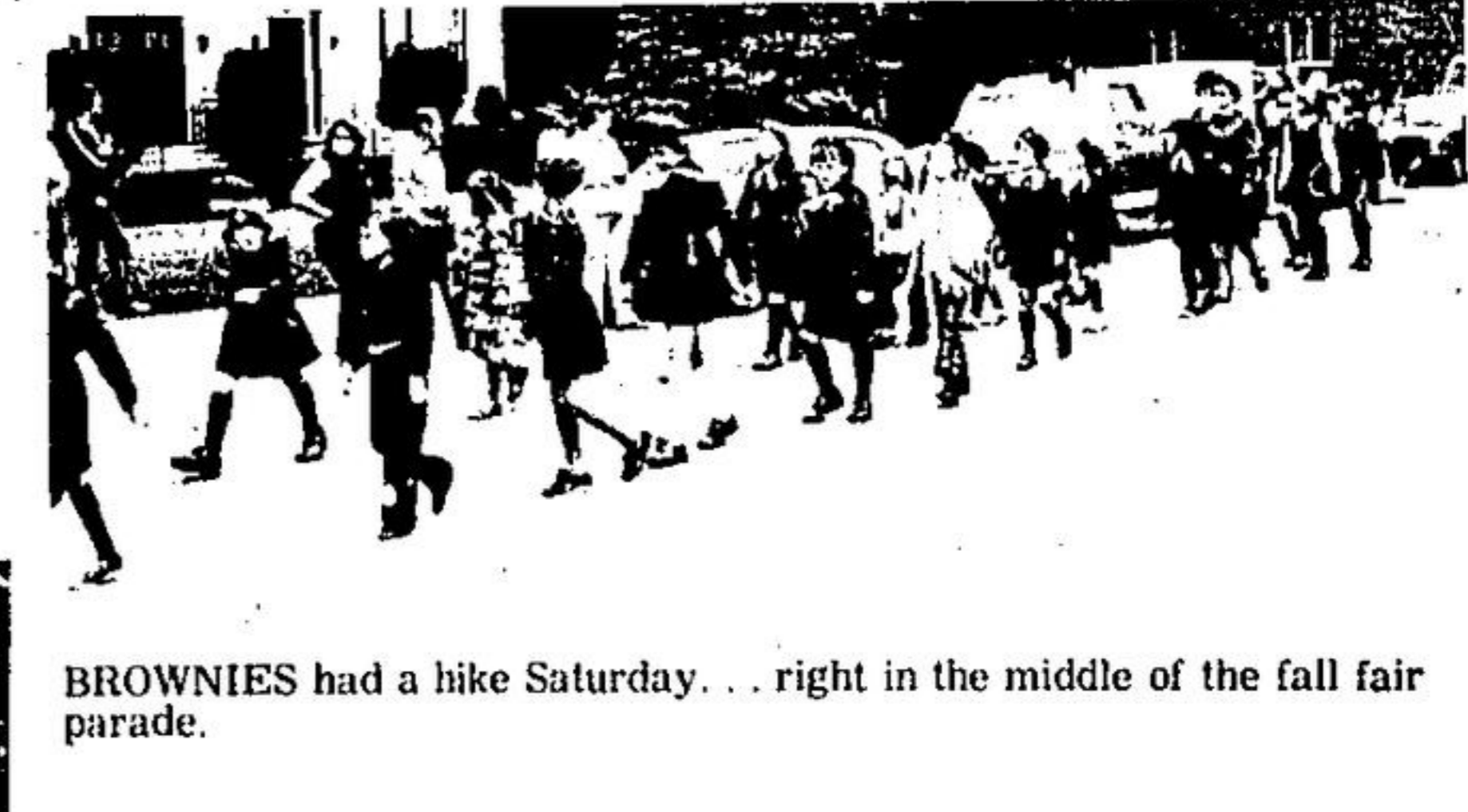
PARADERS WAVE to friends en route to the park.



HIGH SCHOOL athletic society has the biggest trophy of the whole fair weekend.



THIS HORSE is a friend of the members of the Acton Business Association. Inside news: Chris Wood and Helen Robertson.



BROWNIES had a hike Saturday... right in the middle of the fall fair parade.



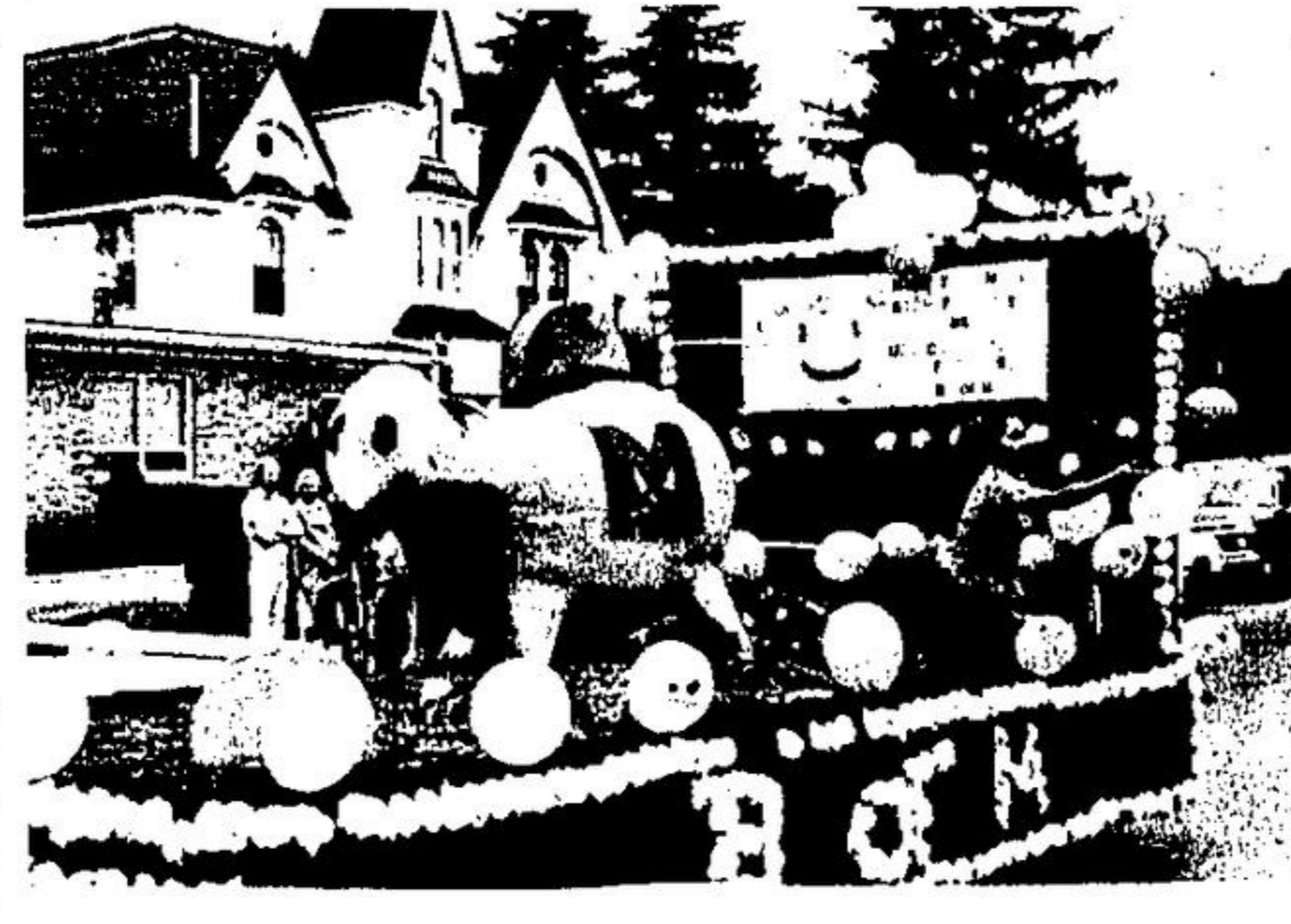
ACTON LIBRARY CREATED a bookworm for the Saturday parade, with legs by McKenzie-Smith Middle School.



CUBS AND scouts step out smartly on their way to the park. There were three bands in the parade setting the pace.



MUSIC AND singing emanated from the Acton Baptist church float. "God is everywhere" one of the signs proclaims.



CANDY IS tossed from the Bank of Montreal float, delighting the youngsters along the parade route.



L AND L Ford had a big display in the fairgrounds. Here Lorne Doberthein drives one of the new models in the parade.