



Elkettes baton twirlers marched in the parade.



Lions Club celebrates Christmas.

## Santa makes 1981 debut

Hundreds of youngsters of all ages lined Mill Street on Saturday to witness what some have labelled as the best Santa Claus parade ever.

Most seemed oblivious to the snow as it came down harder and harder on the cheering crowd and gaily decorated floats as the Christmas season got its official kick-off in Acton.

Leading the way for the marchers and floats was a Halton Regional Police car, followed by the fire van and ambulance.

A banner carried by two able walkers announced "The Y's Men Present", followed by the Acton Citizens' Band.

The Halton Hills Elkettes marched by followed by a carload of trophies and local brownies dressed up like Christmas gifts.

The first float to drive by was St. Alban's Anglican Church which had a replica of the church and carolers. Following close behind was the Acton High School space age Santa complete with a huge silver jet and Santa Claus which won the contest for best float in the school category.

Robert Little School, which won the best overall float actually had two parts—Christmas Sights and Christmas Sounds. Carolers under the leadership of high school music teacher Dave Sale could be heard quite a ways.

Miss Acton Fall Fair Cindy McGilloway and her court of Kymm Lakin and Marlene Lotz helped brighten the parade even more as they took part in the Acton Agricultural Society float, winning the

"other" class and the Lions Club featured an array of flags from various countries. The Lions Club also had a beautiful float with reindeer and a sled full of presents.

The Georgetown Legion pipe band followed, with Legion minor hockey players on a float pulling up the rear. The Acton Y's Men duplicated Santa's Workshop on their float and happy clowns trailed behind.

Acton firefighters' prized Studebaker fire truck received its usual amount of admiration, as did an antique fire truck from Georgetown. Spectators were brought back to today with the regular fire truck.

The Georgetown Air Cadets were followed by ActiVan. The BIA float winning the commercial category with representatives from various merchants thrilled the audience, followed by the Knights of Columbus and youngsters playing musical instruments. Acton Beavers had a small contingent preceding the Salvation Army's magnificent float with carolers and a manger scene. Their theme was "Put Christ Back Into Christmas."

The Optimist Club "The Night Before Christmas", another winner in the service club class paved the way for everyone's favorite personality—Santa Claus.

Those participating in the parade were treated to hot chocolate at the Scout Hall immediately following.



The star of the show.

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St. Alban's children salute Christmas.



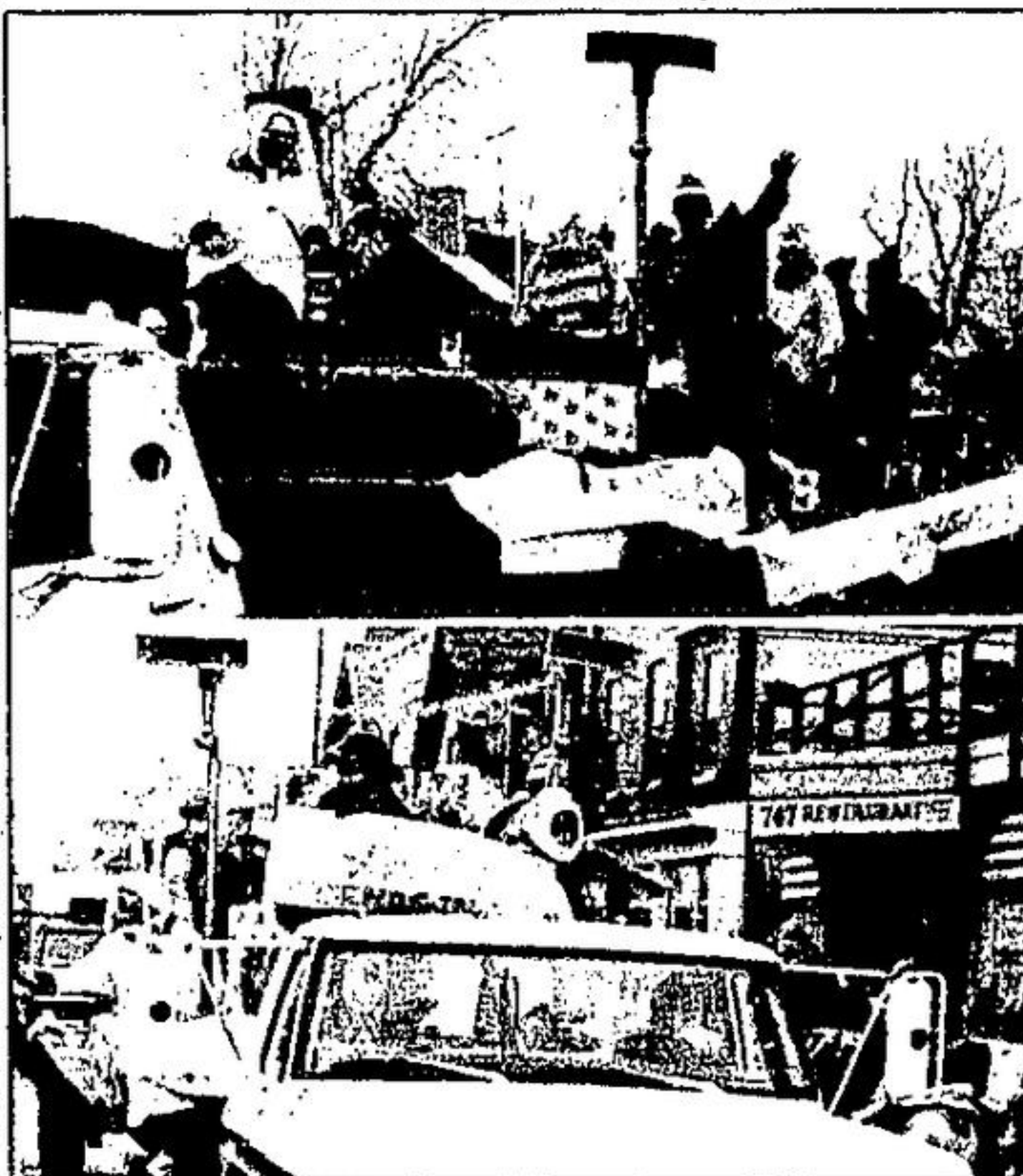
Acton Y's Men's Santa's workshop float.



Brownies make great gifts.



The parade was a swinging affair.



The Acton BIA, Ted Tyler and Actario, Friends-In-Deed and ActiVan were all represented in the Santa Claus parade.



The antique fire truck was an attention grabber.



Acton High School's space age Santa.



Miss Acton, Cindy McGilloway and her assistants Kymm Lakin and Marlene Lotz were figure skaters on the fair board float.



One of the budding stars of Legion house league hockey show his form on the Branch 197 float.



The sights and sounds of Christmas as Robert Little School sees them.



Greetings from the Optimists.