

Santa came to town and the weatherman provided atmosphere

An estimated 5,000 people lined the parade route for the annual Santa Claus Parade Saturday while hundreds more watched the event on Cable TV.

Officials said the parade with 44 entries, including five marching bands, was the "biggest and best" ever in the history of the event.

Light snow flurries and chilly weather didn't deter the

little people from sitting in some cases for close to an hour to see the jolly old gent in the red suit.

Parade judges had "a very hard time judging" the high calibre of floats entered. The Halton Hills Libraries "Bookworm" took top honors. Second prize went to The Credit River Belle entered by the Georgetown Figure Skating and third prize was a tie between Frosty the Snowman entered by the Georgetown Fireflies and the Old Lady in the Shoe entered by Halton Hills Fire Department area 1 and 2.

Georgetown Girls Pipe Band earned the distinction of being the best marching band in the parade while the Georgetown Optimists Club dragon earned the service club award.

A slight problem held up the parade for a short time as it made its way up the Maple

Avenue hill. A truck carrying the Lions Club float "Toy Town" broke down and had to be towed into the Georgetown Market Centre. Traffic through the Main Street and Maple Avenue intersection was backed up.

Georgetown Lions also raffled a doll with a \$30 dress made of \$1 bills during the parade. The funds generated will be used for next year's preparations. As well 10 turkeys were awarded.

The winning numbers are: The doll: 743. The turkeys in descending order of draw by Santa Claus: 391; 760; 878; 796; 235; 120; 903; 858; 158.

"It went off like clockwork," parade organizer Earl Merrill said at a gathering at the Lions Hall afterwards.

The jolly old gent was mobbed by young people when he alit from his float made of cedar singles and a chimney at the parade's conclusion. About

200 people at the Market Place congregated at the entrance of the Zeller's Store waiting for him to say hello to each and everyone of them.

Among the notable entries in the parade was a cartwheel exhibition by members of the Halton Hills Gymnastic Club. Members cartwheeled from Moore Park Plaza along Main Street, up Maple Avenue, down Guelph Street and into the plaza for the finish.

The Block Parents entered a float depicting a house with Christmas packages decorating the home and the Knights of Columbus float featured festive music.

Among the bands marching in the parade were: The Ambassadors Drum and Bugle Corps; The Acton Citizens Band; Squadron 756 of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets; the Lorne Scouts Pipe Band and the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band.



BEST MARCHING UNIT IN THE SANTA CLAUS PARADE WAS THE GEORGETOWN GIRLS PIPE BAND.

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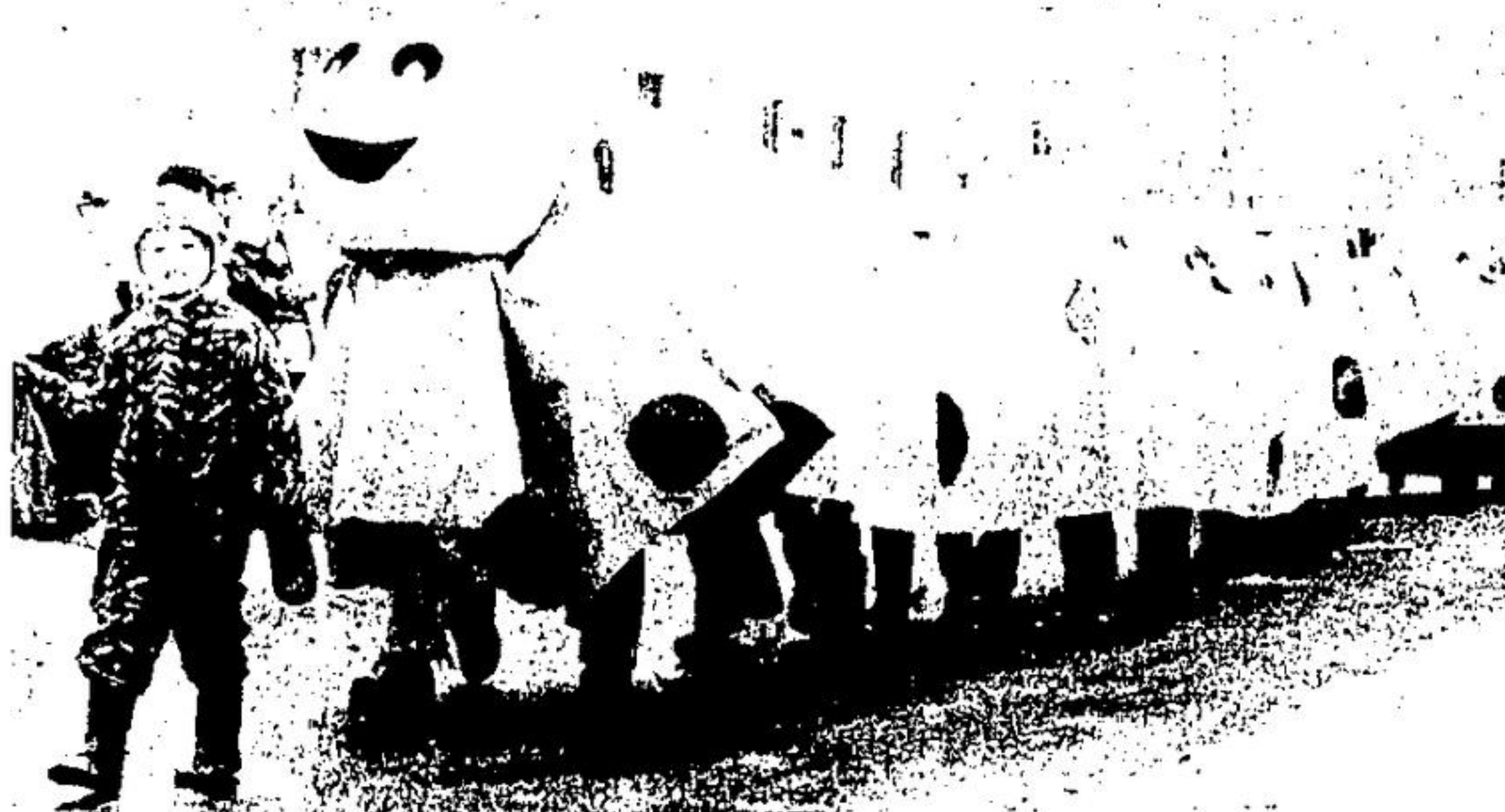
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DA-DO-DA-DUM, DA-DUM-DA-DUM-DUM! THE ROOT BEAR DELIGHTED CHILDREN DURING THE SANTA CLAUS PARADE.

**Ho!
Ho!
Ho!**



THE HALTON HILLS BOOKWORM FLOAT THAT EARNED FIRST PRIZE, MANOEUVRED THE WIGGLY CREATURE ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.



DALE MCNIVEN, 4, KNOWS WHAT LITTLE BOYS DO WHEN WAITING FOR THE JOLLY OLD GENT IN THE RED SUIT—THEY PLAY IN THE SNOW.



AN ENTRY FROM BOTH AREAS OF THE HALTON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT TIED FOR THIRD PLACE HONORS IN THE PARADE JUDGING.

Estimate 44 per cent turnout for Dec. 6 municipal election

An estimated 44 per cent of the Halton Hills electorate turned out Monday to install a new council with a fresh new look.

Five of the familiar faces will be absent in 1977: Councillors Joe Hurst and Dick Howitt who retired; and Councillors Harry Levy, Ern Hyde and Ernie Sykes all defeated at the polls.

Monday was a mild day conducive to voting as the warm temperatures made driving and walking easy for voters who might otherwise be turned away by the cold.

Snow flurries which atmos-

pheric environmentalists predicted would blanket southern Ontario with up to four inches of snow held off long enough for the initial results of the voting to be tabulated in the late evening.

Voting during the day was steady by all accounts and in some polling stations resulted in as much as 20 per cent of the electorate casting ballots within two hours of the polls opening at 11 a.m.

Returning officer Doug Pritchard was unable late Monday to confirm a report that one of the 66 polling stations had found a discrepancy in tabula-

tion. The report suggested that three attempts had been made to arrive at a vote count but totals differed each successive time.

The municipal election also produced a first in the community in many years: voting by candlelight. A power failure in part of the Georgetown core area resulting from a blown transformer on Market Street cast the Knox Presbyterian Church into darkness for more than an hour as the bulk of the day's voting took place about 6 p.m.

Roy Booth captured the Ward 3 regional seat by a striking majority with more votes than his two opponents combined.

Incumbent Ernie Sykes and challenger Fred "Tut" Harrison split 1,200 votes about evenly while Mr. Booth boasted of nearly 1,400 supporters.

The former area councillor

won all but one of the polls in which he sacrificed one vote to Mr. Harrison.

Following a local television interview upon announcement of his landslide win Monday night, Mr. Booth told The Herald, "there's no difference between representing the people and the local and regional levels because as a

regional councillor I will still represent the local people."

He listed as factors leading to his victory "the good support of people who worked on my campaign" and his negative position on the proposed \$1 million municipal complex from day one.

"The municipal complex was the big issue and people were very much aware of it and voted accordingly," he said.

Because the regional Ward 3 race was free from "dirty politicking" Mr. Booth said he has "respect and admiration for my hard-working opponents."

They are Coun. Ernie Sykes who has represented Ward 3 since the advent of regional government three years ago and Fred "Tut" Harrison who returned to the political scene after holding a variety of municipal offices in the past.

An advocate of affordable housing and controlled in-

dustrialization, Mr. Booth favors expansion of Georgetown's sewage treatment plant and activation of the regional industrial commission to achieve planned growth.

Goods, service sought

The Good Neighbour Service is looking for a headquarters to receive donations, sort canned goods, pack baskets, help is needed again this year to sort and pack also for deliveries.

The pick up date from the schools will be Tues. Dec. 21st. Deliveries will be made Thursday Dec. 23rd.

Kinettes will receive all toys and anything wrapped, please mark girl-boy and age, on parcel. Bonnie Earle 5 Mackenzie is accepting toys on behalf of the Kinettes her number is 877-1393.

Please offer your help during these busy days of the "Service" as a lot is to be done in a very few days. An hour or two would be a great help. Headquarters will be announced next week. Watch for it.

Don Long wins post

Donald Long won the public school trustee seat in Wards 3 and 4 by 852 votes.

Long and his opponent Barry Shepherd, both ran for the first time.

He tied with Shepherd in one poll, and lost one poll in the area western fringe of Georgetown.

He is enthusiastic about winning the seat. Mr. Long is determined to develop effective communication between parents and teachers. He has visited several schools during his campaign and will continue to keep in contact. He feels classrooms deserve top priority in educational process.

Hartley Sherk, who competed with Tom Simmons for the single Halton Hills separate school trustee position won (unofficially) by a marginal 44 votes.

Mr. Sherk received overall support in Georgetown, but lost six polls in Ward 4 and five polls in Ward 3 by a small margin.

He arrived early at Election Centre—the Gordon Alcott Arena—with his wife and daughters. It was a tight race, but Sherk seemed pretty relaxed as the results started coming in. Although weather wasn't the most favorable, snow fell almost all night.

In Ward 1 only 20 voted out of a possible 52; Ward 3, 278 voted out of a possible 574; and Ward

4, 361 voted out of a possible 730 voters.

Sherk has been a member of the separate school board for the past 10 years and was elected chairman in April.

In his next term, he plans to continue his three-year board project of building a library resource centre in two schools.

"Since school enrolment is dropping classrooms may be changed into libraries," he said.

Armstrong, Morris elected Monday

Incumbent Mike Armstrong and former town engineer Peter Morris earned Ward 4 area council seats although the only woman in the Halton Hills political race Marilyn Serjeantson presented quite a challenge.

While Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Morris were victorious with about 1,595 and 1,370 votes respectively, Mrs. Serjeantson was close behind with about 1,252.

The fourth challenger with 214 supporters sprinkled throughout the ward, was Cecil Martin.

While the elected credited their experience in municipal politics to their wins, Mrs.

Serjeantson's lack of experience did not seem to deter support.

The three candidates all opposed the new municipal complex. Mr. Morris emphasized the need for cultural and recreational development; Mr. Armstrong pointing out the effects of Duntar closing, favored industrialization and Mrs. Serjeantson, active in community affairs, promoted local identity.

Reflecting the split in public priorities, equitable votes were distributed between candidates with different priorities. And from poll to poll throughout Ward 4, divisions between the demands and needs of voters existed.

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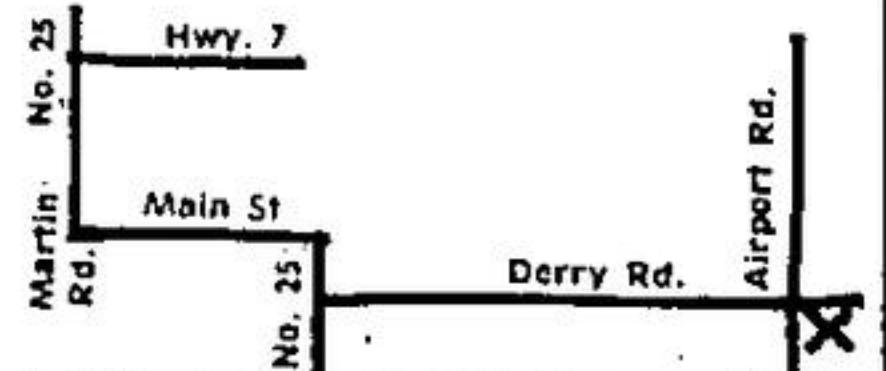
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