

Y's Men have a ball organizing community's fifth annual Christmas parade

Acton 'kids' around for Santa's visit



The Acton Y's Men wisely crafted this Peter Pan float to capture the interest of hundreds of youngsters who lined the parade route. Acton Lions entered what was judged Best Service Club float, while Industrials took Best Commercial-Industrial float honors and Robert Little School won the Best School Float award.



Now into a new season with Warner Brothers, Bugs Bunny dropped by Acton Saturday on leave from the studio to help Santa Claus carry his Christmas message along the community's main thoroughfare. He wasn't the only cartoon character making the parade a celebrity event: Daffy Duck, Snoopy and other VIPs were also spotted along the route.



A man for only one season, Santa Claus brought the Christmas spirit to Acton Saturday as hundreds cheered. Organized by the Acton Y's Men, the fifth annual Santa Claus parade along Mill Street featured 14 different floats, three bands and two other marching groups. Santa, whose visit was arranged by Ron Douglas for the Y's Men, brought up the rear in a horse-drawn sleigh driven by Bert Robertson.

Herald photos by Paul Dorsey

Legionnaires from Georgetown's Branch 120 marched in their second parade in two weeks Saturday, bringing the rousing rhythm of the pipes and drums to Acton for the Christmas parade. Legionnaires were a highlight of Georgetown's own Santa parade the week previous.



The Acton Y's Men wisely crafted this Peter Pan float to capture the interest of hundreds of youngsters who lined the parade route. Acton Lions entered what was judged Best Service Club float, while Industrials took Best Commercial-Industrial float honors and Robert Little School won the Best School Float award.



The Georgetown Lions Club's "Golden Christmas" float delighted hundreds along that community's parade route a week ago, and did more of the same Saturday for the Acton Santa Claus parade. Parade organizers admitted there seemed to be fewer spectators lining Mill Street for the annual event, but cited the high level of excitement shared by participants and spectators as evidence of the parade's success. Judging the entries were Acton's Citizen of the Year, Arlie White, and new Ward 1 school board trustee Arlene Bruce.



Children's smiling, laughing, singing faces were everywhere Saturday during the fifth annual Acton Santa Claus parade. Some 20 entries helped give St. Nick a rousing welcome thanks to the efforts of Jim Rivett and the Acton Y's Men, who've run the show, now held on the last Saturday of November, for

four years after taking over organizational duties from club member Mike Kinal. The town of Halton Hills entered the Best Overall Float in this year's parade (no, Pete Pomeroy wasn't a judge).



A favorite highlight of each year's Santa Claus parade, the Acton Citizens Band was back again Saturday with a rousing repertoire of carols and hymns. Also providing musical accompaniment for the long march from Acton High School to Main Street were the Guelph Salvation Army Band and the Georgetown Legion Pipe Band.