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# Clowns and space caravans



This little toddler was like several hundred others in Georgetown Saturday afternoon, offering a beaming welcome to Santa as he rode by in his float. Once past downtown Georgetown and through the centre section of the community he eventually stopped at the Zeller's outlet where he was once again greeted by the familiar cheer of youngsters eagerly waiting to tell him their Christmas lists.



## SANTA'S BEST

Prizewinners among participants in Georgetown's Santa Claus parade Saturday were: best overall float, the Fireflies Camping Association; best service club float, the Optimists Club of Georgetown; best theme, Georgetown Lions Club; most original, Georgetown Figure Skating Club. Prizewinning numbers from the parade draw were: 215, 199, 564, 425, 205, 1000, 252, 580, 803, 584, 382, 449, 731, 145, 202. Please call Don Fendley at 877-1797, Thursday after 4:30 p.m., to get prize information.

Leading Santa's float was a parade of helpers, some dressed like these strange creatures who, no doubt, have their origins deep in the North Pole workshops. It was the 51st anniversary for the Lions' Santa Claus parade in Georgetown. A similar event will be held in Acton Saturday, sponsored by the Acton Y's Men and starting at 1:30 p.m. from McKenzie-Smith Public School.

Up near the front of the parade, the Lions' color party, joined by a decorated bike entry, flew the provincial and national flags. Although a sizeable entourage of pipes and drums and siren-blasting emergency vehicles were in the lead, there were still many other entries to keep youngsters amused as they lined Georgetown's Main Street North, where this photo was taken.

The Halton Hills Figure Skating Club entered this float in the Lions' Santa Claus parade Saturday in Georgetown, perhaps suggesting that the club's members may soon find themselves skating on the icy surface of some distant planet. Parade participants did more than just ride on the floats; occasionally, a shower of candles would fall upon the roadside spectators, usually coming from numerous clowns or float riders like the ones above.

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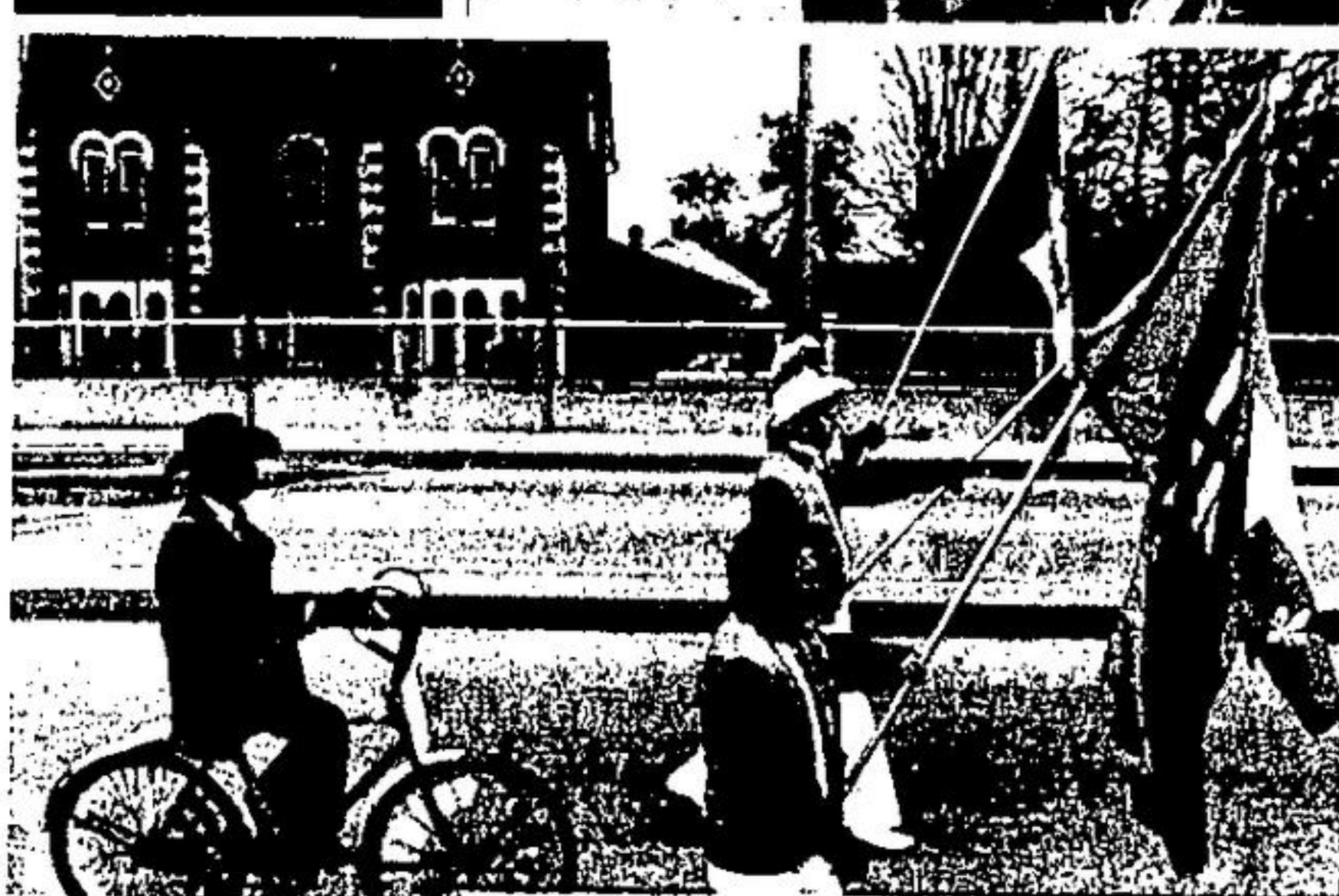
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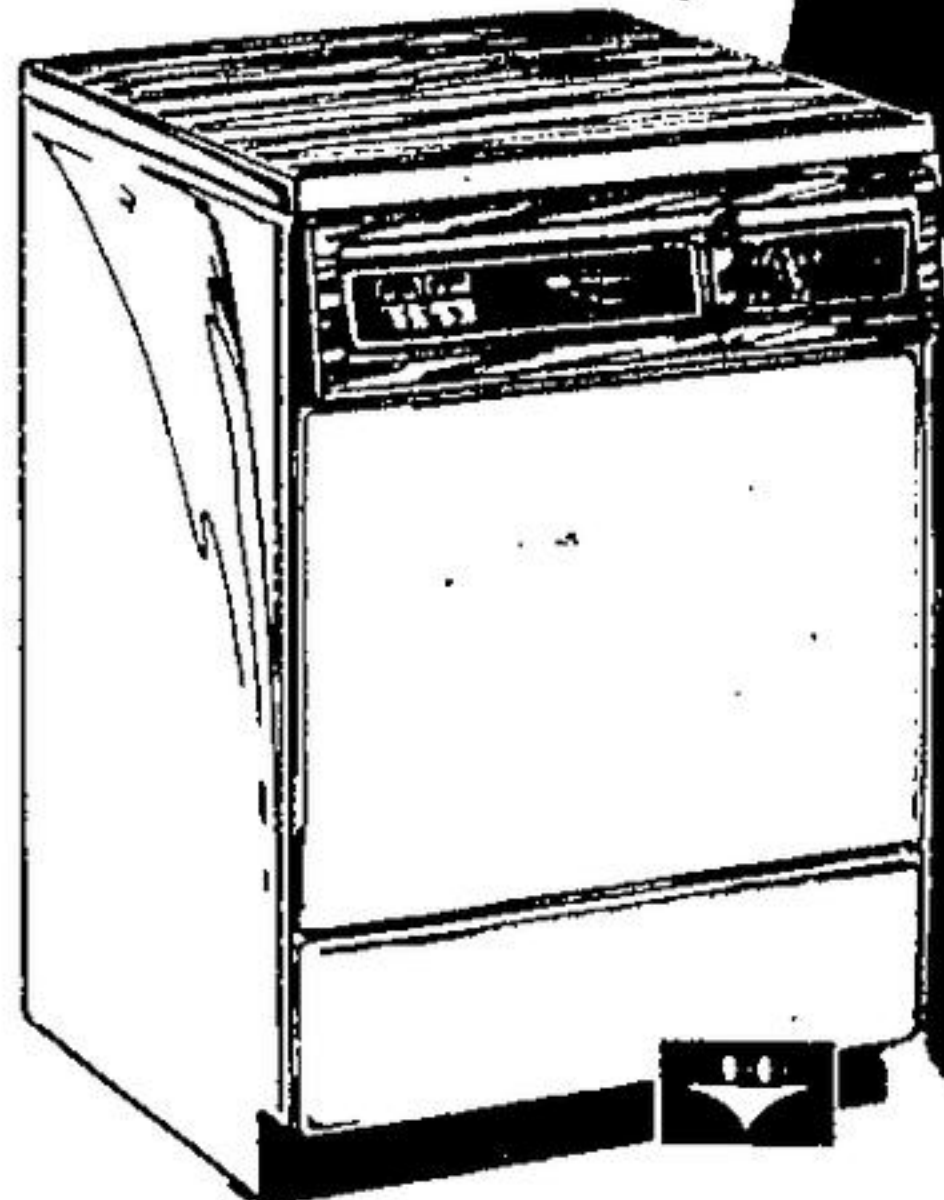
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While the Lions' Santa Claus parade got underway at about 1:30 p.m. Saturday, parade participants had to get to Moore Park Plaza in Georgetown about an hour earlier to organize and warm up. This member of the Georgetown Legion Pipe Band found that the rear of the Texaco service station located on the plaza provided an excellent buffer against the chilly winds and allowed him ample, uninterrupted time to skirl through a few scales before the parade started.

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