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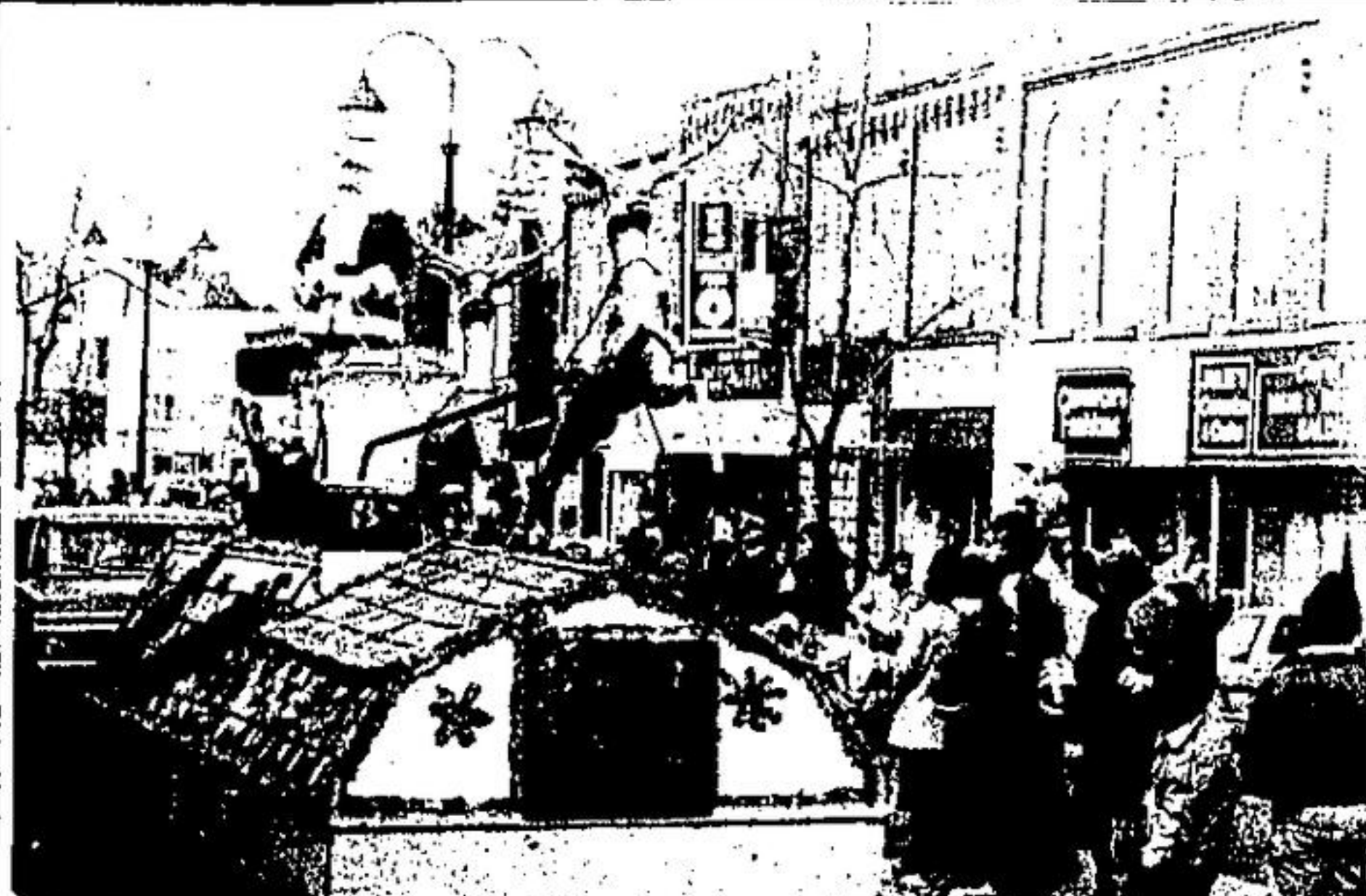
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# Hearty Santa weathers mechanical troubles



Families waiting for Santa Claus downtown Guelph, Maple and Main Streets in anticipation of his arrival and the colorful floats that preceded him. Crowds lined led by a few of his favorite reindeer. (Herald photo)

### Jaycees build the best float

The Lions Club may have retired the 1957 Plymouth engine and replaced it with a 1971 Chevrolet engine in St. Nick's float but minor problems still struck. St. Nick's float ended the parade by being pulled by a tow truck after the radiator overheated and the float suffered a flat tire.

The rest of the parade, according to Santa Claus Parade Chairman Derek Ezekiel, was "absolutely smooth".

Mr. Ezekiel said this year's parade proved to be very successful and said there were more spectators than many of the other years. He cited advertising

and the major bands who were involved with the parade for the good turn out.

The best overall float award went to the Georgetown Jaycees while the best theme float went to the Georgetown Lioness Club for their Christmas Dreams for 120 Years float.

Mr. Ezekiel said the Lioness float represented Christmas dreams as well as Georgetown's 120th anniversary.

Best service club float went to the Kiwanis Club who through their annual sale of Christmas cakes put together a gingerbread house and sleigh idea for their entry.

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If you were a smurf fan, it was a good day to be out in Georgetown. Children had the opportunity to shake this smurf's hand during the Santa Claus parade Saturday. (Herald photo)



You didn't have to have a float to participate in the Santa Claus parade. These fashionably dressed people attracted some smiles for their out of date attire. Their dress was a fitting tribute to Georgetown's 120th anniversary as a town. (Herald photo)



The Kiwanis Club float won a prize for the best participant in the service club category. (Herald photo)



Today the pond, tomorrow the world. These swamp like creatures weren't the frightening type. They let everyone know they were friendly by waving and shaking hands. (Herald photo)



The Elkettes were out in full force, despite the chilling temperatures at the Santa Claus parade in Georgetown.



Clowning around was a favorite of parade participants.



It pays to bundle up with layers of blankets when winter's chilly breath sets in. The parents of Tina Peterson, 3, had the right idea Saturday. It was a cold and winter day for Georgetown's Santa Claus Parade, but none of the children seemed to mind. (Herald photo)



Mrs. Claus was a special guest at the Georgetown Santa Claus Parade. She was near a warm spot by the fireplace checking out stockings a family had left there. (Herald photo)



Ships Ahoy! Navigating the streets of Georgetown was this float that looked somewhat out of place, but it was a colorful and welcome addition to the parade. Maybe in the spring it will enter the Crazy Boat Race! (Herald photo)



There was lots of music at the parade. This was one of the bands participating. (Herald photo)



These girls were part of the Kinsmen Service Club Float. (Herald photo)



The Georgetown Christian School displayed some of the more meaningful Christmas scenes at the Santa Claus parade with a traditional view of Dec. 25. (Herald photo)