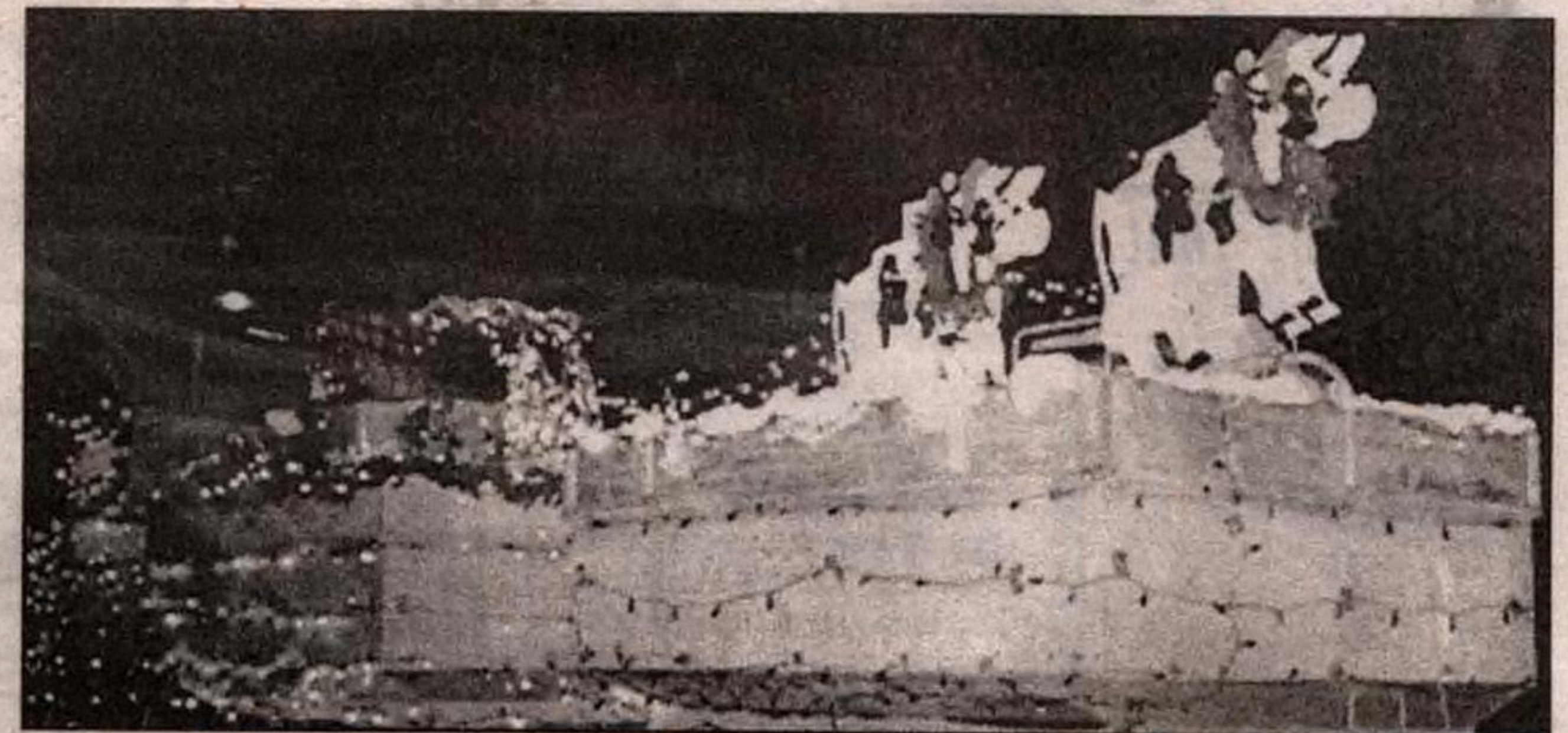


Thousands enjoy Rockwood's Parade of Lights



Rockwood's annual evening Christmas parade brought out many brilliantly lit floats and farm machinery. See more photos on Page 8. - Ted Tyler photos

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Lots of indoor soccer action at MSB on the weekend. See Page 9.

New safety zones don't work

Most motorists ignore speed limit on Mill W.

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner



MILLENNIUM PHOTOS

Acton students posed with millennium diaries - a community project sponsored by the Canadian Federation of University Women - Georgetown. The students include, back: D'Arcy and Kaleigh O'Driscoll of St. Joseph's, Matthew Lo Turco of MSB, Amanda Cunneyworth (left front) from Acton High and Sara Lo Turco, a student at Robert Little school. - Frances Niblock photo

A pilot project designed to slow speeders along a stretch of Mill Street West in Acton has had "no measurable effect" on traffic in the area, designated as a Community Safety Zone (CSZ) by the Town last spring.

CSZ are part of the province's road safety strategy to target problem areas and increase compliance with traffic laws by doubling fines for Highway Traffic Act violations within the zone.

Bob Butrym, the Town's traffic coordinator, said a traffic study conducted last fall near St. Joseph's Catholic school and another done at the beginning of this school year found there was basically no change in operating speeds of motorists - a finding echoed by several area residents who complain cars continue to speed on the street.

"I didn't think there'd be much enforcement," Butrym said, when asked if he was disappointed with the results that showed no change in operating speed.

"You've got to have a (police) enforcement presence and the chance of getting caught is what makes people slow down."

In the eight months since the area of Mill Street west

from Victoria Street to Doby Road was signed as a CSZ police have issued just three warnings and no tickets during 10.5 hours of specific CSZ enforcement.

The Town's September traffic study found that just 9.9 per cent of motorists between Cameron Street and Wright Avenue were driving under the posted 40-km/h, compared to 9.8 per cent in the fall of 1998 and the highest speed was 70 km/h.

On Mill Street, between Birchway Place and Cobblehill Road, 13.9 per cent of drivers complied with the speed limit after the area was posted, down from 17.7 per cent before the signs went up. Statistics also showed the collision rate on the road was double the typical acceptable rate for an urban road with 16 reportable accidents - six involving bodily injury - over the five-year period from 1993 to 1997.

Mill Street West resident Ena Gibson, who describes

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Police look for witnesses

On December 5, 1999, at approximately midnight an assault occurred in the area of Bower and Mill streets in the Town of Acton. This assault involved a group of youths, assaulting a male and female victim. The female advised a Halton Regional Police officer at the time that there had been an assault with a golf club and a hatchet. Unfortunately the female and male left the scene without giving further information.

They are described as follows:
Female, white, 30-35 years, 5'2" tall, 125 lbs.,

blonde, shoulder length hair.
Male, white 22-25 years, 6' tall, stocky build, 260 lbs., short brown hair.

The Halton Regional Police Service has arrested the persons involved for a number of offences. The witness/victims are required for completion of this investigation.

Should you happen to be the witness/victim, involved or know the identity of the witness/victim, please contact the Halton Regional Police Service at 878-5511, ext. 2105, and quote this report number: Occ# 99-79796.

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