



See parade photos on Pages 8 & 9.

Santa's arrival thrills thousands

Santa Claus came riding into Acton Saturday afternoon on a burst of enthusiasm and some of the coldest, blustery weather of the fall season.

Thousands shivered along the route of the Fire Fighter's parade to welcome the jolly old fellow pulled on his sleigh by four spanking draft horses who pinch hit for the reindeer who were resting up for the big trip on Christmas Eve.

Five bands and many floats with hundreds of characters on board, clowns, posties, majorettes, politicians and seasonal images were everywhere as candy kisses, candy

canes, suckers and bubble gum were thrown along the route.

The five judges selected the St. Joseph School float as the first overall winner of the \$100 prize while floats by The Neighbours, 1st Acton Beavers and Cubs, Robert Little School and Tim Hortons (commercial) were the other winners. Judges were Rick Bonnette, Paul Nolan, Mike Manes, Harold Townsley and Frank Spielvogel.

Parade chairman Bill Spielvogel was pleased with the success of this year's parade but noted there were gaps,

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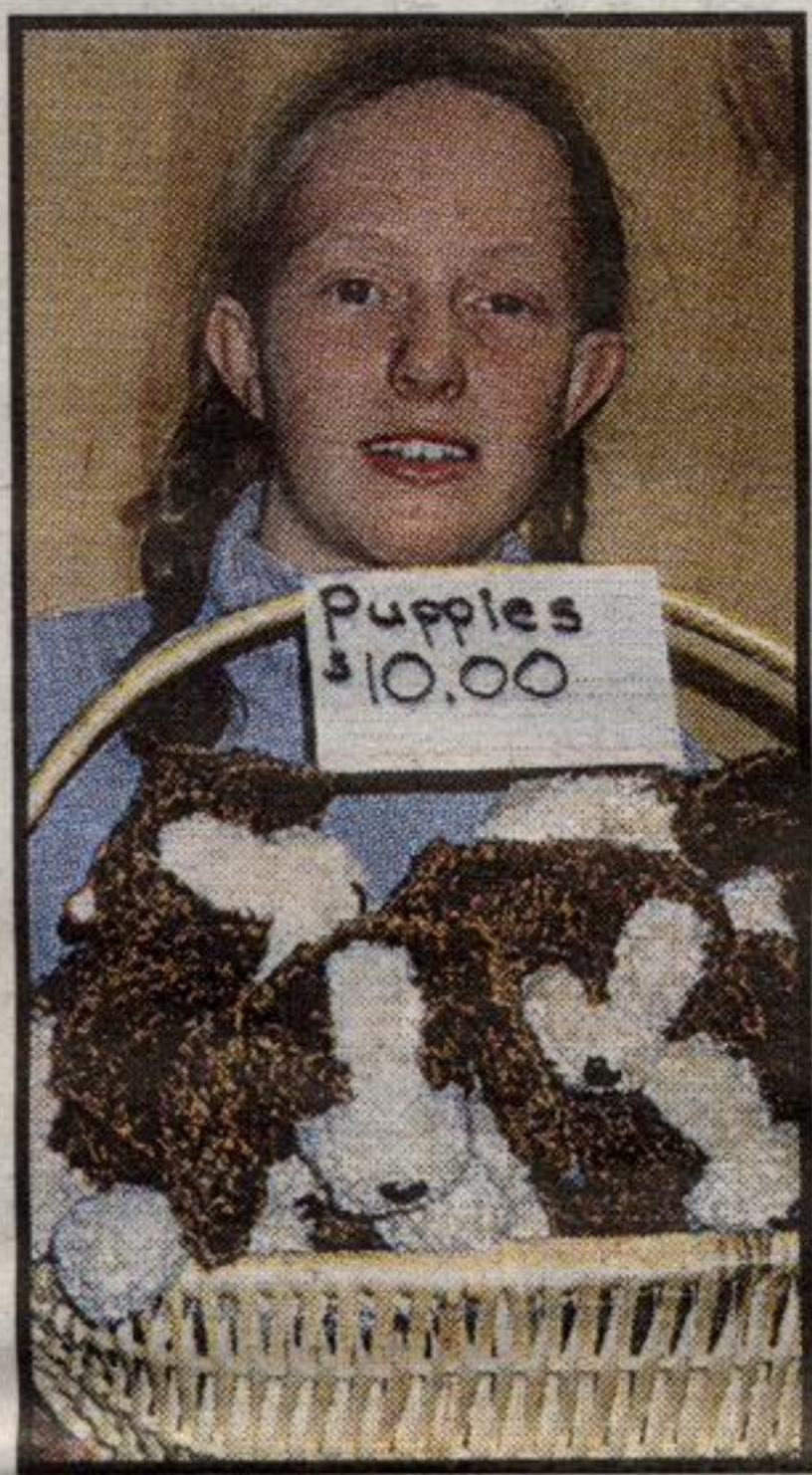
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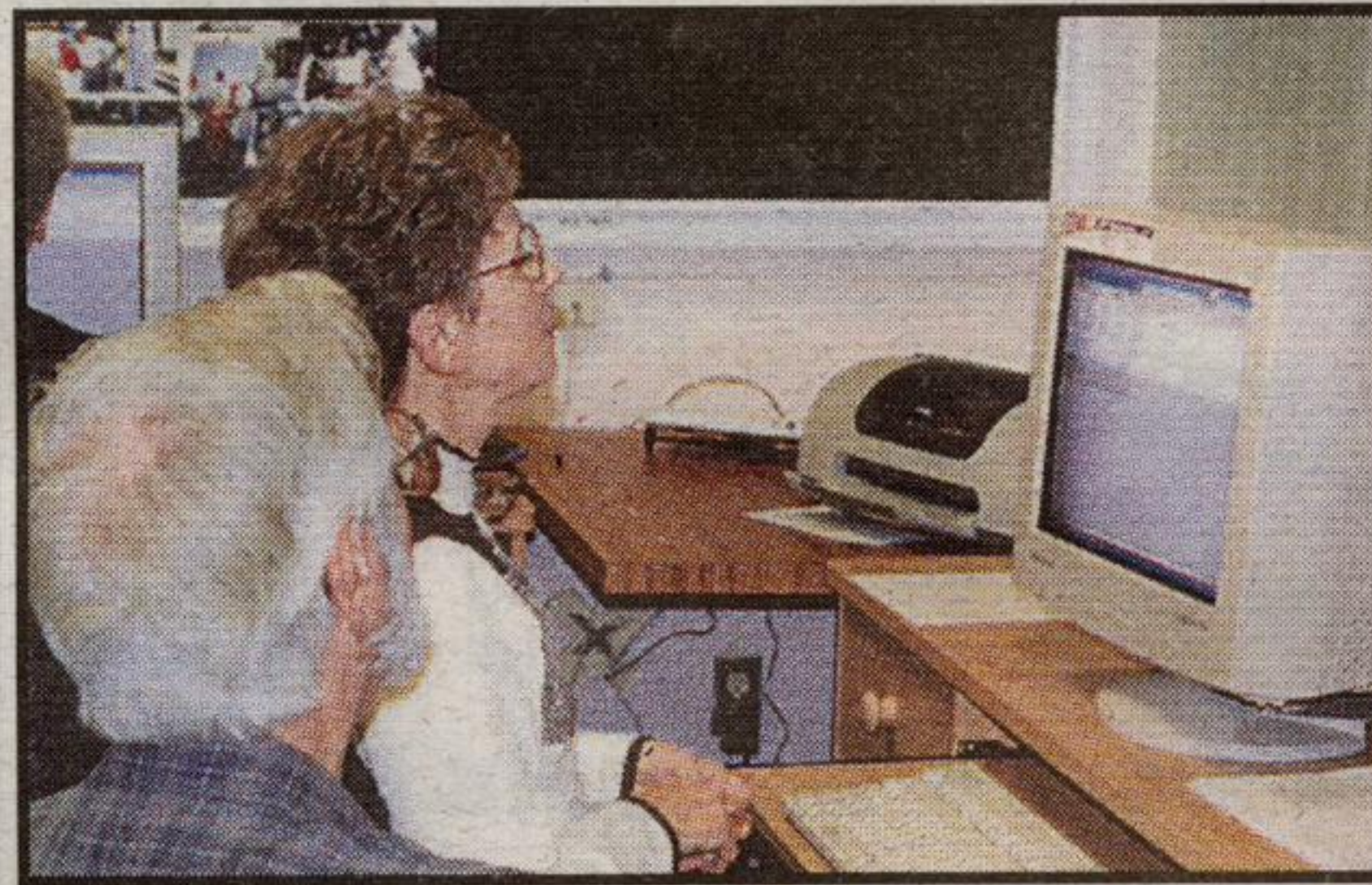
It came upon the Midnight Clear

Crystal clear night skies with bitterly cold temperatures didn't stop Bandmaster George Elliott from leading the Acton Citizens Band during the Community Carol Sing last Friday evening at the Mural Parkette. People enjoyed the myriad of Christmas carols and popular seasonal songs while sipping hot chocolate, before starting off to the Moonlight Madness sales offered by downtown merchants.- Danielle McIsaac photo



Prize Winners

Anne Lanthier, left, and Cheryl Daponte were among the prize winners at Acton Rotary's annual Wine and Cheese Night.



Joining the computer age

Seniors aren't missing the computer revolution. See Page 12 for their story.



The Eagle has fallen

The previously unbeaten Burlington Eagles had their wings clipped by the Tanners on their own bailiwick. See Sports on Page 17.

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