



SATURDAY WAS A BIG DAY for the youngsters of Milton, as Santa Claus rode into town at the end of Milton's best-ever Christmas parade. The event, sponsored by a local committee representing several town organizations, drew thousands of watchers and stretched out for a mile in

length. Young people weren't just watchers, they were participants too, as the pictures show. On the left is Robbie Hunter, a musician with the Victoria Street band. Next, Miss Pom Pom, one of the visiting major-ettes. Third photo, some happy clowns hitched a ride on a colorful float

painted up with comic strip characters. Photo on the right, little Kevin Adnitt, five, had a handful of Royal Bank balloons to be distributed. Even the weather was okay for the big parade which launched the pre-Christmas season in Milton with a big bang.

## Thousands out to welcome Santa Claus to Milton



CLOWNING AROUND just before the parade began are the clowning Barstow brothers Mike (left) and Martin, of Milton. Mike rode his skateboard the entire route of the parade, while Martin had his unicycle along for fun. In the background is a Maplehurst float entry.

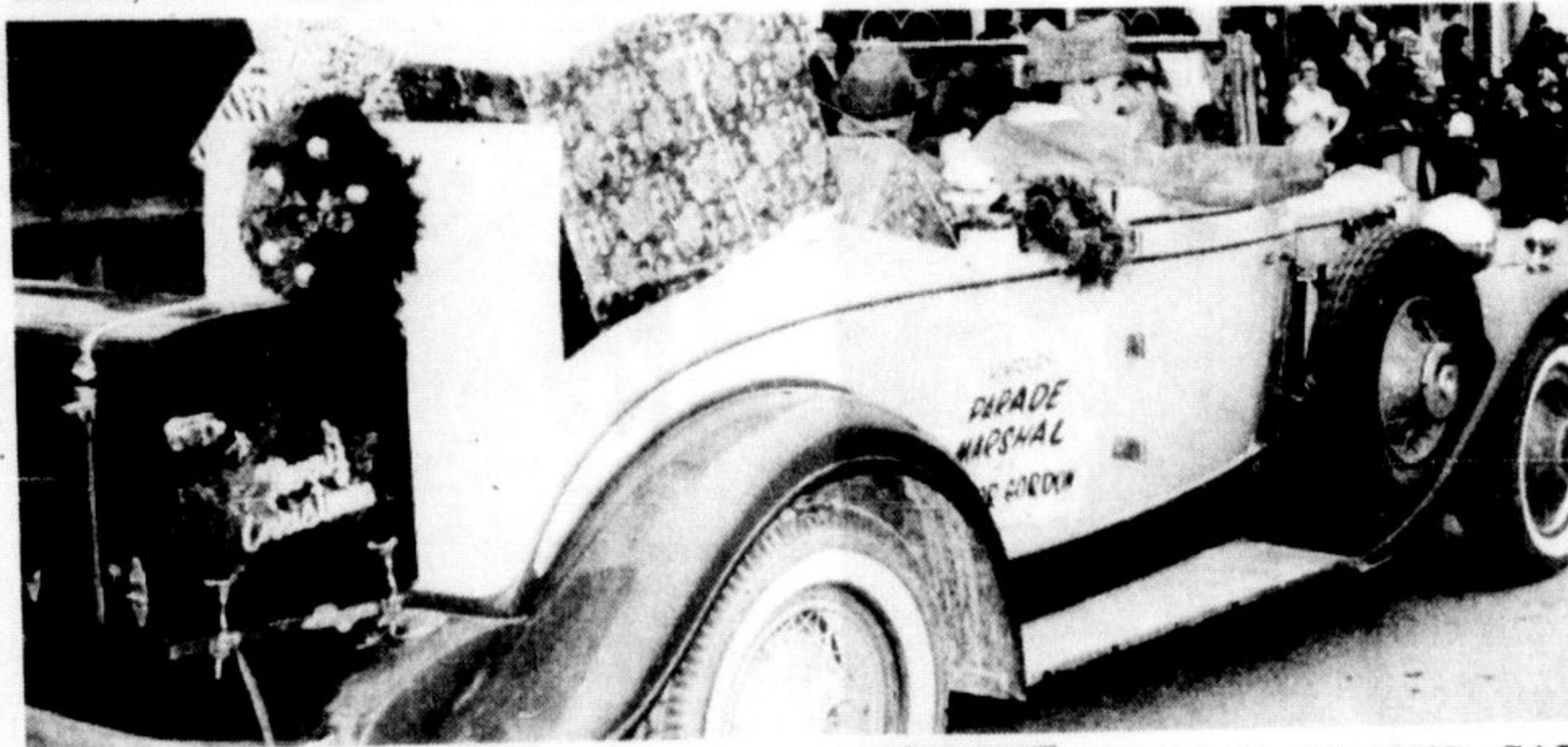


HIGH STEPPING majorettes were featured at the annual Christmas parade through town Saturday. Large crowds lined the streets to welcome Santa and ooh and aah over the bands, floats, clowns and marching groups



BIG BIRD (Optimist Club member Andy Hull) takes a moment to conduct the Victoria Street Band. Both parties were winners in the Santa Claus parade, with the Optimist float capturing

second place prize for the best theme float (Sesame St.) and the local band placing first in the non-theme category.



WALLY GRAY'S CAR was all decked out like a beautiful Christmas present as it carried Honorary Parade Marshal Jack McGeachie and Mayor Don Gordon in the parade.



BEST IN THE SHOW was the float depicting a Peanuts-type Christmas, entered in Milton's Santa Claus Parade by the Milton Boy Scouts. Float chairman Gerry Foxall (in glasses,

third from left) accepted the trophy but shared the honors with fellow float builders and participants.



AND HERE HE IS: Old Saint Nick himself, who waved from above the housetops on the big float that ended Saturday's parade.

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