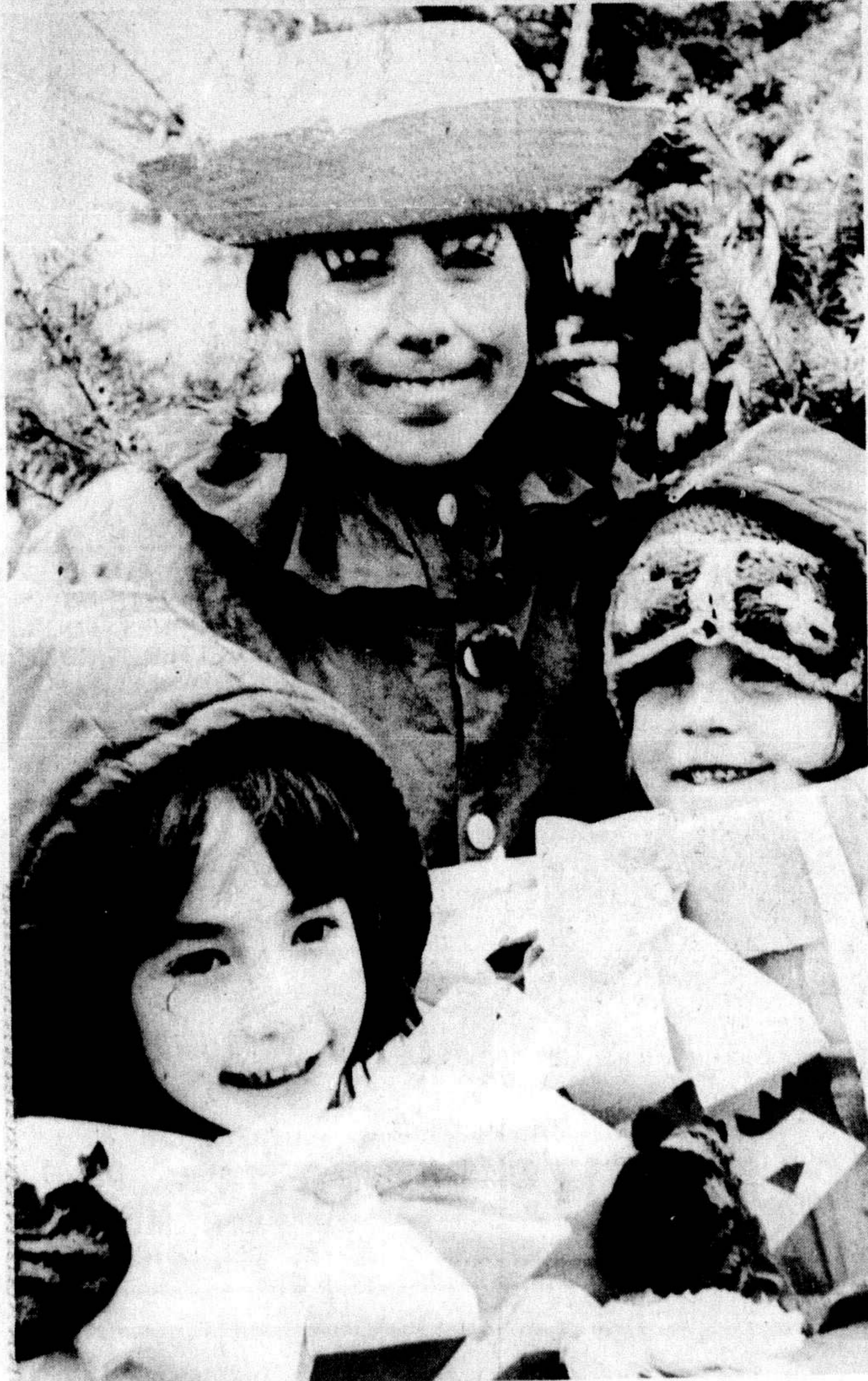


Santa comes to town Saturday



HAPPY SMILES are everywhere when St. Nick and his crew come to town. At last year's parade, Joni McLean and Michelle Bradley were all smiles when clown Michael Shepherd stopped to chat with them. Be sure to attend this year's parade at 2 p.m. this Saturday.

Santa Claus, his little helpers and dozens of Disneyland characters will converge on Milton Saturday afternoon for Santa's annual pre-Christmas parade.

The parade, scheduled to include five bands, about 30 floats and at least 10 walking groups, will form up at the Ernest C. Drury School on Ontario St. for a 2 p.m. start. It can be seen along Ontario St. S. or Main St. as it heads to Milton Fair Grounds for dispersal.

Theme of this year's parade is "Christmas in Disneyland" and organizers report the parade promised to be the best ever staged in Milton. The Disneyland theme was chosen because it offers the largest variety of scenes and characters.

Offer trophies
About two-thirds of the floats will follow the parade theme while the remainder will be non-theme floats and commercial displays. Organizers have arranged a trophy for the best theme float, best non-theme float and runner-up theme float. The basis for judging includes creativity, work and effort, and the appropriateness to Christmas.

All floats are to be at the Drury School by 12 noon Saturday, for judging. Entertainer John Allan Cameron of Milton, former Milton District High School Principal Charles Hunter and Halton Museum Curator Erla Brittain will do the judging. The three winning floats will be selected and the trophies are to be presented prior to the parade this year, so the public will recognize the winners as they pass along the parade route.

A reviewing stand is being set up at the Main-Martin intersection and Andy Frank will be stationed there with George Swann's sound car, to announce the parade entries. That promises to be the best spot to see the parade and hear the commentary, but watchers are welcome all along the parade route too.

See map
The parade follows Ontario, Main, Brown, Mary and Hugh Sts. to Milton Fair Grounds, where the entries will disperse. (See map).

Santa Claus will be riding on a brand new float this year, a community of rooftops which was built by the residents and staff at Maplehurst Correctional Centre.

That contribution is acknowledged in a separate story on this page.

Acton Citizens Band will lead off the parade and Burlington Teen Tour Band will bring up the rear, directly in front of Santa Claus. Other bands participating include Durham Drum and Bugle Corp., Unity Lute and Drum Corp and the Oakville Salvation Army Band. The Acton Band has been sponsored by The Champion and the Burlington Band has been partially sponsored by Milton Lions Club. Costs of the remaining bands have been covered by the Santa Claus Parade Committee's successful appeal for funds.

The committee has collected over \$1,700 in contributions to finance the parade. Merchants, industrial firms, professional people, service clubs and individuals were quite generous this year, the sponsors reported.

Treats for kiddies
There will be plenty of majorettes and clowns in the parade. The committee purchased close to 9,000 suckers to be handed out to children along the parade route. Three volunteers from each town service club will be serving as clowns, plus three from Best Realty and Insurance.

Two groups of horses will also participate, plus Milt the Snowman and a host of Disney characters. Social clean-up crews have been assigned to follow the horse units—just in case.

Milton Area Radio Club is preparing to give radio assistance along the parade route and St. John Ambulance and Halton Regional Police will have vehicles in the parade.

One of the many people contributing greatly to this year's parade is Sherwood Hume of Hume Transportation, Milton. At last count he had arranged to provide nine tractor-trailer float trucks for various floats in the parade.

Three judges
Parade marshal will be Rod Lewis, chairman of the 1975 Santa Claus Parade Committee. Honorary parade marshal is Anne MacArthur, Mayor of Milton. She and the three judges will watch the parade from the reviewing stand.

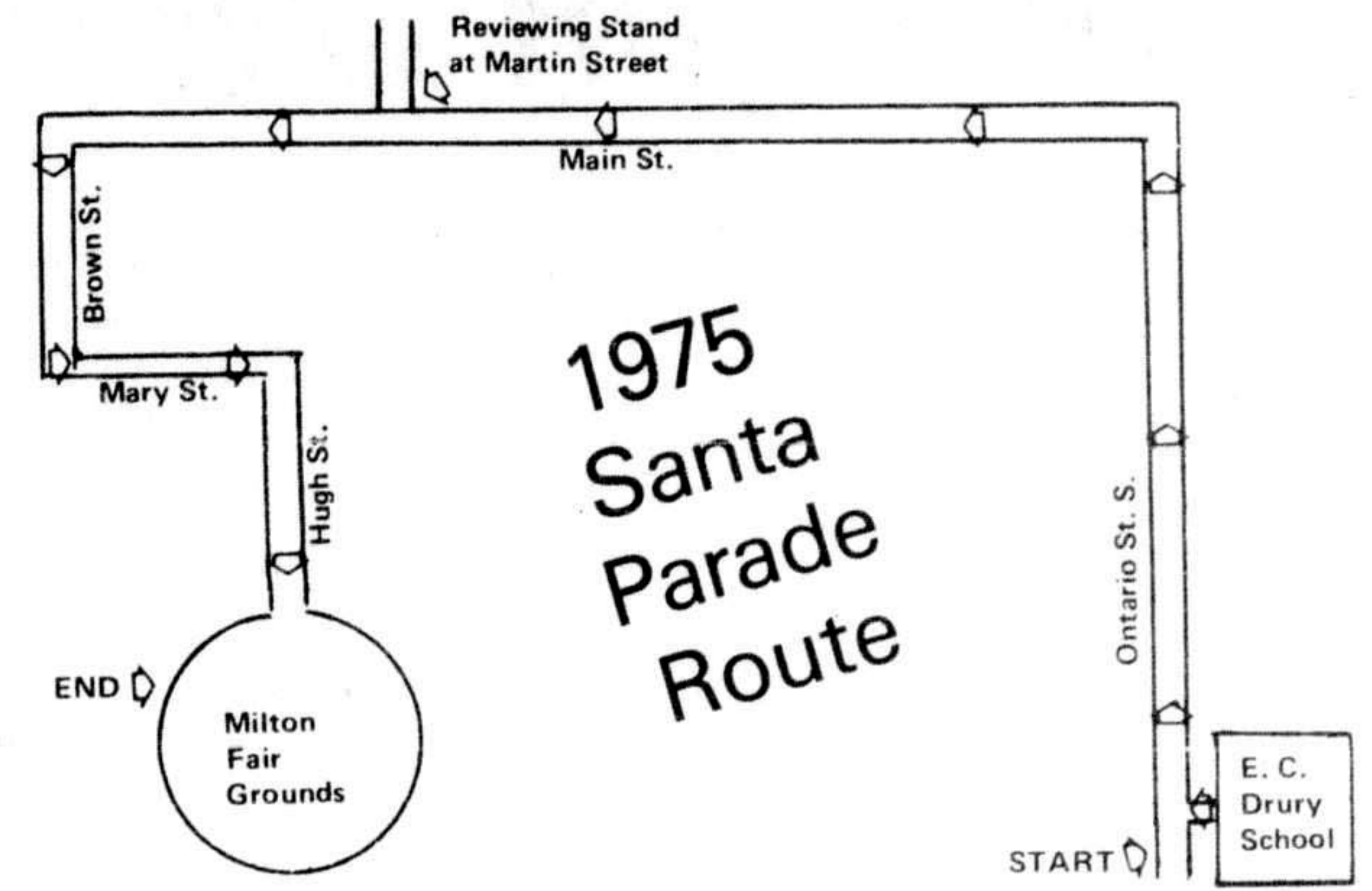
The committee has arranged insurance to cover spectators injured during the parade, but has pointed out to parade entrants that they are

responsible for insuring their own vehicles.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Milton Boy Scouts will be selling coffee, doughnuts, hot chocolate and soup to warm up parade participants, at the Scout Hall in the fair grounds after the parade. Proceeds are earmarked for the fund to put a new roof on the scout hall.

Will review it
Organizers plan a "post mortem" meeting to review the parade next Monday evening. Any strong or weak points or suggestions for next year will be noted and filed away for the 1976 parade. "We did this last year and it helped, to write everything down while it was still fresh in our minds," said committee chairman Rod Lewis.

"Any member of the committee will welcome any praise or criticism from the people."



PARADE ROUTE for Saturday's Santa Claus Parade is pictured here. The parade leaves the Drury School at 2 p.m. sharp and should reach the fair grounds for dispersal around 2.30 to 2.45 p.m.



LAST YEAR'S PARADE was a big success as between 5,000 and 8,000 lined the parade route and another 800 or more participated in the parade in four bands, 20 floats and a dozen walking groups.

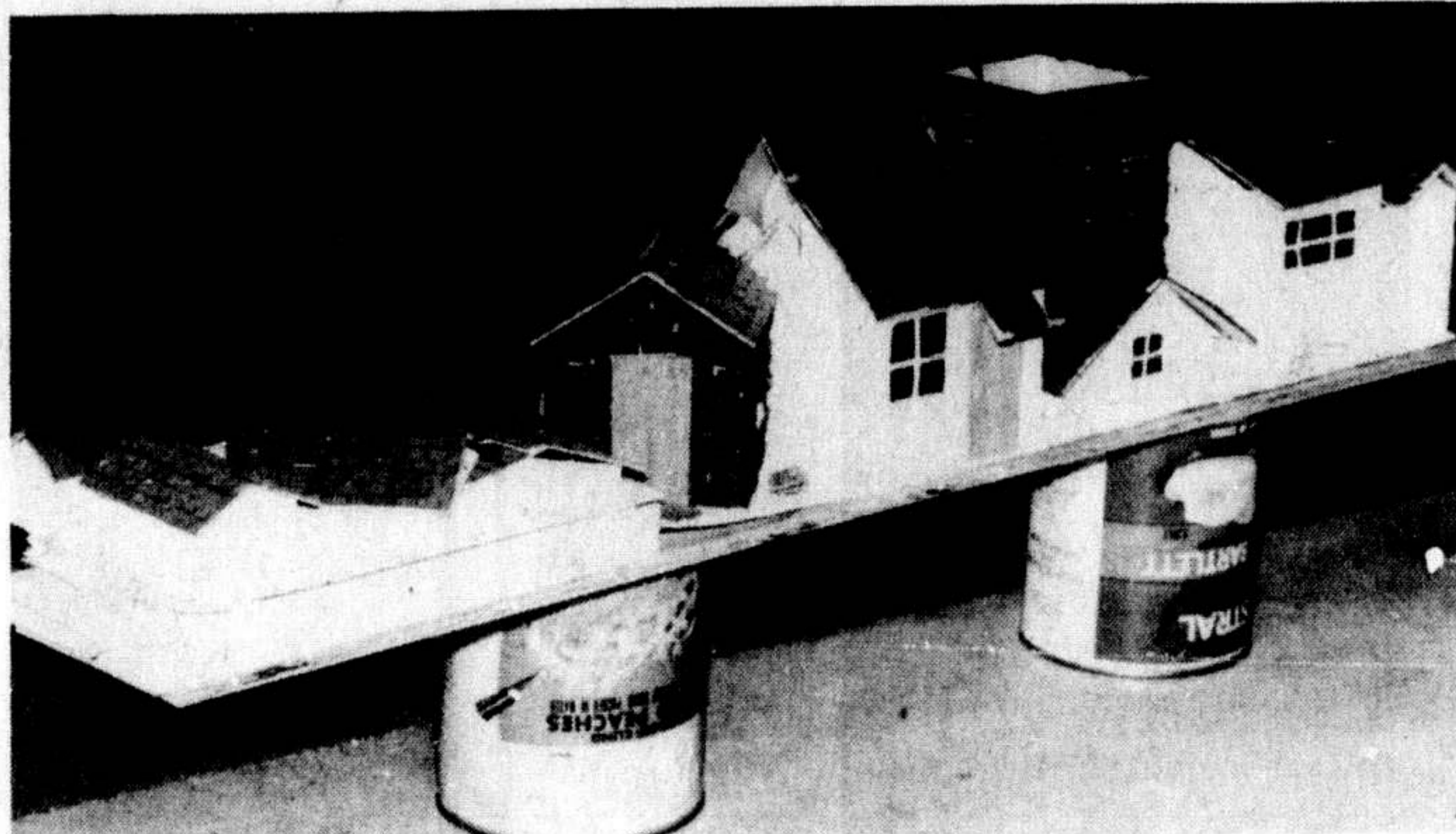
Sat. parade formation

Here is the proposed formation of Saturday's Santa Claus parade, which leaves the Ernest C. Drury School at 2 p.m. and heads for Milton Fair Grounds via Ontario and Main Sts. Parade organizers suggest you clip this list from the paper and take it to the parade with you on Saturday.

The parade will contain five bands, about 30 floats and at least 10 marching units. The reviewing stand will be set up at the Main-Martin Sts. intersection and the entries will be announced by Andy Frank as they pass that point, but there are several other good vantage points along the parade route.

1. Milton Fire Department, antique truck
 2. Two Vintage Cars
 3. Acton Citizens Band
 4. Milton District Scouts
 5. Milton District Cubs (Worm)
 6. Milton Area Radio Club
 7. 5th Wheel Truck Stop
 8. Omagh Presbyterian Church Explorers
 9. Milton Parks and Recreation Department
 10. Milton Optimist Club
 11. Unity Flute and Drum Corps
 12. Milton Air Cadet Squadron
 13. Scotch Block Squares
 14. A & W Restaurant
 15. 2nd Campbellville Brownie Pack
 16. Royal Bank
 17. Arnold's Lawn and Garden Equipment Centre
 18. Burlington Central Lions Majorettes
 19. Durham Drum and Bugle Corps
 20. Milton and District Kinettes
 21. Halton Regional Police
 22. Halton Region Conservation Authority
 23. Milton Public Library
 24. CHWO Radio Station
 25. Fobert Real Estate
 26. W. I. Dick Public School
 27. Milton and District Kinsmen Club
 28. Salvation Army Band
 29. Pollyanna Children's Care Centre
 30. Milton Youth Council
 31. Halton Centennial Manor
 32. Milton Natural Gas Ltd.
 33. Halton Community Credit Union
 34. Milton Snowbirds Snowmobile Club
 35. Milton District Girl Guides and Brownies
 36. Halton Moonlighters Camping Club
 37. S. Hume Transportation Ltd.
 38. Halton Gym Club
 39. Milton Lions Club
 40. Solo Majorette, Christine Gaveronski
 41. Burlington Teen Tour Band
 42. Santa Claus
 43. Milton Fire Department, new pumper
 44. St. John Ambulance
- Plus Milt the Snowman and various Disney characters and clowns.

FEATURE PAGE
BY ROY DOWNS



SCALE MODEL of the Santa Claus float was done by a Maplehurst resident. It fits on a 40 foot long float and stands eight feet high above the float bed.

Committee arranges for arrival of Santa

Milton's Santa Claus Parade is again this year sponsored by a committee of 12 people—most of them just citizens interested in making sure Milton marks the Christmas season with a good parade.

The group was formed in 1974 to arrange what turned out to be a highly successful parade and this year's committee includes many of the 1974 workers plus some fresh faces who volunteered to help.

Rod Lewis, chairman of the group, is minister at Boston and Omagh Presbyterian Churches and lives on Woodward Ave. As a member of Milton and District Kinsmen Club, he proposed early in 1974 that the club sponsor the parade and was given the task of organizing it. When the Kinsmen realized the undertaking was such a large one, Mr. Lewis appealed to other town service clubs to send delegates to a central steering committee and it was a committee of mainly service club representatives, working with the town's parks and recreation department and interested citizens, which sponsored the 1974 event.

Volunteers
This year, he said, he enlisted the help of most of last year's committee members plus some new volunteers from the community.

Karen Uhryn of Milton Parks and Recreation Department is the secretary of the committee and Nick Gauthier of Bank of Nova Scotia is treasurer. Fred Verstraete was in charge of the fund-raising campaign that saw over \$1,700 contributed by generous firms and individuals. Pat Rideout is in charge of publicity.

Others working in various capacities include Ed St. Antoine, Chris Heath, Lester Wood, Don Scanlon, Ross Brancier, Barry Tonner and Pete McCuaig.

Prior to 1974, Milton had not had a Santa Claus parade since 1971 when Milton

Chamber of Commerce organized a parade.

Legion, Firefighters
Before that, Milton Firefighters and Milton Legion had been the parade sponsors for a 20-year period. The two groups had worked well together over the years and the financing of the parade was handled by a June fun fair which usually raised enough funds to buy candies, pay bands and rent clown costumes. But interest had diminished in the mid-1960s and the event was dropped.

The firefighters and Legionnaires are still interested in the parade, however. This year they went together to donate a new trophy for the runner-up theme float in the parade, plus a replica which will be retained by the group entering the float.

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