

Santa Claus Parade Through the Camera Lens



The Stouffville Santa Claus Parade, the largest and possibly the most colourful in the town's history, had its share of pretty girls seated in queenly fashion on flower-decked floats or in open convertibles. Eighteen year old Elaine Forsyth (left) flashes a smile at her admirers. Pretty 12 year old Janice Smith (centre) typifies a dancing ballerina in a float entitled "Santa's Dolls", an entry from the Summitview



Public School in Stouffville. Majorette "queen", 15 year old Bernadine Terwoerd (right) waves to the hundreds of adults and children from atop her lofty throne on a float entered by the Ross Giles firm, Stouffville. Unusually mild weather added to the comfort of the participants and viewers. The procession extended for almost one mile along the Main Street. —Staff Photo



Seated in a sparkling 1962 Acadian convertible, sponsored by Patrick Motors of Stouffville was Miss Daphne Chewins, Stouffville District High School "May Queen". She is accompanied by two attendants, Mardell Willis (left) and Lynda Nolan. —Staff Photo



Clown for a day — Warren Hendricks receives a little artistic make-up treatment applied by Mrs. Joan Pugh. The Legion Hall was the scene of many typical activities prior to Saturday's parade. Dozens of clowns punctuated the procession and added to the merriment of the occasion. —Staff Photo.



Herman, the clown and his weird but workable motor-driven machine thrilled hundreds of children that lined the parade route on Saturday. Sponsored by Hendricks' Hardware. Mr. Hendricks (left) checks a portion of the mechanism during a temporary curbside stopover. —Staff Photo

The Stouffville Santa Claus Parade, the largest and possibly the most colorful in the town's history, was welcomed by hundreds of adults and children that lined the procession route on Saturday afternoon. Twenty-four floats in addition to dozens of single entries were assembled in the west end of the village and marched more than a mile to the town's easterly limits.

Headed by a group of high-stepping local majorettes and the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps Band, the extravaganza eclipsed all previous pre-Christmas presentations. A complete list of the prize-winners will appear elsewhere in this issue.

Although it is impossible to describe the appearance of each and every float entry, two schools, Summit View and Altona excelled in their respective classes. Both were worthy first-prize winners. In the club competition, the Ballantrae Teens headed the list with Mickey Hunt's "Humpty-Dumpty" taking the red ribbon in the commercial class. Herman, the Clown, sponsored by Hendricks Hardware, topped the miscellaneous class.

Santa Claus distributed close to 2,000 bags of candy to a long line of children. In addition, he took time out from a busy afternoon schedule to visit patients in the Brierbush Hospital and folk in the two Stouffville Rest Homes.



If any float deserved prize-winning recognition, it was the "Santa's Doll" entry from Stouffville's Summitview Public School. Winnie Skinner (left) typifies a Barbara Ann doll while Bonnie O'Neill is Miss Canada. The colourful creation topped its class in school entries of 3 rooms and over. —Staff Photo.