

# The sun shone on impressive town Santa Claus Parade



The sun shone on Stouffville's Kin-sponsored Santa Claus Parade, Saturday, adding to the enjoyment of this colorful annual event. One of many participants in

this year's procession was Markham Fair President Barry Little and his two pretty passengers, Fair queen Darlene Murray (left) and runner-up, Kelly Winnitoy.



Seven-year-old Amy Smirnov and her little dog "Mimi", walked the entire procession route accompanied by Susan Fifield, eleven. The dog was just as spry at the end of the parade as his attendants.



The destination of this craft was sometimes questionable—either Duffin's Creek or the Stouffville dam. But don't let the frog face fool you. Underneath that disguise is Kin member Ken Smurthwaite.



This beautiful float, entered by Ballantrae United Church, was judged Most Original in the parade. Rev. Wayne Reed, the congregation's pastor, described the

entry as a "co-operative project". Spectators along the route seemed to agree with the judge's decision.

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Karen Nugent, Whitchurch-Stouffville's pretty Canada Day Queen, rode in a gleaming red convertible, provided by Markham Van and Car Wash, Laidlaw

Boulevard. Any chill in the air quickly vanished with Karen's friendly smile.



The pause that refreshes. Big Bird, (Barbara Britton) and Cookie Monster, (Teresa Caterer), quenched their thirsts with milkshakes at the Stouffville Restaurant following the parade. Rather than freezing, they were "boiling", they said. They talked and shook hands with dozens of boys and girls along the route.



Yes, The Ballantrae Gang was back, driving the same old clunker that (somehow) transported them along the route last year. While supposedly roadwor-

thy, police have requested safety certification before Parade '84 rolls around.