

Saluting Stouffville's parade participants

It was a glorious winter morn, as perfect as it could be Stouffville was ready and waiting, St. Nick was our guest, you see.

Many weeks of preparation, no stones were left unturned

Nothing to guess, no time to rest, the Kinsmen, they had learned

That such a project so immense, couldn't possibly be postponed

"We're moving out at 2 p.m.," Santa had been phoned. But never fear, the day was clear, not a cloud would mar the sky

With floats in place, there wasn't a trace of anything gone awry.



Roaming Around

with Jim Thomas

have that reputation

Whatever the cause, whatever the need, whatever the situation

There was Mayor Sherban, whip firmly in hand, threatening several lashes

Against horses, poor things, she wished they had wings, for one was called Pliakes

Hedgling, councillors proud, waved to the crowd, but none spoke nary a word

Still feeling their way, it's too soon to say if the limelight is really preferred

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Town churches were out in full force to be sure, giving the season true meaning

Christ Anglican's choice, by the judges for first had their parishioners beaming

A tip of my crown to the schools of our town, a tremendous contribution

Not content to just pass Orchard Park topped its class, a marvellous production

Cook Canada won the mayor's award, deservedly so I thought

1st Stouffville Scouts were most humorous, big smiles to all they brought

Sandy Schell-Kennedy, this year's citizen choice, was enthusiastically applauded

Likewise Wayne Jackson, sports leader for sure, a selection loudly lauded

The Ramesses Shriners were back again and so was Markham Fair

The Spirit hockey guys returned, cruising everywhere. Lafarge displayed its huge machines, pulled by Anderson haulers

Crier Bosse exercised his vocal chords, a champion of all callers

The Uxbridge Highlanders never fail to make a Scot's blood boil

The Lions and the Kinsmen clubs are to our town most loyal

But let me not forget the one most favoured within the cast. It was jolly old St. Nick himself, long may the tradition last

And likewise may the parade remain a source of pride and joy

To every teen and senior, to every girl and boy. It's an event that has no equal, ten thousand will attest

It's an honour and a privilege to line up with the rest. And salute the many participants, the big ones and the small


My compliments of the season, a Merry Christmas all.

Jim Thomas is a Stouffville resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 50 years.

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