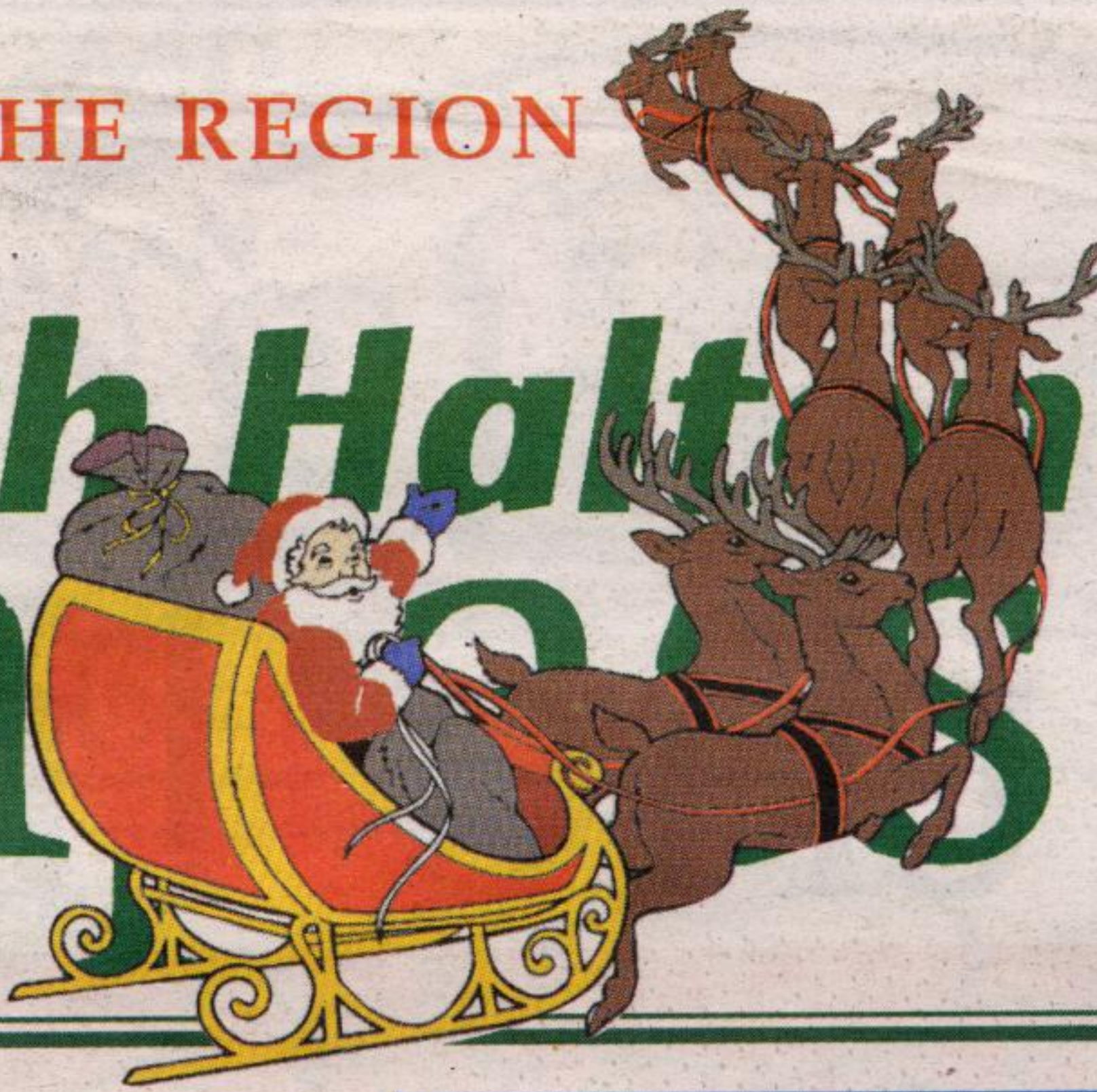


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Milton delivers on rural garbage pickup

BY DONNA DANIELLI

Those who believe that one man cannot make a difference have obviously never met Joe Yaworski.

The Bell School Line resident appeared before Milton Town Council on December 15 and successfully convinced Council to overturn its own staff's recommendations and approve the implementation of a rural waste collection program beginning in February.

"He offered very credible, very persuasive arguments against all of the objections raised in the staff report," said Councillor Cindy Lunau, who admits that she herself was leaning towards voting against the program before Mr. Yaworski's presentation.

Town of Milton and Region of Halton staff spent the past two months gauging public opinion on the issue of rural waste collection through the use of Public Information Centres (PIC) and a survey sent to each resident. The PIC's drew approximately 135 people and although no formal statis-

tics were taken, it was staff's impression that approximately 65 per cent of those attending did not favour implementation of the program.

Many rural residents cited concerns regarding truck and traffic safety on rural roads, higher costs for residents than current disposal at landfill site by private residents, animals scattering waste placed roadside before collection, and a potential conflict with winter control operations. The survey results showed 49.9 per cent of residents in favour of the program. Other information gathered through the survey showed that 300 of the 1429 respondents have a private hauler dispose of their waste, while 740 personally deliver it to the Regional landfill site on Highway 25.

Further disposal techniques included composting/recycling, taking materials to work and burning. After studying the comments provided at the PIC's and through the survey, Town staff concluded that "overall, it would appear that

the issue of waste disposal is being dealt with in a responsible and reasonable manner throughout the rural community.... Therefore, we are recommending that the rural roadside waste collection program not be implemented at this time."

Mr. Yaworski argued that although rural residents may be handling their garbage themselves, it is not being done in appropriate manners. Garbage taken to work simply makes it another municipality's concern, while burning or burying garbage could have negative environmental impacts. He also pointed out that one pickup a week wouldn't have a significant impact on the rural roads where residents are already used to stop-and-go traffic from school buses and mail carriers. It was Mr. Yaworski's contention that rural residents are used to adapting and will not only bag their garbage securely or use stronger containers to protect it from animals, but they will also

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Campbellville's new honorary mayor

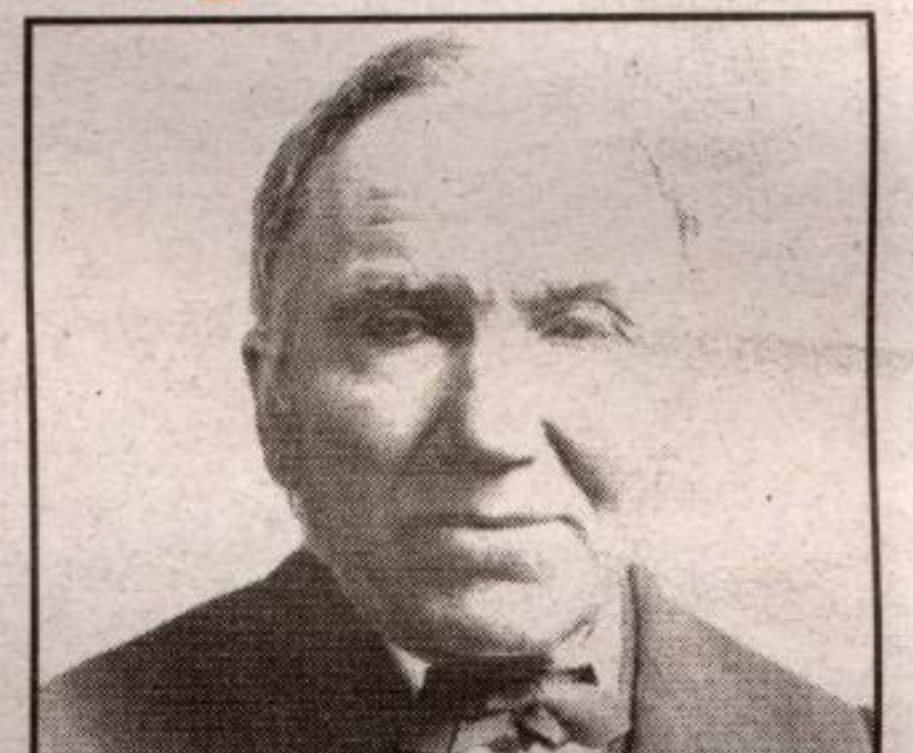
Honorary Mayor of Campbellville, Marilyn Goodale, officially turned over the chain of office on December 15 to the 2004 recipient, Bill Stokes. Mr. Stokes was an original member of the #2 Fire Department Station when it was built in 1977 and currently is the Fire Chief for the new firehall that opened last summer. He is a long time supporter of the Campbellville Lion's Club, the annual Santa Claus Parade, the Campbellville Baseball Club, Halton 4-H and he works at the Campbellville Cemetery in addition to his job at Mountsberg Conservation Area.

Inside The Compass

SHOEBOX MEMORIES

Claudius Stewart McLaughlin was born in the highlands of Scotland in 1782 and came to Canada with his wife, Ann, and family in 1830, settling in Peel County. His son Joseph, right, remained in the Norval area.

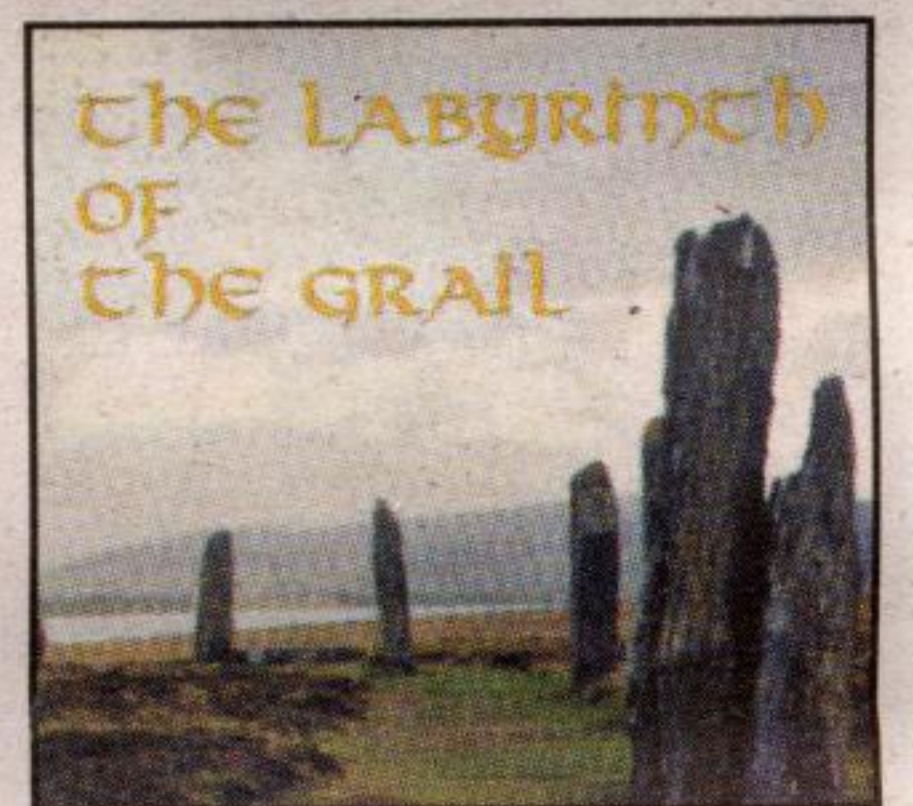
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IDLE PURSUITS

Bill Mann is Manager of Planning Policy at the Town of Milton and whose "life hobby" and extensive travel have led him in search of the holy grail.

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COMMUNITY CORNERSTONE

Glenda Benton first came to Limehouse in 1956 to work as a school teacher. In 1959 she married Bert, and three years later they purchased the farm on Fourth Line where they have resided for over 40 years.

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