

# New councillors say they're ready, willing, able

*11-person municipal council, including four newcomers, will be sworn in Monday night*

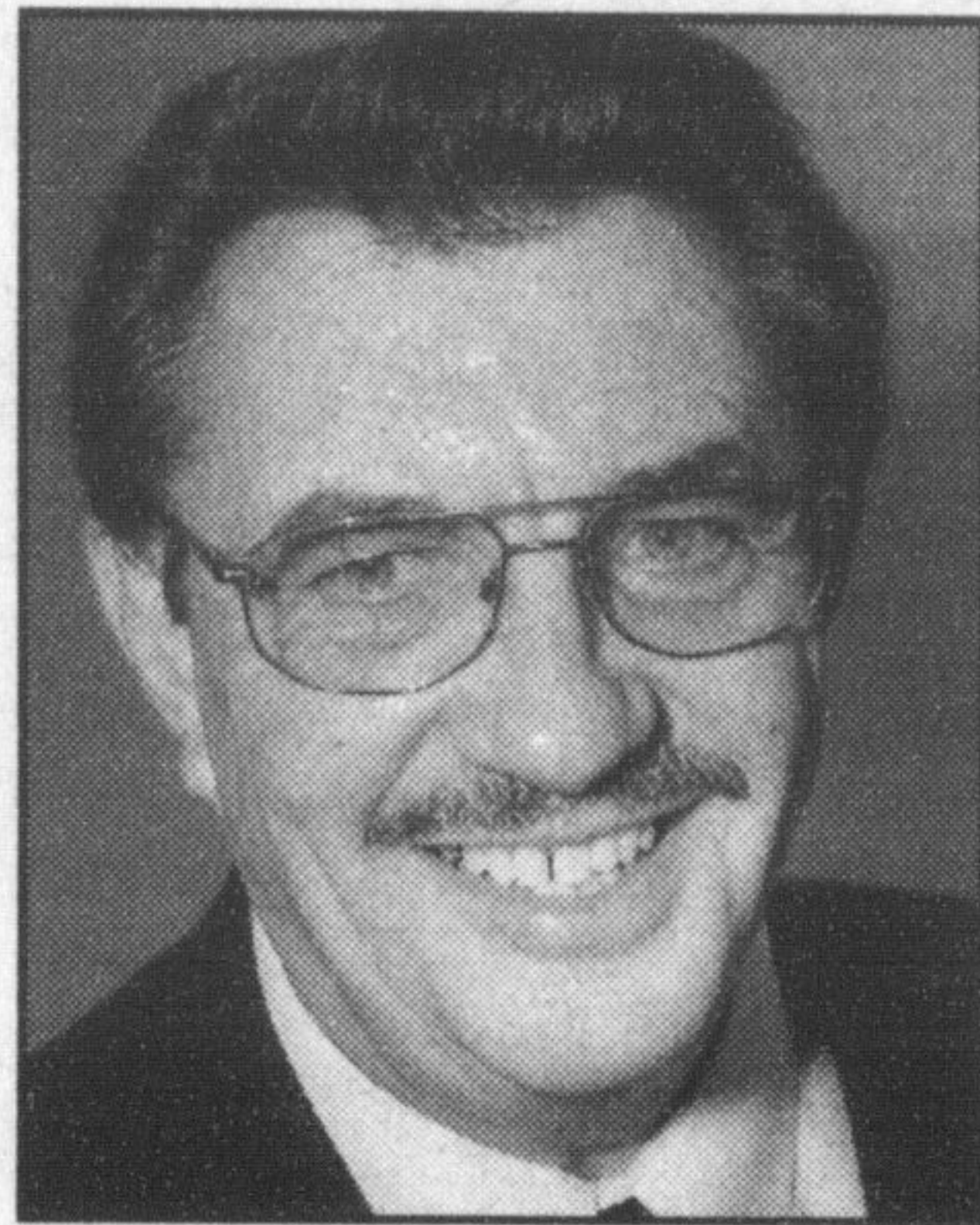
## Mike Boughton, Ward 2

*Boughton says he can't wait to get started*

Sharply dressed in a dark blue dress shirt with a tie, sleeves rolled up slightly, and in pleated black pants, Mike Boughton methodically snips the hair of one in a long list of customers that have graced his Main Street East barbershop.

He says his 37 years as a hairstylist has given him a unique perspective on Milton, of where's it been and should be going.

"Sitting here in the barbershop, I hear people talking about what's happening in the



community," said Mr. Boughton, 58.

Having a broad scope of the issues is the kind of experience Mr. Boughton said he hopes to bring to council.

He said he's excited by the

opportunity of representing constituents' interests and not just their hairstyling demands.

Those interests include addressing the Town's three-hour parking bylaw, keeping the library at its Brown Street site if plans to build another proceed, and an arts and culture centre.

"The main thing is to work on town council as a team. I don't think there should be competition between Ward 1 and Ward 4 and Ward 2."

One more thing, he said with a laugh — no free haircuts for fellow councillors or staff. It's strictly a business decision.

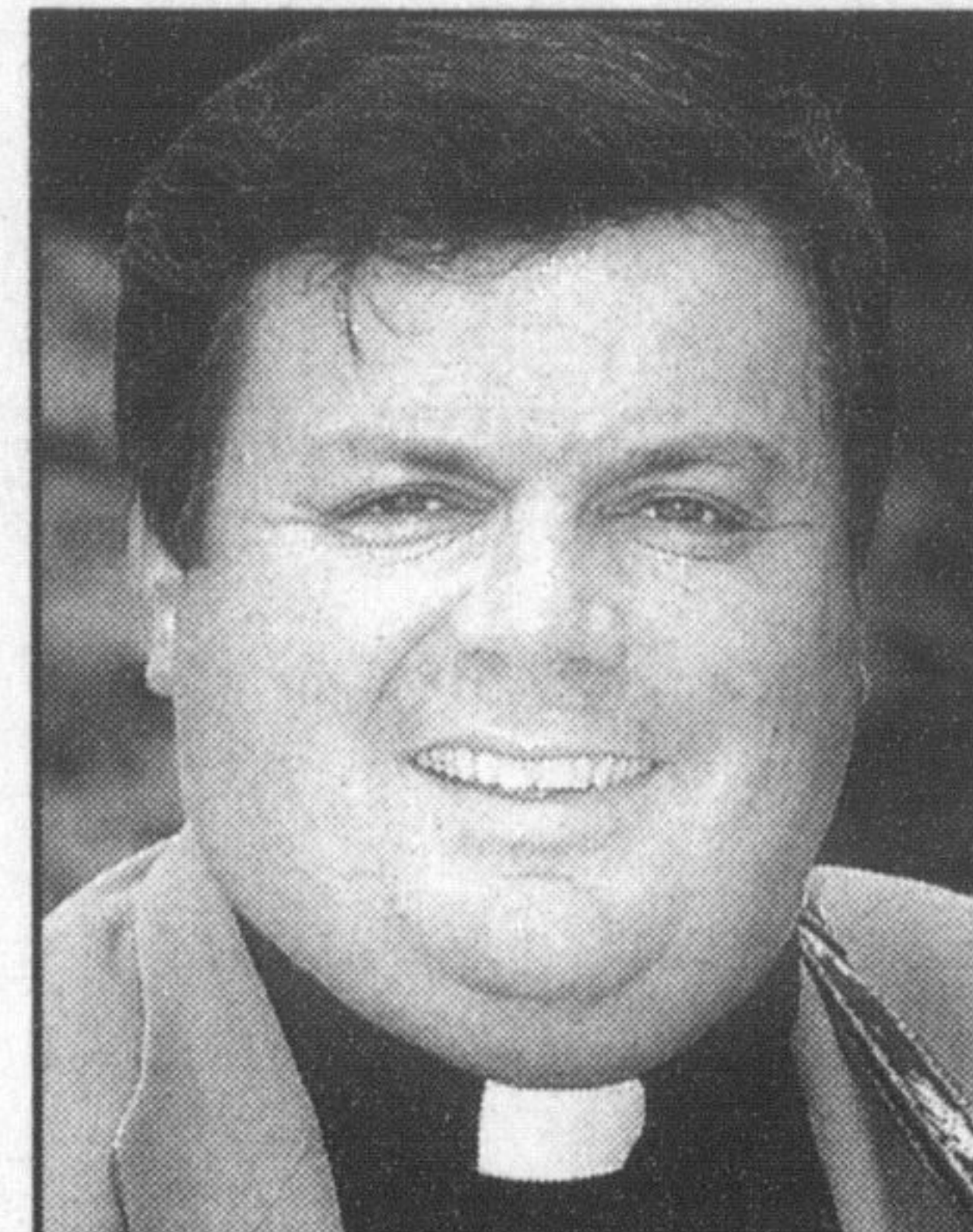
## Mark Curtis, Ward 2

*Curtis says he's committed to his new role*

Father Mark Curtis's passion may be singing, but he says he's just as committed to his new role as a Milton politician.

Known as Canada's singing priest, Mr. Curtis travels the world, performing in large music halls and in front of intimate church groups, as a singer or motivational speaker. He'll be cutting back on the number of appearances to devote his time to Milton council.

As the newest Ward 2 councillor, his bombastic voice will only be heard when speaking to



political issues.

"The only singing I'll be doing at council is singing the praises of Miltonians," he said, though he won't object to leading a round of 'Happy Birthday', if asked.

Mr. Curtis, whose base church is St. Simon's Anglican Church in Oakville, is one of two new Ward 4 councillors who will bring the concerns of residents from the established, older part of Milton to council.

Throughout his campaigning — which he said involved knocking on 4,000 doors not once but twice — the 47-year-old was struck by how many were abreast of issues. That will keep him on the political hot seat.

"People were really up on things," Mr. Curtis said. "They are very educated voters."

The issues include development, the need for adequate transit and a movie theatre.

## Jan Mowbray, Ward 3

*Mowbray says she's ready to work with honesty and integrity*

An avid golfer with an impressive eight-handicap, Jan Mowbray was leading after two rounds in a 1999 golf tournament when, at home resting, she felt a pit lodge in her stomach. She had mistakenly marked her score card wrong, awarding herself a birdie instead of a par.

"I had to tell them (golf officials) the next day," said the native New Zealander. "Your word is everything. If you



don't have that, by golly, you've got nothing."

Honesty and integrity are the two hallmarks she hopes to bring as a councillor for the very large Ward 3.

Ms Mowbray, 59, has been doing her homework to get caught up on Milton policies,

bylaws and committees. Her dining room table is drowning with documents and thick binders to help her along.

"I've got so much to learn," she said. "It's so exciting."

The campaign was an exciting yet exhaustive time.

Ms Mowbray knocked on all but 80 of the approximately 2,100 homes that dot this rolling ward of mostly farm properties. That's not an easy feat, either, considering they aren't exactly located right next to each other.

She said she vows to knock on those doors over the next few weeks. It will help in addressing four key issues — road safety, rural garbage pick-up, water quality and roadside litter.

## Wendy Schau, Ward 4

*Schau says she's bursting with ideas*

Wendy Schau owes a lot to her grade 12 Milton District High School teacher, Mrs. Dearing, for what she saw in her years ago.

Ms Schau, 16 at the time, was picked to travel to Ottawa to see the inner-workings of Parliament, as part of a citizenship workshop. But there was a problem.

Born in England to a farming family, she wasn't yet a Canadian citizen. With the help of a lawyer, her citizenship papers were fast-tracked and she was able to accept her cer-



tificate for participating.

The workshop got her hooked on the gravity and effectiveness of politics.

"I was a citizen in a hurry," the 53-year-old laughed.

Now she'll be a councillor in demand.

Ms Schau, a retired elemen-

tary school teacher, is bursting with ideas as the new councillor for Ward 4.

And those ideas will be put to the test as a host of issues face her ward.

They include transit, activities for youth, and the push for Halton Region to build more affordable housing.

Ms Schau said her focus is to help create a Milton that works for everybody yet retains a small-town flavour.

"It's a matter of attitude, but we need the infrastructure to support that," she said. "Everyone I talked to said, 'I really love Milton.' We need to remain a town and not a suburb."

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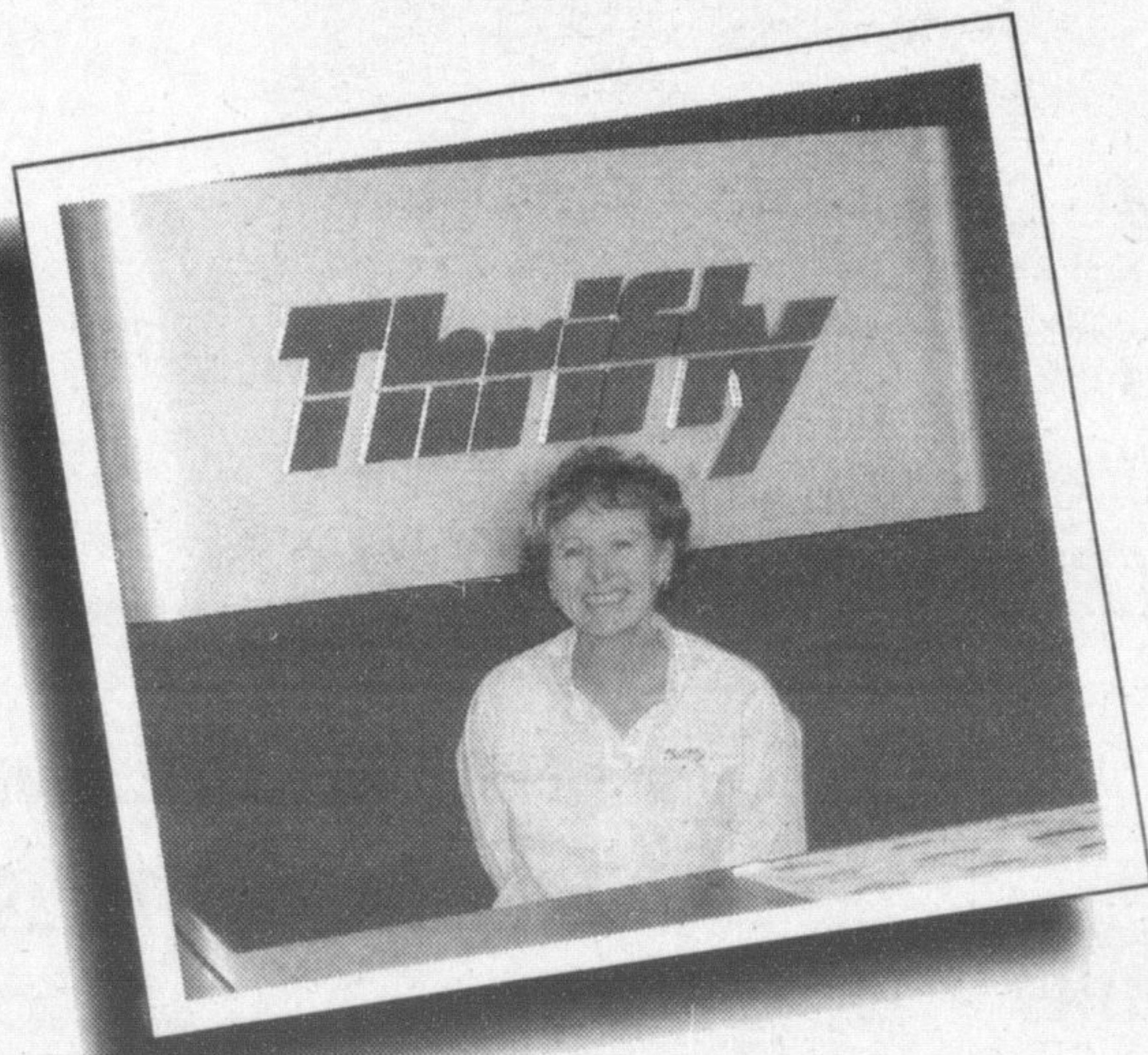
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