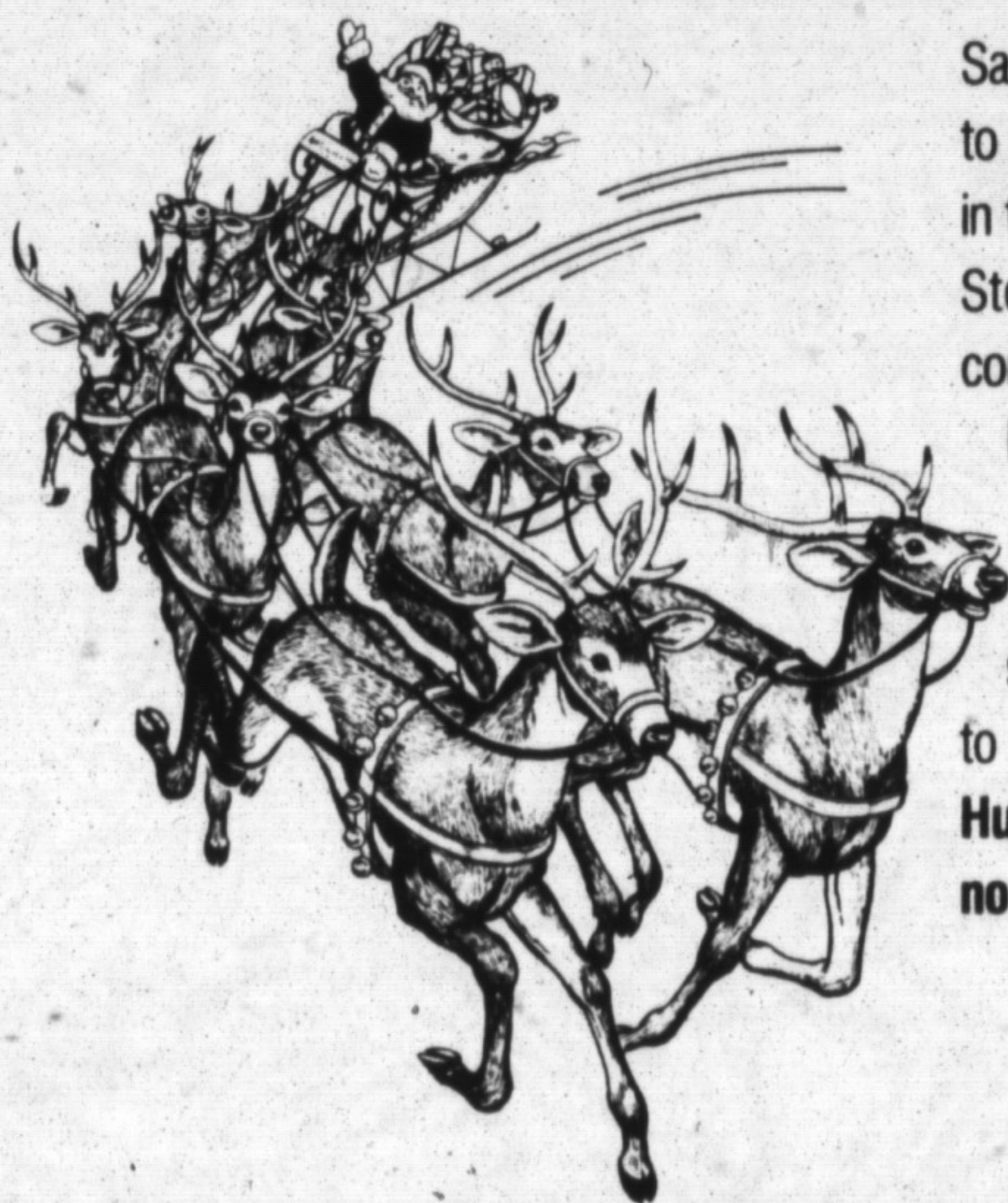
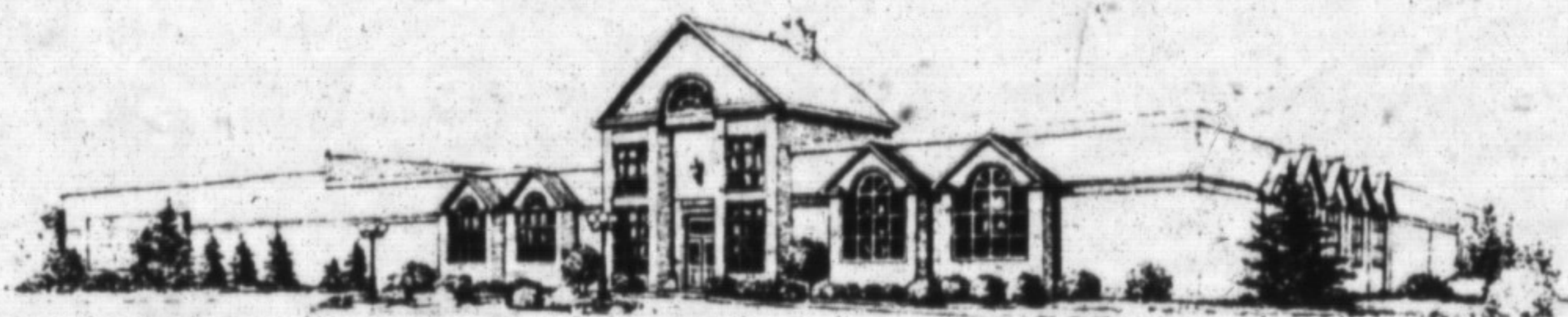


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Bert and Laurie Andrews, owners of Andrews Scenic Acres, were chosen Halton's Outstanding Farm Family for 1994 by Halton Region's Federation of Agriculture. The couple were honoured at a recent federation banquet.

## *Andrews family honoured by local agriculture region.*

By KAREN SMITH  
*The Champion*

Another honour has sprouted from the fields of a popular No. 10 Sideroad farm.

The owners of Andrews Scenic Acres, which was voted Business of the Year in 1992, have been named Halton's Outstanding Farm Family of 1994.

Bert and Laurie Andrews were recognized by the Halton Region Federation of Agriculture at its 13th annual awards banquet last Wednesday.

"We were quite surprised," Mr. Andrews said earlier this week. "Naturally, it was a great honour to obtain this award from your peers."

The award is sponsored by the family of the late Ross Segworth to honour a farm family which has achieved significant business success, while also contributing to their community and using environmentally-sound agricultural practices.

In 1980, the Andrews' purchased a 100-acre farm on No. 10 Sideroad, east of Highway 25. They went on to transform a winter wheat and field corn farm with little income into a productive fruit and vegetable concern.

The business has grown steadily from 13 acres of raspberries, strawberries and blueberries to an operation totalling more than 400 acres. Fruits and vegetables are planted on 150 acres.

In addition to the three original crops, asparagus, rhubarb, currants, gooseberries, sweet corn, squash, pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and cut flowers are now grown.

All these are available for sale at the farm market on the site, a facility Mr. Andrews said he and his wife plan to expand next year.

Mr. Andrews graduated from the University of Guelph in 1966 with an honours degree in the Bachelor of Science of Agriculture program, and was the 1966 college royal — grand champion showman.

Graduation was followed by 14 years of increasing responsibilities with Dupont of Canada.

Mrs. Andrews combines her partnership in the farm operation with a full-time career as a social worker for Halton Region. Over the years, their three children — Angela, 23, Kurtis, 22, and Valerie, 20 — have all contributed to the farm operation.

Today, the farm focus is to provide agricultural experience and quality produce to families, said Michelle Cameron, secretary of the Halton Federation of Agriculture.

"This includes the opportunity for families to pick their own or buy ready-picked," she said. "Expansion has included selling at seven farmers'

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