

Ballinafad W.I. tours new Ontario headquarters in Guelph

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For the June meeting of the Ballinafad Women's Institute, held on the morning of Wednesday, June 7, we did something different. We met at 10 a.m. and journeyed to Guelph, to hold our meeting with our former member Eileen McENERY, in her city home.

After a tour of the home for those who had not been there before, we held our business meeting. It was opened by the singing of the Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect.

The Roll Call was answered

by nine members. The minutes were read and the business arising was attended.

The major topic of the meeting was the report of the Halton District Annual Meeting, which was held on May 25, at Brookville Hall, and attended by five members. The report was given by delegates Doreen Burt and Betty Koperdraad.

A number of business items arose from this report. Sandwiches and squares were required at the Hall of Fame at the Agricultural Museum, in Milton on June 18, at which time Mrs. Trivers, a Women's Institute member, was one of

those inducted into the Hall of Fame. This is a great honor to our association.

On June 14, the great Women's Institute Barbecue for the opening activities for the 100th Anniversary of W.I., was held at the Agricultural Museum. The W.I. was formed in Stoney Creek, Ontario a century ago. There were 3,500 members and families expected at the barbecue, and judging of the 300 quilts made to commemorate this event. Help was required from each branch for this event. Several of our members attended.

On August 3rd we have to

supply food for the quilt fest.

Margaret Jamieson expressed thanks on behalf of herself, and her husband Leo, for the gift given to them for the occasion of their Golden Anniversary, from the Women's Institute.

The regular program was dispensed with, as we had other plans. A lovely lunch was served. We ate in Ernie's garden on the patio.

After lunch at 2:30, we had an appointment to visit Park House, the new business headquarters for the Ontario Women's Institute. It is situated north of Guelph, at Marden.

This was our first visit, and we were informed of the renovations, and improvements to the property. The house was built in 1834. It is really quite beautiful, and a fine home for the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario.

There were four groups from all over Ontario visiting that day, and two held their meetings there.

We arrived home safely, after driving in a deluge of rain.

This was our last meeting for the summer.

The next meeting will be held on the 1st Wednesday in September.

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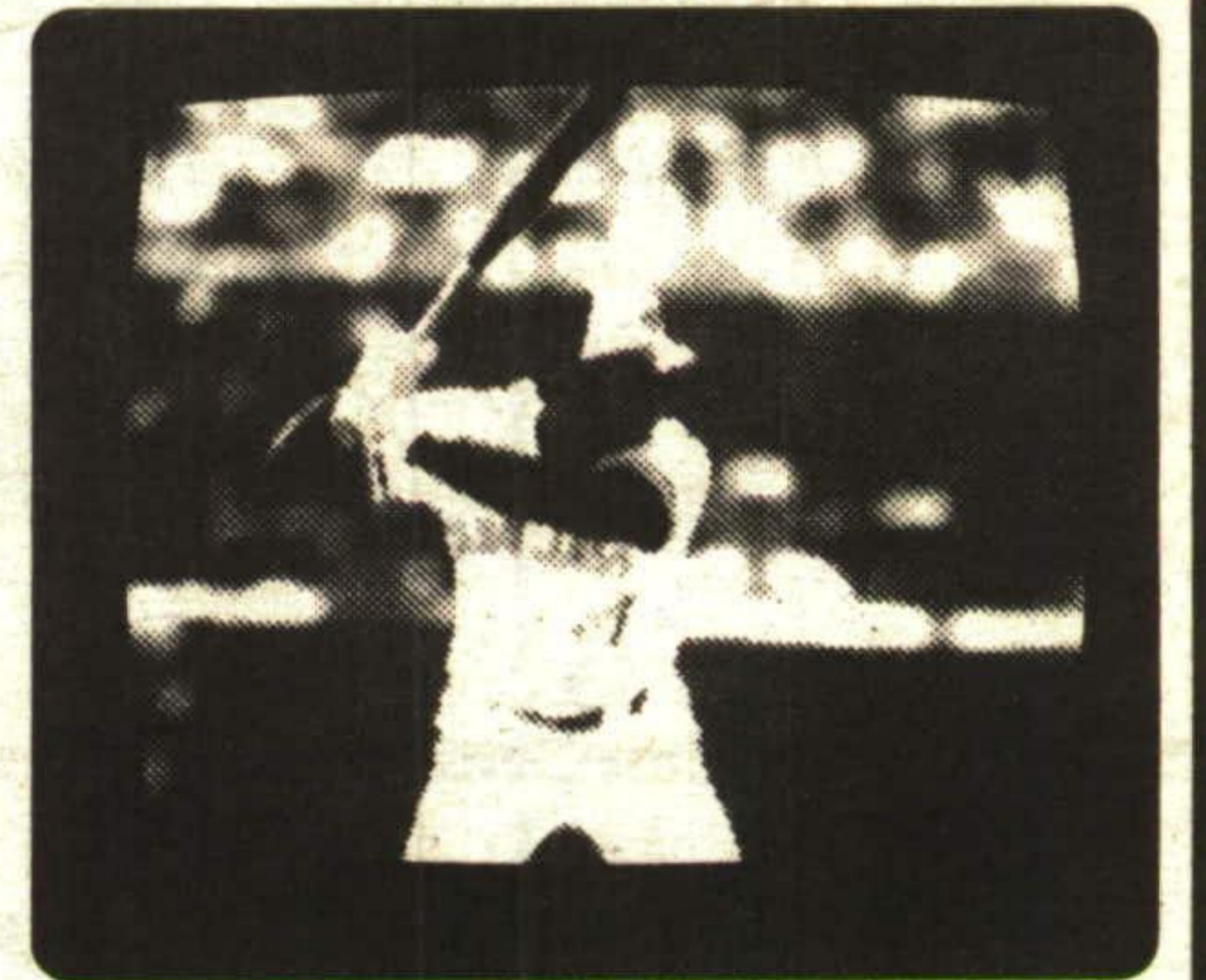
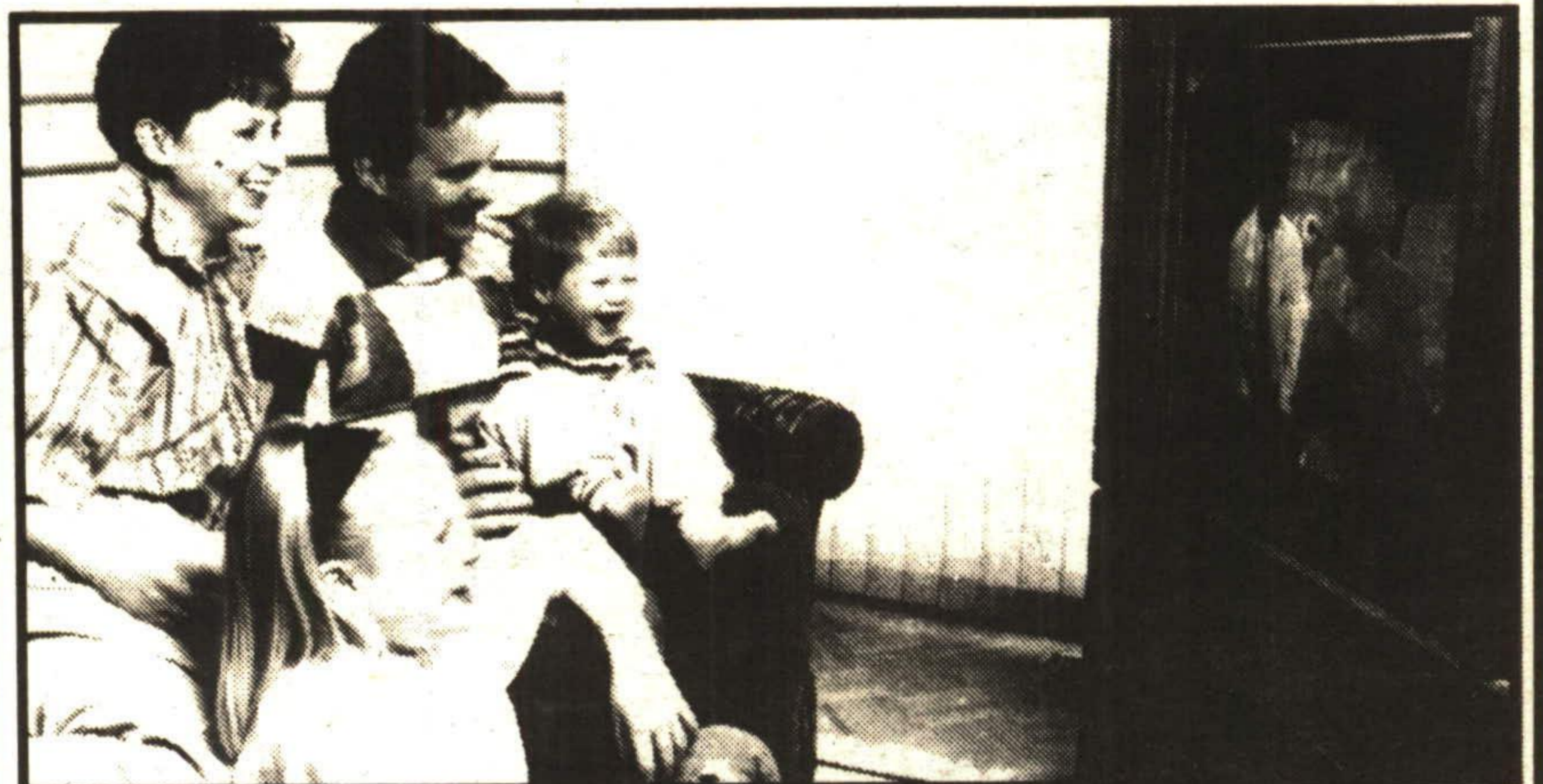
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