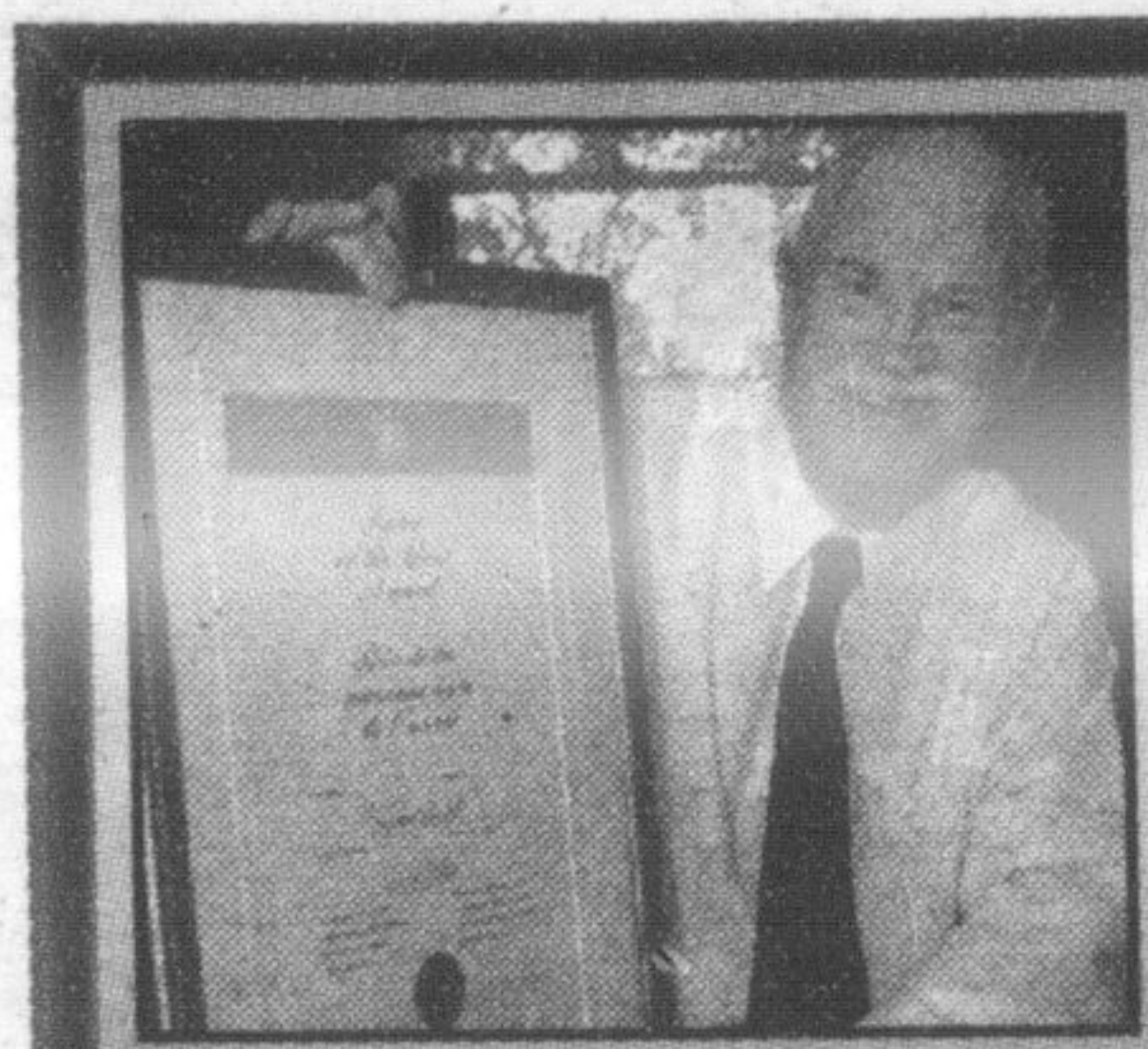


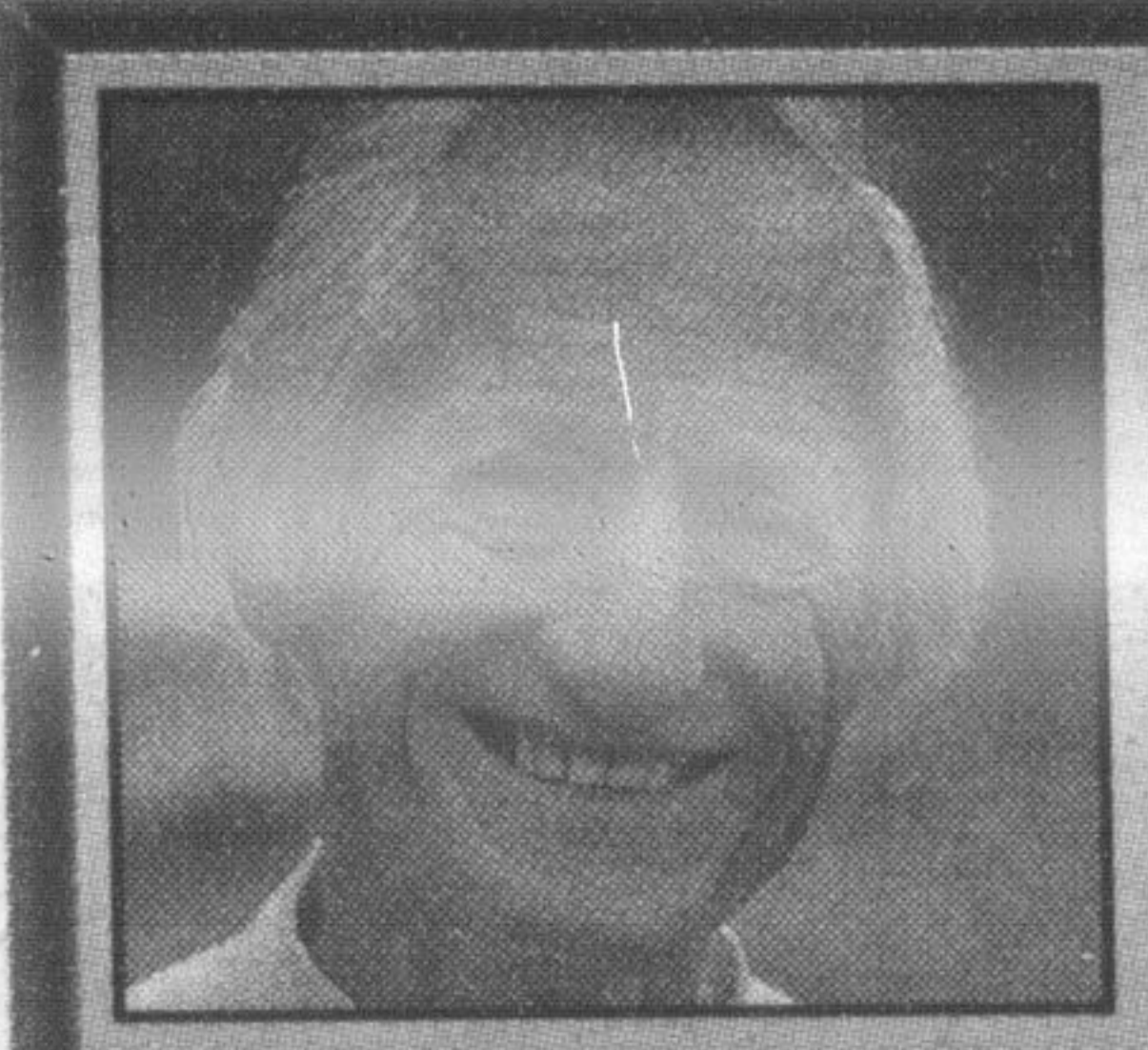
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## Finger food

Little Maclean Lauriston-Battley, 18 months, has his hands full feeding the goats in the petting zoo at the fair Saturday. See more coverage of the 150th Milton Fall Fair on page 15.

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## Suspect pleads guilty to second-degree murder in slaying of Murray Parrott

By **STEPHANIE THIESSEN**  
*The Champion*

A Mississauga man pleaded guilty yesterday to second-degree murder in the brutal slaying of Milton's Murray Parrott more than two years ago.

In Ontario Court (superior division) in Milton, Douglas Stokes, 20, admitted to killing Mr. Parrott on August 31, 2001 near the train tracks behind the Milton Curling Club on Millside Drive.

Crown attorney Laurie Jago told the court that the body of Mr. Parrott, 53, was found lying face

down by a Milton man out walking his dog at about 6:30 a.m. The man walked to the Royal LePage office on Main Street and asked a cab driver to call police, Ms Jago said.

Two days later, Halton Regional Police arrested Mr. Stokes in St. Catharines, she said.

Court heard that Mr. Stokes had been at the Knight Cap on Main Street having drinks and playing pool. After striking up a conversation with a woman and unsuccessfully trying to obtain some marijuana, the pair went to The Ivy Arms on Main Street before returning to the Knight Cap.

After visiting a friend's apartment and buying

five ecstasy pills, Mr. Stokes told a witness he was going to his boss's house on Broadway Avenue to pick up his pay so he could buy cocaine.

Court heard that a bartender said Mr. Parrott had also been at the Knight Cap that night, but that he didn't see any interaction between him and Mr. Stokes.

The bartender said that after some drinks, Mr. Parrott declined his offer of a cab, court heard.

"He said he enjoyed the walk home," Ms Jago said.

Court wasn't told much about what happened

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