

Luncheon ends centre's season

By Jane Muller

The end of the first season for The Centre, 181 Main St. was marked by a special thank you luncheon where volunteers were recognized for their contribution to parenting and drop-in programs.

Carol Holmes, program facilitator who instigated the luncheon was presented with a gift from the volunteers while they received People Helping People pins.

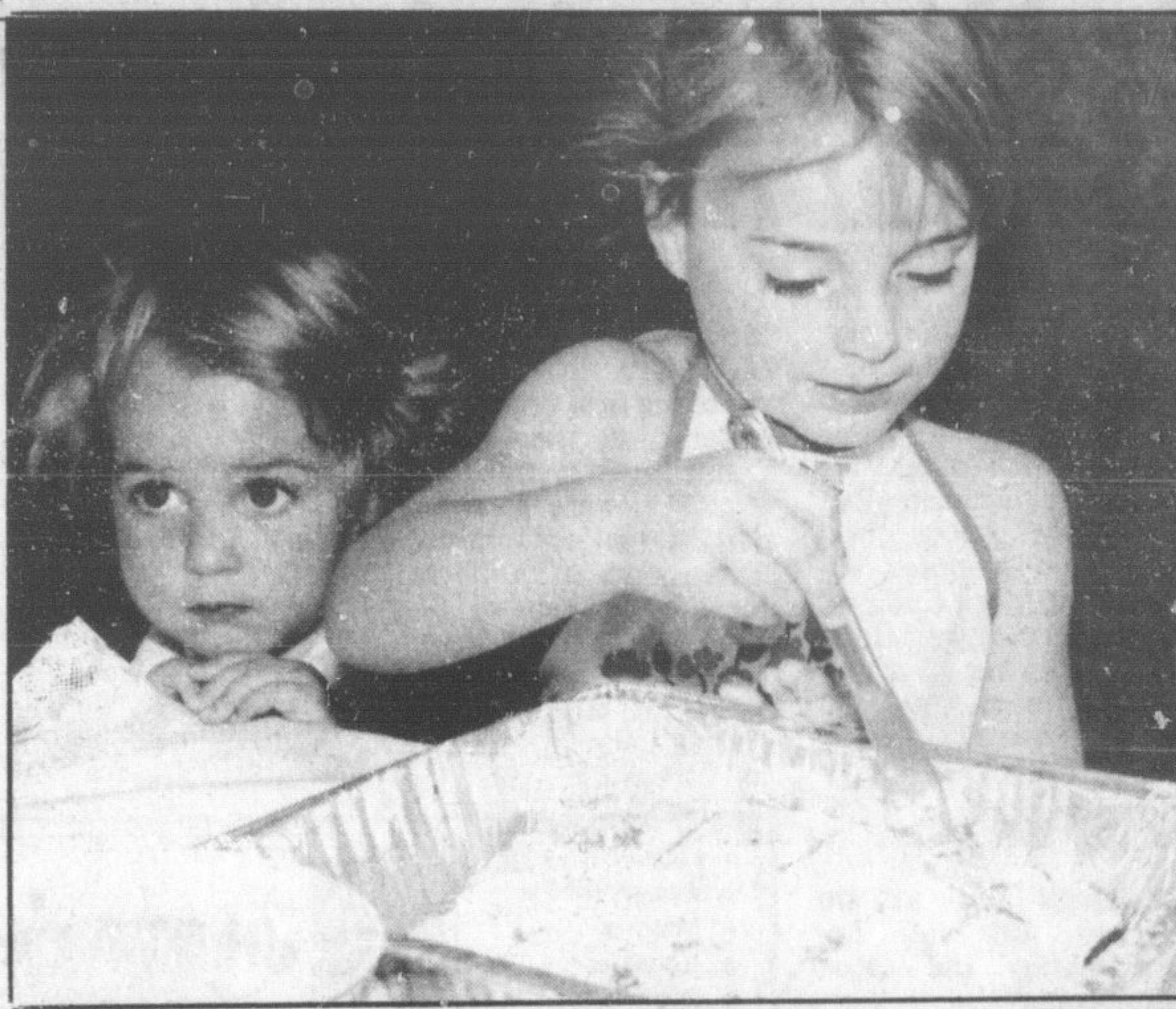
Gus Goutouski and Dianne Funk were also recognized for their efforts in organizing and backing the centre from the beginning.

Carol Holmes introduced her predecessor Bev LeFrancois who will take over as program facilitator in September. Carol referred to her as a "creative person" who authored a book on the topic of creating a woman's centre.

The luncheon guests heard their own, and program participants' evaluation of The Centre. The results of a questionnaire were presented by Carol and included many positive comments and suggestions.

The parenting program which operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings will not run during the summer but to maintain contact with program participants a summer program for children will lead to the new fall program.

Creative play and recreation will be offered mainly to children of people who participate in The Centre three mornings per week at 25 cents per child. This program will be overseen by Melanie Vanderboor and Gail Hamilton both of Milton who have been hired as children's program coordinators.



Plenty for everyone. A thank you luncheon honoring volunteers at The Centre was held Thursday afternoon. Each volunteer received pins of recognition following the meal. Alana Christi, 5, cuts the cake while her 2-year-old sister Miranda waits for a piece.

Sidewalk solution sought on Woodward

Public Works Director John Matthews will go back to find out if there isn't some way of putting a sidewalk on Woodward Ave. between Ontario St. and Riverplace Cres.

A delegation lead by Mrs. Janet Harris, 280 Ridge Dr., said she is concerned that no sidewalk exists and it could prove dangerous to school children, some of whom have to cross Woodward Ave. three times.

Mrs. Harris said she had to pull her son out of the path of a car which passed "within 10 inches" of the lad while he rode his bike.

Mr. Matthews, who prepared a report on the issue, noted the \$30,000

allotted for sidewalk construction and repair had all been used up in the 1981 list of priorities.

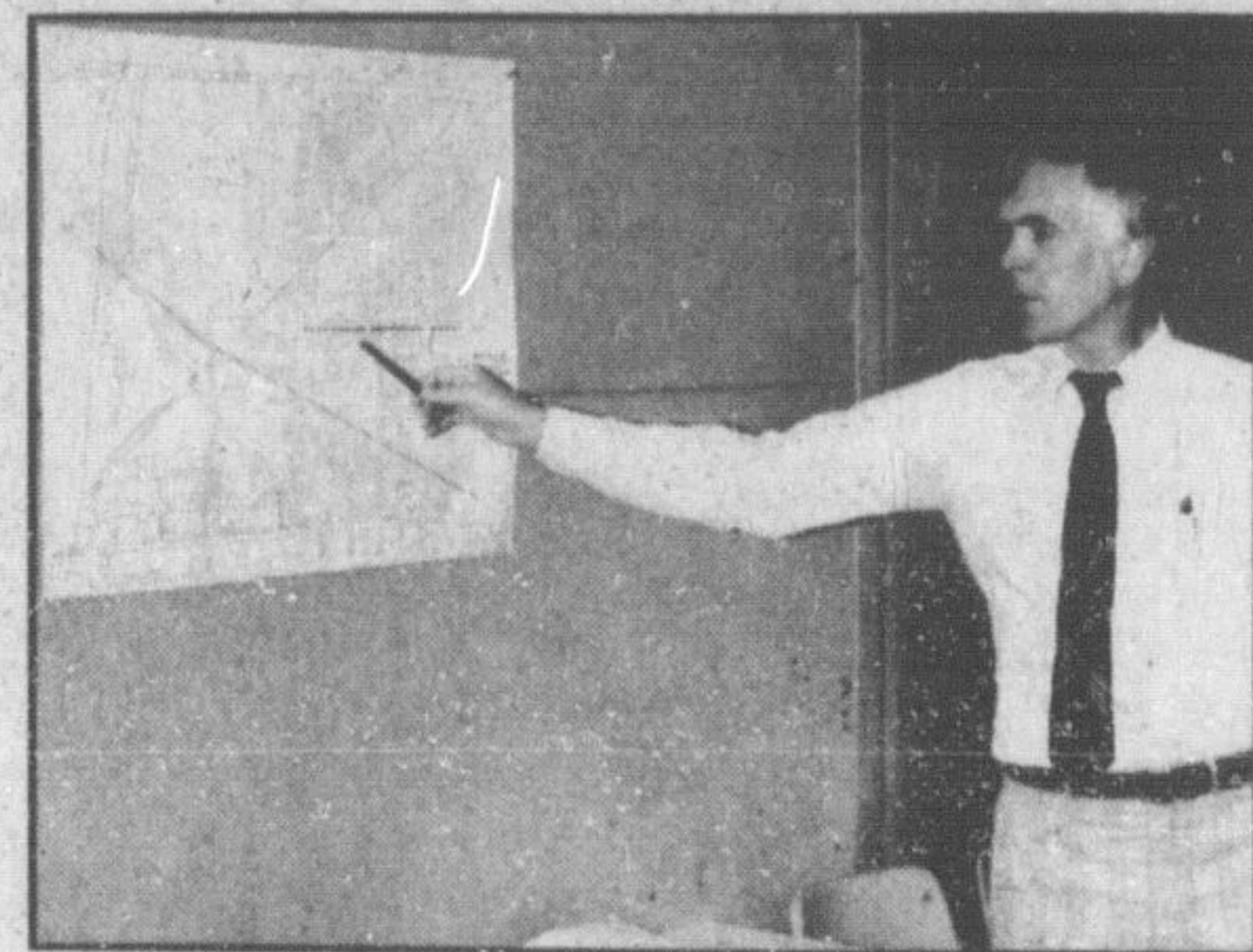
One of the main expenditures is \$20,000 for a sidewalk along the east side of Ontario St. from Milton Mall to the new E.C. Drury High School.

He said other priority work such as Pearl St. would use up all the funds. He added patch and repair work would also have to be done and that would drive spending above the \$30,000 in the 1981 town budget.

Mrs. Harris said she thought \$30,000 was not a lot of money, and that part of it should be spent on Woodward Ave. to avert a tragedy and save "a child's life."

Councillor Brad Clements said he was prepared to drop the \$20,000 Ontario St. sidewalk in order to get the job done on Woodward Ave.

But Mr. Matthews said he thought he might be able to come up with another option in the form of a temporary sidewalk and asked for time to study the matter which was approved by council.



Let's try this. Milton Public Works Director John Matthews points out a portion of Woodward Ave. where he will see if he can put in a form of temporary sidewalk for school children.

Public shouldn't see police files - Chief

Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding agrees with a brief released Thursday by Ontario police chiefs that the public should not be allowed to review police files to check their accuracy.

"The legislative arm of the country has a difficult job of balancing the rights of the individual and the rights of the community at large," says Harding. But by ensuring the rights of the individual, the provincial government must not lose sight of the right of police to conduct confidential and sensitive investigations outside of the glare of public scrutiny.

Much of the information that comes to the attention of the police is in the form of criminal intelligence and shouldn't be released to

the public. The files should stay closed to public eyes, Harding stresses.

Responding to the government's intention to introduce freedom-of-information legislation later this year, Harding

says effective police enforcement would be jeopardized if files were available for inspection by criminals. Many people who currently volunteer information to police may hesitate to do so if the possibility of

being exposed exists. The effect would be that the small pieces of information that police receive which contribute to an understanding of the overall puzzle, would be playing right into the hands of the criminal

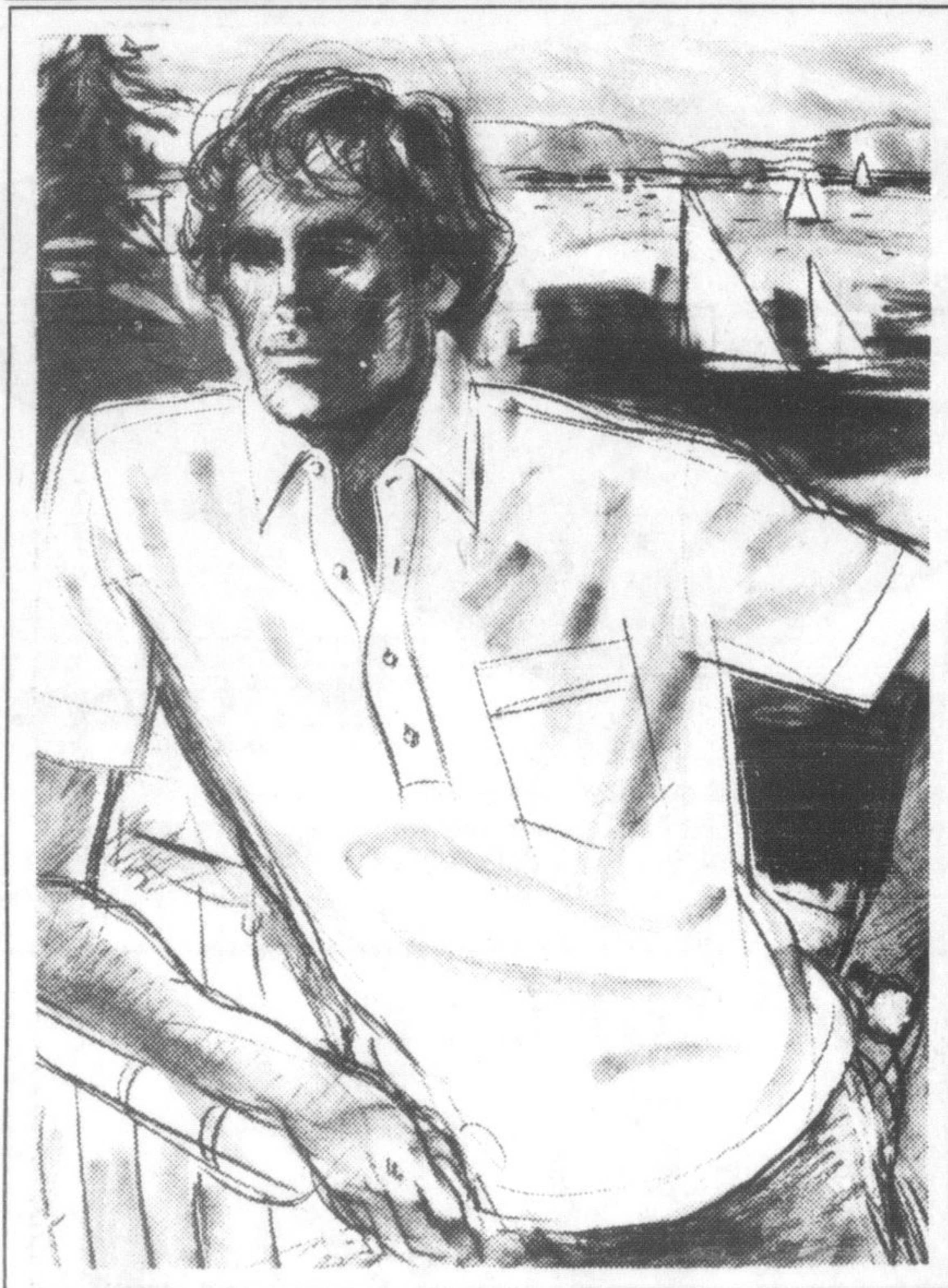
element, he adds. Harding is also against allowing the public to have access to police manuals and guidelines. He sees no reason to allow criminals the luxury of knowing what police procedures

People

Milton Lions Club member Peter Steger is in Phoenix, Ariz. this week as a delegate of the club to the Lions' International Convention.

Had a nice letter this week with a subscription renewal from Alma Cragg of Kelleher, Sask. "Still enjoy reading your paper very much, and look forward to it every week," she writes.

Welcome to these new members of the Baha'i community in Milton: Ken, Lin and Eric Backer, E. B., Janice and Angela Hyatt, Robin Phillips and Carol Wright.



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