

Community



Halton Regional Police Force welcomed 12 new recruits into its ranks last Friday and on hand to greet inductees was Staff Inspector Richard Kivell. Pictured above, left to right, Staff Inspector Kivell and new recruits Constables Alan Grose, Patrick

Martin, Troy Wideman, Robert Leggate, Robin Scott and Duncan Taylor. The new Constables will serve throughout North Halton communities. (Herald photo)

Force welcomes recruits

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Last week 12 police officers were sworn into the Halton Regional Police Force and will serve with one of the safest, yet most demanding communities in Ontario.

The 12 constables were sworn in at the Georgetown police station Friday afternoon before family and friends.

Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding told the constables that it was their responsibility to bring new and fresh enthusiasm, commitment and determination to the force.

These characteristics, he told the constables, are the ingredients which keep Halton policing on the cutting edge of professional proficiency.

Halton communities depend on the police to do the very best they can at all times, Chief Harding said. "And that's what we should give," he insisted.

Chief Harding informed the new recruits that a Halton Regional police officer should

always maintain a high level of integrity and principle. "Never compromise. Even if you are tempted or asked or even coerced to abandon your principles."

Every time an officer looks in the mirror that officer should be satisfied all principles and values are intact, he continued.

"We might not be the biggest force in the world but the quality of our personnel and resources are among the best," Chief Harding said.

Constables Troy Wideman, Duncan Taylor and Robin Scott will serve in the Halton Hills area, in District One.

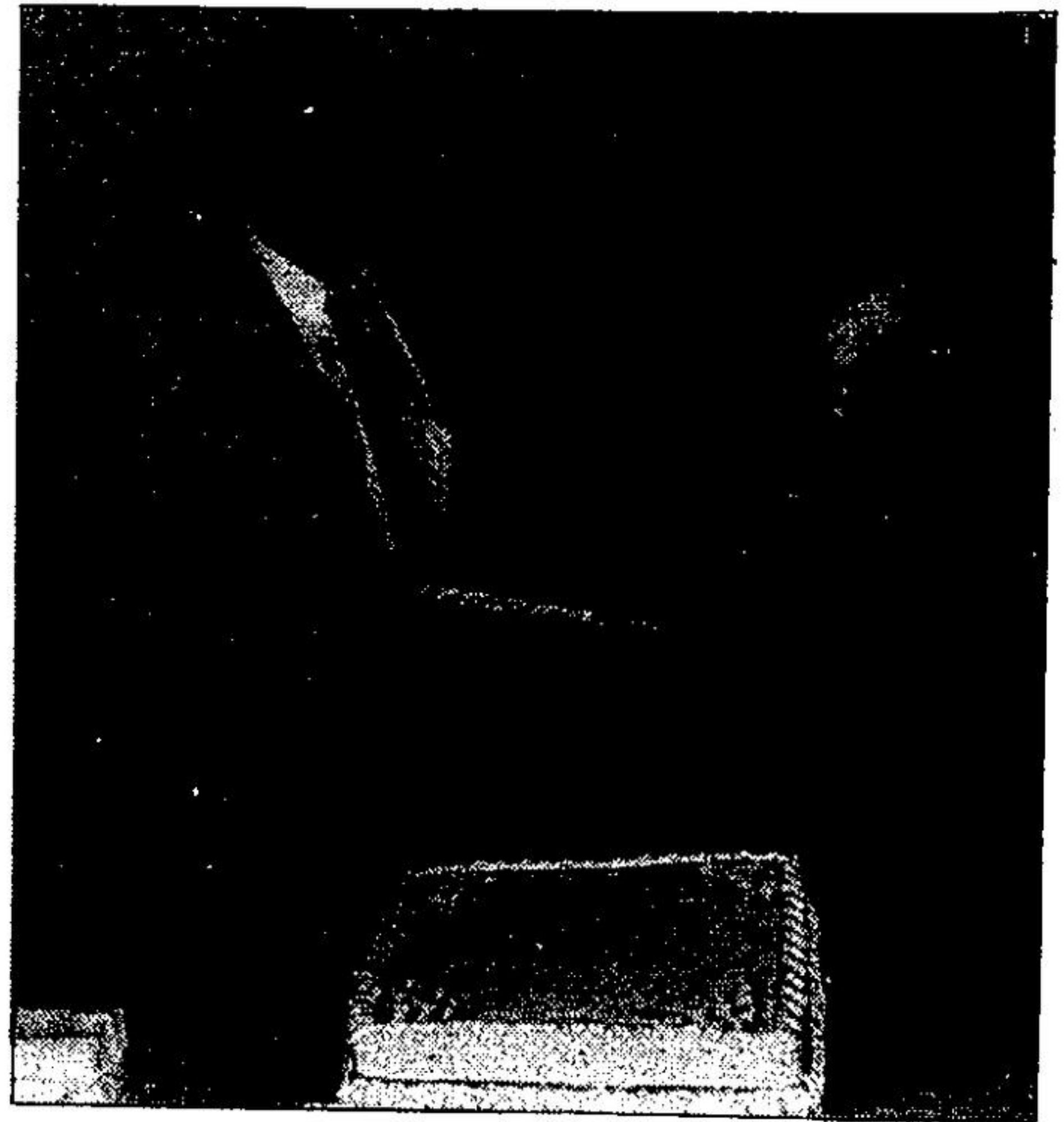
Const. Wideman, originally from Kitchener, attended Cameron Heights Collegiate where he graduated from Grade 12. Previously a laborer and part-owner of an importing company, he was head instructor and owner of a Ninjitsu Martial arts club. Const. Wideman later attended Conestoga College of Applied Arts and Technology where he received honors in the Law And Security Administration Program.

Const. Scott, born and raised in Newcastle Upon Tyne, England, graduated from the Kings School in 1977. In 1980, he graduated from the University of Lancaster with an Honors Bachelor of Science degree, specializing in Management Sciences.

Before his family emigrated to Canada, Const. Scott was an employee of the Northumbrian Police Force in Newcastle from 1983 to February, 1990. While serving with the Northumbrian Police Force, Const. Scott worked in the uniform patrol division, Special Patrol Sections and Criminal Investigation Section.

Const Taylor, born in Pointe Claire, Quebec, graduated from Thomas Blakelock High School in Oakville and later completed a two-year Law and Security Administration Program at Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology.

Duncan has also completed several criminology courses at the University of Toronto. In the past, Const. Taylor has been employed as a transit enforcement officer, loss prevention supervisor and claims adjuster.



Retirement party

Local electrical devices manufacturing company Smith and Stone bid farewell to a local employee Friday as Rene Martin retired after 44 years with the company, the past 15 as Recording Receiver. Pictured above, Smith and Stone Production Manager Richard Hancock (left) presented Rene with a gift from the company and took time to praise Rene as a "steady, loyal and conscientious worker." Born in Callander, Ont., Rene initially came to Georgetown to seek his hockey fortune and played with the then Intermediate 'A' Raiders. (Herald photo)

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