

Region CAO bids farewell

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Staff writer

After six years on the region's top job, Halton's chief administrative officer bade a fond adieu to councillors and his staff before departing for his new post in London, Ontario.

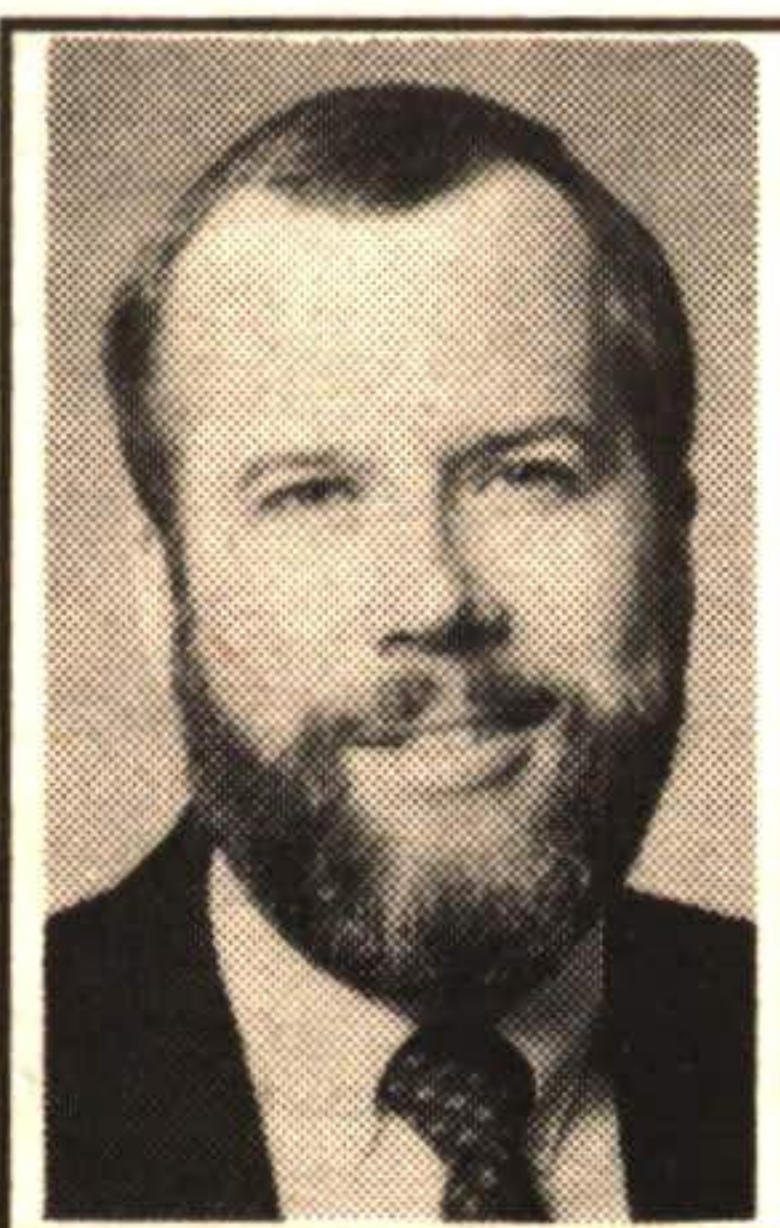
John Fleming, who resigned as Halton's chief civil servant to take on a similar role in London, was showered with accolades from chairman Pete Pomeroy for almost half an hour at the start of a recent regional council meeting.

Pomeroy praised Fleming's "team spirit," credited him for putting Halton on the map, and thanked him for "demonstrating leadership" during Halton's long battle to get its own landfill approved.

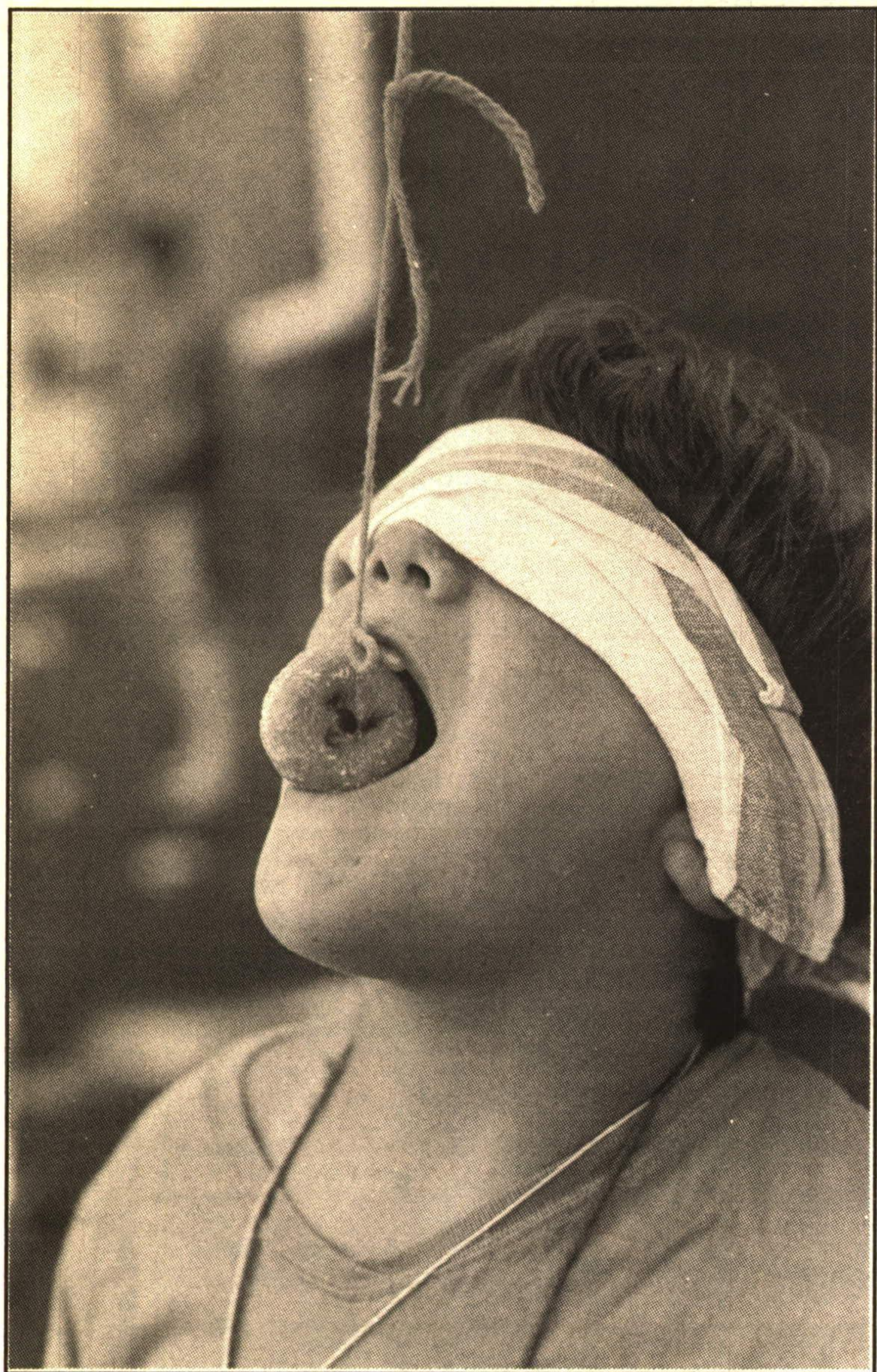
A grinning Fleming credited "Halton's staff, its group of senior managers...and its elected representatives" for shaping Halton.

"The people of Halton have been exceptionally well-served by those chosen for public office — you always take the mature approach to solving problems," Fleming told councillors. "I've come to know a lot of politicians, and I have enormous respect for Pete's (Pomeroy) leadership of this region."

Filling his shoes in Halton temporarily is social services commissioner Bonnie Ewart. Pomeroy said he hopes to have a full-time replacement sometime this fall.



JOHN FLEMING



Sugar or honey dipped?

Sarah Roberts, 10, was one of many young people who enjoyed the fun of bobbing for donuts at the Acton Baptist Church Vacation Bible School last week. The kids played several games and won prizes for their efforts.

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