

# Lt. Governor honours Halton police with the Queen's Colour

By **HOWARD MOZEL**

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Part pageant, part history lesson, last Friday's 'Presentation of the Colours' to the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) was a study in precision, pomp and pride.

"This is a first and a special event for this service," said Police Chief Ean Algar, one of many dignitaries who welcomed Ontario Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman as he presided over the ceremony.

During this event, held in the regional headquarters auditorium, the HRPS received the Queen's Colour, which symbolizes loyalty to the Crown and is steeped in history and rich traditions of honour. The Service Colour was developed to commemorate the completion of the HRPS' 30th anniversary.

Although a few other police services in Canada have received this honour in the past (such as the RCMP and Peel Regional Police), it's a unique privilege for the Halton Regional Police Service, explained Sgt. Jeff Corey.

Similar in appearance to a flag, the Colours are ceremonial and will be used by the HRPS Honour Guard when it represents the service. The standard Canadian and Halton Regional Police Service flags will continue to be flown at all stations, however.

"This is a proud day for the Halton Regional Police Service, a tribute to 30 years' service to the people of Halton," said Mr. Bartleman, the Queen's representative in Ontario.

He went on to praise the HRPS as a "thoroughly modern" service that ensures the safety of the people of Halton.

"These Colours will be a lasting reminder of the spirit of service," said Mr. Bartleman.

In his address, Chief Algar's pride in the service was obvious as he lauded the accomplishments of past and present mem-



Ontario Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman is escorted into a special presentation last Friday, honouring Halton Regional Police with the coveted Queen's Colour award.

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bers who earned the honour of receiving the colours.

The ceremony started with the March On of the HRPS Honour Guard and Pipes and Drums. Following his arrival, Bartleman conducted the Inspection of the Honour Guard, after which the assembled officers formed a "hollow square," a formation used for religious services in the battlefield.

It was within that square that the Consecration of the Colours took place, a ceremony that — given Halton's wide spectrum of different faiths — included a variety of local religious figures who offered their blessings to the Colours, draped on an altar of drums by Deputy Chiefs Gary Crowell and Mike Kingston.

The first to speak was the Rev. Hans Hamer, HRPS Chaplain. He was followed by Darshan S. Arora of the Halton Sikh Cultural Association, Siddiq Burney of the

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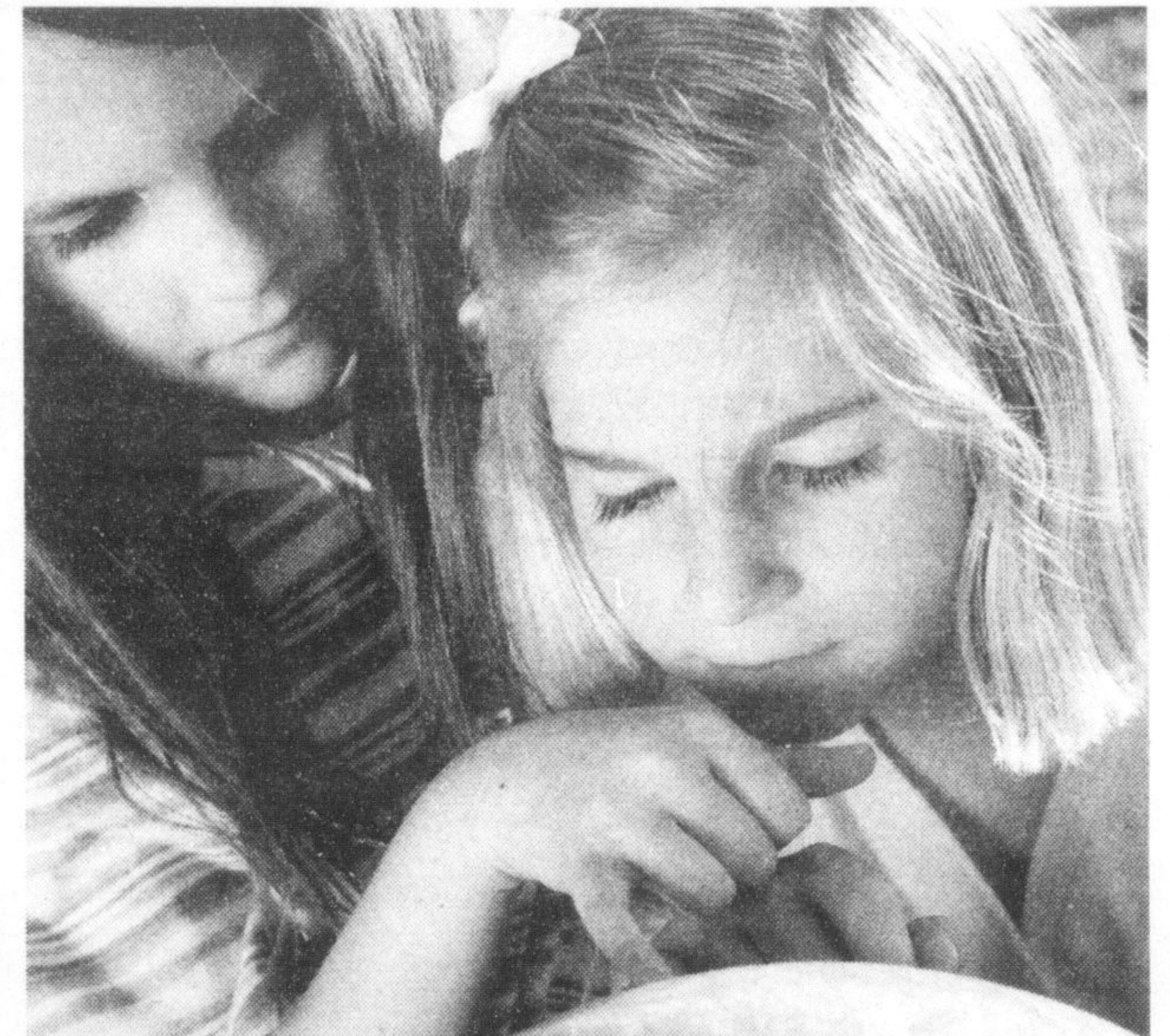
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