

Police Commission

Officer commended

NEWMARKET — The York Regional Police Commission last week agreed to a commendation for a York Regional Police Constable for "His excellent example of outstanding police work."

Constable Wesley Bonner will receive the commendation for his work in the apprehension of a 17-year-old youth, James Grant Davidson on 14 charges of first, one of

possession and a charge of fraud.

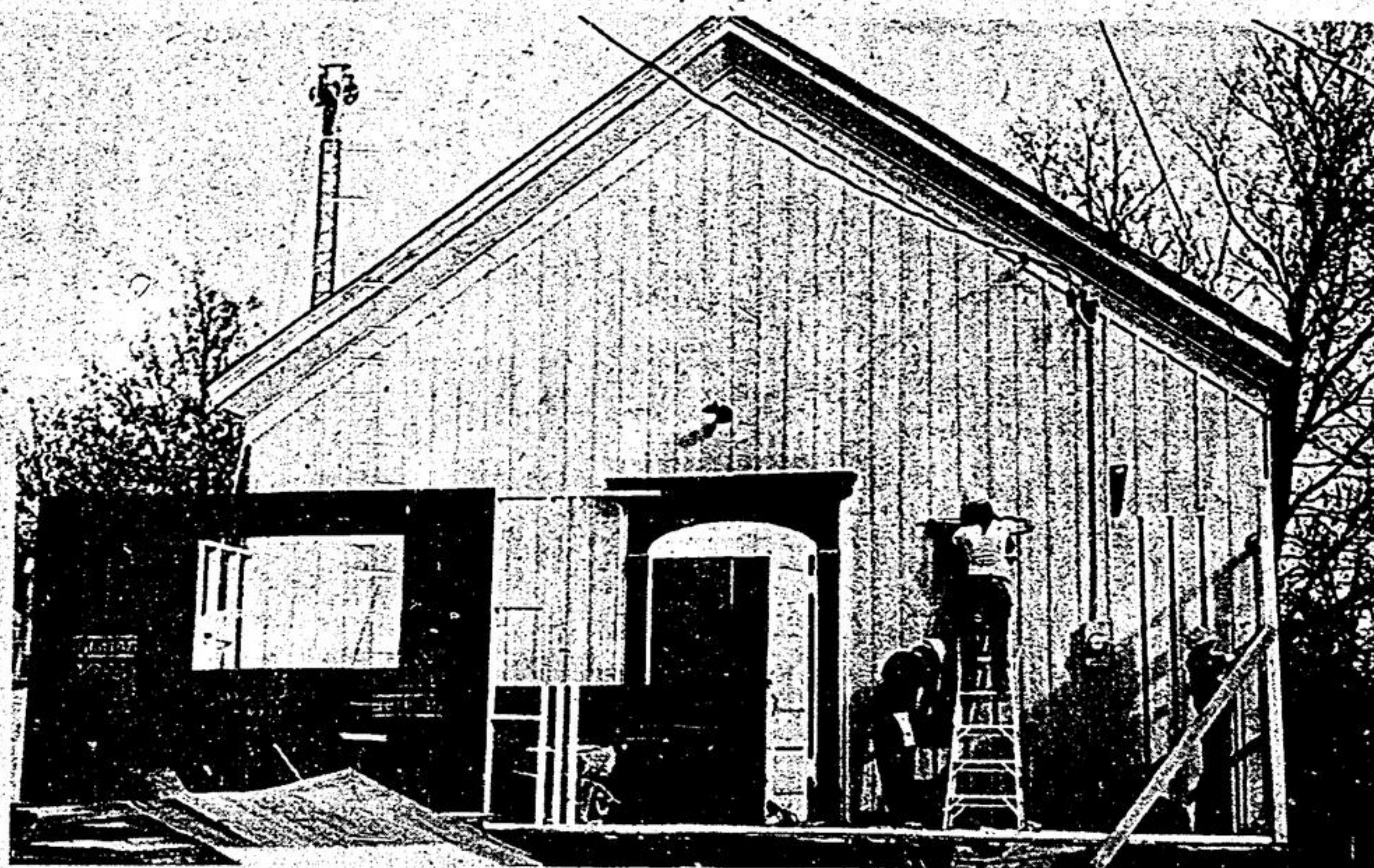
The constable arrested the driver of a stolen vehicle at a taxi parking lot in Aurora, and later testified before Judge Clare Morrison in Newmarket Court where the accused youth was convicted on twelve of the charges and sentenced to a six month jail term.

Revolvers destroyed

Forty three old weapons formerly used

by municipal policemen in the old York County Forces, will be destroyed at the recommendation of Police Chief Bruce Crawford.

Rather than have the revolvers fall into the wrong hands, Regional Police Commissioners approved the Chief's suggestion last week that all the weapons should be destroyed since they are no longer useful for police work.



Renovations on this 9th line church are proceeding rapidly. Cedars of Musselman's, a federally funded group, will be moving into the old church this week or early next week. The building will be used as a woodworking

shop, for leatherwork and silkscreening. Before the structure was useable a well had to be dug, washrooms installed and office space added at the front.

— John Montgomery

MPP urges no extension to Buttonville

BUTTONVILLE — Alf Stong, newly-elected MPP for York Centre, has called on Premier William Davis to reverse the decision to extend the northwest-southeast runway at Buttonville Airport by 1,200 feet.

"The Davis government should without delay review the OMB decision to permit the runway extension," he said.

In the Fall of 1973 councils of Richmond Hill and Markham turned down rezoning requests for land surrounding the airport to provide for the extension.

Earlier this year, the Ontario Municipal Board chose to uphold the rezoning.

Mr. Stong insists that

the decision should rest with the local councils on local issues of this kind," and the provincial government should "respect the autonomy and decision-making power of the municipalities" involved.

The MPP denied the runway extension would improve safety at the airport because the safety record at Buttonville is "one of the best in Canada."

He maintained that the present runways are "more than adequate" for current light aircraft traffic, and predicted that the longer runway would encourage "larger aircraft", especially "noisier Jets."

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Church renovated for group

MUSS LAKE — The old Musselman's Lake Community Church, which has been abandoned for many years, will be the new home of the Cedars of Musselman's.

The group, federally funded through the Local Employment Assistance Program, has been leased the building by the Ballantrae United Church, for a nominal sum.

Three male employees are getting their first taste of carpentry work, as they are em-

ployed, under the supervision of a qualified carpenter, in carrying out the renovations.

The three will be employed, when the building is ready, in producing wooden articles.

The group's highly lucrative silk-screening business is to be moved from the present location in a home on Valley Rd. The group also produce hand-made leather goods.

A total of 10 people are now employed in the program which has received funding for a second year of operation.

Three women work on silk-screening t-shirts and they also do the leatherwork.

The project was forced to move from the Valley Rd. location as the people they rented the home from are returning after being out of the country for the past year.

The project's third manager, Margaret Gibbons, said the group has actually turned a profit on the t-shirts and on picnic tables they were contracted to build for the Stouffville IGA.

"Our ultimate intention is to make the project totally self-sufficient," she told The Tribune.

The woodworking there will be more facilities will soon be operable in the new

location and she is currently trying to get a contract to make either picnic tables, lawn-furniture or some other type of wood product.

"The idea of LEAP is to get the employees on the regular job market," according to Mrs. Gibbons. She said they hire people, who might not otherwise be employable, give them some work experience and hopefully teach them some skills they will be able to use to get jobs in the private sector.

The project is not automatically refunded but is assessed and reviewed before additional money is granted.

"There are lots of strings attached to government money," Mrs. Gibbons reported.

She said all expenditures are tightly scrutinized and the project is audited three times a year.

"Every penny has to be accounted for," she concluded.

She hopes they will be able to provide more jobs as they expand the work projects and she feels openings as those already make the

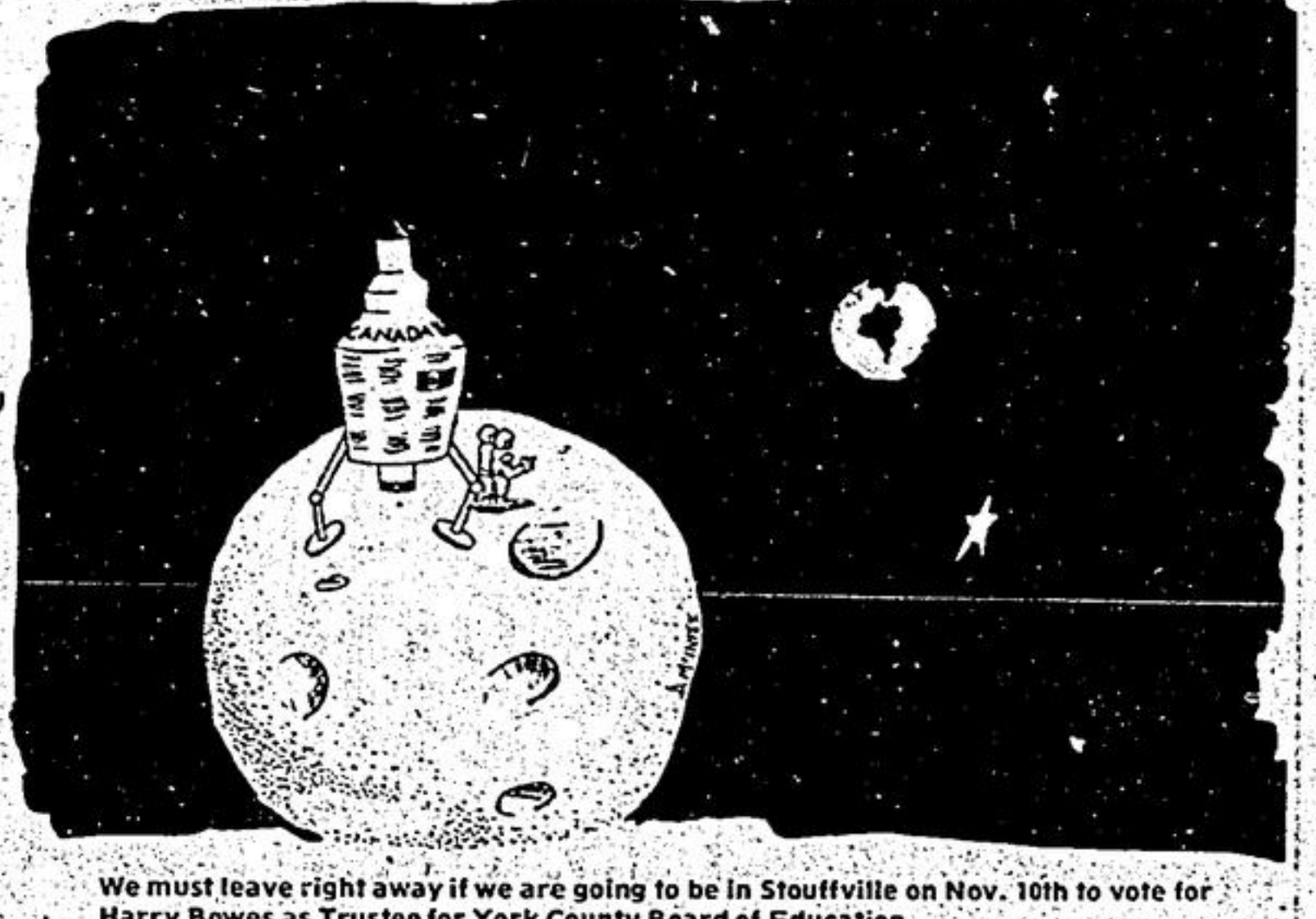
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