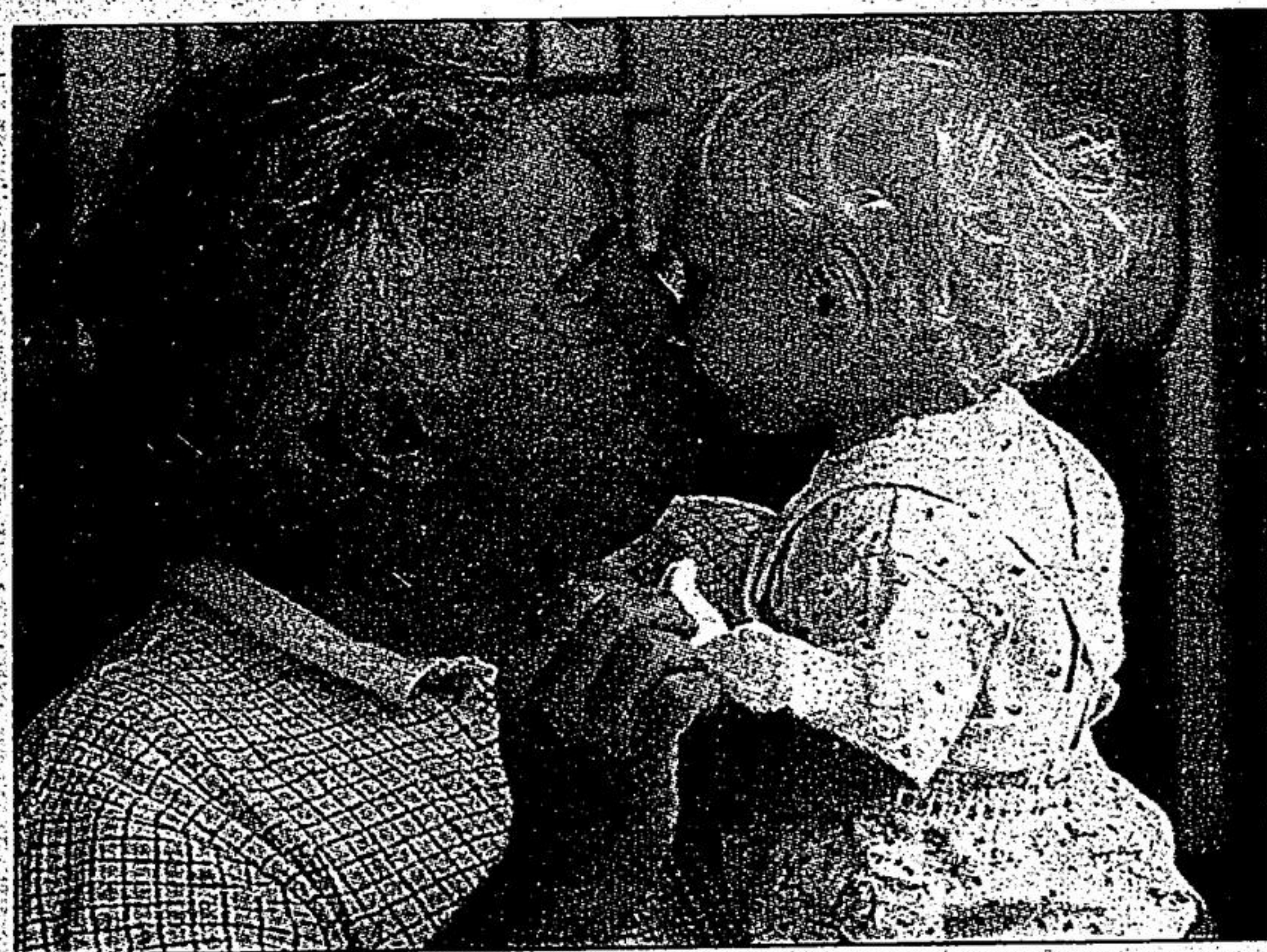
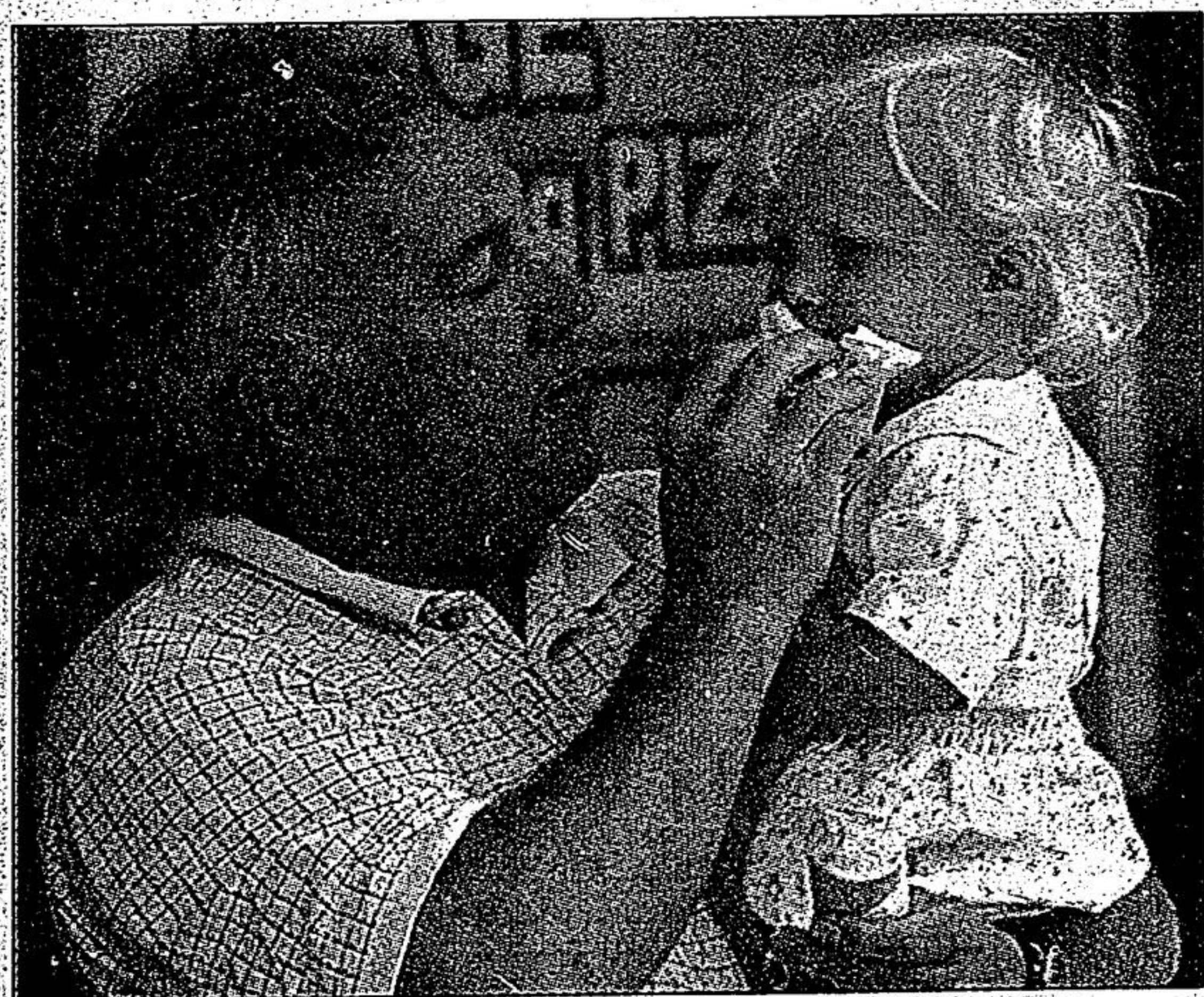


STICKY KISS



STAFF PHOTOS/SJOERD WITTEVEEN
Jim Hardy feeds — and cleans — his daughter Jillian, 16 months, during an ice cream outing on Main Street and receives a kiss of thanks in return.

The tale of two pools

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picked up by the town.

The outdoor pool could survive as long as operating costs don't become prohibitive.

"There will likely be a good chance it will remain open," Kristoffy said. "As long as it doesn't cost the town too much money."

Every few years, major repairs are required on the outdoor pool.

The operating cost for the new indoor pool has been estimated at \$250,000 a year.

Despite the wettest summer on record, Stouffville's outdoor pool remains a popular spot with swimmers.

"The weather has been iffy with the cold and the rain, but the kids still come," said Sue Harmsen, an employee with the town's community and leisure services department.

Between 135 and 150 swimmers use the outdoor pool during the day, while about 50 turn up for the

evening swim, Graham said.

The admission price of \$1.25 for children and \$2.25 for adults hasn't discouraged use, Harmsen pointed out.

As well, children still learn to swim in the outdoor pool. Each year, between 700 and 800 swimmers, mainly children, take lessons there.

Emmerson recognizes that, as years go by, operating both pools could be costly.

"But a lot of people like the outdoor pool. On the other hand, there's concern about the harm from the sun with the UV rays. Of course it cost more to operate an indoor pool that's open 12 months a year than an outdoor pool."

Meanwhile, construction of the 30,000-square-foot pool-library-fitness complex, located at Memorial Park South, is on track.

The summer rain has made it somewhat difficult for contractor Atlas Construction, but work crews haven't fallen behind schedule, Kristoffy said.



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

The Whitchurch-Stouffville outdoor pool yesterday.

Cars lead to arrests

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in his hands. All were handcuffed.

Dets. Rick McVeity and Steve Rowbottom called the investigation complex.

Four lead investigators interviewed more than 200 people and worked with hold-up and intelligence officers as well as with the Toronto Police and the RCMP.

Several appeals for the public's help were issued, including one for information

on the cars used in the failed heist. It turns out a Toyota 4Runner and a Mercedes Benz were owned by two of the accused.

A blue Chevrolet Caprice, completely gutted with the interior still missing, was owned by the third suspect.

Shane Zvezdaryk, 29, James Voong, 24, and Giuseppe Marini, 31, stand charged with one count each of first-degree murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to commit robbery.

Metroland acquires Citizens Communications Group of papers

Metroland's family of community newspapers has grown.

Metroland Printing, Publishing and Distributing Ltd. has reached an agreement to acquire the printing and publishing assets of Citizens Communications Group.

The agreement sees Metroland welcoming a variety of community newspapers, specialty publications and a printing facility to its existing family of newspapers that circle the Greater Toronto Area and reach as far east as Kingston and as far north as Collingwood.

The community newspapers acquired by Metroland are the Brock Citizen, Bobcaygeon Independent, Fenelon Falls Independent, Georgina Advocate, Newmarket/Aurora Crier, Stouffville Sun, Uxbridge Times Journal, North Kent Leader and Petrolia Topic.

In addition, Citizens produces farm publications for rural readers in York/Durham, Peterborough/Northumberland, Kent-Essex and Lambton-Middlesex, big-type telephone books, parks and recreation guides, discovery guides and a variety of fair, festival and other special events publications.

Metroland has also acquired the press facility owned by Citizens Communications in Newmarket.

"We are delighted with the acquisition," said John Baxter, president of Metroland.

"These community newspapers are in our geographical area and will complement existing Metroland newspapers, enabling us to extend our reach and serve our readers and advertisers better."

Ian Proudfoot, publisher of Metroland's York Region Newspaper Group, including The Era-Banner, The Liberal, Markham Economist & Sun, Stouffville Tribune and King/Kleinburg Tribune, will oversee the transition for Metroland and Citizens Communications.

"We believe we now have a tremendous opportunity to blend the best practices and ideas of the creative people at Citizens with the work we are producing at our Metroland newspapers," Proudfoot said.

"We hope the end result will be a dynamic and entertaining package of community news and shopping information from a variety of sources. Our readers and advertisers can continue to count on our commitment to serve our communities. We believe our ability to do that has just increased with the acquisition of Citizens and its community newspapers."



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