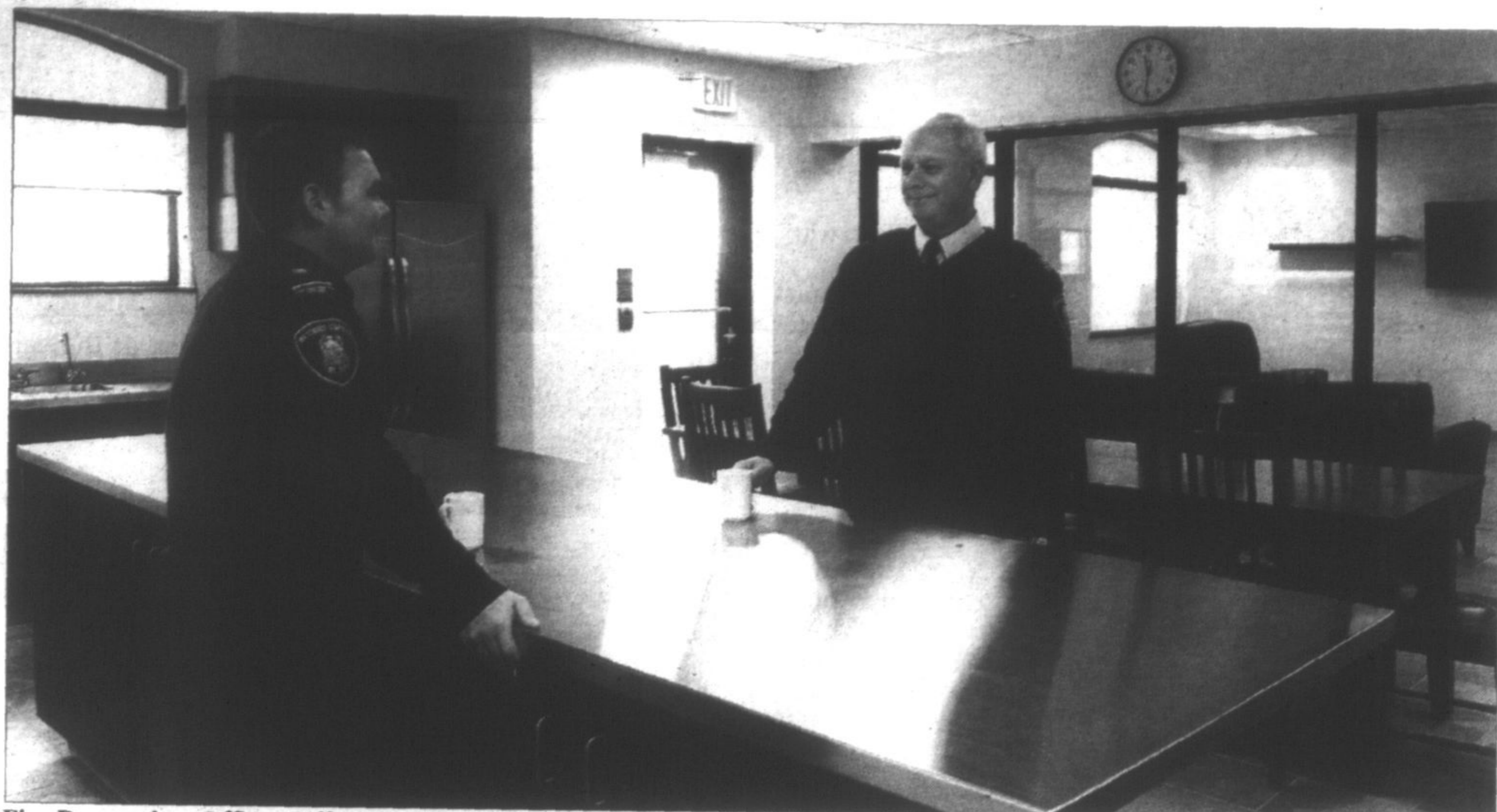


PICS in the hall

Stouffville's new \$6.3-million fire hall is fully staffed and operational as of this week. The facility includes a training area, classroom, weight room, offices, kitchen and lounge. There are also sleeping quarters for full-time firefighters working 12-hour shifts.



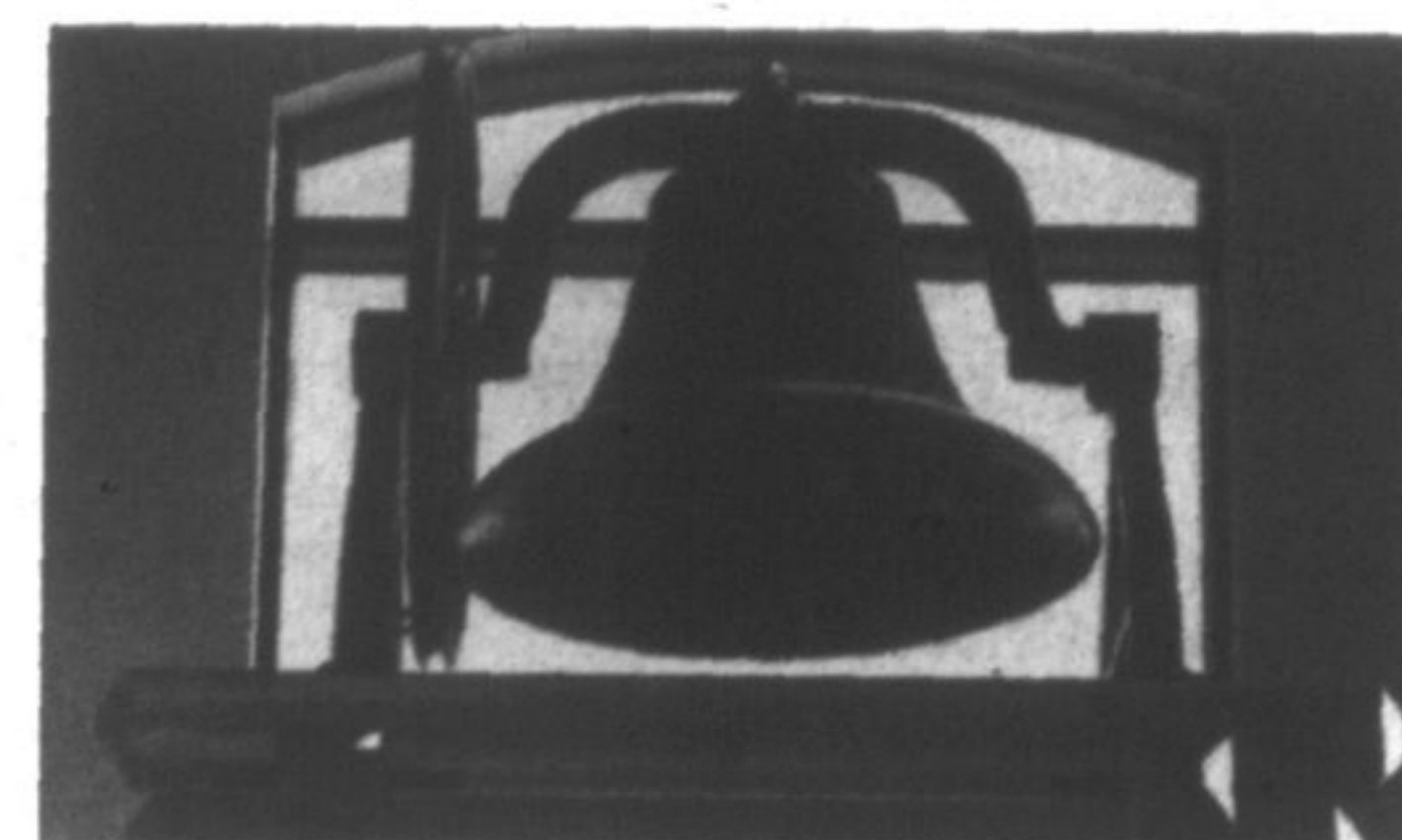
Fire Prevention Officer Jeff Bignell (left) and Chief Chris Powers chat in the kitchen, with the lounge in the background.

Tim Irwin and Sean Tucker (left) practise going up stairs while colleagues (below) work outside on the third floor of the training centre at the new fire hall.



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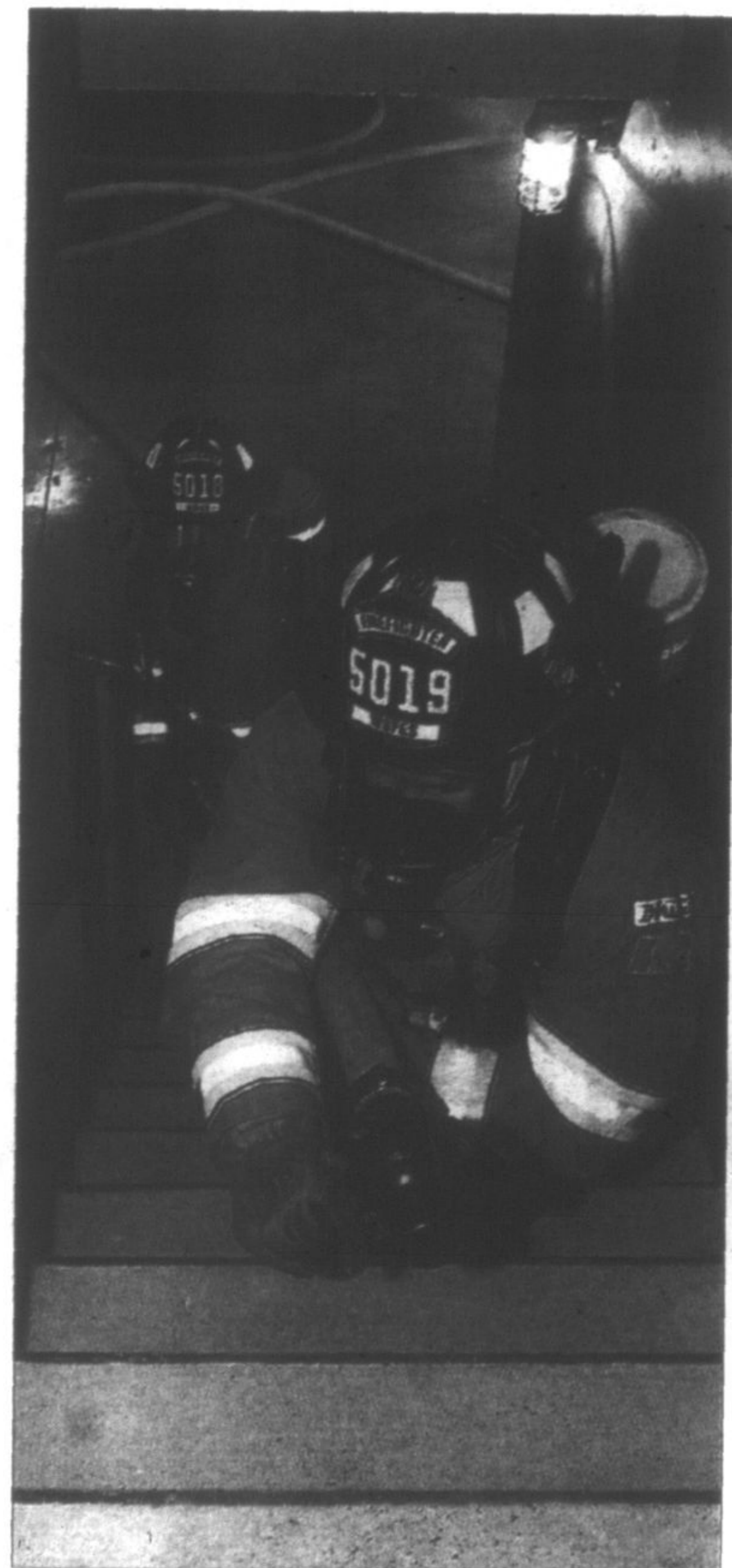
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The bell from Stouffville's first fire hall (circa 1850) has a prominent spot in the entrance.



A fire truck enters a bay from Weldon Road at the new hall, located south of Nofrills.



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