latter's generosity.

"I remember Bob was an exceptional man. He treated all his employees very fairly. Some winters when business slowed down, we would just be cleaning the shop, getting the oil and grease off the floor etc. and he just kept us on and paid our wages. That was the kind of person he was," he said.

Cannon was hired right after graduating from Belleville Collegiate Institute where he had studied auto mechanics in

his last two years. Those days auto mechanic apprenticeship was a five-yearlong commitment, he said, but his studies at BCI qualified him to continue for only three years more, which he did as an employee at Boyce & Sons.

"I remember working with the other staff members for a couple of weeks at first then I was left to do the job on my

own," he said with a laugh.

He recalled leaving his job for a 10week course to complete his apprentice-