



**QUITE A JOB**

This large tow truck from Ray's Texaco in Milton spent six hours trying to extricate the truck behind it, which was stuck in the mud off the shoulder of 17 Sideroad between the 5th and 6th lines Thursday. Driver Tony Brown said

the road was damp after heavy rain last week, and the truck slid off the road into the ditch, sinking as it went. The gross weight of the truck, which was loaded with gravel, was estimated at 96,000 pounds.

**Parental help is available**

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Parents who abuse their children physically, emotionally or sexually or fear that they are about to start can now get some help, single parents in Georgetown were told last week.

Joan Brown, spokesman for Parents Anonymous of Oakville, told Georgetown Parents Without Partners that the group has a 24 hour telephone service. The number is 844-7234.

The basic concept of Parents Anonymous is helping parents to help themselves on a peer level by continuous communication by the phone contact, Mrs. Brown told about 15 parents.

The self-help concept is preserved by the strict adherence of all participants to the tenets of confidentiality and privacy.

The prime objective of Parents Anonymous is the rehabilitation of damaged relationships between parents and children by instilling within members the strength and self-confidence to rechannel their destructive attitudes and actions into constructive ones, she said.

The problems of parents who call in range from toilet training to drugs and everything in between, she said. Mostly, the parents need a sympathetic ear but the group has an extensive list of referrals for more serious situations, she said.

Mrs. Brown explained that Parents Anonymous was formed about 10 years ago in California by a woman whose daughter landed in hospital after a beating. That woman talked with her friends and discovered that they had a common problem. Since then Parents Anonymous has spread around the world.

"At the time parents forget their kids are individuals," Mrs. Brown said. "They are not all out of the same mold."

The film Children in Peril was screened and gave a behind-the-scenes look at a prison in California where women who had been jailed for beating their children were undergoing group therapy.

Hospital boards also decide if a child has been abused. There were also scenes of abused children.

The film explained that there are three things common to mothers who beat their children—extreme loneliness, fear of rejection and low self-esteem. The film also said that battered children become in turn battering parents.

Mrs. Brown said many parents are afraid to go to Children's Aid Society (CAS).

Peck, Peck Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" was the first book manuscript to be typewritten. The publication was produced in 1875.

because they're afraid they'll lose their children. Parents Anonymous plays an important role as liaison between parents and officials.

Accompanying Mrs. Brown was Judy Spence who said that once a parent calls the number, they feel they've lost control or are about to. The parents feel isolated and don't

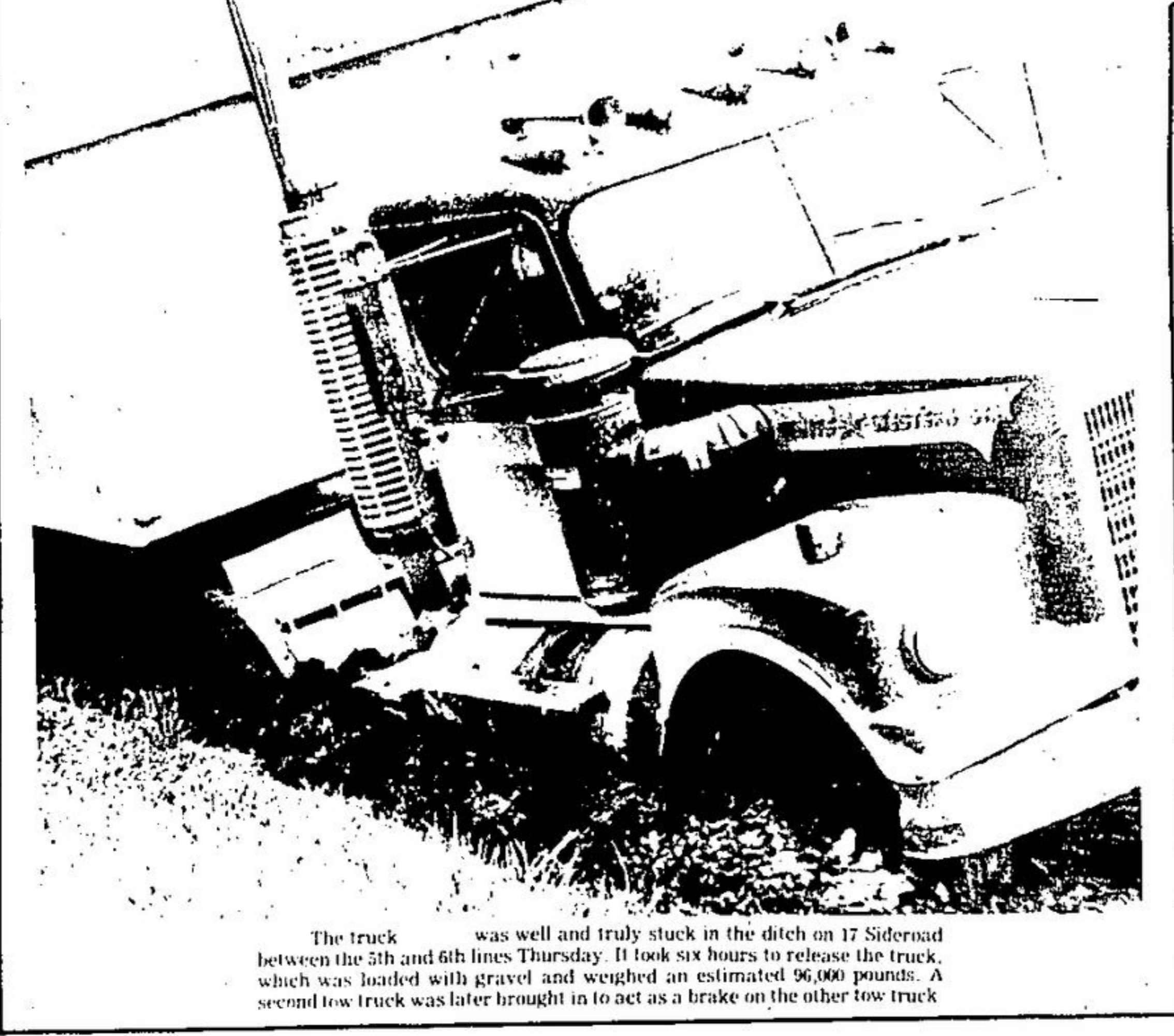
turn to anyone in their circle who could help.

One of the problems of the current age is that people are more mobile and the extended family where a young parent could talk to an aunt, grandmother or other relatives is in decline.

"This is where we come in," Mrs. Brown said.

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The truck was well and truly stuck in the ditch on 17 Sideroad between the 5th and 6th lines Thursday. It took six hours to release the truck, which was loaded with gravel and weighed an estimated 96,000 pounds. A second tow truck was later brought in to act as a brake on the other tow truck.

**MP Philbrook urges post office crackdown**

OTTAWA (Bureau) MP Frank Philbrook (L-Halton) urged the government Monday

to crack down on the "silly and insulting" behavior that seems to be popping up in post offices.

The MP was referring to a recent incident at the main Ottawa terminal, when employees showed up wearing T-shirts and buttons reading "management sucks."

Philbrook told the House of Commons he is particularly concerned that such disruptions be prevented at Toronto post offices, since problems there can foul up mail delivery throughout the country.

Postmaster General Gilles Lamontagne told the House he "agrees, entirely with my colleague from Halton about the silliness and provocative attitude of some of the workers" at the Ottawa terminal.

He said he visited the terminal himself, and saw that offending employees were given the choice of removing the badges and shirts or going home.

"Some stayed and some went home," Lamontagne said. "We intend to continue with this policy."

"I think we are ready to communicate and dialogue with our workers, but no nonsense will be permitted in any plant of our post office."

If the people of the Halton riding are any example, Canadians are fed up with the "irresponsible behaviour" of inside postal workers, MP Frank Philbrook told the House of Commons last Tuesday.

The behaviour by inside workers is "unmatched and unprecedented" in the area of labour relations, Philbrook (L-Halton) told the House.

Canadians are now asking whether the post office and its employees can get co-operation by agreement, or whether "tough tactics" are the only solution, the MP said.

"I believe Canadians are a reasonable people. They want to treat everyone well, including these inside postal workers."

"But they want these issues resolved soon."

Postmaster General Gilles Lamontagne agreed that Philbrook "has said aloud what many people are thinking."



**ANNUAL BOOK SALE**

David Lipp, 4, seems to have some interesting reading in the book he selected from among the thousands the University Women's Club of Georgetown will be offering for sale Saturday at Knox Presbyterian Church. The book sale, which is the club's

seventh, is used to raise funds for scholarships, speakers and hall rentals. A club spokesman said most of the books are paperbacks which include fiction, mysteries and romance. There is also a teen section and another for sports stories.

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