

# PRAISE TOWN HERO



STACEY BELL

STOUFFVILLE — An eleven-year-old Stouffville girl has been nominated for Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year.

Tracey Bell, daughter of John and Joan Bell, 68 Stouffer Street South and a Grade 5 student at St. Mark's Separate School, has been credited with saving the life of Roger McMann, six-year-old son of Wayne and Carol McMann, 86

Tenth Line South. Tracey's name was submitted by Mr and Mrs McMann.

It was back in April that Roger ran from the family's motel complex at St. Petersburg, Florida, and jumped into what he thought was the shallow end of the pool. Instead, it was the deep end—about ten feet deep. Roger quickly disappeared below the surface.

Fortunately, Tracey was swimming nearby. She responded to Roger's brother's call for help; grasped Roger firmly and pulled him to the side where outstretched arms were waiting. The little lad recovered quickly.

"We're thankful Tracey was there," Mrs McMann said, "we can never repay her for what she did."

The two families and

others from Stouffville, were in St. Petersburg to participate in an Oldtimers' Hockey Tournament. The majority of team members, their wives and children, were staying at the same location.

Carol was inside the motel at the time. She still remembers hearing nine-year-old Darryl, an older son, call out "he can't swim", but she didn't realize his con-

cern was for Roger, not until she reached poolside and learned of the near-tragedy.

Tracey smiled broadly when told of her nomination. "I don't expect to win," she said.

But win or not, she'll always remain a hero in the sight of Wayne and Carol McMann. "We can never repay her for what she did," the thankful mother repeated.



ROGER McMANN

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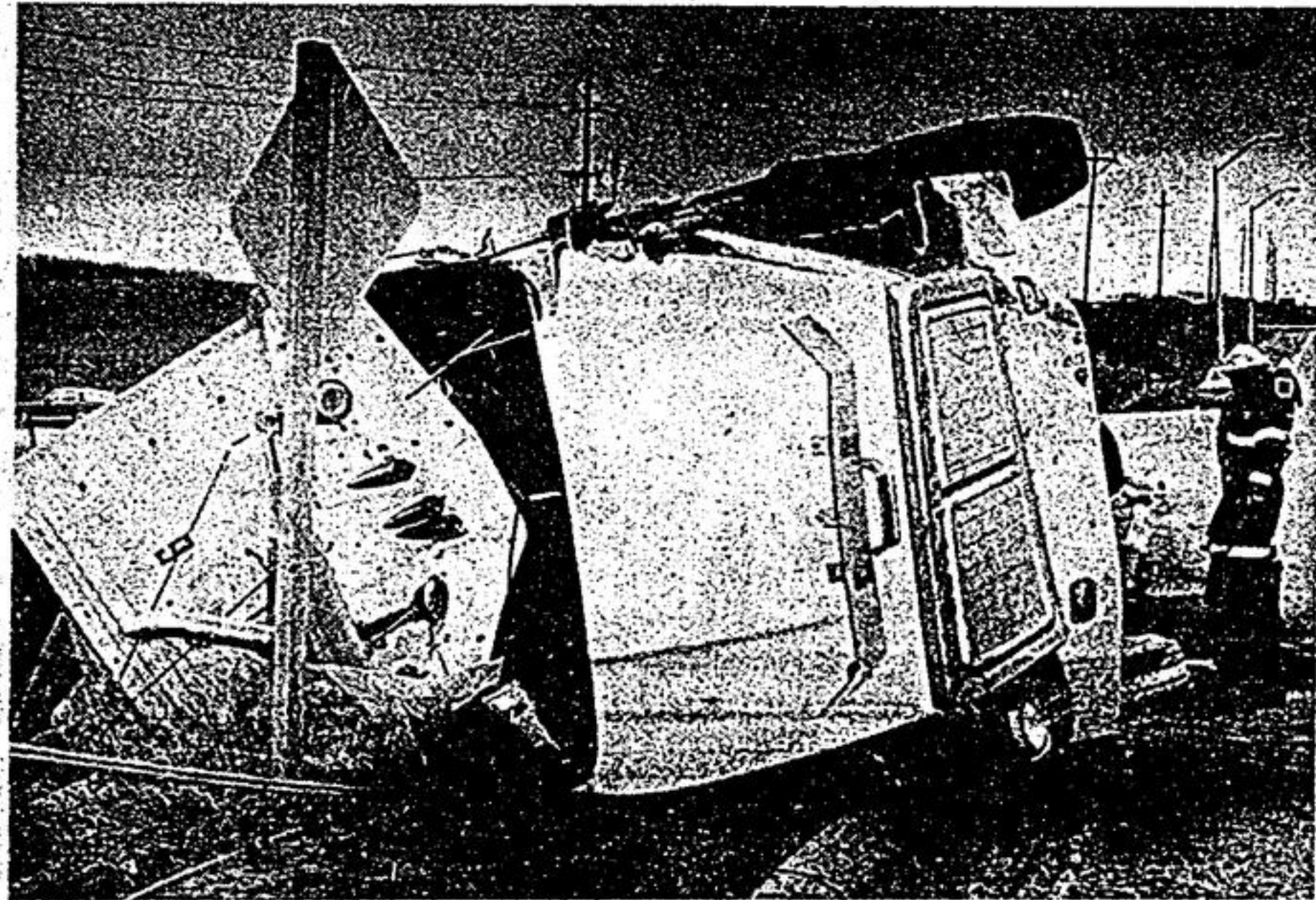
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# Truck driver cheats death in Bloomington Road crash



Twenty-six-year-old David Maschke of Conc. 5, Oshawa, crawled out the rear window of his mangled cab following a spectacular collision between a loaded gravel truck and a farm corn-carrier at the intersection of Bloomington Road and Hwy. 47, Wednesday. No one was seriously injured.

—Jim Thomas

LINCOLNVILLE — Witnesses rubbed their eyes in disbelief that any driver could escape alive from the wrecked cab of a gravel truck, as they surveyed the scene of a spectacular crash, Wednesday, at the intersection of Hwy. 47 and the Bloomington Road.

Twenty-six-year old David Maschke of Conc. 5, Oshawa, is not only alive but back behind the wheel of another 18-wheeler, following his harrowing experience.

O. P. P. Constable Wm. Muldoon of the Whitty Detachment said Maschke, westbound on the Bloomington Road and carrying 40 tons of gravel, slammed into a farm wheat-carrier, pulled by a tractor and driven by 20-year-old Kevin Davis of R.R. 2, Uxbridge. In attempting to avoid collision, the truck's trailer went over an embankment but the cab came to rest on the highway shoulder. Maschke climbed out through a rear window. Davis was unhurt.

"I was afraid of fire," the driver told The Tribune, "I got out as fast as I could".

He said he was only a couple of truck lengths away when the farm tractor and two wheat-wagons entered the intersection. "I jumped on the brakes and swerved to the right, hoping I'd miss him completely. It all happened so fast, I didn't have much chance to do anything". He's certain if he'd continued straight ahead, the consequences would have been much more serious.

The truck, a White Road Boss, can't be repaired, Maschke said. The trailer, however, can be fixed, he believes.

The impact scattered several hundred bushels of wheat onto the highway.



The transport's trailer came to rest part way down a ravine but the cab and chassis remained on the highway shoulder. The truck, belonging to J.D. Enterprises of Pickering, was carrying 40 tons of gravel. Kevin Davis of R.R. 2, Uxbridge, operator of a farm tractor and hauling two corn-carriers, escaped unhurt.

—Jim Thomas

## Municipal recreation Town takeover

BY AUDREY GREEN  
STOUFFVILLE — Residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville packed the town council chambers Tuesday night in a final attempt to save the volunteer recreation committee. Unfortunately, the fight was lost.

Members of council passed a bylaw, in a close four to three vote, abolishing the committee and placing it under the town's jurisdiction.

"We should assume the responsibility we were elected for," said Mayor Eldred King. "I don't believe it takes anything away...I just want to get the committee back on track."

Jack Watson, a Stouffville resident for 16 years, made a presentation on behalf of the public to try and change the minds of council members before they voted.

"I'd like you to reconsider your position," said Mr. Watson. "We need something that will represent the community."

He explained the committee was unorganized at times in regards to responsibility and administrative duties because of the lack of direction and communication given to the group.

"I think there's been a lot of confusion over the last two years," he stated.

He said the public would feel much more comfortable in suggesting ideas if the committee was run by a volunteer group instead of council members.

"Council will alienate the public," said Mr. Watson. "I hope people in the town don't feel uncomfortable to talk in front of council," said Councillor Wilf Morley. "I can't see why we can't make this work."

Opposed to dismantling the committee, Councillor Jim Sanders stated there wouldn't be enough time during the week to run the recreation committee.

In response, King said the council would definitely have time to do the job and he hoped all members of the community would help by contributing their ideas.

Following the vote to dis-

band the volunteer committee, Marshall presented a resolution which suggested council should meet with the town Library Board to discuss appointing Chief Librarian, George Schlukbier, as temporary director of culture and recreation. He would also continue his position as chief librarian and the appointment would take effect January 1, 1984.

The resolution was also passed with a four to three vote.

## Demands apology

STOUFFVILLE — Several Town Council members lashed out at the press, during Tuesday's meeting, stating "privileged information" had been leaked and incorrect facts and figures had been published.

"Such misleading journalism disgraces a community newspaper," said Councillor Tom Wood. "I think an apology from Mr. Holt, (Sports Editor Jim Holt), is in order."

"It completely garbled the truth," he stated.

Information dealing with the possible abandonment of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Committee, was published in a Tribune news story, accompanying editorial and column, Nov. 16. The information, discussed at a closed-door Town committee meeting, had been supplied to the media by two members of Council.



## Wins Royal Judging Shield

Carrie Purcell of Lionel's Pony Farm and Shadow Creek Stables, R.R. 2, Markham, accumulated the highest marks in judging four classes of horses at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. She scored 275 points out of a possible 300. There were 22 other contestants from across Canada. Carrie receives the Robert Graham Memorial Shield from Professor W.O. Kennedy.

## Fire Chief requests Light-switcher

STOUFFVILLE — Presto-change—the miracle of an electronic age will soon apply to Stouffville's Fire Department.

Chief Walter Smith sees the need for a unit called the Oticon System that, when activated, will automatically change red traffic lights

to green as the pumper truck approaches and hold them to that color until the vehicle passes through.

The electric eye is operated from inside the truck. It sends out a beam that strikes an instrument attached to the arm of the light. The signal remains on green so the fire truck can proceed without hindrance.

The cost is about \$500 per light. Chief Smith is planning to include a portion of the expense in his '84 budget.

Between the firehall and Woodbine Avenue, there are five traffic signals. At the very top of the chief's priority list is the pedestrian-operated light in downtown Stouffville.

Chief Smith said the Oticon System is now in use at Newmarket and Aurora. "I feel it's essential here also," he stated.

The installation will be done one light at a time, "depending on how much money we have," he concluded.

## Welcome Santa

STOUFFVILLE — Santa Claus comes to town this Saturday.

The annual parade, sponsored by the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Stouffville, will feature more than sixty floats and bands.

Prizes, donated by Barthau Jewellers, will go to: The Best Float; The Most Humorous Float; The Most Original Float and The Best Christmas Theme. Judges are Lois Barker of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club; Bill Susands, Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce and Town Postmaster Gary Fisher.

The procession will begin at 2 p.m. from the intersection of North and Stouffer Streets; travel south to Main; then west on Main to the A. & P. Plaza. The parade coordinator is Kin president Steve Upton.

While response has been excellent, there's still room for individuals (in costume) wishing to participate, Mr. Upton said. The number to call is 640-3175.

## York Ag. Rep.

# To retire end of year

YORK REGION: Alan A. Wall, Agricultural Representative in the Region of York for the past 24 years and associated with the Ministry of Agriculture since 1948, will retire at the end of December.

Highly regarded in all areas of York Region, Mr Wall hinted at his pending retirement when he addressed the President's Ball of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society, Nov. 12. At the 4-H Awards Night, in Newmarket, Thursday, he made it official.

Born on a dairy farm near Ottawa, Alan Wall served in several counties before coming to York. These included Niagara, Bruce and Simcoe. He also taught for a time at the Agricultural College in Ridgetown.

For the time being at

least, Mr. and Mrs. Wall will continue to reside in Newmarket.



ALAN WALL