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## Establish trust fund for family

By JIM THOMAS  
**STOUFFVILLE** — A trust fund, in aid of Ernie Kennedy and family, Tenth Line South, has been set up at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Main Street, Stouffville. A similar account has been established at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Kennedy, 42, a 15-year employee with the firm of Lee Sand and Gravel Ltd., R.R. 2, Stouffville, lost both arms, Dec. 13, in an accident involving a pit site conveyor. A team of surgeons reattached both limbs in an 18-hour operation at Toronto General Hospital. However, the surgery proved unsuccessful and they had to be removed.

Spearheading the drive are Frank Busato, Paul Raymer and Ed MacAloney.

Mr. Kennedy is well known in town. Wife Diane, has been an active leader in the Stouffville Brownies. Daughters Heather and Karen are pupils at Orchard Park School.

### All help

Truckers hauling out of both Lee Sand and Gravel and the neighboring Chefero pit, Ninth Line North, have contributed more than \$2,000 to the Ernie Kennedy Fund.

At Lee's, each of thirty drivers, took single loads, Friday, waiving all charges.

At Chefero's, truck operators' contributions were matched by brothers Fred, Gus and Tony Chefero.

"You don't know how good these guys are," commented Connie Hess of the Lee office staff. She said drivers to a man willingly offered their vehicles.

"It was their idea," she said.

A sign posted inside the weigh-in depot read: "If you wish to draw a load for Ernie and his family, see Connie."

The response, Connie said, was marvellous.

"The response so far has been tremendous," Mr. Busato said, "the neighbors are all pitching in."

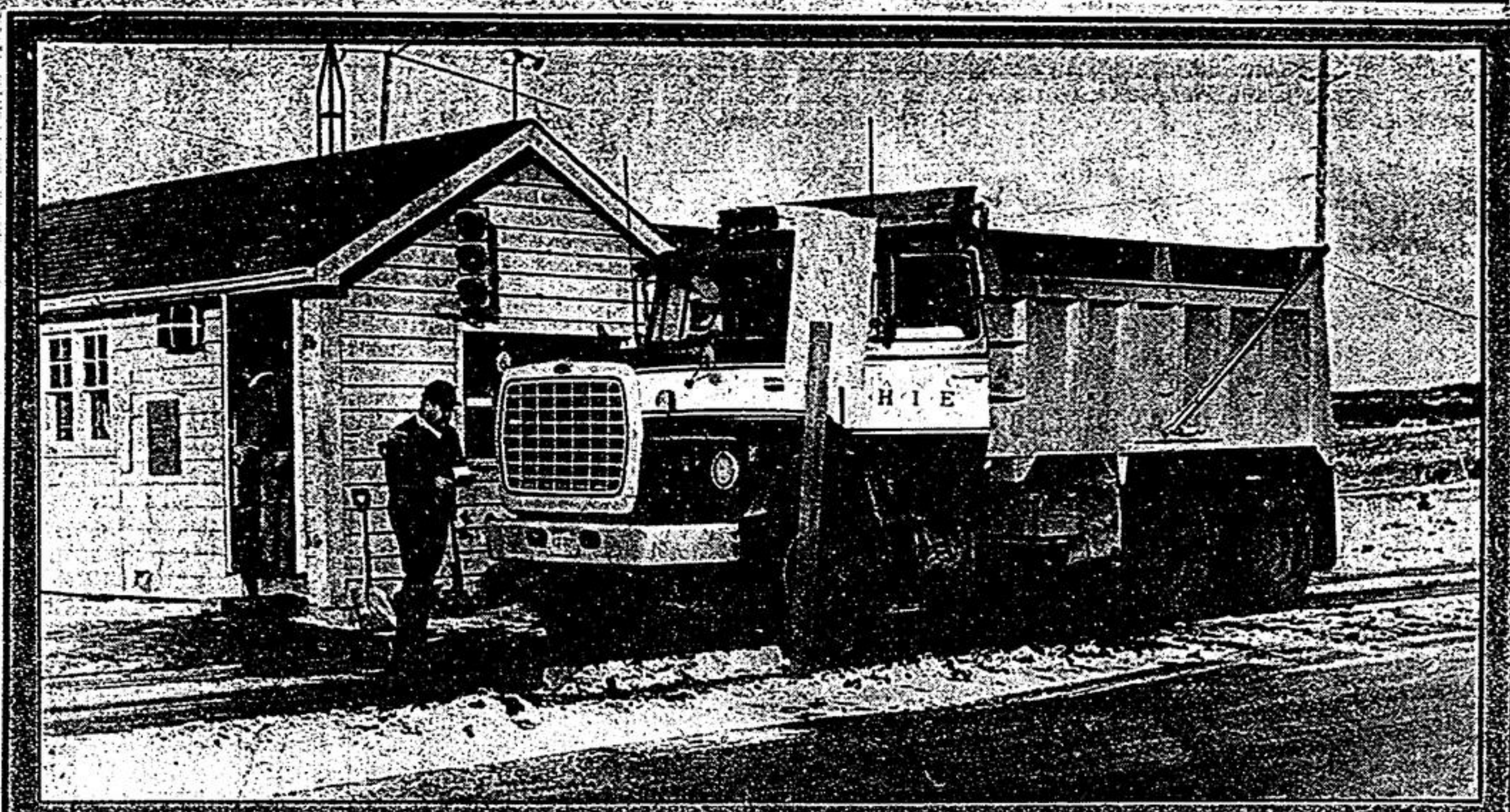
The committee hopes to raise in excess of \$25,000.

Deputy Fire Chief Murray Emmerson was one of the first at the accident scene. He was joined by Capt. Paul Stover and other volunteers. Emmerson praised the teamwork involved including assistance rendered by ambulance operators Scott Andrews and Perry Shean.

The arms, Emmerson said, were packed in snow and rushed to Uxbridge Hospital in the Department's fire response vehicle. George Wilson, another Department volunteer, drove the ambulance.

"We do a lot of training with respect to such emergencies," Deputy Chief Emmerson said later. "Still, you keep wondering if you're doing the right thing."

"It was a shock to all of us," Emmerson said weather conditions at the time "couldn't have been worse." The air ambulance, requested from Buttonville, couldn't get off the ground.



Mervyn Hill, Spring Street, Stouffville, is one of thirty truckers to haul loads of gravel out of the Lee Sand and Gravel pit. A trust fund has been established at the Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Nova Scotia, Stouffville. — Jim Thomas

### Patrick Motors Ltd. Firm sold

**STOUFFVILLE** — Patrick Motors Ltd., Main Street West, Stouffville, has been sold.

The purchaser is Bryan Rowntree, current owner-operator of Golden Mile Chevrolet-Oldsmobile Ltd., and several other dealerships. Son Scott will serve as president.

The transaction was finalized Monday.

It was June 13, 1953 that Neil Patrick purchased the GM franchise from Ethel Mole of Stouffville. He operated out of a site at Main West and Ninth Line South until Jan. 1, 1967 when the present service centre was opened.

Son Ken joined his father 25 years ago. He's been the firm's general manager.

The company has a staff of 23 and sells close to 60 new and used vehicles each year. The lease fleet numbers 270.

Neil has been active in the community. He's a former trustee on the High School board and retains his association with both Richardson Masonic Lodge and the Lions Club. Ken belongs to the Kinsmen Club.

Both will remain in town.

"I hope to do some of the things I haven't been able to do," Neil told The Tribune. On Tuesday, he and wife Evelyn left on a holiday trip to the West Coast where they'll visit daughter Lynn and family.

## "A great lady" Hundreds mourn teacher's death

**STOUFFVILLE** — The sanctuary of Stouffville United Church was filled, Sunday, as family friends and relatives paid their respects to the memory of Catharine (Kay) Dowsell, formerly of Stouffville and more recently Toronto.

Mrs. Dowsell, the former Kay Williamson, died in a fall from her apartment balcony, Thursday.

Her death came as a shock to those in town who had grown up with her or had come to know her through various associations.

Kay's life touched people of all ages. She was a respected teacher on the staff of Summitview and Orchard Park Public Schools and St. Mark's Catholic School.

She returned to Summitview a second time and served as librarian there prior to retirement.

A plaque in the hallway bears her name.

Kay was a pillar of strength in the congregation of the United Church. She sang in the choir and assisted in the Sunday School.

While a resident here, she enjoyed her association with Music Mania. She assisted with set design and in specialty numbers. One year, she served as director.

Kay was proud of her family. She spoke of them often — husband Roy and daughter Ellen, both of Toronto; son Stephen in Vancouver and grandchildren Sheldon and Benjamin. She maintained close contact with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Williamson, Parkview Village, Stouffville.

Kay suffered from arthritis. She had undergone several

operations with only minimal relief.

"Death came as an escape from what seemed an unbearable existence," said Rev. Wayne Reed, Sunday. "She was loved by all those she touched. The gathering here today is evidence of this."

Mourners including former teachers, students, church and Music Mania associates, representing a cross-section of the community.

In lieu of flowers, donations were received by the O'Neill Funeral Home for the Arthritis Society.

## Seriously injured in fall

**STOUFFVILLE** — Don Jackson, Stuart Street, Stouffville, owes his life to a cactus tree.

Mr. Jackson, owner-operator of Stouffville Travel, fell six storeys from a hotel balcony in Porte of Spain, Trinidad. The tree cushioned his fall.

He suffered a crushed left leg, a broken right leg and several fractured ribs. He's a patient in Sunnybrook Hospital, air-lifted there by ambulance despatched out of Washington. A doctor and nurse were on board.

Gina Jackson, Don's wife, compared the height of the balcony to the top of Scarborough bluffs.

She said physicians at Sunnybrook are amazed he wasn't killed.

She described the Sunnybrook medical staff as "just wonderful."

Business friends and neighbors have been very kind as well, she said.

Mrs. Jackson said her husband is now fully alert and completely resigned to whatever permanent damage may result.

## "Worst day of my life" says veteran firefighter

By BRUCE STAPLEY  
**STOUFFVILLE** — For garage mechanic George Wilson, a fire alarm call Dec. 13 sounded pretty routine.

A badly cut hand, was the initial report.

The conclusion — two severed arms.

George described it as 'the

worst day of his life'. It was not until he and other volunteers arrived at the accident scene that the seriousness of the injury was revealed.

Even then, George didn't recognize the victim.

"I noticed one arm missing. Then I pulled the covers back and saw the other arm was off too," he said.

Then he recognized the worker. "I've known Ernie since he was a kid. It's hard holding yourself

together when you know the person," said the fire brigade veteran of 28 years.

Ernie, he said, was in great pain. The severed arms were placed in a bag and covered with snow.

While attendants worked with the patient, George drove the ambulance to Uxbridge Hospital. A helicopter was requested out of Buttonville, but couldn't get off the ground due to heavy snow.

George could recall only one

other incident of equal severity. "But the personal impact this time was much greater, because it was someone I knew," he explained.

"Knowing the person makes it tougher. You're never prepared for something like this."

He said other volunteers felt much the same.

"In this business, you're supposed to be ready for anything," he concluded, "but this one was really rough."

## Island Lake rising

**WHITCHURCH** — Island Lake's on the rise and no one knows the reason why.

This body of water is located on the boundary between Whitchurch-Stouffville and Uxbridge.

The Region of Durham has ordered a hydrogeological study to learn the cause arrive at possible solutions.

Ward 1 councillor Margot Marshall has voiced strong opposition to great sums of money being spent on investigations. She described such projects as "bottomless wells."

The problem was introduced at a meeting Dec. 13.

Councillor Ron Robb claims Evergreen Estates should subsidize the cost since the problem came to the fore after this development was proposed.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury expressed concern for the Archie Paterson family. The water, she said, was now within three meters of their home.

Council will decide if they should share Durham's study costs. A portion of the Island Lake community is located in Uxbridge and a part in Whitchurch-Stouffville.



## Mix-up in mail

**STOUFFVILLE** — Dennis Trudel, Hwy. 47, R.R. 2, Stouffville, received a piece of mail, Dec. 19 that was sent out Dec. 9.

Another family by the same name at Musselman's Lake continually receives his mail, and he receives theirs.

Somehow, a piece of Mr. Trudel's mail ended up at the Stouffville Pentecostal Church.

"I don't know where else to turn," Mr. Trudel noted in talking to The Tribune.

He said he'd taken his complaint to the Post Office but each time talked to a different person.

Postmaster Gary Fisher praised the courier on R.R. 2, Stouffville, claiming she has "a beautiful system that tends to eliminate error."

"It's one of the best routes we have," he said.

"The mail we get is what the home-owner gets," he stated.

Mr. Fisher noted that problems can occur during the Christmas rush when mail deliveries are much heavier than normal.

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