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ALLAN G. DONALDSON: "I would be happy to be a good average driver."

## Georgetown man wins top Ontario trucker

Georgetownner Allan G. Donaldson drove himself and a two-axle truck to become champion driver at the 30th annual Ontario Truck Rodeo, in Bramalea City centre, Saturday.

Donaldson, 38, of Hewson Crescent will represent Ontario at the Canadian Truck Rodeo Championships in Calgary, Sept. 11.

"It's the first time to the Canadian finals since 1973," he said in an interview. A Grant refused

previous three time winner of best Ontario trucker, Donaldson placed third in national competition in British Columbia in 1971, only two years after he started entering rodeos. His trophies now number 23.

To become Ontario champion in his category, Donaldson wrote an exam, passed a defect spotting test and underwent an interview based on attitude and appearance as well as drive an unfamiliar truck on an obstacle course.

For scoring fewest demerit points - 83 out of a possible 450 - Donaldson was named champion driver. On the obstacle course, "you can't touch anything," Donaldson said. "I have had higher points but not won."

He has worked for 14 years driving a two-axle truck. From the yard, competition goes to region, then province wide "until you finally come down to the best," Donaldson said. "You must be accident free to enter competition."

Although he won \$400 prize money, part of \$3,000 that was awarded at the rodeo, "I'm not in it for the prize money but the pride of being one of the best drivers in the province," Donaldson said. "That's what makes you feel good."

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Winners in the other two categories were Alex Trait of York in the four-axle tractor-trailer category and Glen Campbell of Mississauga in the five-axle tractor-trailer category.

In Calgary, Donaldson will meet the best truck drivers in the two-axle category other provinces can muster. It will be the culmination of a process he called "bolting drivers down." It starts in the yard which in Donaldson's case is Armbr Construction where he

The first driver in Saturday's competition, John Baumann, 45, of Etobicoke, suffered a heart attack in the first obstacle of the course and was rushed to Peel Memorial Hospital. It's believed that the stress of competition may have caused the attack.

### Concessions granted for private parking: Hyde

A Toronto firm's efforts at seeking compensation for 11 metered parking spaces on private property on James Street may backfire.

Coun. Ern Hyde, recalling from memory, said Monday that if the firm pursues the

issue of compensation, council should investigate the leasing of an easement over water services for footings of a building owned by the firm.

Deb-Beck Investments of Toronto is seeking \$700 a year for the use of the parking area.

Clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard said a report on the situation has been prepared and will be presented at the next meeting.

Coun. Hyde said that concessions were given the former owners of the property

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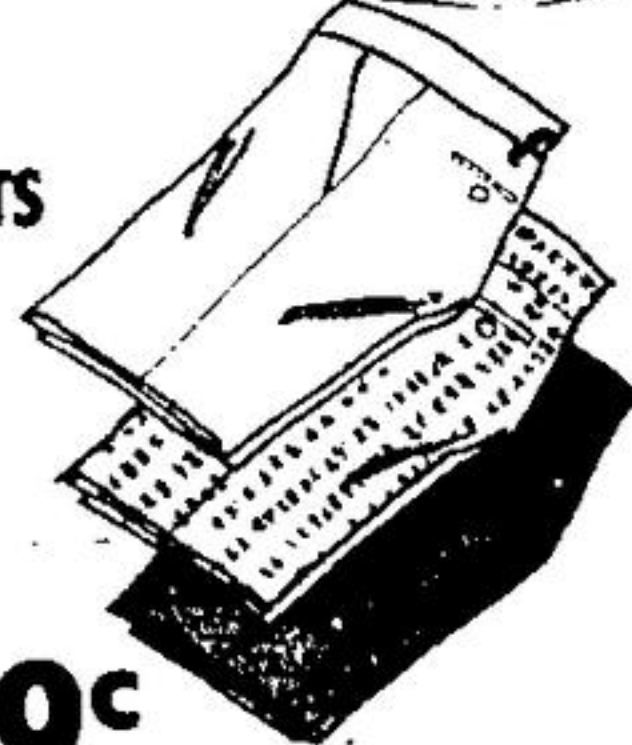
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