

Teacher receives citation for community relations

Tom Ramautarsingh, who graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University with a B.A. (English), M.A. in History and with a Master of Education from the University of Toronto, received a rare honour with a citation from the 36,000-member Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation for excellence in school-community relations.

The Bob Brooks Award was created by OSSTF for excellence in school-community relations. It was named after the late principal of Malvern Collegiate Institute in Toronto. Special citations have been created to recognize teachers who were nominated for excellence in education and community relations.

Mr. Ramautarsingh has served on local, regional, provincial and federal organizations. He has served with distinction over the years on many organizations - the Ontario Association for Curriculum Development, Advisory Council, the Executive of the Ontario Education Research Council, York University Reading Conference Council, Wilfrid Laurier Board of Governors, Senate and the Alumni Association, the University of Toronto Board of Directors and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. He was a co-founder of, and first chairman of the WLU Language Arts Conference, chairman of the Advisory Council (four years) of the Liberal Studies Program at Sheridan College and one of eight members to make a film on Group Dynamics. This film, about two hours in length, was shown all across Canada and the US. He has written articles on topical subjects and has brought in national and international speakers to Georgetown.

At the local level, he was the founder and president (four years) of the Holy Cross Parents' Association. He was a co-founder and first president of the Georgetown Cricket Club. He organized and chaired the Optimist Oratorical, Essay and Art contests for a number of years. He chaired a committee for a number of years which brought in innovative practices for the Annual Commencement Exercises at Georgetown District High School. He introduced

and organized table tennis teams and karate at GDHS. He has organized new teachers' nights and professional development conferences for secondary school teachers. Mr. Ramautarsingh was vice-chairman of the GDHS Centennial Committee. He spent over three years in producing the 256-page Centennial Book.

Mr. Ramautarsingh served as second vice-president of the Georgetown and Area Ratepayers Association and was chairman of the very successful "I Love Georgetown Program", where thousands of people participated in the program sponsored by GARA and the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ramautarsingh has served as president of the Halton Secondary School Teachers' Federation and has taken strong stands against the introduction of educational fads from south of the border.

Mr. Ramautarsingh has helped to organize the National Youth Parliament of Canada and has served as Sergeant-at-arms on two occasions. Sitings are held in the Senate Chamber in Ottawa.

He has also written articles on national concerns, namely the BNA Act (Canadian Constitution) and the Governor General. He took time to forward a nine page typewritten brief on the restructuring of the Senate.

Mr. Ramautarsingh gave the feature address at the Canada-Grenada Educational Conference, interviewed Governor General Sir Paul Scoon for the University of Toronto and has written educational papers on topics like Reading and Its Importance.

Mr. Ramautarsingh is a director of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and treasurer of the Phi Delta Kappa (Educational body) of the University of Toronto Chapter, and a member of the Commonwealth Club.

Mr. Ramautarsingh says, "It is a great honour to serve the community and to know that people do appreciate what has been done over the years. I thank those responsible for this honour and I share this with all those I worked with."



GDHS teacher Tom Ramautarsingh holds the award given to him by the Teachers Federation. (Herald photo)

Hornby resident Clifford Wrigglesworth passed away

A long time resident of Hornby, Clifford S. Wrigglesworth died on June 27, 1988 at Milton District Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 81 years of age and lived at R.R.2, Georgetown, all his life.

He farmed until 1962 when he sold the farm to Hornby Towers Golf Course, except for one lot on which he and his wife Margaret (nee Stephens) retired. He was manager and shareholder of a chicken business, Esqueging Farms Ltd. until his retirement.

He enjoyed woodworking, woodcarving and sports, especially hockey and baseball. He attended Hillcrest United Church regularly, holding any office assigned faithfully. He had three daughters, Joan (Mrs. Robert Marshall), R.R.1, Milton, Marilyn (Mrs. Victor Hawten), Calgary, Alberta and Diane (Mrs. Paul May), R.R.3, Rockwood, and seven grandchildren, Wayne, Carolyn and Bren-

da Marshall, Jeremy and Jonathan Hawten, and Sherry and Timothy May. He has a sister, Isabel (Mrs. James Carney) and a brother Howard, deceased.

Visiting was at McKersie Funeral Home, June 29 and the funeral service was held at Hillcrest United Church, June 30. Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery, Milton. Rev. Jean Jones, Hillcrest pastor, conducted the service. Pall bearers were James Snow, Ward Brownridge, Douglas Wrigglesworth, Harold Wilson, Merv Livingstone and Frank Chisolm. Honorary pallbearers were John McNeill, Tom Blackett, Bruce McClure, Claude Pickett Fred Near and Ken Ella.

Norval news Smiths honored

NORVAL-George and Marilyn Smith were honored with an open house on July 3 on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Don and Elsie Smith, RR2 Norval, hosted the afternoon and 45 friends and neighbors attended and enjoyed light refreshments. Diane Taylor assisted her mother as hostess. Paul, Lisa and Stephen Smith attended their parents' party as well as George and Marilyn's mothers, Mrs. Helen Hemes of Streetsville and Mrs. Laila Smith of Norval.

Brush cleared

NORVAL-Norval area people will be pleased to know that work has started in cleaning the brush in the old St. Paul's Anglican Church Cemetery. The cemetery is adjacent to Hillcrest cemetery in Norval.

Guitars stolen

A music lover walked off with \$900 worth of equipment from a Guelph Street music shop sometime between Saturday night and Sunday morning. Three guitars were missing and the front window had been smashed with a rock, police say.

Youths charged

A Georgetown Catholic school received \$5,000 damage to two portables Saturday between noon and midnight, police say. Glass and doors were damaged and the inside of the portables ransacked, said Halton police. Two youths have been charged with break and enter and will appear in court August 19.

Cash stolen

A Guelph Street office was ransacked sometime between July 7 and July 8, Halton police say. A rear window was smashed and \$40 or \$50 cash was stolen.

Tires slashed

A car parked in its Delrex Boulevard home received \$75 damage in a tire slashing incident between 10 p.m. July 9 and 8 a.m. July 10, police say.

Extinguisher stolen

A \$50 fire extinguisher was stolen from St. George's Anglican Church sometime Saturday, police say.

Men charged

Three men were charged in connection with a domestic dispute on Georgetown's Mill Street. A concerned resident called Halton police to remove one of the visitors at the home. Police arrested two Georgetown men, both 21, and one Acton man, 22, for obstructing police and assaulting a police officer. The men will appear in court August 15.

Wallet stolen

A wallet containing \$155 was stolen from a car with windows open for ventilation Friday night, police say. The car was parked at an Armstrong Avenue factory.

Assault charge

A 23-year-old Acton man has been charged in connection with the assault of his common-law wife, July 4. Police say the man allegedly pulled the wife from bed and punched her in the head. The man will appear in court August 28.

Store robbed

A store near Fifth Line and Highway 7 was robbed of 24 cedar rails of undetermined value Canada Day weekend.

Gravel dumped

A mistake on his tractor-trailer left a Bramalea man covered in gravel July 4. The man, unloading gravel at the Dufferin Quarries, apparently pulled the wrong switch and dumped the gravel on himself, injuring his hand, forearm and fracturing a rib. He was taken to Milton District Hospital and released the same day, police say.

Purse stolen

An unlocked car parked outside a Georgetown public pool for "five minutes" was entered by a stranger who took the owner's purse, containing \$80, Halton police say.

Man charged

A Georgetown man, 38, was charged by Halton police in connection with a collision at Ninth Line and Steeles Avenue Sunday night. Police say the driver of a 1987 Chrysler LeBaron failed to yield the right of way for a west-bound 1978 Mercury, driven by a New York woman. The driver of the Chrysler is charged under the Highway and Traffic Act. Police report no injuries.

Reta Hunter in hospital

NORVAL-The many friends of Reta (Fisher) Hunter of Burlington will be interested to know she is a patient in Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington.

Sympathy to Sommervilles

NORVAL-Sincere sympathy is extended to Norman and Ethel (Hyatt) Sommerville of Sudbury, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Sommerville of Sudbury, B.C. on June 19. Funeral services were held at the Avalon Funeral Home, Surrey, with burial in Phoenix, Arizona. Their family, Dan and Judy Malhys, Michael and Rachel of Morinville, Alberta, and Bob and Janet Sommerville of Oakville are presently visiting their parents.

Get well wishes

NORVAL-Get well wishes to Jim Fisher, RR2 Georgetown, who has been a patient in the Georgetown hospital for the past two months.

Best wishes

NORVAL-Get well wishes to Jean Harrop, formerly of Norval and now of RR2 Brampton who has been confined to her home for the last month with Osteoporosis.

Serious Injuries

A Georgetown man, 53, was charged with impaired driving when his car went out of control and struck a tree on Mountainview Road Saturday, police say. The man was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital with serious injuries. Hospital officials say he is still undergoing testing, but is in good condition.

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