



M.Z. Bennett Christmas pageant

M.Z. Bennett public school in Acton held its Christmas pageant last Thursday and the students delighted all those who attended. In the picture above, the students join in a song, while at left, Hayley Green as Mrs. Kringle and Theresa Medland as 'Emma', Santa's secretary, flank Santa Claus himself as played by Ryan Bannon. HHTW photo!

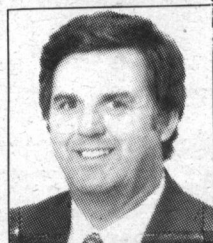
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Halton Flour Milling Inc. named Business of the Year

Halton Flour Milling Incorporated of Acton has been selected as the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce 1993 Business of the Year.

The announcement was made by director Tom Ramautarsingh, Chairman of the Business of the Year Committee.

The Chamber's Board of Directors ratified the committee's recommendation at its December meeting.

Ramautarsingh said "All the criteria were met by Halton Flour Milling Incorporated. They showed good business ethics, made significant social and economic contributions as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the business showed growth and stability. We wish to congratulate Brian and Debbie Dolotowicz and all the workers at this business."

This is the fifth year since the amalgamation of the Acton and Georgetown Chambers of Commerce that this prestigious award has been presented.

The award presentation will take place Feb. 24, at North Halton Golf and Country Club in Georgetown with the reception starting at 6:15 p.m.

Halton Flour Milling Incorporated has been a member of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce (and previously the Acton Chamber of Commerce) for eight years and employs 25 people.

Tamblyn receives Prime Minister's Award

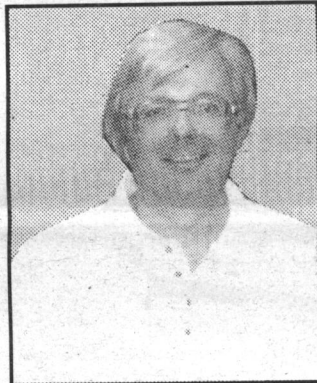
By Oksana Buhel

Acton teacher Paul Tamblyn is one of 15 Canadian educators to receive the first annual Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in Science and Mathematics in the uppermost level.

Tamblyn, known affectionately to the staff and students of Acton District High School (ADHS) as "Doc Tamblyn," will be honored with 14 other national winners at a ceremony in Ottawa early in the new year. (Another national winner also belongs to the Halton Board of Education - Bob Loree, formerly of Oakville-Trafalgar High School, now at the J.W. Singleton Centre.)

Tamblyn has taught at ADHS 21 years. This year, as well as being head of the science department, a position he has filled for two years, Tamblyn is acting vice-principal.

Full of energy, Tamblyn is constantly devising new projects to make learning more interesting for his students. For one semester every year, for five years, Tamblyn immersed himself and 24 students in nature. One year they winter-camped in Killarney Provincial Park, another year they canoed



Paul Tamblyn

from Georgian Bay to Ottawa, stopping at historical sites and natural landmarks. Tamblyn's Total Immersion Program in Outdoor Education ran from 1977-1981.

"We were together all day, every day for a full semester," Tamblyn said. "That gave us a lot of flexibility to learn about science, history and social science all at once."

For his advanced students, Tamblyn has developed independent research projects. Students select a topic, fully research it and make a presentation, which is evaluated by local university professors and representatives of science and technology-based businesses.

Tamblyn's interest in science began when he was just starting high school in

Orono, 50 miles east of Toronto. "I think it was the way my teacher (Syd Rutherford) taught," Tamblyn said. "He was so interested in what he was teaching, and that just made me interested."

Tamblyn's interest was so keen, he got a doctorate in biology (the reason for his nickname).

And his keen interest was rewarded.

"It's incredible," Tamblyn said, referring to the fact only 15 Prime Minister's Awards in the national category were given out, and that educators from the Halton Board of Education received two.) "What it reveals is the wonderful school system in Halton Region. The administration and parents have really let me experiment with the kids."

Tamblyn's reaction to his personal award was similar. "It's wonderful," he said.

When Tamblyn attends the ceremony, he will receive a Certificate of Excellence and a congratulatory letter from Prime Minister Jean Chretien. One third of the \$7,000 award will go to ADHS, and the remainder will be used by Tamblyn for professional development, resource materials and teaching aids.



Park Public School in Georgetown principal Al Zanatta (right) joined Halton Board of Education trustee Dick Howitt (middle) Thursday morning at a school concert honoring Vi Ascroft who is retiring after having been a secretary at the school for 24 years. Students sang Christmas carols and presented Ascroft with gifts, while teachers, parents and staff from other schools attended with best wishes.

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