45 years without an accident Local trucker honored as Driver of Year

orty-five years of accidentfree truck driving has earned local truck driver Archie Brown two awards.

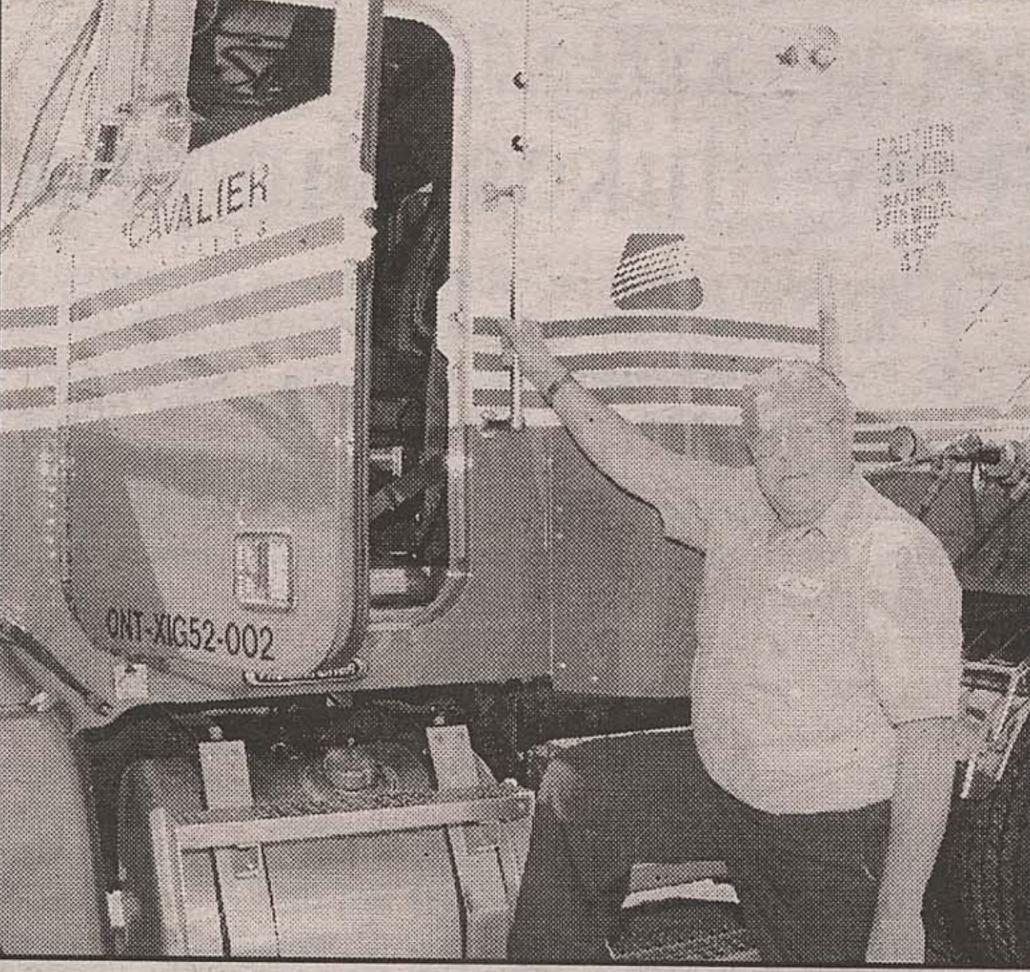
Georgetown resident Brown, 63, an employee of the Alliance Personnel Group, received the 1997 Driver of the Year Award earlier this week from that company of the Year Award from the Private ing his 45 years of driving a truck. Motor Truck Council of Canada.

Brown, who has been driving trucks since he was 16, was surprised and pleased to receive the awards.

"To see his face was priceless," said his wife of 43 years, Betty, about her husband's reaction to the surprise award presentation Monday. She and five of his six children were able to attend the awards ceremony that night.

Brown said he just fell into driving trucks when he was asked by someone to take a truck run. He's been driving pretty much ever since, except for a couple of years he spent working at the tannery in Acton, and has logged close to five million safe driving miles.

"In today's trucking environment a statis-



which employees 550 truck drivers Georgetown trucker Archie Brown, 63, received two truck across the country, and on driving awards this past week. The Alliance Personnel Thursday received the 1998 Driver Group employee hasn't been involved in an accident dur-Photo by Ted Brown

> tic like that is unheard of," said Tom McNeil a partner in the Alliance Personnel Group.

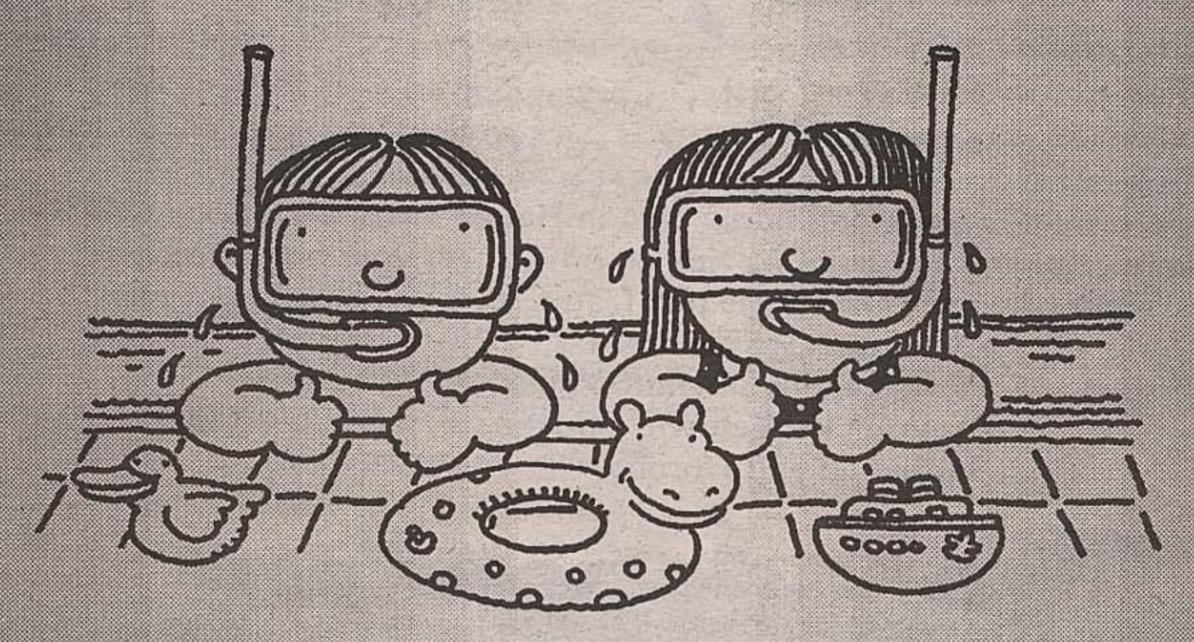
> Over the years Brown has worked for Lou's Transport in Etobicoke, Lane's Transport (18 years) and Burn's Transport in Georgetown (11 years). Through Alliance Personnel he hauled lightbulbs for General Electric for about three years and currently drives for Cavalier Textiles.

> "It's the freedom of being your own boss on the road," said Brown about why he enjoys trucking. "I like to be out in the open air."

Brown intends to continue to drive a truck until he retires at 65.

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