



### Do we have a winner?

Last Thursday night was Wintario night in Penetanguishene, and according to the Chamber of Commerce it was a success. Chamber office administrator Ruth Rose said Monday that both the

Wintario people and the Global Television people were happy with the arrangements, and had advised her the town would have no trouble getting them to come back in another 12 months. Staff photo

## Wintario drew about 700 last Thursday

Wintario came to Penetanguishene last Thursday night, and there were about 700 people there to watch the magic balls roll out of the tumbling machines on-stage.

Fred Davis, smooth and immaculate in a beige suit, quipped that he'd heard that Premier Davis had to cancel an engagement in the town earlier in the week. "I hope you'll accept another Davis as a substitute," he said.

His co-host, Faye Dance, wearing a long white skirt, matched with striped blouse and navy blazer, stepped into the audience to select townsfolk to start the machines. At least two of those participants were previous Wintario winners.

On stage, each numbered ball was held aloft in a perfectly manicured hand of a pretty assistant, while Davis carefully repeated the numbers for the TV cameras. Then with an enthusiasm that

belied the fact that he'd done the show fifty-four times before, he proclaimed the news that someone somewhere had just won \$100,000. The applause signals flickered and the next draw began.

The audience was attentive, and obedient to those applause signs. There was a fair amount of tension while the numbers were being called out, but the only brow that needed mopping was Davis'. It was a cool night, but the television lights were hot.

A short film, provided by the Chamber of Commerce, showed glimpses of the town, which Davis characterized as "a beautiful industrial and vacation town."

When the televised portion of the show was complete, Davis and Dance were besieged by autograph-seekers and then the audience settled down to enjoy a concert by the Midland and Penetanguishene Concert Band, led by Mr. John

Coull and the St. Ann's Choir of Penetanguishene. Solo artists were Andre Boileau and Vola Carriere.

Then the crowd went home, some of them

richer with Wintario winnings, some with Dance and Davis autographs and all of them happy to have participated in one of Ontario's most popular television shows.

## 'People wanted to get rid of Davis' - Wessenger

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"I think the people wanted to get rid of the Davis government," he said. "Stephen didn't respond to that mood."

He said the party would have to re-think its strategy before the next election, and should have told the electorate it would turn Ontario into a social democratic province like Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The problem, he said, was that the party strategists were suffering from a Metro Toronto approach to policy. He said a more aggressive approach would have cost the party votes in Toronto, but would have helped in the rest of the province.

Wessenger said he had been surprised by his poor showing in Barrie. "We didn't get our voters out. More Tory supporters voted than last time because they were afraid, and less NDP supporters voted."

With regard to the NDP fall to third place in the legislature, he said it might be a good thing for the party. "It'll get us back to fighting again. I think we were too low key. The NDP is best when it's got its back to the wall."

He said he thought the Conservatives would

suggest that premier Bill Davis resign as a result of the election, and added that he thought Roy McMurtry would be the odds-on favourite to take over as leader. With regard to his own party's leadership, he said "I hope Lewis stays on. He's by far the best leader we could have." Lewis an-

nounced his intention to resign as leader on Monday.

"We've got a lot of able people," he said, "but Lewis stands above."

As the election results became certain, and most of his supporters began heading home, Wessenger took a parting shot at the new Con-

servative government. "The Conservatives are incompetent," he said. "That's why we're going to have lousy government for the next few years."

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