

Vocal support only for mayoralty candidate



While hardly old enough to vote, Uxbridge mayoralty candidate Bill Ballinger is assured of vocal support from the most recent addition to the family. Bill and wife Donna of 36 Franklin Street.

welcomed a son, Jan. 2 at 9 p.m. It was the first born at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital in 1981 and tipped the scale at 7 pounds 6 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Ballinger have two daughters, Jill, 4 and Katy, three.

Jim Thomas

Housing plan seeks market

UXBRIDGE — A housing project in the Quaker Hill area in Uxbridge is "ready to go," but is the market there?

That was the question posed by Councillor Mac Meyers at a meeting of Uxbridge planning board last week. And, the answer, according to Fred Schaeffer and Jake Mandel of Dorchester Heights, is a definite, "yes;" all it needs is a little promotion.

The project in question is a 200-unit development on Centre St., which has been approved by council, with various restrictions.

Last week, Schaeffer told the planning board that they wanted to set up a trailer for Phase 1 - next to the Arena - to provide information on the

development. It would be followed by the construction of four model homes.

"We really need something to get this going," he said.

Schaeffer also asked for the elimination of lot levies on Phase 1 "to get going."

"The cost of servicing has gone out of sight," he said. I don't want to plead poverty, but

..... We have to give the homeowner a break," he added.

Councillor Sandy Ewen, chairman of the board, said an agreement could be entered into, "but, if you have homes and can't sell, what then?"

"We'd ask for a severance," replied Schaeffer. The houses are in the \$75,000 to \$80,000 range - "big houses on big lots," we have to

compete with Scarborough," he said.

"I agree we're ready to go," but is the market there?" asked Councillor Meyers.

"I think it is," said Schaeffer. "I think we can move 50 houses in one year." He said that having the trailer and model houses would help sell the project.

Acting Mayor Maustyn McKnight said he felt the board could forgive some lot levies "in the initial stages to get things started."

McKnight recommended an agreement be drafted regarding the model homes, and the by-law officer or building superintendent be authorized to issue permits for a temporary trailer.

The motion was carried.

Request a limit on restaurants

UXBRIDGE — The free enterprise system is alive and well in Uxbridge.

Despite the efforts of several owners to put a ceiling on the number of restaurants in the town, Uxbridge planning and development committee has recommended that the present policy remain.

The township by-law allows a maximum of two new restaurants annually.

A week earlier, David Jones of Pizza Village, and Frank Mariano, owner of a local Italian Food and fried chicken outlets, appeared before council with a petition containing 25 signatures from fellow restaurant owners and other businessmen.

Jones said they were asking that the number of restaurants be based on population figures,

which could be reviewed and changed regularly. He also recommended the formation of a special committee of restaurant owners and councillors to consider applications for such permits.

With more restrictions, it would offer protection for everyone, Jones said.

He claimed, every time a new eating place opens, it fragments the already limited food sales dollar. Inflation had sent the cost of food items up from 77 to 200 per cent in the past two years he stated.

Chances for an individual to upgrade or expand his business, is minimal, Jones said.

Councillor Sandy Ewen, chairman of planning board, described the present quota of two a year as "reasonable."

"Let the public dictate the

number of restaurants by not supporting the poor ones and patronizing the good ones," he said.

Speaking to the planning committee, Acting Mayor, Maustyn McKnight, said that "while sympathizing, (with the restaurant owners) I don't think we can limit such establishments here."

"If they're doing a good job, they'll have no trouble surviving. It will work itself out," he added.

Said Councillor Ron Johnson: "We should consider rescinding the by-law."

"I'm not sure we could limit it, anyway," answered Mayor McKnight.

A recommendation that no changes be made to the existing by-law was approved.

Kathleen Haslam

Retirement earned

STOUFFVILLE — A secretary and bookkeeper for 28 years and two months, in the same firm through three generations.

This is the service record of Kathleen Haslam, Ninth Line South, in the legal office of Button, Armstrong and Ness, Stouffville.

For Kay, the end of 1980 marked the end of an association that started back on Oct. 27, 1952. She remembers the beginning like it was yesterday — answering an advertisement and being accepted to fill a position held previously by Beulah (Rutledge) King.

At that time, the office was located on the north side of Main Street, now part of Card's Dominion Hardware. F.L. Button and son Reg were in command and operated an extremely efficient business, Kay recalls. However, when the

two were called away (which usually occurred twice each week), things would get a wee bit hectic with three phones ringing and people lining up to make appointments, Kay remembers. A short time later, a part-time girl was added to the staff.

Through the years the firm has continued to grow. At the present location, the staff includes three solicitors, Eric Button (son of Reg and grandson of F.L.), J. Montgomery Armstrong and Gordon Ness along with six clerical assistants, Joanne Beech, Barbara Trappell, Cheryl Bond, Joy MacAloney, Gail Beckett and Beatrice Jennings. Mrs. Jennings is the successor to Mrs. Haslam.

Kay has fond recollections of her years of employment there. "I enjoyed the work — I found it a challenge," she says.

She readily admits she'll miss the associations. This, in part, is offset by the ability now to "do as I wish". She advised Mr. Button of her plan to retire way back in May, allowing him plenty of time to find a replacement.

In recognition of duties performed so efficiently and of close friendships established through 28 years, a dinner in Kay's honor was held Dec. 23 at the Deer Park Inn, Stouffville. Later, the staff gathered at Eric Button's home on Stouffer Street where an engraved silver tray and crystal goblets were presented. In addition, the girls presented Kay with a beautiful quilted house coat.

Kay told The Tribune that it gave her great satisfaction to be associated with a family business through three generations. "They treated me wonderfully — I really enjoyed it," she said.



Twenty-eight years with the same firm through three family generations, Kathleen Haslam, Ninth Line South, Stouffville, has retired. In recognition of services rendered, she was

honored at a banquet and reception, Dec. 23 at the Deer Park Inn and later in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Button, Stouffer Street. Jim Thomas

Hydro rates to increase

PICKERING — With approval of Ontario Hydro, rates in Pickering will increase on an average of 5.1 per cent, a Commission spokesman said last week.

The increase will be retroactive to Jan. 1.

The cost of wholesale power purchased from the 'parent firm' has gone up by ten per cent. According to the Pickering Utility, the cost of wholesale power represents 76 per cent of the average bill.

The hike here is considerably less than in some neighboring municipalities where increases on an average are expected to range from eight to ten per cent.

Residential build-up Durham's chief task

DURHAM — The major job of regional government this year will be to attract residential development, says Durham's new chairman, Gary Herrema.

"We're not getting our share of development here," the former Uxbridge mayor said.

He said there's a reluctance on the part of some finance people "to front-end fund development," possibly due to the unclear status of the

province's plans for Seaton, the planned community in North Pickering that was to have 70,000 people.

Developers may fear they won't be able to sell homes in Ajax and Pickering if the government goes ahead with Seaton, Herrema said. The latter's status should be known early in the year, he added.

One of the reasons the region wants development, is because it has invested so much money in providing

services for new housing that's still to come. Officials say Durham has enough serviced land to accommodate another 114,000 people. The services were to be paid through development charges and user rates but, instead will have to be paid for by those already living there.

Herrema said Durham will also be seeking additional industry in an effort to keep workers 'at home' and improve the Region's tax base.

Beats for band

UXBRIDGE — Participating in a parade at age 86, would be a difficult chore for

most. Jim Logan of Ballantrae does it regularly—and loves it. Not only does he set the pace but he pounds out the beat on his huge bass drum. He's a member of the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 170) Pipe Band in Uxbridge.

Jim seldom misses an engagement whether the location is Uxbridge, Ontario or Uxbridge, Massachusetts.

He's a familiar sight in Stouffville, beating away with all the precision of a metronome.

It all began way back in 1914. He was living in Ireland then and joined the Royal Irish Rifles. Since then, he's performed with the Irish Regiment Band, the Grenadier Pipe Band and with an English pipe band.

For a time, Mr. Logan's son Jerry also played at Uxbridge. However, Jerry found it necessary to drop this extracurricular activity because of business commitments.

The Uxbridge Legion Pipe Band is known all over Ontario as well as points south of the border.

How does he do it—all those miles in all those places, at the age of 86?

"Can't say," says Jim, "I never really think about it".



Jim Logan, 86, of Ballantrae, has been beating the drum in the Uxbridge Legion Pipe Band for more years than he can remember. He seldom misses an engagement or a practice. It all

started back in 1914 when he joined the Royal Irish Rifles back in his native Ireland. He's been 'sounding forth' ever since. Jim Thomas