

Election races take shape in Uxbridge Twp. wards

By Chris Shanahan

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Veteran Ward 4 councillor Sandy Ewen has announced he'll not seek re-election in the Nov. 12 municipal election.

Councillor Ewen said in an interview Monday that his decision was based largely on the fact that he's served the ward for nine years and may like to "try some new territory."

Although nearly certain he won't run at all this year, Uxbridge Township's planning and development committee chairman said his final decision will come within two or three weeks.

The only candidate to officially enter the mayoralty race is Gerri-Lynn O'Connor, now serving as Uxbridge Township's regional councillor.

Present chief magistrate Bill Ballinger

will not seek re-election in order to devote more time to family and business interests. And his challenger, in the 1982 election, chiropractor Morley Pitts, told The Tribune in June that he definitely won't run in 1985. However, he didn't rule out a future re-entry into the municipal ring.

There will be a race for the Township's regional council spot as Ward 5's Ian Morrison confirmed he'll challenge Don Jackson of Ward 1. Mr. Jackson, a veteran in the area's municipal affairs, announced his regional candidacy earlier in the year.

Councillor Morrison, 28, said, if elected regional councillor, he'd resign his position as advertising manager of the Uxbridge Times-Journal and Stouffville Sun. He lives in Leaskdale with wife Pamela (Lewis), formerly of Luffville.

North Street resident Larry Austin has confirmed he's running in Ward 5. It's the

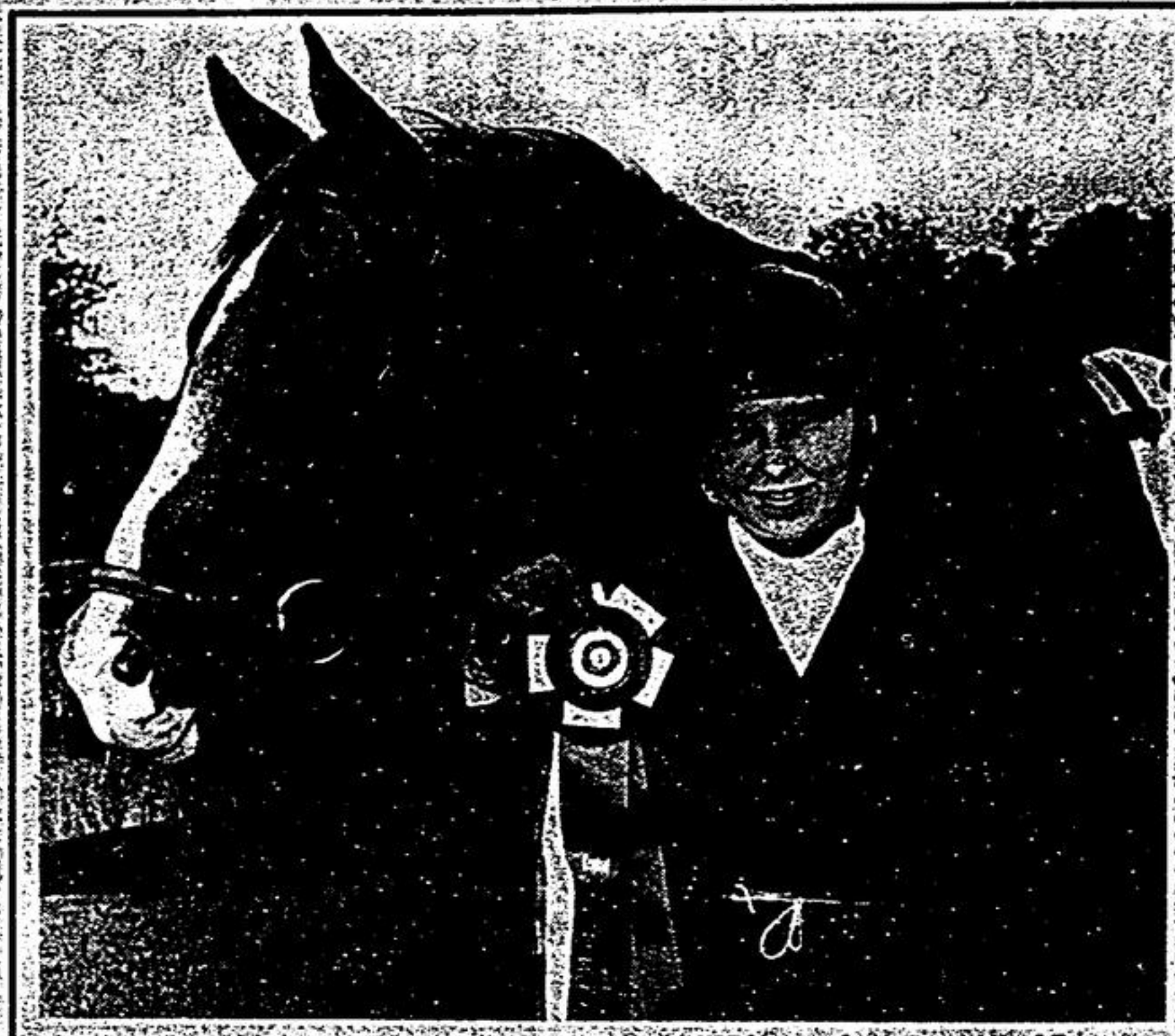
first election attempt by the 40-year-old school teacher.

In Ward 1, the only ratepayer to throw his hat in the ring in Cal Avery, R.R. 3, Stouffville. Avery, 34, has resided in Uxbridge Twp. for 10 years. He and wife Cathryn own and operate an industrial supply business.

Frank Hendy, R.R. 1, Claremont, is expected to announce Sept. 15 whether or not he's running in Ward 1.

Incumbent Mac Meyers hasn't finalized his plans in Ward 2, but said he'll make a decision soon. Zephyr's Clifford Sweet, who lost to Meyers by four votes in 1982, has decided to try again in Ward 2. Mr. Sweet is a semi-retired turf farm manager.

Ron Johnson will attempt to win his fourth term in Ward 3. So far, no opponents have surfaced in this riding although it has been rumored that Sandy Ewen might be interested.



Winning smile

Seventeen-year-old Stacy McGee displays the ribbon she and horse 'Sonny' won Sunday in a class at the 1985 Central Ontario Pony Club Show Jumping Championships. The event, staged at Zweibrucken Horse Farm on McCowan Road, was hosted by the Unionville Pony Club and sponsored by the Royal Bank.

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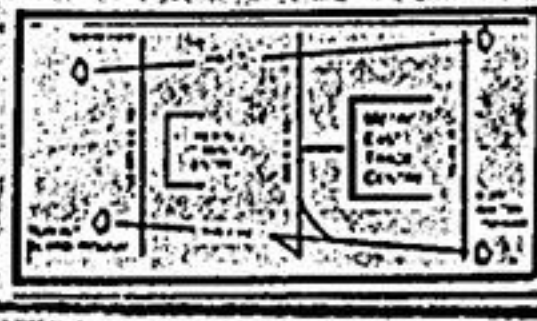
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Trustee asks for answers on funding

The following article on the topic of extended funding to Roman Catholic Secondary Schools, is written by Heather Beveridge, a trustee representing Uxbridge Township on the Durham Board of Education.

The Durham Board of Education has had continued debate on separate school funding since the announcement by the former Premier of Ontario, William Davis. The meeting of Aug. 26, 1985, was no exception as the Board considered a motion by trustee S. McEntyre of Scugog Township to put forward a referendum on separate school funding in the November election.

The Durham Board has objected to the extension of separate school funding and has requested the provincial government to answer the following questions:

- Will adequate funding be provided for both systems to maintain the quality programs and services now available in the public boards of Ontario?
- Will the principle of universal access be enforced in both systems?
- Will non-Catholic staff have equal opportunities in the separate schools?
- Will the extension of funding to separate boards affect the composition of trustee representation on public school boards?
- Will public funding be extended to other denominational and private schools?

Although some of these questions have been answered by Bill 30 (provincial legislation which amends the Education Act to allow for extension of separate school funding), the Durham Board of Education is far from satisfied with Bill 30 and has formed a committee whose members, trustees Lafariga, McEntyre and McIlveen will make representation to the Ontario Legislature's Standing Committee on Social Development.

At the Aug. 26 meeting, the Durham Board, after considerable debate, voted to ask municipal councils across the Region to place the following question on the ballot for municipal elections on Nov. 12: "Do you favor the extension of funding to the Roman Catholic Separate Secondary Schools?"

Due to a lack of communication from the provincial government on the funds necessary to implement the extension of separate schools, the question is a difficult one for trustees to answer, let alone the taxpayers.

The Coalition for Public Education, author of the referendum question, should be focusing its energies on full public disclosure, accounting and debate on the projected costs of implementing Bill 30. Likewise, the Durham Board of Education should be pressing the provincial government for disclosure of funding arrangements for Bill 30.

Is Bill 30 going to cost \$40 million, \$80 million, or \$120 million? Will taxes be raised for the additional funds needed, or will provincial coffers be manipulated once again, leaving under essential services underfunded?

There are many unanswered questions and dialogue remains confused. The public has a right to answers on costly funding. The most efficient, quality education for students across Ontario, however, can only be achieved at the most economical price with a unified school system with co-operative sharing of facilities.

New paintings

BROUGHAM — Scenery from Uxbridge, Pickering and Stouffville is featured in artist Marc Barrie's latest collection of watercolor paintings.

The original works are now on display at his Gallery Brougham, located on Hwy. 7 just west of Brock Road.

"A few times every year, as a break from the controlled and at times very tedious work of the acrylics, I enjoy painting watercolors," Mr. Barrie explained.

The 23-year-old Goodwood native began developing his talent while attending Uxbridge Secondary School. He now lives in a Whitchurch-Stouffville farmhouse.

You should know that 76.2% of adults in Markham/Stouffville received at least one of the last four issues of the Economist or Tribune, compared to 40.3% who read yesterday's Star. (Source: Kubas & Associates study, Spring 1985. Details on request.)