

ELECTION '85 ROUNDUP

Outgoing mayor roasted and toasted



BILL BALLINGER
Retirement roast

By CHRIS SHANAHAN
Uxbridge Township's tiny perfect mayor was the main course at a roast and fund-raising dinner held in his honor Thursday.

While everyone had their fill of laughs at the expense of the retiring Bill Ballinger and other head table guests, the night's real purpose was to support Uxbridge's public library addition. A capacity crowd helped raise another \$10,000 for the project slated to begin in 1986.

Nothing was sacred this particular night as mayor Ballinger was ribbed mercilessly about everything from his alleged low level of intelligence to his physical stature, or lack thereof.

"He's the only politician who can talk his head off and never miss it," quipped Brock Township mayor Allan McPhail.

And according to Durham Region chairman Gary Herrema, Bill's one of a kind among mayors because "you look behind his desk and there's a highchair!"

Realtor Jim Wood saved a few gems for 39-year-old Ballinger, including "He's so short that when he became mayor, they had to take 10 links out of his chain of office."

Added businessman Harry Hudson: "Bill has worn many hats in his time. And you must admit considering the shape of his head, that's quite a feat."

The question of mayor Ballin-

ger's honesty also fell under the roaster's scrutiny.

"When he's bought, he's bought!" Mr. Hudson offered. "Really, when he asks you to vote for him and good government, he's asking you to vote twice."

Len Miller, mayor of Uxbridge's twin municipality in Catawissa, PA, was a special roast participant. He poked fun at his friend's talent on the violin and even managed to struggle through a tune himself.

Finally getting his chance at the podium, the dapper Ballinger

wasted no time unleashing his own verbal barrage.

Among his most cutting lines was a suggestion to call a narcotics officer to deal with Mayor McPhail, "because I just found 250 pounds of dope sitting in his chair."

Master of ceremonies Harry Stemp concluded the program by expressing a sentiment which sparked a standing ovation.

"You're probably the finest mayor that Uxbridge ever had," he told the guest of honor. "And we're going to miss you."

Despite loss, she'll be 'watching' Board trustee

By JIM THOMAS

Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee candidate Daphne Goldman says she wasn't really expecting to knock off incumbent Harry Bowes in Tuesday's municipal election.

Nor did she expect to lose by 1,360 votes.

"I'll chalk it up to experience," said the mother of five, four of whom are in the public school system.

She may try again.

"I'll be watching him (Bowes)

very closely," Mrs. Goldman promised, "a lot can happen in three years."

Mrs. Goldman considers herself a "classroom candidate," while Mr. Bowes, she claims, is mainly concerned with the "business" of education. "We're worlds apart," she says.

Trouble is, says Mrs. Goldman, a large percentage of the electorate have no children in the system. Therefore, their only worry is money — how much it's going to cost.

She discovered this, she said, as she went calling door-to-door.

Because there were no "burning issues," the incumbent couldn't be faulted, Mrs. Goldman explained.

Mr. Bowes entered the campaign on a crest," she said.

Like all also-rans, Mrs. Goldman admits she's disappointed, not so much at losing but in the lack of involvement by the community.

"I had a lot of good ideas," she said. "I guess I'll have to put them on the shelf or initiate some vehicle where they can be used." Her reference was to Home and Schools or Parent-Teacher Associations.

Mrs. Goldman insists the only way to find out if the school system is working is by visiting the schools, talking to the teachers and seeing the system in action. She claims Mr. Bowes falls down in this regard. "He's not a visible trustee," she concluded.

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