

Councillor feels 'obligated' to challenge for mayor's chair

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Though the new municipal term is only five months old, one Uxbridge Twp. councillor has all but finalized plans to challenge for the mayoralty in 1988.

Ward 1 representative Cal Avery told The Tribune he's interested in the top job but won't make it official until 1987, about a year before the next scheduled civic election.

The rookie councillor said he's been overwhelmed by the amount of public support he received after word of his political ambition first appeared in the April 30 edition of The Tribune.

"Because of the support I have been offered, I almost feel obligated to go (into the mayoralty

race) on behalf of the people of Uxbridge Township," Mr. Avery said in a telephone interview. "And there is a good chance I'll go."

He admitted most of the more than 50 pledges of support he received last week came from ratepayers within his Goodwood-area riding. But the councillor said some backing originated in urban Uxbridge.

The R.R. 3, Stouffville man's interest in the mayoral post stems in part from the tangles he's had with the municipality's present chief magistrate, Gerri Lynn O'Connor.

Their latest encounter came near the end of an April 24 council meeting when Mayor O'Connor

publically described one of his motions as "garbage" and "stupid." A visibly-shaken Avery stormed out of the Bascom Street municipal building in protest.

Councillor Avery, who boasts a perfect attendance record, thus far in the 1985-88 term, had suggested individual council members be fined \$25 for each meeting they failed to attend. He wants the money directed to a fund supporting needy Durham Region families during the Christmas season.

Ms. O'Connor is a former local and regional councillor who was acclaimed mayor of Uxbridge Twp. last year. She has not announced her future political plans.

Uxbridge Players take to the stage with comedy

UXBRIDGE — The cast and crew of Uxbridge Players are ready to bring Peter Coke's *Breath of Spring* to the Uxbridge Music Hall stage May 8, 9 and 10.

A special premiere performance begins tomorrow at 8 p.m., with box office proceeds going to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

Frank Van Veghel is catering Friday and Saturday's dinner theatre package. Dinner tickets for May 9 are \$17, and \$19 for May 10.

Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the play begins at 8:30 p.m.

Balcony seats (play only) are available for the second and third nights at a cost of \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students.

For ticket information contact The Craft Corner, 18 Brock Street West, Uxbridge, at 852-5769.

Debby Almond is directing the comedy, which features cast members Dorothy Partridge (Hattie); Margerie Cowley (Alice); David Reid (brigadier); Monica Briggs (Beatrice); Marlis Imboden (Nan); Terry Porter (Detective Pape); Susanna Dalton (Lily the Maid); and Mike Splonick (policeman).



Part of Herongate production

Uxbridge resident Mary Bolter will make her Canadian professional stage debut May 23 to June 28 in Herongate Barn Theatre's *Key For Two*. The native of England has been interested in theatre since she was a girl, but only recently returned to the stage as a member of Uxbridge Players amateur group.

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