

Awesome

Dear Editor:

Awesome, totally awesome. These words best describe the recent OASA Championship won by Betz Pools' men's fastball team. Actually, this description can be extended to encompass the performance of this rookie club over the entire season.

The victory at Windsor was the icing on the cake for a team that was only an idea in 1986.

Thanks to the dedication of coaches Brian Emery and Wayne Allan; sponsor Marvin Betz and players Steve Schell, George Burkholder, Randy Grant, Gary Grant, Paul Boynton, Jim Chilvers, Mark Fockler, John Annis, Gary Vaughan, John Tait, Doug McMillan, Terry Bowles and Bruce Beare, Stouffville fans had a lot to cheer about this summer. At the Kempville Tournament, Jim Chilvers received the No. 1 pitcher award. At Windsor, Bruce Beare was named best batter.

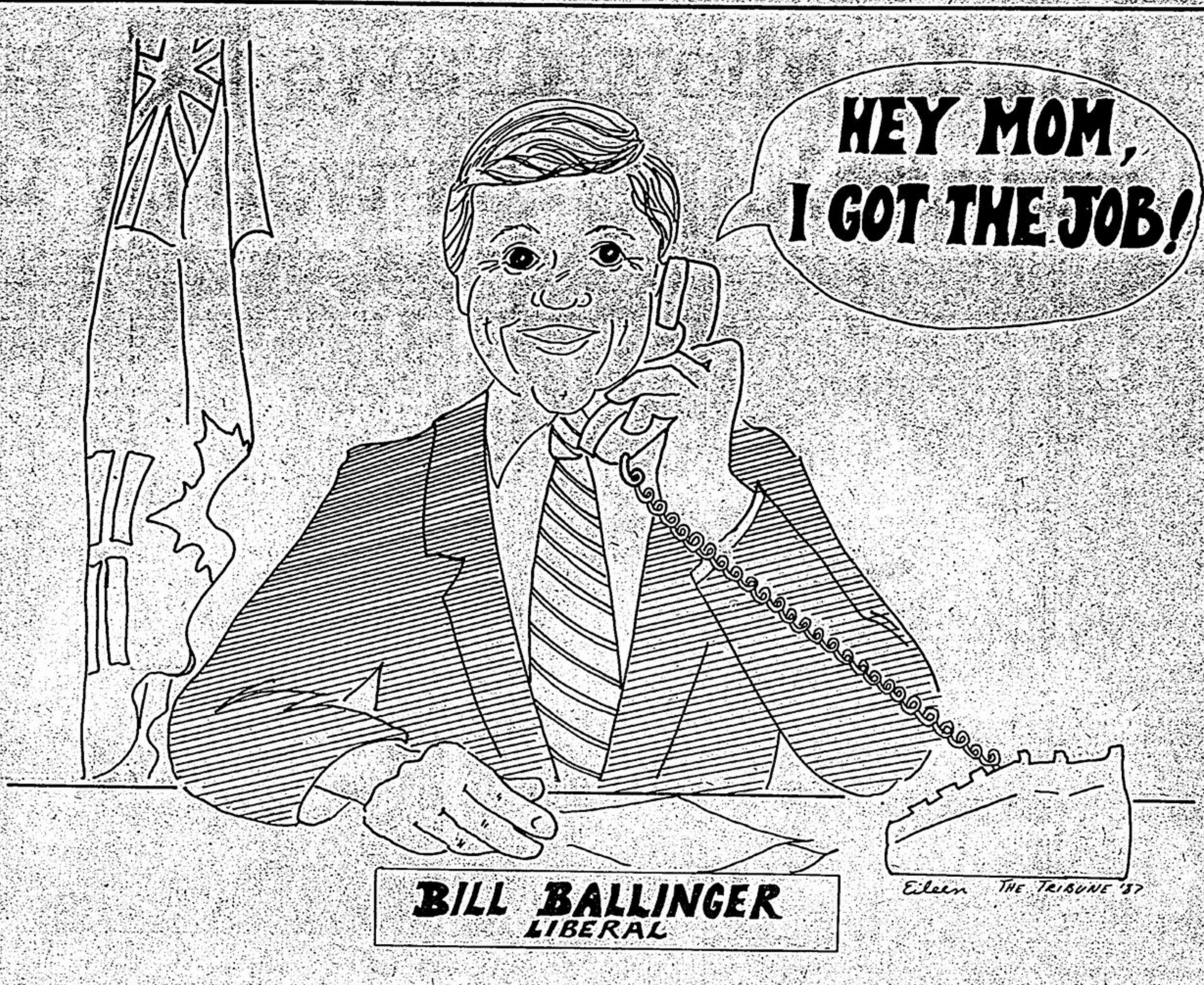
There were tense moments, of course. At Windsor, the team had to come from behind a 2-0 deficit in the bottom of the 7th inning to edge A.V. Systems of Scarborough 3-2. Then there was the 1-0 victory over Acton and the fact Mark Fockler played a part of one game with a broken wrist following a collision at first base.

What is the game if fans aren't sitting on the edge of their collective seats; biting their fingernails and anxiously screaming through every inning?

Yes, we yelled, we cheered and kept our fingers crossed. But dismiss all superstitions related to luck and chance. Impressive results prove talent and skill rein supreme.

We, the fans, wish the Betz Pools team continued success in league playoffs. We cannot help but wonder how this club can possibly upstage such an extraordinary season in 1988.

Sincerely,
The Betz Fans,
of Stouffville



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ROAMING AROUND

Each fall fair is unique

BY JIM THOMAS

I love fall fairs. This infatuation with candy floss, cattle shows, ferris wheels, hotdogs and pumpkin pie goes back more than fifty years.

As a lad, Markham Fair was a 'must' for our family. Even on the farm, everything came to a halt that particular Saturday afternoon. How we looked forward to the time. And I still do; not just Markham Fair but any fair. They're all just a little bit different; really 'unfair' to compare.

Take Uxbridge for example. I spent four hours there Saturday. Great fun!

Initially, I wasn't in the mood. For Saturday was undoubtedly the busiest afternoon of the summer. My assignment list included a Trade Show; a 60th wedding anniversary; a 25th wedding anniversary; a wedding and son Neil's 19th birthday. Jean wasn't about to let me forget the latter.

"I'll arrive early and leave early," I said to myself on departing Stouffville shortly after ten.

Such was not to be. Two dozen handshakes later, I was still only half-way around the Domestic Science display. And I hadn't yet snapped a single picture.

"Is this a Saturday assignment or a social engagement?" I began asking myself.

Admittedly, all the greeters weren't from Uxbridge. I spotted many familiar faces from Whitchurch-Stouffville as well. What's 17 miles to a fall fair fanatic?

I still say this is what the fall fair scene is all about—a place to meet and greet your friends. Oh to have more time to do just that; but there was none. Minutes quickly add up to hours when you're having fun.

I kept reminding myself of the assignments that had to follow.

Horse and cattle shows are a main focus at Uxbridge Fair. I swear some of the same people, (many of them parents and grandparents), sit in the stands from start to finish.

One can't help but admire these 4-H kids. They're dedicated. The winning of a ribbon or, better still, a rosette, is worth more than all the hours of work that goes into making an entry presentable. I wish I had their kind of patience.

But there's more to Uxbridge Fair than cows and horses.

There's food, the best apple pie you've ever tasted; and hamburgers that fairly melt in your mouth. Reasonable too.

There are flowers and fruit; pies and cakes; potatoes and pumpkins; quilting and crocheting; sewing and knitting.

For the undomesticated like myself there are attractions like the Demolition Derby and the Horse Pull.

Due to time limitations, I had to miss both.

However, I did catch the Pet Show with its two feature attractions: 'Ernie the earthworm and 'Rufus' the duck.

By then it was nearly two.

Where did the time go?

I trust organizers will understand when I say Uxbridge is not your 'usual' country fair. No fair is. Each in its own way is unique.

What's so unique about Uxbridge?

Its friendliness. That's the main reason most folks attend; to meet other folks.

But that, (unfortunately), wasn't my reason for being there. It was work, at least it began that way.

However, it didn't remain that way. It was fun!

Editorials

All eyes on Peterson

The provincial election is history but reverberations linger on.

Ontario has found in Premier David Peterson a new hero; for how long is anyone's guess. The electorate is fickle. No one knows this better than Mr. Peterson himself. Three to four years down the road, the tables could be turned. The voter is continually seeking a miracle-worker. Unfortunately, there is no such being: Mr. Peterson, like his predecessors, is human. He'll prove this in the months ahead.

Yes, David Peterson will make mistakes. So will his ministers. And they'll be criticized, much more severely than was the case in the last two years. For there's no NDP 'prop' this time around.

For better or for worse, the Liberals are on their own and all will be watching.

Locally, the outcome in Durham-York was as we predicted—a close Liberal win.

We believe Bill Ballinger would be the first to admit his cause was aided greatly by the man at the helm. Not to suggest he didn't have a strong organization. He did; certainly in Whitchurch-Stouffville he did. However, David Peterson was the difference, not just in this riding but in many other ridings across this province.

What a responsibility!

Trade Show successful

Whitchurch-Stouffville doesn't boast a fall fair, but it does host a Trade Show as good as or better than any towns our size in Ontario.

Last week's exhibit, organized by the Chamber of Commerce, was another example of what can be accomplished when business people pull together.

Compliments were heard all round.

Merchants put considerable time and effort into their displays. In addition, many offered free draws with valuable prizes.

The Tribune did this a little differently. We sold tickets, (3 for \$1), and turned the proceeds over to the Markham-Stouffville Hospital Fund. Hundreds took advantage of the opportunity—to win and, at the same time, aid a worthwhile cause.

We think the Chamber of Commerce and the business community have a good thing going. We hope they'll keep it going.

Supportive

With respect to numbers of participants, the Terry Fox Walk, Sunday, was a decided success.

The turnout included people of all ages—children, teens, adults. Some even brought along their dogs.

The invitation extended to cyclists proved a good idea. They swelled the ranks.

The attendance, much higher than previous years, must have been heartening to organizers who put a lot of time and effort into the project. Long may it last.



Siloam School, (S.S. No. 8), Uxbridge Twp. — 1946-47

The Tribune is always interested in old school photos, providing all students can be identified. This is Siloam Public School, S.S. No. 8, Uxbridge Township. The year is 1946-47. The pupils and principal are: Rear Row (left to right) — Noel Gleason, Pauline Wallace, Lulubelle Davis, Betty Alcock, Margaret Harrison, Gloria Chase, Betty Beach, Barbara Murray, Doris Harrison, Mrs. Carling Alcock, (Principal). Middle Row (left to right) — George Carroll, Mervin Davis, Doris Toole, Irene Vine, Anne Smalley, Janice Gleason, Catherine Beach, Marietta Smalley, Maxine Wallace, Eunice Toole, Garnet Yakeley. Front Row (left to right) — Billy Yakeley, Ron Gillespie, Johnnie Wallace, Keith Wallace, Ken Davis, Roger Corbett, Bobby Beach, James Gleason, Marvin Toole and Lionel Gleason.

—Photo courtesy Betty DeGeer

The class system

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago when the Hungerford Massacre was a headline, I was listening to the early morning news on CTV where two allegedly learned gentlemen were being interviewed by Norm Perry as to what they thought were the primary causes of such an event.

One of these gentlemen who held a doctorate title astounded me by suggesting three main reasons:

(1.) The rapid Americanization of the U.K. (2.) The brutal class system. (3.) The Thatcher Government.

Let me take his points one at a time.

First, if he means the appearance in the U.K. of McDonald's fast-food outlets, American-style football, Coca Cola and Rambo-type films, I would agree he's right. However, I fail to see how these things individually or collectively would trigger such a tragedy. These American institutions have crept into all European countries without the loss of their own culture (maybe Rambo-type films can have a detrimental effect on unstable minds.)

Second, I do not see by what criteria this gentleman has the nerve to call the class system brutal. And by the way he said it, one might think that the U.K. is the only country that has a class system. There is no such thing as a classless society. Class originates in personal wealth and in property.

Way back in history, those that could grab by fair means or foul became lords over all that they could survey. Later, when the industrial revolution was in full swing, the "nouveau riche" industrialists, through their accumulated wealth could move into the upper echelons of society.

I've heard people say North American society, which includes Canada, is classless. One only has to look around and survey the social structure of this culture to see how false this claim is. Those that are rich in material things and enjoy a higher standard of living than others automatically socialize with their peers and do not "hob nob" with those less fortunate than themselves, thereby forming a class.

Even Communist countries have their class system of wealth and privilege. This class culture has stood the test of time. If it was so abhorred by the general populace, it would have disappeared long ago. So long as personal wealth exists on an uneven scale, class will always be with us.

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