Searle stresses solutions

By JOHN STEWART concerned only with solutions, "not with problems that give us an expedient plat-form from which to wave a

So stated Mayor Ron Searle this week in his inaugural address before about 650 peoole at Glenforest Secondary School. Searle and the nine other members of council were sworn into office by county court Judge B. Barry

The new mayor, who was a Ward 7 councillor for 12 years, said "tonight is just a short pause in the history of this great municipality. In the final analysis, everything we have is a continuing process and the city we have is the sum total of the good men and women who preceded us and built this into one of the finest municipalities in Canada one with its faults but with its

It is people such as those in the audience who are willing to become part of the process who make the political system work, Searle said. "You more than we up on this platform

He said that all the

"are here in spirit," just as all those who contested the December election did not

to his four adversaries for the post, saying he'd never seen a harder fought or cleaner cam-

of my opponents for making the system work. Without them and the spirit of competition, nothing we believe in

'We owe a debt to thos whom we sometimes too lightly call 'the losers'.'' Searle, the former pres

of the Orchard Heights Ratepayers Association, who was elected in his first try for office in 1963, paid tribute to his predecessors who led the municipality: Mary Fix, Robert Speck, Chic Murray

and Martin Dobkin.

Of Dobkin, whom he defeated by 3,600 votes, Searle said, "Martin introduced a new theme at city hall, a theme which appealed to many. He introduced many new philosophies, although they were not all adopted. But

really fail because they did

The new mayor paid tribute

ould be achieved

I want to publicly thank all

municipal politicians at Glenforest Secondary Schoo

that makes up the city of Politicians often disagree bitterly in public, noted Searle, but "we have a greater affinity for a rough, tough op-ponent than we have for that percentage of the people who just sit back and do nothing.

In repeating a constant theme during the campaign, the new mayor told the audience that the people

still pledged to represent-

"By being elected they do not overnight cease to be one of you and join another club. They aren't 'one of them' or 'one of those politicians'.

We will make mistakes and sometimes we will offend you," Searle stated, adding council had the difficult role of trying to co-ordinate the different priorities of all

"This council has to make

plan to return to teaching. He was the former head of the geography department at Cawthra Park Secondary

Remember when they make those decisions that that's what you elected them to do, to use their judgment and the new councillors that the stand up and be counted. We will face many obstacles, but I promise you that we will look

at the obstacles as only a temporary impediment to At the conclusion of his address, Searle announced that he would present an oil portrait of former Mayor Dobkin to him. Dobkin was not in attendance. The

ing will be hung at city Searle's address, delivered spontaneously in his typically animated style, was warmly received. Both Peel Regional Rhodes, who was the keynote speaker, called it one of the best inaugural addresses they'd heard. In his speech, Rhodes told

problems of local government are "truly gigantic, but not in-He called Mississauga one of the rare urban experiments where a large city is located

close to an even larger urban area. "But we can't compare Mississauga and Metropolitan Toronto because the in-frastructure is in place in Toronto and it's not here." Council can still effect meaningful changes in the shape of the future city, the

ing minister maintai You have an original Housing Minister John

Mayor Ron Searle (left) chats with Bud Gregory, Progressive Conservative MPP for Mississauga East, during swearing-in ceremonies for The major danger lies not in no growth or irrational plan-ning, but in sterility," Rhodes said. The success of shaping

> Rhodes expressed particular interest in Searle's. proposal of a Housing Mississauga conference to involve public and private sec-

the city depends on "making courageous choices rather

than making no choices at

tors alike in a forum.

In the next two years, the new council will be criticizied by the public, noted the minister. "Criticism is needed, but at the same time do not forget to praise as well. Tell these people that they're doing a good job when you believe they are. They're your representatives and they

deserve your support.'

And on the lighter side ..

If Judge B. Barry Shapiro ever decides to leave the judiciary, he might well consider a career as a stand-up comic.

Judge Shapiro's off-the-cuff remarks were one of the highlights of city council's ceremonial inaugural meeting this week.

After swearing in Ron Searle as mayor, Judge Shapiro began to ask councillors to stand and take their oaths as well. But Mississauga East MPP Bud Gregory, the master of ceremonies, cut the judge off, indicating that Ontario Housing Minister John Rhodes would first present the chain of office to the new

When Judge Shapiro was recalled shortly after to swear in the councillors he broke up the audience with the comment that "for a moment there I thought I was on the Gong Show.



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Dobkin begins job at nursing home

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Dixie Plaza was the first department store in Square major plaza to be built in Mississauga (then Toronto Burnhamthorpe Road and

Township) in the mid 1950s. It Highway 10 in Mississa

Dobkin has accepted a posi-ion as a physician with the Tyndall Nursing Home at 1060 Eglinton Ave. E. in

Dr. Dobkin, who was The former mayor also in-

department store and

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election last Dec. 6, has already begun work at the home which opened last year. He acts as consulting physician for the nursing facility.

Sears eyes Dixie Plaza site

warehouse does exist, but that

it and we have not made up our minds yet," Mandel said Tuesday. He added that he

would probably know more by Monday morning.

tenure on city council.

David Culham, another

taken out to L-shaped plaza

rented. If Sears did move in, it would probably take over

most of the north-south arm

Sears also operates a large

Lisbon

School in Mississauga.

Another councillor defeated in the December election, Hubert Wolf, said last week he is still undecided on whether or not he will return of Dixie Plaza, and Sears General Manager H. J. Mandel say that the possibili-enclosed and enclosed malls to work. Before being elected in 1973, Wolf was employed at the University of Toronto.

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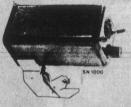
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