

# Margaret Britnell, Mactaggart Vie For Mayor

It'll be a battle of the sexes come October 5 when King Township electors go to the polls to do their part in launching York County's much-talked-about regional government setup.

Lining up on the left for mayor will be veteran Ken Mactaggart and on the right a relatively newcomer to politics, Mrs. Margaret Britnell, who is just finishing her first year as councillor in the township. Mr. Mactaggart is currently deputy-reeve and has many years' experience on council.

The battle-lines were drawn Monday night at the nomination meeting held at King City Secondary School before a good-sized but not over-powering audience.

A total of 10 candidates will be aspiring to gain seats in the newly-formed six ward system in the township. King Township will have one representative on the regional council who will be the mayor.

Ward 1 will see yet another battle of the sexes struggle between newcomers Eileen Woods of Kettleby and Donald Findlay of King City. Mr. Findlay is a former trustee of King City Police Village.

Former King Councillor Cyril Flinders, who served two terms on King Council will be matching swords with newcomer Roy Wilson of the Nobleton area for the single seat available in Ward 2.

Murray Sheardown swept in unopposed for Ward 3 with a

ed up a rather non-controversial helping of speeches with the exception of a brief clash between Messrs. Cook and Findlay.

Mr. Findlay, a well known county lawyer, referred to the township's proposed controversial Official Plan as a "mish-mash deal full of booby-traps which will lead to litigation suits."

Mr. Findlay pointed out that the municipality has had an Official Plan for its four built-up areas and felt that a great deal of expense could have been saved by bringing in "new by-laws under the authorization of the old Official Plan instead of coming up with an entirely new plan."

This brought a firm rebuttal from Reeve Cook who stated bluntly that he didn't take "lightly the statement that the Official Plan is just mish-mash."

He noted that Mr. Findlay was one of 15 persons who are "drastically opposed to this new plan."

He said that much time and study had gone into the plan which was drafted by "top consultants" and he would "stand by it all the way."

Mr. Cook also noted that only \$5,000 had been spent yearly on planning by the township until the Official Plan which "is costing us \$8,000. And we spent \$4,000 of it each year over the past two years which shows we weren't out of line."

Earlier, Mr. Cook withdrew from the race thanking the electors for their support over 11 consecutive years of public service on the council which culminated in his being the last warden of York County.

The speech-making saw Deputy-reeve Mactaggart touching on a number of subjects including the Official Plan which "I realize is controversial but which I also feel is a good one."

He said it provided 1,500 ft. homes for persons in the rural areas and reduced ones of 1,200 feet in the built-up areas for "people who can't afford large homes."

Mr. Mactaggart also called for a review of the many outdated by-laws and the initiation

of a rezoning the entire area of the township as well as a step-up in road construction "which we are greatly in need of in this township."

His opponent, Mrs. Britnell, noted that "one of the most important pieces of legislation at the township level has been the experience of our Official Plan which is presently in the process of getting final approval."

She said the plan had been the subject of controversy "but I feel it is very important to the people living in residential lots in the rural areas. We must give them some protection."

"I consider it immoral to expect people to pay the price they do for a building lot, build a house to a size we say they must, subject them to various other restrictions, tax them the way we do, and then not give them at least the protection of a zoning by-law."

Ward 1 candidate Mrs. Woods also plumped for the Official Plan saying it would "be of great benefit to the township. I feel that people should be able to do anything they want with their land providing they do not adversely affect their neighbors."

She also called on the township to update or abandon "old, outmoded by-laws and replace them with ones designed for the twentieth century."

Mr. Wilson, Ward 2, promised he'd be his "own man" and wouldn't hesitate to antagonize anyone "for the good of the township as a whole."

Mr. Flinders observed that regional government was a "new ball game and your new council will have to be strong as well as experienced. A weak council could have an adverse affect on the whole municipality."

He expressed satisfaction at the fact that the township's volunteer fire departments would remain unaffected by regional government.

Mr. Flinders also called for a drive to eliminate the dumping of raw sewage into streams suggesting that some other means had to be found to eliminate such acts of pollution.

Mr. Oskin pledged to do his best in the interest of the township terming the office of councillor a "great challenge."

His opponent, Mr. Duggan, stated he was for "progress in allowing housing subdivisions but only at an orderly rate of development."

"There must be some way to offer employment to these people and educate their children."

Mr. Rough espoused a "hold the line for a continued beautiful King", stating he didn't want the township to become one huge sprawling subdivision.

Mr. Crossland said the new council must work closely with the ratepayers to find some way of finding a more equitable basis of assessment.

"Everyone says re-assessment on market value is the province's fault but I say that we can do something about it ourselves and must. We must keep clamoring at Queen's Park until our voices are heard."

Chairman of the meeting was Peter Williams.

## Skull Fractured By Propeller

Now reported out of danger after surgery at St. Michael's Hospital is a Willowdale man who had his forehead crushed by the propeller of his do-it-yourself two-seater aircraft at 6:10 pm September 19 at Buttonville Airport, Don Mills Road and Highway 7.

Arthur Baier, 41, of 394 Kingsdale Avenue, was putting the finishing touches to his machine before having it inspected for air worthiness.

His wife was standing nearby when he turned the propeller and it kicked back, hitting him in the head.

He was working outside the airport's new hanger on the east side of the runway.

He was taken by ambulance to North York General Hospital, where x-rays showed he had a bad skull fracture.

Transferred to St. Michael's Hospital, he was in intensive care for several days after which a bone fragment was removed by surgery.

## County Board Of Education Many Trustee Candidates Running

Three of the five municipalities in Southern York County will be electing trustees to York County Board of Education on election day, October 5, and only one will be electing trustees to the York County Roman Catholic School Board.

In Richmond Hill and the new Town of Vaughan there will be no contest for board of education as trustees were elected by acclamation at nominating meetings Monday, Richmond Hill, King, Vaughan and the new Town of Markham have all acclaimed trustees to the Catholic Board.

Three people, including two sitting trustees, are in the running for the two board of education in King Township; two are seeking election to the one spot in Whitchurch-Stouffville, and six, including the four present trustees, will be on ballot for the four openings in the new Town of Markham.

In King, Mrs. Margaret Coburn of Kettleby is challenging incumbents Marvin Hunter and David Bachly.

A graduate of the University of Toronto and McGill University, Mrs. Coburn was chief librarian in Pembroke, and is a former librarian at King City Secondary School.

Mrs. Coburn served on the executive of Kettleby Parent Teacher Association for four years, was a conference leader for the county board, and is a member of a committee studying the feasibility of an experimental school in York County.

Mr. Hunter has been a member of the county board since its inception January 1, 1969, and before that served for 12 years on the Aurora District High School Board.

Trustee David Bachly served for one year with the King Township Public School Board before his election to the county board.

Sitting Trustee Peter VanDyk and a newcomer, Alan Quenneville, will represent separate school supporters of King on the Catholic Board.

## Sale Of CFGM In The Offing

John Graham and Stuart Coxford, owners of CFGM radio station, have confirmed a report that they have entered into an agreement to sell a majority interest in the local radio station to Allan Slaight once of CHUM. The sale requires approval by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission.

Messrs. Graham and Coxford will retain an interest in the station as minor shareholders and will devote themselves to the development of their Richmond Hill Cable TV Company.

Mr. Slaight is already at CFGM as general manager.

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- SEPTEMBER 25, FRIDAY, 8 p.m.—Richmond Hill Jaycees are holding a fashion show in the old arena. Free door prizes. clw12
- SEPTEMBER 25-26 — Richmond Hill Jaycees Trade Fair, Town Arena. For information phone 884-7477. c3w11
- SEPTEMBER 26, SATURDAY — Rummage Sale, St. Gabriel's Anglican Church, Bayview and Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill, 10 - 12 noon. Good used clothing and white elephant table. c2w12
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- SEPTEMBER 26, SATURDAY — Annual Rummage Sale at Wrixon Hall at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by St. Mary's Anglican Church women. clw13
- OCTOBER 1, THURSDAY — Tour of Thornhill Homes from 1 - 5 p.m. by the A. C. W. Holy Trinity Church. Babysitting, afternoon tea. Tickets \$2.50 - phone Mrs. Moore 889-3553 or Mrs. Shields 889-2984. clw13
- OCTOBER 3, SATURDAY — 10 am - 12:30 pm — Place — Yonge and Centre St. UCW, Rummage Sale, at Richmond Hill United Church. c3w11
- OCTOBER 5 — Richmond Hill Agricultural Society annual general meeting, at 8:15 p.m. in New Arena Banquet Room, town park. e2w12
- OCTOBER 5, MONDAY 8:30 pm — Keep Fit classes for married women at Victoria Square Community Centre. Registration Monday night September 28 at Mrs. Pat Ottaway. 8:30 - 10:30 pm. \$2 per month payable on registration. Further information call Mrs. Edna Boyd, 887-5288. clw13
- OCTOBER 6 TUESDAY, 8 pm. — East Central Branch YCHA Mixed Bridge, Progressive Euchre, Lions Hall. Prizes, refreshments, bake sale. Tickets \$1. e2w13

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## Teachers' Salaries

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twice in September without coming any closer to agreement, and last week on the recommendation of the teachers, two representatives of the central office of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation were invited to sit in at a joint meeting of the negotiating committees.

The meeting continued well past midnight, and on Friday morning a joint statement was released by Whitchurch Trustee Arthur Starr, chairman of the board's negotiating committee, and Richmond Hill High School Teacher John Munro-Cape, chairman of the teachers' committee, stating that a satisfactory salary agreement had been reached, subject to ratification by teachers and trustees.

Secondary school teachers in Metro also went back to work this month without solving salary problems. Like York County teachers, they have been paid according to the schedule offered by Metro Board of Education in June. The offer was rejected by the teachers.

## Deputy-reeve Lawrie Seeks Regional Seat In Town Of Markham

Harold "Hi" Lawrie, 56, of 10 Erlane Avenue, Markham, is a candidate for a seat on the new York Regional Council in the new Town of Markham.

Region council candidates, including mayors, are elected at large by all the voters in their municipality, under the new regional government legislation. Each voter will be able to vote for two of the three candidates running.

A win also gives a region councillor a seat on the local town council, along with the members elected from each ward.

Born in Scarborough, Mr. Lawrie is a retired businessman and lived 50 years in Markham. He has four children and two grandchildren.

He is serving his fifth year as deputy-reeve of Markham, a position which gave him a seat on York County Council during that time.

He says his main aim in seeking election is to keep Steeles Avenue as the northern boundary of the new York Region and Markham Town.

He has served as chairman of the York County Roads Advisory Committee, the York County Police Special Committee and the York County Reforestation Committee.

He has also served on the York Manor Committee of Management and the Metro Conservation Authority.

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