Markham trustee Honsberger not running lead to their disintegration administrators could also in our system. They are our

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rigorous," Honsberger said.

After 18 years' continuous service as a school trustee, John Honsberger of Markham, last week announced his decision not to stand for re-election to York County Board of Education.

"The time needed and the financial commitment to reasonably fulfil the responsibilities of a trustee is more than I am now able to afford," Honsberger said.

"Over the past years, and particularly this past year, my commitment to the board has been at a personal and financial cost to both my family and my firm. It would be unfair to both if I were to continue with the board."

He said he would also like more time to devote to other commitments.

Stayed to help

Honsberger said he had originally intended to resign with the formation of the York board, but stayed on to assist in the transition to the larger board for the teaching and administrative staff.

"I have always felt I could best assist public education in the county by working with and encouraging those within our system who had vision and ability," he said.



JOHN HONSBERGER Private life beckons

"Those qualities I felt would attract other good people to our board and in the end provide the best possible system of public education in the province."

Danger ahead He said there were certain pressures on large institutions "that ultimately

degree of being lock-stepped with each other and the style may be more professionally and educationally satisfying, albeit often more

that direction.

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become equally most valuable resource and into smaller units". The board, he felt, was headed in pened, public education would suffer, "particularly There was a danger the when the total school population in the province

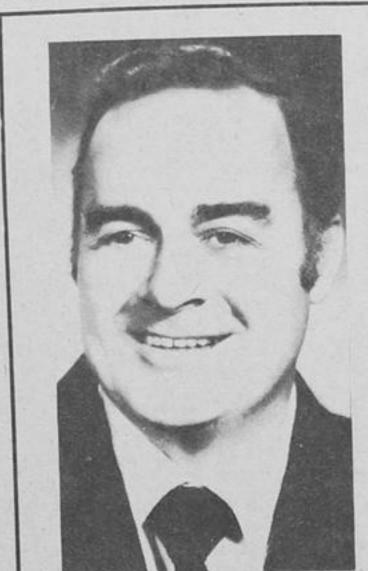
> was bound to suffer". The challenge was to prevent it from happening and to "keep the good people

disillusioned. If that hap- the most difficult to replace", he said.

Honsberger said he would miss his work with the board and schools and valued the friends he had made "and the personal satisfaction of sharing in the achievements of the board"

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