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# Senior level attracts King mayor

YORK NORTH — "People should get out and get more involved in local affairs," is a major thrust of King Township Mayor Margaret Britnell's own philosophy of life.

Mrs. Britnell is trying to motivate that involvement as she carries the Liberals' hopes of unseating York North MPP William Hodgson. Mrs. Britnell has always taken an active interest in politics, but her career began in 1970 when she served as a councillor in the old King Township.

She failed to gain the mayoralty in 1970, but took that position in 1973. She is in her second term as mayor. Mrs. Britnell feels that she is hamstrung to some extent at the local level and that is why she has entered the provincial field, stating, "the province is still the senior level of government."

She has been one of the more outspoken members of York Regional Council and "I hope to be a thorn in the side at the provincial level as well." "I felt after a year as mayor that something was wrong," she told The Tribune in an interview. She realized that all the major decisions,

concerning many local issues, were made at the provincial level. She told about how shocked she was when she attended a session of the legislature. "I never saw a more lackadaisical bunch in my life," she said. "That's not who I want representing me."

without a provincial land use plan, "backed by legislation." "No more regional governments for Ontario," she said, echoing the statements of party leader Robert Nixon. "There they do exist, we will put them under review."

She expressed the concern that the regional system removes decision making from the local areas.

On another tact, she said that her main concern is that elected representatives should question some of things being done. She feels that after 32 years, the conservatives don't question some of the institutional decision making.

Mrs. Britnell maintains that the education system is at "rock bottom" and that the direction should be back to core curriculum, "the 3 R's". The province of Ontario is spending \$4 billion for education, she said. "We must have some discernible stan-

## NDP hopeful

## Opposition MPP called best for York North

YORK NORTH — After running second to MPP Bill Hodgson in 1971, NDP hopeful in York North Bob Lewis feels that following the Sept. 18 election, his party will represent the riding at Queen's Park.

Mr. Lewis, a resident of Whitchurch-Stouffville, is a systems analyst at IBM. He is married and has three sons, Ted, David and Greg.

He served one term on Stouffville council and a term on the former Whitchurch Township council.

Mr. Lewis supports the policies put forward by the provincial NDP, which have been stated as energy, housing, land-use and "people's". He feels most of the policies have relevance to this riding.

stick to issues," he said. "Not get into a dog and cat fight with Davis and Nixon." He feels that whatever party forms the government, it would benefit York North to be represented by an opposition member. Regional government is one bone of contention with, "very little public input."

Mr. Lewis strongly opposes the Pickering airport and the North Pickering project because both will take up good agricultural land.

"It is a resource that cannot be replaced once asphalt goes over it," he said.

He also opposes the way it has been imposed on the people. "One main NDP program is a farm stabilization program to provide a 'steady wage' for farmers to 'take away the feast or famine cycle.' This would include a basic income guarantee to farmers to keep them on the land."

He said that a similar voluntary plan in British Columbia includes 90 per cent of farmers.

Mr. Lewis said that Ontario Federation of Agriculture favors such a plan for Ontario.

A comprehensive provincial land use plan is also necessary, according to Mr. Lewis. Although planning should be done at the local level, he feels that it should be within the frame work of a provincial plan.

In the field of housing, Mr. Lewis said that there was a 31 per cent drop in housing starts from July 1974 to July of this year.

The NDP, he said will build 120,000 houses a year. These would be moderately priced homes with the government owning the land and leasing it to home owners.

As far as campaigning is concerned, Mr. Lewis said that the NDP will spend about \$6,000 in York North. Mailing is being used for the first time.

"We hope to contact everybody in York North riding," Mr. Lewis said. "If we can't do it personally, we will mail pamphlets."

"We must convince people that we are credible," he added. Mr. Lewis has had a personal interest in conservation and says that he is in favor of "natural growth" and doesn't condone "artificial growth."

While he is a conservationist, Mr. Lewis feels that he is not anti-development and puts himself in the category of a "moderate". "We don't want massive growth in one area," the NDP candidate said. "The energy situation, he said, is not really being dealt with by the provincial government's freeze on gasoline prices. "My only prediction is that the five cents asked for by the oil companies will be eight cents when the freeze is lifted later this year," he said.

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<b>NEW CLASS</b> Agincourt Fairview Mall Fri. 9:30 a.m.	<b>THORNHILL</b> Christ the King Lutheran Church Baythorn & Royal Orchard Wed. 7:30 p.m.	<b>AGINCOURT</b> Knox United Church Christian Education Bldg. Midland North of Sheperd Thurs. 7:30 p.m.

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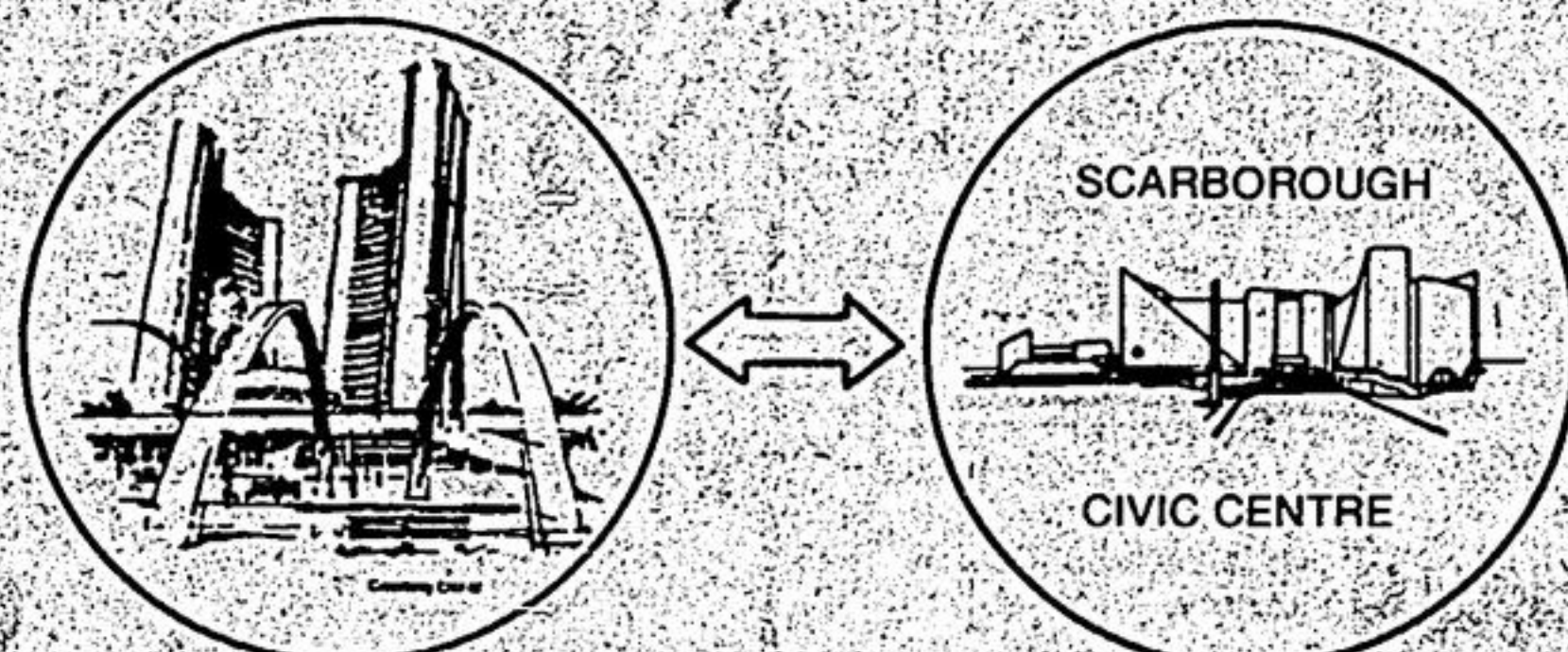
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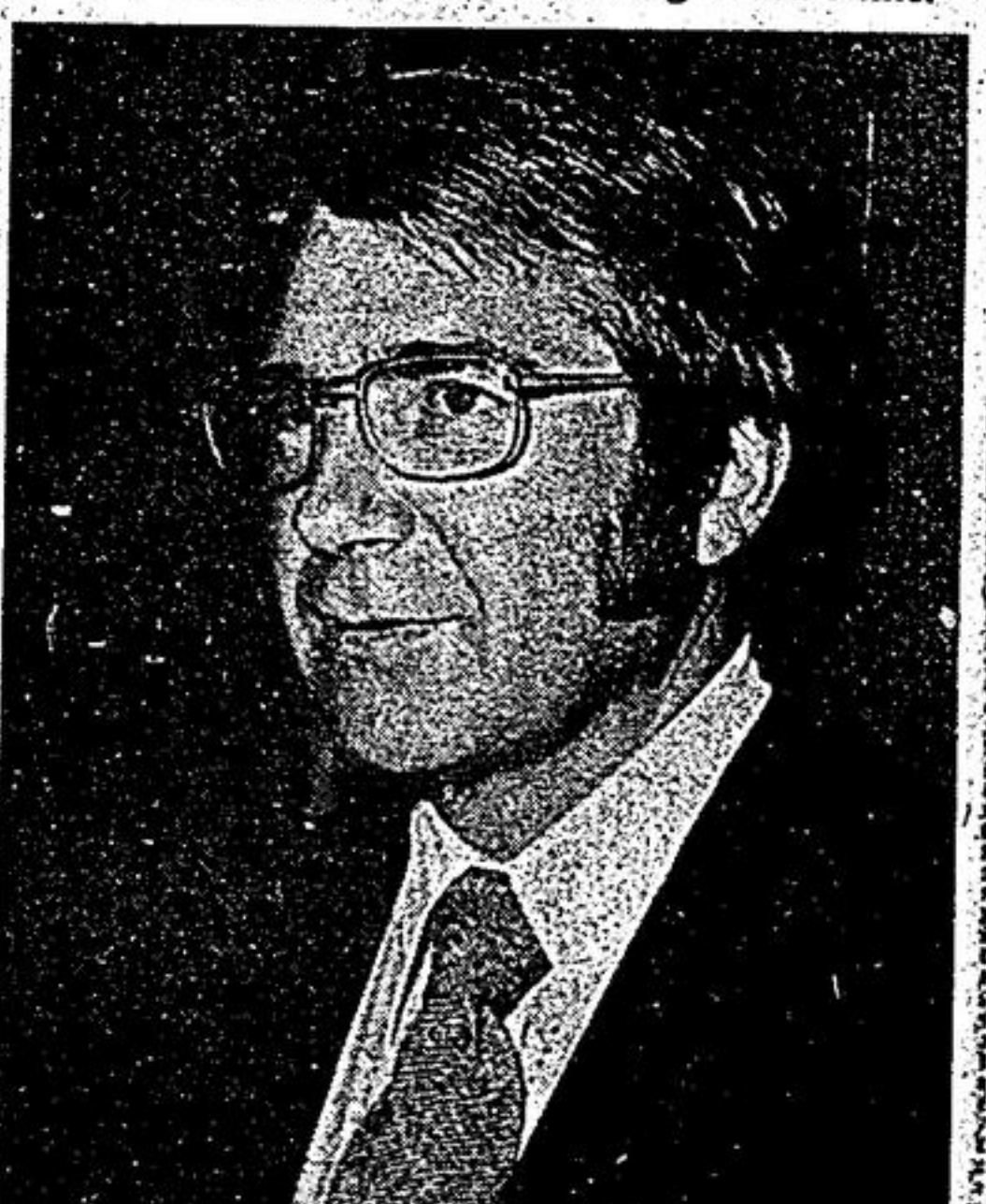
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MARGARET BRITNELL more involvement needed

dards with which to judge the land now designated for the Pickering airport. Mrs. Britnell is also against the proposed Pickering airport, and blames the provincial government for choosing the Pickering site. "It was their decision to put it there," she said. "Now that it's election time, they say they won't pay for the roads." "People demand a little more honesty from elected representatives," she said. She said that growth should be decentralized from Toronto and she felt that a good site for the Ministry of Agriculture is

the land now designated for the Pickering airport. She said that farmland should be preserved and supports the farm insurance scheme put forward by the Liberal party, providing income security for farmers. Mrs. Britnell said that the public relations budget of the provincial government would be cut in half if the Liberals are elected. She also decried strikes that have hurt the economy. She summed up the Tory government as "cynical and manipulative, and that's something I don't like."



ROBERT LEWIS Opposition needed here

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