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Region

Hydro plans first step toward supercity?

By JOAN RANSBERRY
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Is it the first step towards the City of T.R.O.Y.?

Amalgamation talks for a region-wide Hydro electric commission including all of Stouffville are taking place, *The Tribune* has learned.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson is adamant. It is "not" the first move towards York region becoming a supercity.

If the region's more than 600,000 residents are lumped into a city, T.R.O.Y. (The Region Of York) has been suggested as the name. There's no

relationship between T.R.O.Y. and the talks going on, Emmerson insists.

"It's just that power (Hydro) lines have no boundaries. They run everywhere. I don't see this as an amalgamation between municipalities," said Emmerson.

York regional chairman Eldred King holds a different viewpoint. All talks of amalgamation have the potential to lend themselves to the concept of the formation of cities, including York Region becoming one, King suggested. "Definitely, it leads to that," King said.

A feasibility study, designed to see if Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro Electric Commission and sister utilities in Newmarket, Aurora, Markham, Richmond Hill, Georgina and possibly Vaughan, King and East Gwillimbury could disband to form one mega utility to serve all or most of York is in the works, Ward 4 Councillor Cliff Dunkeld confirmed.

"We're looking at the prospect of joining together (in York). Discussions are taking place. We want to see if it's feasible," said Dunkeld, a member of the local Hydro commission.

Emmerson said the idea isn't new. "There has always been a will of the municipalities (in

York) to get together to deliver lower (Hydro) rates," he said.

King said the idea has been around since the inception of

York Region. King said he hopes the game plan is to include the rural areas included.

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Plane executes emergency landing at local airport

By JOAN RANSBERRY
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The pilot of a light aircraft made an emergency landing

in a field between Hwy. 48 and the Ninth Line in Stouffville near the Markham Airport at noon Thursday.

Neither the flight instructor-pilot nor his student were injured in the crash landing. However, the aircraft sustained damage when it hit the ground, a government official reported.

Don Enns, superintendent of the federal government's Transport Safety Board (TSB) said the pilot reported that his engine lost power.

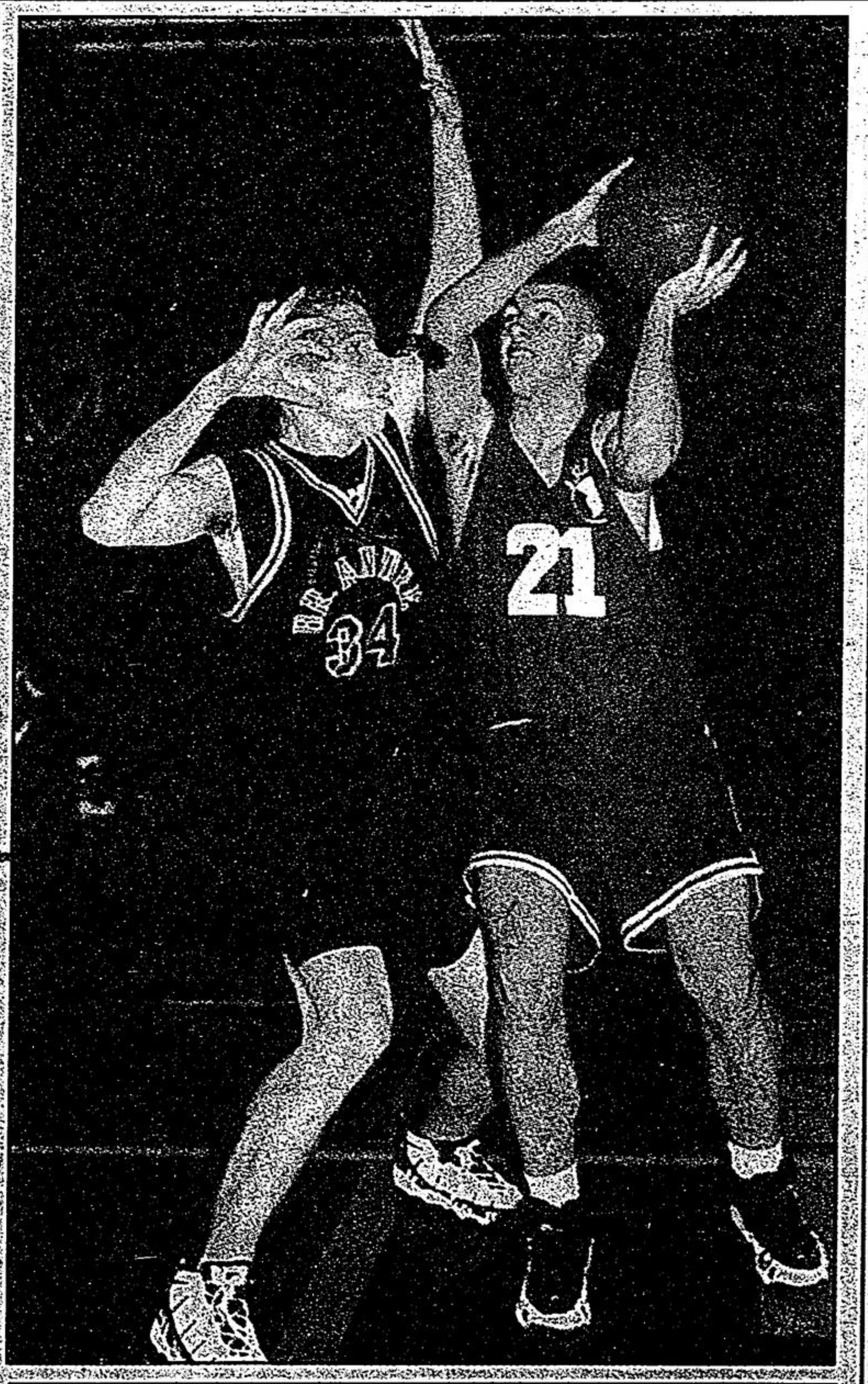
"The propellor wasn't working so the pilot put it down," said Enns.

There will not be a TSB investigation. "We're satisfied with the report filed by the pilot," said Enns. An investigation would be held if there was a number of such incidents. This is not the case, said Enns.

Officials at Markham Airport declined comment on the incident.



This small plane made a forced landing at Markham Airport on Thursday.
Photo/ALAN SHACKLETON



Driving the hoop

Mike Masci, captain of the Stouffville Secondary Spartans, drives the hoop against a Br. Andre Catholic High School player in York league basketball action this week. See Sports for more on the game.

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