



The forlorn vegetable stand on Highway 47 west of Stouffville is rather a pathetic sight as it leans over seemingly ready to collapse with even the slightest breeze. It seems to

recall sadly the glorious days of summer when it was piled high with fresh produce. John Montgomery

Letters to the Editor

Volunteer makes appeal for piano

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity of contacting your readers while they are thinking about spring cleaning.

I visit the residents of Green Gables Nursing Home at Bloomington twice a week and do crafts with some of the residents; sometimes we break into a song but with no accompaniment this isn't always successful. So I am appealing to any reader who has a piano in good playing order, which is just gathering dust, to give it a good home where it will be enjoyed.

If they contact me, I will see to the removing of it.

JACKIE MANSER
R. R. 2, Stouffville

Editor's Note: Anyone able to help Mrs. Manser may contact her at 640-4360.

Local solicitor opposes airport

Dear Sir:

The Gibson Commission on the Pickering Airport has made a strong recommendation to proceed with that Airport.

They have also recommended the immediate expansion of Malton.

They have also recommended that the Cabinet seriously consider acquiring property within certain "noise lands".

The first two above recommendations do not surprise me.

The third recommendation is a definite shock, because those noise lands include the village of Stouffville, Claremont, Greenwood, part of Markham, Musselman's Lake, and beyond. The inquiry rejected the Government evidence of the estimate of numbers of people who would be affected by noise. In effect, the inquiry has pointed out

that many more thousands people should have been considered in acquiring land properly for an Airport.

I recall headlines in the Stouffville paper at the time of the Airport announcement, to the effect that the Government assured people of Stouffville that they would not be adversely affected by noise. The Commission has obviously disagreed.

I am very much afraid that these revelations about who will really be affected by the Airport will not have any bearing on the Government's decision. The Airport will probably go ahead and the people who were lulled into a false sense of security by the Government Planners, will have to face the spectre of Government acquisition of their properties without the protection of the Expropriation Act. Even more likely, if the Government goes ahead, is no compensation at all for what the inquiry has found will be serious consequences because of high noise levels.

The Cabinet has already apparently rejected the recommendation to expand Malton. It is quite possible it will reject the recommendation to compensate people for future losses. If they do so, we will probably hear some other vague promises that the people of Stouffville will not be able to believe.

The only rational answer is to stop this Airport. It is not too late to protest.

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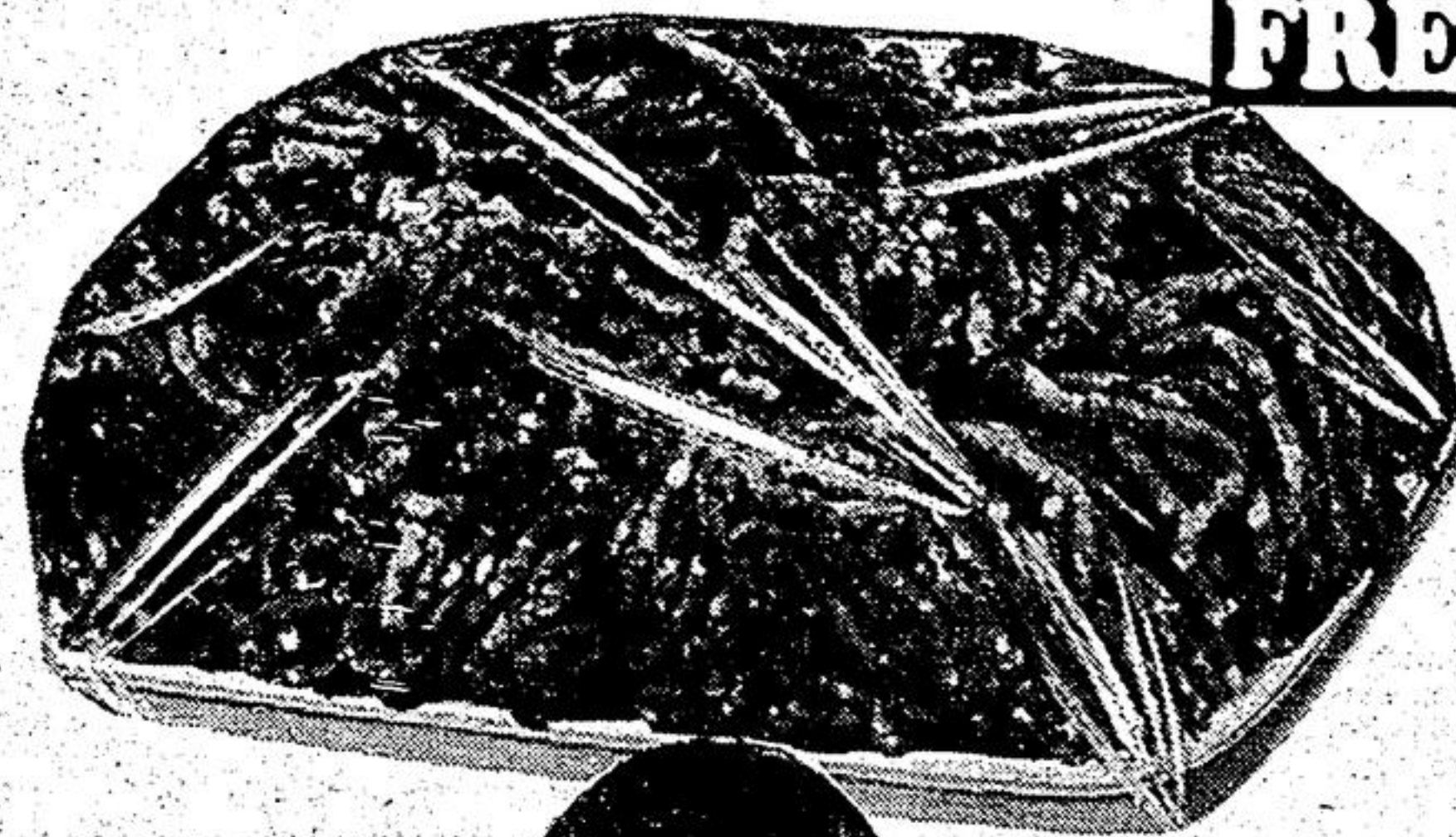
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