

Farmer Bill Newman is new minister of agriculture

QUEEN'S PARK — Durham North Riding MPP Bill Newman was moved into a new slot in the provincial cabinet last week. From being Minister of the Environment, he was shifted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Mr. Newman, himself a Balsam area farmer, told The Tribune he was unaware the change was coming "except the day before." He said he thought he was "going to enjoy the challenge" of his new post.

Regarding Pickering airport property, Mr. Newman said he has advocated putting abandoned land "in production immediately." He said that 1170 North Pickering project acres have been put back into production, through, for the most part, renting a house and farm together "as a unit." He said he hoped that "much of that could be done there (on airport land) as well."

Mr. Newman added that concerning the land freeze surrounding the airport, he hoped it could be "resolved as quickly as possible." The situation there has been going on "long enough," he said.

The new agriculture minister was re-elected last month by a 111-vote margin over Liberal Clare Morrison, with NDP candidate Leslie Griffin running third. A request by Morrison for a recount had been turned down in provincial court recently.

Mr. Newman represented the former Ontario South Riding from the time of his election in 1967, and was appointed Minister of the Environment in February, 1974. Under recent changes in electoral



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boundaries, he now represents Durham North Riding.

Before his election to the legislature, Mr. Newman served as councillor, deputy reeve and reeve in Pickering. He maintained a commercial dairy from before entering the legislature.

Cedarwood's prospects dim

PICKERING — With the cancellation of the Pickering airport, the North Pickering Project has seen a drop in popularity among some local politicians.

Recently a recommended development scheme for the area was announced, with a population of 75,000 planned by 1991.

Pickering Councillor Jack Anderson told The Tribune that "without a viable alternative for industrial development" to the airport, that the Cedarwood project is "not feasible."

He said the province would have to produce the same percentage of commercial and industrial development as any other developer in Pickering. The official plan requires 40 per cent commercial-industrial.

The recently released tentative plan places residential, commercial and industrial development east of Duffins Creek, with leased farmland to the west. Originally, up to 250,000 people were expected to inhabit Cedarwood.

Oshawa Mayor Jim Potticary has come out strongly against the project since he says it is now well beyond the means of the region. Half of the capital projects slated for social services

in North Pickering, he said, would have to be borne by Durham.

Opposition may also be expected from Pickering council, in Councillor Anderson's view. He estimates "probably a majority" of members will now oppose the Cedarwood development.

Mr. Anderson said that there is a mixture of "housing being built in Pickering right now," and that without the industrial base, Cedarwood would drive taxes up even higher.

Pickering favors staying in region

PICKERING — Council recently endorsed a report recommending the town stay within Durham Region. They also turned down a last-minute plea by Councillor Don Kitchen that the town at least come under Metro Toronto planning.

The approved report was prepared by town clerk administrator Noel Marshall and says Pickering residents would pay higher taxes and have less political clout by joining Metro.

In Councillor Jack Anderson's view, the Durham Regional council is "starting to come together."

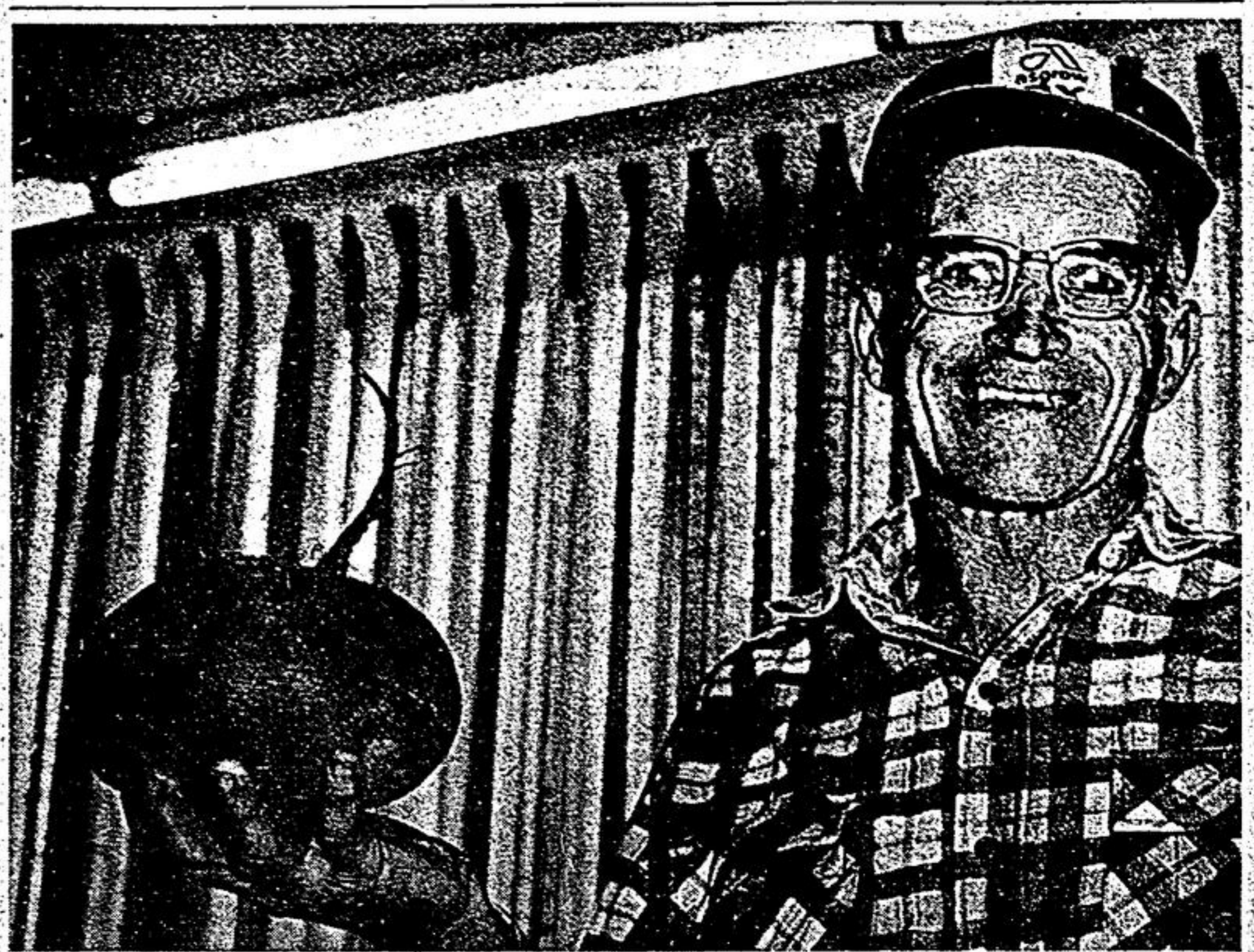
Mr. Anderson said that since council first indicated an interest in joining Metro that "cooperation" by the region has improved. Pickering has been concerned, he said, that they get their "fair share" of industrial and residential assessment.

The motion by Mr. Kitchen defeated by council would have requested that planning be taken out of control of the region and given to Metro. Mr. Kitchen argued that "more orderly and more logical development" would result.

Godfrey to give special lecture

GOODWOOD — Former People or Planes Chairman Charles Godfrey will be featured in a special public lecture at Scarborough College, University of Toronto, next Tuesday, October 21.

The lecture, in honor of the College's 10th anniversary, will be on "The Role of the Citizen in Government." It starts 8 p.m. at the Meeting Place at the college, 1265 Military Trail, West Hill.



It came as quite a surprise to Mervyn Brethour, R.R. 3, Stouffville, when he dug this monster beet out of his garden. Mr. Brethour told The Tribune the beet weighs four pounds, 14 ounces "according to the scale at the IGA."

There were several others in the garden that were nearly as big and all his vegetables were extra large this year. "I've gardened all my life and this is as good a crop as I've ever had," he concluded. — John Montgomery

Uxbridge plan needs change

UXBRIDGE — The old Township of Uxbridge guidelines concerning estate residential development are inadequate, according to a letter from Rebecca Luk of the provincial Ministry of Housing.

Mrs. Luk objected to the wording in the official plan for that area as being too vague. The plan says a "limited amount" of estate residential development will be allowed on "large lots" if approved by the appropriate bodies.

In a report to council, consultant Alex Grant wrote that he agreed with Mrs. Luk in that respect since too much rural housing can prove to be very costly to the Township.

He suggested the more detailed Scott Township plan be adopted since "more comprehensive policies" for estate residential development are needed. However, Mr. Grant disagreed with another suggestion by Mrs. Luk.

She recommended council establish adequate guidelines "as to the amount of estate lots in a given period" of time.

He said she was apparently referring to Century City by the comment, but he believed that if development meets the criteria laid down, it should be allowed to go forward.

"Wet tavern opens

UXBRIDGE — With the recent opening of El Lordon Tavern here, residents can now order liquor with their meal if they so desire. It is the first time that has been possible since prohibition

was instituted nearly 60 years ago. The Brock Street restaurant was formerly the Open Kitchen, prior to renovation.

Last year, township people voted to allow the sale of liquor with meals.

With "Mike the Kite"

Hang-gliding is a way of life

CLAREMONT — For Michael Robertson of Conc. 7, Pickering, "flying high" isn't just a cliché, it's a way of life. Mr. Robertson, known as "Mike the Kite," manufactures and demonstrates "hang gliders."

This fast-growing sport involves leaping off the sides of hills, or mountains with a "gull-wing" kite and silently floating on the wind for up to 13 hours (the world record).

Mike is no stranger to such aerobic feats, having been world flat-kite champion from 1968 to 1971. "Flat-kites" and the kind pulled behind a boat.

Mike got into hang-

gliding two years ago, and his company, "High Perspective", both gives lessons to beginners and builds custom kites. A workshop for the kites is located in a barn behind his 7th concession home.

When talking to Mike there is no doubt that he enjoys his work. Hang-gliding, he says, is a "beautiful, safe... sensitivity oriented sport." While some bad accidents have recently been publicized, Mike says "it's as safe as you want to make it or as dangerous as you want to make it."

"High Perspective" kites have a distinctive design in two respects, Mike said. In them, the body is held prone, face-

down, rather than seated in a sling, and the kites have wheels on the bottom as a safety feature.

Most hang-gliders are built for distance, but theirs are made for "how it feels," Mike said.

Prices for a complete kite range from \$485 to \$585. However, "High Perspective" suggests a person learn to fly at one of their clinics before buying a kite.

High Perspective has high ideals for their work. Their pamphlet says "We believe sky sailing (hang-gliding) has the potential to be the vehicle of the new consciousness as it ascends to broader horizons of individual freedom and awareness."

The pamphlet also wishes the reader "falcon fantasies." Making a profit, Mike says, takes a second place in the company to their belief in the "new consciousness."

Mike himself, worded for five years as a university book representative for Prentice-Hall of Canada before, he says, he began "living for a living."

For three years, he travelled with the "Flying Circus" doing demonstrations at car-

nivals and headlining the waterfront show at Expo in Montreal, among other things. In 1972, he made national headlines by flying over the parliament buildings in

Planning board considers proposal

PINE ORCHARD — Planning Board have been asked to consider a 10 lot estate residential subdivision on Davis Dr. in the fourth concession.

R. R. Higgins, speaking for the owner J. Milani, told the board he wished to get their feeling before "getting too involved."

The property is opposite industrially designated land in East Gwillimbury and consists of 23.8 acres with 1,500 feet of road frontage.

Councillor Becky Wedley expressed an interest in viewing the property and Mr. Higgins suggested they look at it and he would appear at the next meeting with zoning maps showing the industrial to the north.

Ottawa in protest of the proposed Pickering airport.

He was also on hand with a sound truck at the World Plowing Match in Oshawa, where he planned to confront Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who said turned out, never showed up.

Another recent political activity was Mike's occupation of a farm house on airport property while it was being assaulted by bulldozers.

Principal to speak

UXBRIDGE — Peter Bernhardt of Uxbridge will be giving a special slide presentation Monday in Toronto on the Canadian Save the Children work in the West Indies.

Because of funds raised by Uxbridge Secondary School for Can Save former U.S.S. principal Bernhardt, along with last year's student body president, recently viewed Can Save work on a special tour. The presentation will be 8 p.m. in the Christ Church auditorium, 1570 Yonge Street.

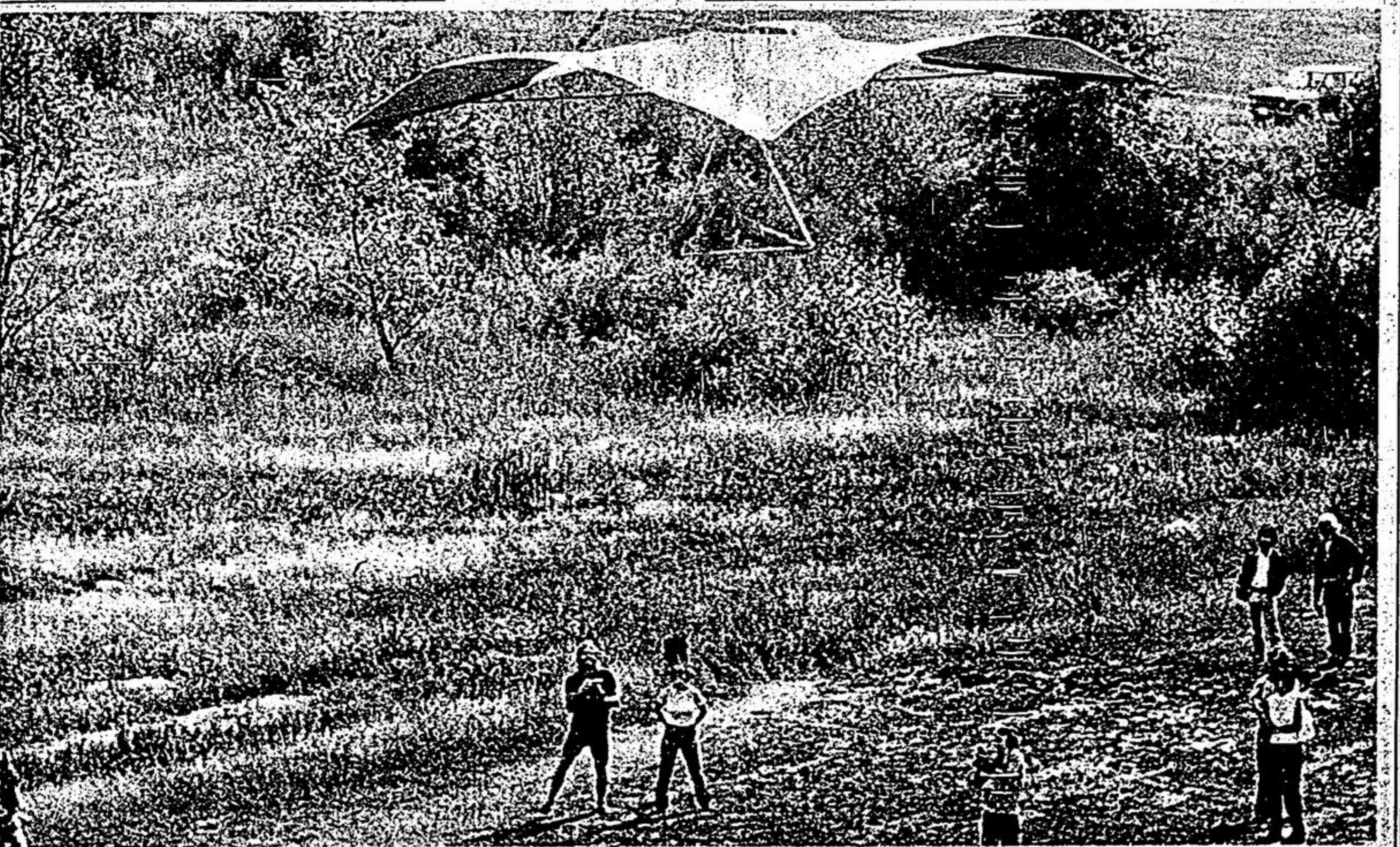
Uxbridge road study to look at deficiencies

UXBRIDGE — The need for road and street improvements is the subject of a study being conducted by township consultants.

The study is to evaluate all deficiencies and determine the cost for eliminating them. This includes bridges and culverts.

The flow of traffic in 30 different locations will be taken as well, showing the total number of cars and trucks in given areas.

The project is jointly sponsored by the provincial Ministry of Transportation and the township, and will be conducted by Totten, Sims, Hubicki Associates Limited.



The bird-like endeavor of hang-gliding has become an increasingly popular sport in recent years. Here, Mike "the Kite" Robertson is shown gliding after jumping off a hillside. He is lying prone beneath the canvas wings.

If you are employed and going to have a baby, you're entitled to pregnancy leave.

This is what Ontario is doing to make certain you receive it.



We have a law in Ontario which permits any pregnant woman, married or not, to take a 17-week unpaid leave of absence to have her baby. This law covers part-time as well as full-time employees, provided that they have been working for the same employer for at least 63 weeks before the expected date of birth.

When she returns to work, the new mother is guaranteed the right to her former position or to a comparable position with no loss of seniority or benefits.

Naturally, pregnancy does not prevent an employee from being dismissed for valid

reasons not connected with pregnancy, but pregnancy alone cannot be the cause of dismissal where an employee is eligible for leave.

An expectant mother is required to give two weeks' notice in writing of the day she intends to leave. She is entitled to begin her leave any time within 11 weeks before the baby's birth but she must take at least six weeks of her leave afterwards. If the employer wishes the employee to begin her leave before she wants to do so, the employer must prove that she is unable to perform her normal duties adequately.

The employee is eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits during her pregnancy leave (even if she does not intend to resume work when her leave expires) if she had at least 20 weeks of insured employment during the year before the birth. At least ten of the 20 weeks should have fallen between the 30th and the 50th weeks before the birth.

If you would like more information about pregnancy leave or other labour legislation of interest to working women, write to:

Ontario 20, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, and we will send you a brochure.

Ministry of Labour, Bette Stephenson, M.D., Minister



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