

Letter to the editor

Reader says airport is not needed

The airline industry in Canada is again suffering from substantial financial losses due to rising costs for fuel and serious reductions in passenger traffic due to the economic conditions. The airlines are forced to reduce the number of scheduled flights to international and domestic destinations because the annual growth of domestic flights represents only approximately 1 percent with aircraft average passengers per flight at 58 percent (or 42 percent empty seats). This is a waste of fuel. This growth rate of 1 percent is far short of the M.O.T. in Ottawa's projections for

passenger traffic which ran upwards of 22 percent per year to justify the abortive Pickering Airport Project.

The Ministry of Transport in Ottawa has still not accepted, or fully realized the significance of these reductions to air traffic or they would announce the can-

cellation of any further planning for a second airport for Toronto at Pickering. There are those who realize the folly of proceeding with an airport at Pickering, not only because of the waste of good agricultural lands, but also the fuel required to build the super-structure and the resultant pollution in the area. Any further moves by the Ministry of Transport to activate the airport facility would not only be a waste of tax dollars but it would be an injustice as it would become another "White Elephant" to match the Mirabel facility. Mirabel now is used only to 10 percent capacity and this is due to lack of passenger traffic, as it was originally designed to meet M.O.T. passenger predictions for passengers that have not materialized.

At this point in Canada's history we had better review our priorities on fuel consumption and establish how we are to benefit from our fuel reserves. Will our oil and gas be wasted by the few who fly in half empty aircraft or must we look to the long term and provide fuel for agriculture, transportation, both auto and truck, and for mass transit where more passengers are moved per gallon of fuel economically.

ALLAN W. STIVER,
10 Wooten Way,
Markham, Ontario.

Got warm welcome in Stouffville-visitor

Dear Sir,
My wife and I have just returned home from a wonderful birthday in Stouffville. The warmth of the welcomes we received everywhere made us both very proud to have met such people.

We would like to single out Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, the Darts and all members of the IGA, most especially Jack. Although we never knew those splendid people too well before, we were among "old friends" at once.

Last, but not least, our wonderful daughter Louise O. Quinn, without whom we would

not have been able to have met these splendid people.

We wish you every success with your centennial and trust we are at some of the celebrations later this year.

Yours very sincerely,
MR. AND MRS. A. C. COOK,
Shepherd's Bush,
London, England.

P. S. Why after one has swept the driveway must that plough come along and block it with a four foot bank of snow? Never mind, I enjoyed the extra work, it worked up my appetite, even though my fingers and toes tingled hours afterward.

Stouffer family history

By JEAN BARKEY

Editor's note: Mrs. Barkey is chronicling the descendants of Stouffville founder, Abraham Stouffer.

Josephine Stouffer, born 1899, died 1937, married Simeon Hoover. Their eldest daughter Jennie married Roy Moyer who also lived at Dickson Hill. Both are now residents of Parkview Home in town. Their eldest daughter, Eleanor works in Thunder Bay.

Katherine married Clarence McDowell, now living in Markham, and has a family of three. Margaret is the wife of John Hawkins with a family of four teenagers living at Gormley, Lillian Moyer, married Robert McDowell living in Uxbridge. They have three sons and two daughters.

Their oldest son is teaching in Nigeria. Warren and Willard Moyer both married with families living at the Hill.

George Hoover (dec) married Esther Schell, who now lives in Markham. Two daughters were born to this couple. Betty married Herbert Constable, living in Toronto with a family. Helen is the wife of Lloyd Grose living at Vivian.

Bella Hoover was united in marriage with a Charles Hoover, long-time clerk of Markham Township. They lived south of Ringwood with their two daughters. Doris is now living in Willowdale and Blanche (Mrs. Hill) with her family living on Manitoulin Island. Both parents are deceased.

Ruth Hoover married (first) Clarence Barkey (second) Maurice Eby residing Parkview Apts. Her daughter, Marion Eby, with husband Lester and a family of four, reside in town. Pauline is the wife of Dr. Wernica living in Barrie. Norma

(dec.) married Bruce Clark. They have a family of nine. The oldest daughter is married, living in France. Another daughter is nursing in Ethiopia.

Flora Hoover married Elmore Barkey, Stouffville. Their eldest son married Eileen Lewis. The family consists of four. One daughter is married and one is in nursing. Two sons are at home.

Alice Barkey married Howard Baker, with a family of six, with home base in Orillia. Gordon Barkey and wife Jane and family live at Queensville.

Edith Hoover married Reg Gibbins and is living in town with a family of two. Pat and her husband Doug Grant and children live in Markham. Peter Gibbins is a minister with his wife Pearl at Cobourg.

Legionnaire disease

Affliction of royal family?

Dear Sir:

Reports concerning that mysterious disease "The Legionnaire" are still coming in, though the answer is ever the same: "No cause or cure found!"

Searching through my pile of newspaper clippings today for something else, I came across an article which appeared some years ago in a Toronto Daily. It is captioned: "Rare disease traced in U.K. royal family"; then reads as follows: "The British royal family has suffered from a rare, fatal purple disease for 400 years. This incurable disease 'porphyria' caused:

(1)... Mary Queen of Scots, (1542-1587) such terrible (stomach) pains that she once thought she was about to give birth when she was not pregnant.

(2) The death in 1625 of James I of England, (known for

version of Bible).

(3) ... The supposed insanity of George III which reportedly grew worse between 1765 and 1788 and became a factor in the loss by Britain of its U.S. colonies.

(4) ... The death of the Prince of Wales in 1612, and other royal deaths;

(5) ... The pains that led George IV to take opium.

(6) ... Two unnamed members of the royal house of Hanover, living descendants of George the II, suffered from the disease. Other descendants of Mary Queen of Scots suffered from it — among them Frederick the Great, of Prussia, Charles I, James II, and Queen Anne of England."

The name 'porphyria' comes from the Greek word for purple. The disease attacks the body's chemical production of purple-red pigments responsible for red color of the blood.

Might not, then, the "Legionnaire disease" be the same as the above, or perhaps a root of it from England into our continent? It would be interesting to know.

People interested in any phase of this project please write to or telephone:

ROY RODGERS,
139 Riverglen Drive,
Keswick, Ontario.
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Racing fan solicits help in opening track

To The Editor:

I, a concerned car racing fan, have been waiting patiently for the past 3 or 4 years hoping to see the race track on the 7th concession south of the Ravenshoe Road open up and watch the super modified race cars buzzing the track.

I have been going to Oswego Speedway International Classic race for the past 10 years and I think that Ontario should take a page from this small town's book. Now that Pinecrest Speedway is closed, we race fans don't have any racing to go to unless we drive for

miles. I went last summer to Cayuga Speedway to see the supers put on a show and you could hardly get room to sit in the stands.

I do not know if East Gwillimbury and surrounding townships realize the money and employment plus free advertising it would bring to the area. As far as the noise is concerned the newer race cars are not that loud any more and what if we have to listen to it one night a week. Also about the traffic coming to and from the track, it is an ideal location because you have at least five main roads north and south from which you could get to and from the track plus additional cross roads. So I do hope that the right people read this and I get some answers as to what can be done, if anything, because I do not think that I am the only one interested in this super project.

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