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Editorial

Convincing case for new airport

Transport Minister Don Jamieson presented a most comprehensive and convincing case for the new Pickering Airport when he addressed the annual meeting of the York County Real Estate Board. He covered the early groundwork completely as far back as 1968 when he told the audience his department was deluged with presentations from various bodies seeking the airport for their municipality.

The minister's arguments were well constructed and documented with forecasts of the volume of traffic which could be expected over the next couple of decades.

His review of the Malton situation and what could be expected here in the future, clearly answered questions of those who have contended that Malton should be expanded.

The Minister, while acknowledging the use of many experts in gathering and determining the need and location of the airport, also pointed out that it remains

for him to make the decision, and this was a responsibility he would not shirk.

It is not difficult to see that if the government does not move to acquire the land now and the forecasters are right, the situation would be many times worse, as by then prices will have skyrocketed and many more people will have to be moved.

We appreciate the Minister's declaration of responsibility for the decision. If this decision to build in Pickering is a bad one, then the Minister and the government he represents stands to be corrected at the polls.

Toronto is unquestionably the air gateway to this country with traffic mounting monthly to say nothing of air freight and air express. The Minister has made a convincing case for the new airport and should have the co-operation of nearby communities such as Whitchurch - Stouffville in drafting the final plans.

Happy birthday, neighbor

In 1872, the date of incorporation, Markham Village had a population of less than 1,000.

In 1969, when the Village became a Town, the population exceeded 8,000.

In 1971, when the boundaries were expanded under regional government, the figure suddenly grew to over 32,000.

Facing such unparalleled growth, both in people and property, it has been difficult for Markham's Centennial Committee to re-focus the public's attention once again on a 'village' that, politically, no longer exists.

But members persevered and for the next week, June 23 through July 1, the results of their efforts will be revealed.

Stouffville has always looked on Markham as a friendly neighbor. And while on occasions, in sports, the rivalry between the two towns appeared anything but 'friendly', the spirit of co-operation has always remained.

So, from one 'old friend' to another, Happy Birthday.

In five years' time, we'll be celebrating too. And how!

A co-operative venture

A project called 'Mini-Manpower', sponsored by the Whitchurch - Stouffville Recreation Committee, and organized by Co-ordinator, Chris Hobbs, had its start in Town this week. It will carry on throughout the summer vacation period.

What is Mini-Manpower? Its a student labor force, willing to do just about anything, for a minimum wage. It can be part-time or full-time; girls or boys; inside or outside; town or

country, depending on the needs of the employer.

These young people, while obviously anxious to prove their worth, (plus earn some money), can accomplish nothing without the public's co-operation.

So, if you have some menial chores that need doing, call 640-1900; Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Ask for Chris Hobbs or Carol Ann deCoteau. You'll be glad you did - and so will they.



Landmark to be demolished

The century-old Milliken Post Office, Steeles Avenue and Kennedy Road, will soon be demolished. The intersection at this location will be widened. —Jim Thomas.

Editor's Mail

Political 'motives' criticized

Dear Sir:

Recently, I received a 4-page letter from Sinclair Stevens, the Progressive Conservative candidate (York-Simcoe) in the next federal election.

His topic, everybody's favorite these days, was 'The Airport'.

Throughout this epistle, he mentions the federal government no less than 19 times, but the provincial government never once. In the same manner, he continually refers to Transport Minister Don Jamieson, but never Darcy

McKeough.

In one paragraph, and I quote, he says: "The Riding of York-Simcoe has been particularly hurt by this indecision through the inactivity of our sitting member. Questioned at a meeting in Stouffville, May 1, as to whether he had been consulted by federal authorities concerning the proposed airport site, he said, 'No, nor did I want to know the sites they were considering'."

To refresh Mr. Stevens' memory, I recall M.P.P. Bill Hodgson, (York-North) saying almost exactly the same thing at the very same meeting. Mr. Hodgson, by the way, is the area's Conservative Member at Queen's Park.

Mr. Stevens' motive is clear. He's attempting to downgrade his opponent, in this case, John Roberts and, at the same time, leave his P.C. friends on the other side of the fence looking like lilies.

I only hope the residents of Stouffville and elsewhere will see through this ruse.

John Stoyan;
Winlane Drive, Stouffville.

Modern-day tractor no match for Belgian power

This week, we received a letter and an accompanying story entitled 'A Man and his Belgians', from Casey Veen, 5023 West Farwell Ave., Skokie, Illinois. The introduction to the item reads: "Besides doing a lot of work, farmer Paul Murphy's Belgian draft horses are intelligent, entertaining, and able to get by on about 35 cents worth of 'fuel' a day. And what mere tractor can make that claim?"

The letter from Mr. Veen reads: I receive The Tribune every week, and enjoy reading the many items of interest, particularly those that refer to 'the good old days'. I am a former resident of the Stouffville community. My father was the owner of a farm on the 10th concession, 53 years ago. Our neighbors were - Winterstein, Soden, Gray, Rae, Ferrier and Morris. I attended Bloomington Public School.

Casey Veen.



Milne Conservation Area at Markham opened to public

The size of the Milne Conservation Area in Markham is better appreciated from 1,000 feet up. The site, south of Hwy. 7 and west of Hwy. 48, was officially opened to the public, June 21, by Hon. Leo Bernier, Minister of Natural Resources. In the rear is seen the Markham Fair Grounds, the

Markham Dist. High School and the town's new water tower. The Markham Shopping Plaza is on the extreme left. The air shot was taken by Tribune editor, Jim Thomas, from a CIFI helicopter.

ROAMING AROUND

School reunion Who will remember me?

By Jim Thomas

See you at the reunion, Saturday. You'll be there, won't you? Won't it be great?

For the past two months, that's all I've heard.

And while I sincerely try to show my enthusiasm, I'm actually shuddering in my shoes.

The gathering of the clan (circa 1890-1953), will bring together former staff members and students of Markham High School. The result is an exercise called 'Pin a Name on a Face'.

That is problem Number One. Many of the names are changed, and the faces too. Of course, lapel tags will help - that is, if my one good eye is working well. You see, it's been 23 years since I squinted my way through the Pythagorean Theorem, and the period between then and now has produced no improvement.

But aside from normal physical deterioration, the memories I hold for old Markham High, are retained with mixed emotions. For I was average - barely average; and it was work, work, work all the way.

Without pretending to complain, the 'Mr. Average' is not the girl or guy one tends to remember.

Take Don Maynard - a tremendous hockey player. I remember him; and Bruce Bagg, one of the finest athletes to lace on a pair of spikes. I remember him too. And then there was Sam Stadelbauer, a dandy boxer - nearly knocked my head off. I'll always remember him: Neil Stiver was the school's one-man band. I remember him. And Valentine Spillman. We all remember her.

But who will remember me?

I was the ninth man in the batting order when Bill broke his thumb.

I was the goaltender for our Third Form hockey team, when the 'regular' forgot his jock.

I was the runner-up for the class Penmanship Award.

I placed second in the school oratorical. In Fourth, I sat all winter with a snowdrift under my desk.

In Fifth, I was the May Queen's escort. Someone else 'escorted' her home.

In Art, mine was the one they displayed as an example of how NOT to draw.

In Geometry, I was a 'bust'; in Trig, terrible and in Latin, a riot.

On the dance floor, I had two left feet. In the Air Cadets, the same.

In school politics, I was Liberal. The rest - Conservative.

So you see, I had a hard row to hoe. So hard in fact, that by the end of Fifth, the old blade had grown pretty dull.

But I persevered. So did the teachers. So did the school.

On Saturday, they'll call the roll again; for me, an absence of twenty-three years; some more, some less.

The school is changed.

The teachers have changed.

I've changed.

But I wouldn't miss it for the world.

Dear Sir:

The people of the area bounded by Markham, Oshawa, Uxbridge and Bay Ridges are being turned against each other, even husband against wife, over the announcement by the Federal Government in late February of this year regarding a second Toronto-airport at Clarendon.

The Federal Government doesn't intend to commence building the airport until 1978, and the cost has been variously estimated as high as \$5 billion.

Surely, the Federal Government can wait a few months now and spend a few dollars on a public hearing.

British justice demands that the people of the area should be heard by an independent Court of Inquiry as to whether there is a need for the second Toronto airport.

T. S. Mills,
Clarendon.

Gourmet 'special'

A York Regional police constable, who at present, prefers to remain anonymous, has an almost uncontrollable liking for rare and 'earthy' foods. Recently, on a \$3 dare, he consumed, in its entirety, a six-inch dew worm. Then, to prove that everything doesn't have a price, he swallowed a second.