

Transport Minister Don Jamieson

New airport will aid economic expansion

YORK REGION - The importance of social progress is paramount but it cannot be achieved without sustained economic growth. The new airport will make a strong contribution to the economic expansion of this part of the region," declared the Hon. Don Jamieson, Minister of Transport, speaking to York County & District Real Estate Board.

He said the economic benefits would be felt as construction begins and airport employment will build as operations commence. New activities will be attracted to the area, both government and private, the Minister continued.

Mr. Jamieson gave the audience of three to four hundred full background coverage of the government's studies to determine the need to plan a new airport now and the decision on the Pickering site.

No Abdication
In turning down any idea on a public forum on the subject, the Minister declared that such proceedings would not serve the

public interest. "This decision is the responsibility of elected representatives which the electorate expects the government to exercise. There will be no abdication," he declared.

Nearby Protection
"We have learned from the past as well as from planners elsewhere, and are bearing these lessons in mind in our planning," said Mr. Jamieson.

Working with Ontario we are planning the airport to ensure that residential areas are not affected by flight paths to and from the airport runways. Acting together we will promulgate land control to make it compatible with the airport. In regard to land "freeze" measures he said he could not speak for Ontario government officials but it was his understanding that this would be a limited exercise.

"We can organize ourselves to plan and develop this airport properly with its related communities. Those who suggest it can't be done are insisting the past will be repeated despite the efforts of man," he said.

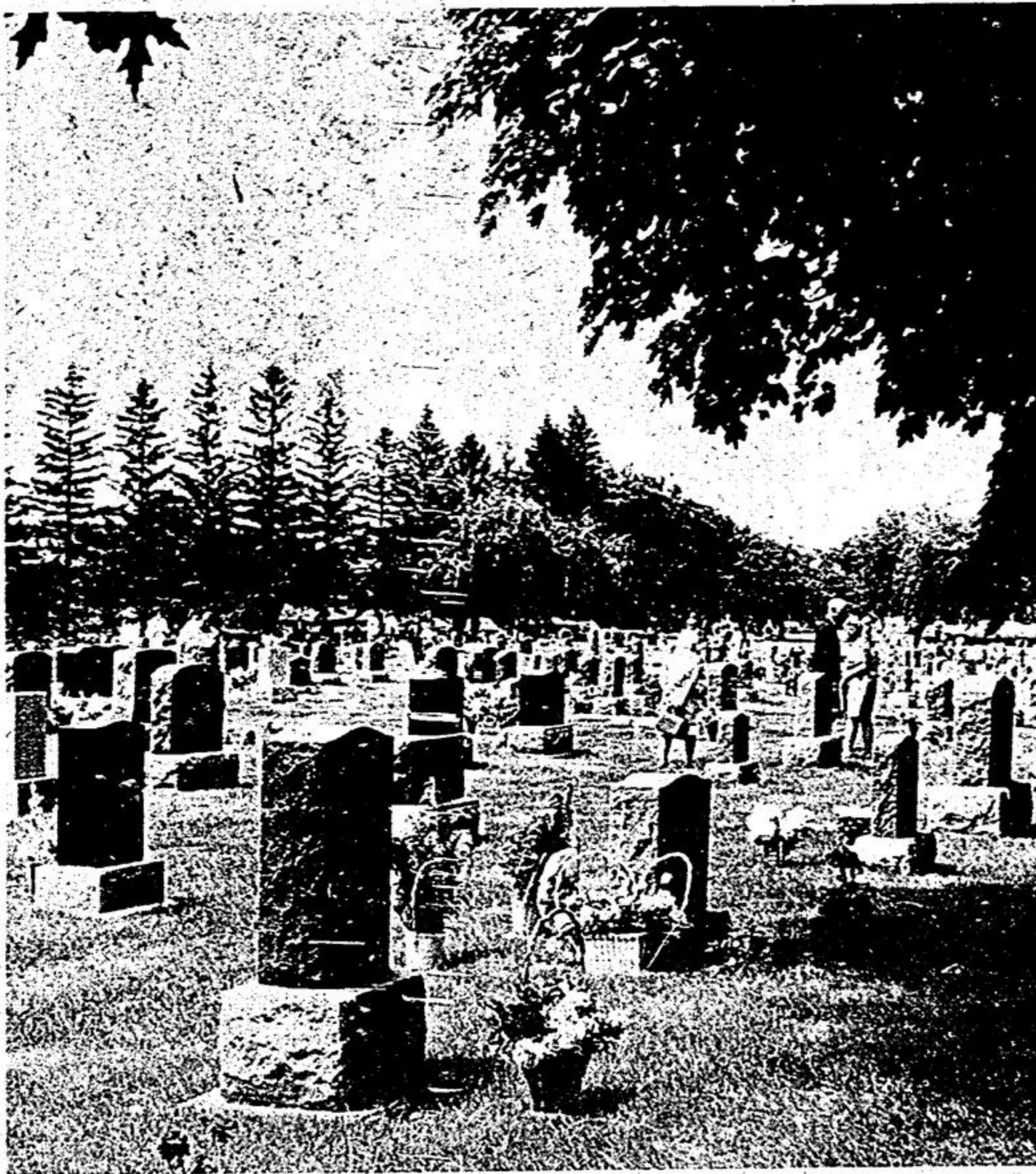
Costs About the Same
Mr. Jamieson revealed that the cost of the new Pickering airport or full expansion of Malton, would be about the same.

Acquiring 3,000 acres at Malton would run about \$50,000 an acre and 18,000 in Pickering about \$3,000. About 5,000 people must move for the Pickering project but none due to noise. At Malton 94,000 persons would be affected.

Airports will Pay
"To the challenge that we are wasting money I would point out that airport investments are financially sound," the Minister said. The new airport and Malton will operate at a profit.

Mr. Jamieson said that while we accept that growth will not stop because some wish it would, it doesn't mean we must accept haphazard planning.

The best test of a man is authority.



Cemetery immaculate for Sunday service

The immaculate condition of the Stouffville Cemetery for Decoration Day, prompted words of praise from visitors to the grounds, Sunday. A section of the site is shown here, looking to the north-west. —Jim Thomas.

Anti-airport meeting Apathy still apparent

STOUFFVILLE - If apathy builds airports then the citizens of Stouffville can be fully credited when jets from the new Pickering airport soar in over this village, so incongruously cradled in the crotch of the noise zone.

Latham Hall gradually filled to three-quarter capacity, Monday evening, at a meeting, organized by the People or Planes committee, to discuss the effects of the airport on Stouffville. Among the guest speakers were Dr. C. Godfrey, Chairman of P.O.P., Sinclair Stevens, P.C. candidate (York-Simcoe) and Don Deacon, M.P.P.

Members of the committee spoke on anticipated noise pollution in the area and of the social ills generated by people pollution, should Toronto-Cedarwood become a megalopolis.

During a question period, Jim Rehill, a teacher at Stouffville District Secondary School, asked if Stouffville's future could be gaged through comparison to a community already bounded by airport runways. He commented that, though opposed to the airport on the noise factor, he could change his mind if he felt, through it, students would get jobs or business would boom.

Earlier, John Lindop, also a staff

member of S.D.S.S., referred to reports on Ste. Scholastique, the new, Quebec airport, and anticipated that the job incentive to Stouffville would be miniscule. Dennis Sainsbury, 9th Line N., predicted that

Seek cemetery information

PICKERING TWP. - A new "Project Pickering" has been established - and this one has nothing to do with expropriating land.

The venture is being undertaken by the Ontario Genealogical Society, which is seeking to record all cemeteries in Pickering Township. Of particular interest are those burial plots to be found in the Airport or North Pickering Community lands. Eventually the data will be included in an index "of every individual who lived in Canada West or Upper Canada up to the time of Confederation", according to the Society.

Anyone with knowledge of any burial grounds, whether single stones, family plots or community cemeteries, has been asked to pass the information along to Mrs. J.D. Milne, 57 Treadgold Crescent, Don Mills or Markham Museum curator John Lunau, R.R. 2, Markham. Lot and concession numbers should be included.

Stouffville would become stagnant, like Derry West and Mt. Charles in the Malton area.

Sinclair Stevens told the audience that Stouffville was, perhaps, in the most unfortunate position of anyplace around the airport. He urged the audience to press for a public inquiry and maintained, the PCs, if elected, would not oppose one.

Don Deacon commended all associated with the P.O.P. movement on the unbelievable progress they had made in forcing the government to review the airport situation and recognize citizens' rights.

The meeting was open to questions and opinions from airport supporters, but apathy is apparently a two-sided coin and - if they were there - they remained silent.



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Cottagers protest powerboat bylaw

MUSS. LAKE - Powerboats - to ban or not to ban, that is the question.

And Whitchurch-Stouffville council members are no closer to a solution in June than they were in January.

Recently, the chambers was taxed to capacity as representatives of the 120 - member Cedar Beach Ratepayers Association attended to oppose any move that would make motors illegal on Musselman's Lake.

George Stewart served as spokesman. Mr. Stewart argued

that cottage residents were entitled to this form of recreation. He said that restrictions, if such were required, should be imposed on non-residents who launch their craft from Shalimar. He noted that the number of boat users this year was considerably less than last season or 1970.

He urged that some form of policing be authorized.

Mayor Ken Laushway said the regional force lacked the proper kind of equipment to patrol inland lakes. He suggested that the cottagers police the lake themselves.

Mr. Stewart said the recommendation had some merit. He promised to put the idea before a meeting of the Association.

In return, Bylaws Chairman, councillor Merlyn Baker said no new legislation would be finalized without prior consultation with organizations interested in it.

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Cruiser rammed after chase

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Constable Ronald Newton first observed the vehicle and radioed for assistance. Constable John Morrison managed to

have it stopped, but the driver sped away again, reaching speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. On eight occasions, he attempted to force the police car off the road.

The chase concluded after the truck was intercepted by a Georgina cruiser. Damage was estimated at \$300 when the officer's car was rammed by the truck. Charged with criminal negligence

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