

Jackson confers on airport

BRASWELL — Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson met with county and city leaders from both Polk and Paulding counties this week for the first time to discuss cooperative planning for a second Atlanta airport.

Jackson emphasized that he wanted to "plan with" local governments and not "for them" in future airport planning.

The Atlanta mayor flew in by helicopter, taking the opportunity to look over the proposed airport site from the air and then meet with officials at a private residence belonging to Paulding County Commissioner J.D. Blackstock on Braswell Mountain.

At both the Braswell meeting, held on Wednesday, and at a private meeting between Polk officials and a representative of Airport Engineers (the city's airport consultants) last week, concern for joint planning and zoning control, predicted work force figures and inquiries from industrialists wanting to locate near the airport were discussed.

50,000 Airport Employees?

Polk officials were told that the work force for the airport and related airport services could go as high as 50,000 in three work shifts. Previously a Texas airport executive predicted that 20,000 would be needed.

One of the points brought up by Jackson at the Braswell meeting was that the city desires to have complete control over the airport proper through an intergovernment commission. Polk Commissioner Chairman Jim Runyon, however, has stated that he does not favor such a commission, and would rather see a port authority agency set up to control development on the airport proper. This would be on up

to 15,000 acres of land, leaving several thousand additional acres for zoning control surrounding the airport for county governments to handle.

Runyon said the difference between a port authority arrangement and an intergovernment commission would be that a port authority would leave more independence to county governments in the development of such things as water supply and sewage systems.

Industry Inquiries Already

At last week's meeting between Polk officials and Clyde Husk of Airport En-

gineers, it was disclosed that "several" industries have already made inquiries about the airport site and possible relocation of industry near it. Husk would not say what industries have asked about the airport planning.

Mayor Jackson said he was concerned that Polk and Paulding leaders had not been contacted until this week. He said he was especially concerned over the possible displacement of families by the airt and that lines of communication be kept open between Atlanta and local governments in the affected area.

Paulding Favors Site A

At the meeting Paulding Commissioner Blackstock (who is the only commissioner on the one-man county commission) said he favored one site, Site A, over the other two proposed sites on the 48,000 acre tract being studied. The land is managed by Cousins Properties for Georgia Kraft and members of the Jones family. Blackstock is related by marriage to an immediate member of that family.

Site A is also believed to be favored by other airport planners because of its favorable location in relation to air traffic patterns of other airports in North Georgia.

Site A is located north of the town of Braswell (which is on the Polk-Paulding county line), east of Highway 113 and west of Highway 61.

Polk Survey to be Taken

Jackson asked for the views of two Polk County commissioners at the Braswell meeting (Runyon and Dr. Ben Moss) but both declined to speak for the commissioners. County manager David Johnson said today that an opinion poll of newspaper readers and of civic leaders will be taken to find out where Polk Countians stand on the airport proposal.

Jackson emphasized that the airport would not be built if there was opposition to it by Polk and Paulding county elected officials.

Up to now the Airport Engineers have issued two preliminary feasibility studies on the airport and are working on a third which will be ready in October. After that the consultants estimate that it will take another two to four years for additional, more detailed studies to be completed. Within five years, it is predicted by the airport planners, groundbreaking on the new airport could begin if it is approved by up to 14 agencies on the local, state and federal levels.

Bartow gives approval to school bonds

Less than 20 per cent of Bartow County's 12,800 registered voters cast ballots in a referendum called to approve or disapprove a \$10 million school bond issue held recently.

Approximately 1,968 voters cast their ballots in the 15 Bartow County precincts, 1,284 in favor of the bonds and 684 against.

The issue failed to pass in a majority of the precincts, but passed in the larger boxes by a 2-1 margin.

Adairsville voters gave the bonds a 350-45 margin; Allatoona voted 86 to 5 in favor of the bonds; Cass was 125-76 for the issue; Cartersville voted 359-154 for the bonds; Center was 43-7 for the issue and Emerson voted 93-14 for the bond issue.

The nine precincts voting against the issue included Euharlee, Stilesboro, Iron Hill, Kingston, Pine Log, Sixth, Stamp Creek, Taylorsville and Wolf Pen.



Roaming Roman Hears...

Tryouts for junior varsity football and basketball cheerleaders next year at Coosa High School must attend a clinic May 27-29 from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. daily in the school lobby. Cheers and jumps will be taught. The fee will be \$1.

This is why Prof. Greair did not let the EA on Site A!