

# Thornhill and District News

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## Socially Speaking In Thornhill Seeks Regional Seat In Markham

Registration for the Scottish Country Dancing Classes at Thornhill United Church will take place September 12 at 10 a.m. Classes start September 26. These classes are for school-age children with the minimum age being six by December 31, 1970. The popular classes have been held each year since 1964.

Graham Ucraft of the Thornhill School of Ballet announces that registrations will be received at Holy Trinity Church September 12 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. with classes starting the following week. This year his wife, Mrs. Patricia Ucraft, who is associated with the Lois Smith School of Dance in Toronto, will be introducing an adult conditioning class which will be held Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 3.

## St. Luke's Church Is Setting For Sullivan - Risk Evening Wedding

Mauve and white chrysantheums formed the setting in St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, Thornhill, on August 7 at 6 p.m. for the wedding of Sharon Anne Rick to Ralph Michael Sullivan. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rick, 58 Thornheights Road, Thornhill, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sullivan of 220 Harlandale Avenue, Willowdale. Father Thomas Chidlow officiated at the nuptial mass.

"Today" was played by Paul Morgan as the wedding march and Mr. Morgan also sang Pae- nus Angelicus and Ave Maria during the ceremony. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a full-length gown of white brocade with a full-length train attached at the empire waistline. Her bouquet was a white orchid with white Stephanotis.

Maid of Honor Diane Lindgren wore a mauve full-length gown with Christine Collar. Bridesmaids headed Comella wore a similar gown in green and white. Flower Girl Karen Thomas wore pale green with an overlay of white organza. The bridesmaids carried baskets of white and mauve chrysantheums and the flower girl carried a smaller basket.

The best man was Glen Bagley and ushers were Barry Politars and Colin Wright. The groom and his attendants wore black double-breasted dinner jackets. The 61 guests were received at the North Thornhill Community Centre by Mrs. Rick who wore French blue shantung linen with matching accessories and a white gardenia corsage. She was assisted by the mother of the groom who wore a rose costume dress in corded ottoman with white accessories and a gardenia corsage.

## 570 Children Spent Summer Days In Markham Twp. Play Program

This year 570 children were registered during the Markham Township summer playground program, reports Summer Recreation Director Steve Parker. This was an increase of 216 children over the previous year. Mr. Parker was very pleased with the progress made in summer recreation this year.

"1970 was a year of expansion of summer playground programs in Markham Township. The number of playgrounds jumped from five in 1969 to nine this year. Programs were added at Royal Orchard and Henderson Public Schools in Thornhill, and at Victoria Square and Box Grove. Other playgrounds were located at Baythorn, Sand and Bayview Glen Schools, the Crosby Arena in Unionville, and the North Thornhill Community Centre.

On the playgrounds the children engaged in a wide variety of activities. The playground staff of 30 young responsible leaders planned a summer of games, sports, music, arts and crafts. There was a series of special events, including Indian Day, Christmas in July, bicycle rodeo, nature week, Canada Day and treasure hunts. Most of the playground staff were trained at a course sponsored by the Youth and Recreation Branch of the Department of Education.

August 12 all nine playgrounds joined together for the summer's biggest special events, a Storyland parade and penny carnival. The result was a seemingly endless line of children, all dressed as Storyland characters, marching from Thornhill Public School to Thornhill Park. There the penny carnival ran until dusk. The carnival showed a profit of \$78.50, which took a lot of pennies. The money was donated to the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. "I feel that our summer program has benefited from its growth this year. Hopefully in 1971 it will continue to improve as an important recreational service to the taxpayers. In the meantime, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who became involved in our summer activities," said Summer Recreation Director Parker at the conclusion of the summer program.

## Jongeneel Sees Jobs As Big Issue

Establishment of an efficient, effective York Region government organization without wasting a lot of money is by far the most important thing the voters should have in mind in the October 5 municipal elections, says Markham Town regional representative candidate James Jongeneel, 40.

Presently a member of Markham Township Council, stockbroker and investment advisor Jongeneel says he is really worried about the economics of the new regional government setup. "There is nothing as successful as having the right people in the right job. Having the wrong person is bad for efficiency and morale. You're going to have a tax bill the like of which you wouldn't believe, if a whole new regional staff is hired from outside and nobody in the existing old organizations is hired or moved", he warns.

Councillor Jongeneel is seeking election as a representative of all the area formerly comprising Markham Town and Township. There will be two such posts in the new Town of



JAMES JONGENEEL Seeks Regional Seat

Markham. The winning candidates will have seats on both the regional and town council, along with the mayor.

"I'm really concerned about the hiring of people at the regional level. We can get people either from inside or outside the region. The aim, of course, is to get whoever is best qualified. But if we hire outsiders, there will be a surplus of staff at the local level.

"If we hire all the regional staff from among the present employees of local municipalities, we may not get the best qualified people. (Present municipal employees are guaranteed one year's employment at present rates of pay). The third method might be to declare all the regional and local jobs vacant and hire the best applicants. This would be a big job, but might get the best results. Every new employee added to the municipal staff within the region will mean an addition to the wage bill", he says.

Councillor Jongeneel says it will be important to have people on the new regional council who have experience on the previous local councils. "It is quite important, for the smooth functioning of the new government, that some background information will be readily available at future council meetings. The only way to be sure of this is to have some continuity of elected government officials.

"Judging from the candidates who have declared themselves so far, there is no doubt but that some of the present Town of Markham candidates will sit on the new government body. There are some running for local council seats, some for the regional, and also for the mayoralty.

"For our present township it is a somewhat different matter because of the announced re-

irement of our reeve, as well as the councillor for Ward 1. Councillor Eldred King will be running in Whitechurch-Stouffville.

"One of the main considerations which helped me decide to seek election to the regional post was that, with the possible exception of the mayor, I would be the only elected representative fully conversant with the affairs of the township during the past two years, including all the developments leading up to regional government. Ideally I would like to see the two regional seats filled by one of the present candidates from the Town of Markham, and one from the township. This would give the population of the new unit representation with background experience readily available for all the area", says candidate Jongeneel.

For seven years Mr. Jongeneel has been a director of the firm of John Allen Limited in Toronto. Following his university years (Bachelor of Commerce, Amsterdam), he was first employed by British American Oil in their marketing and real estate planning departments.

Next he spent two years managing a construction and real estate development company, one year at Chartered Trust as special representative for investment properties, and two years as an independent real estate consultant and appraiser.

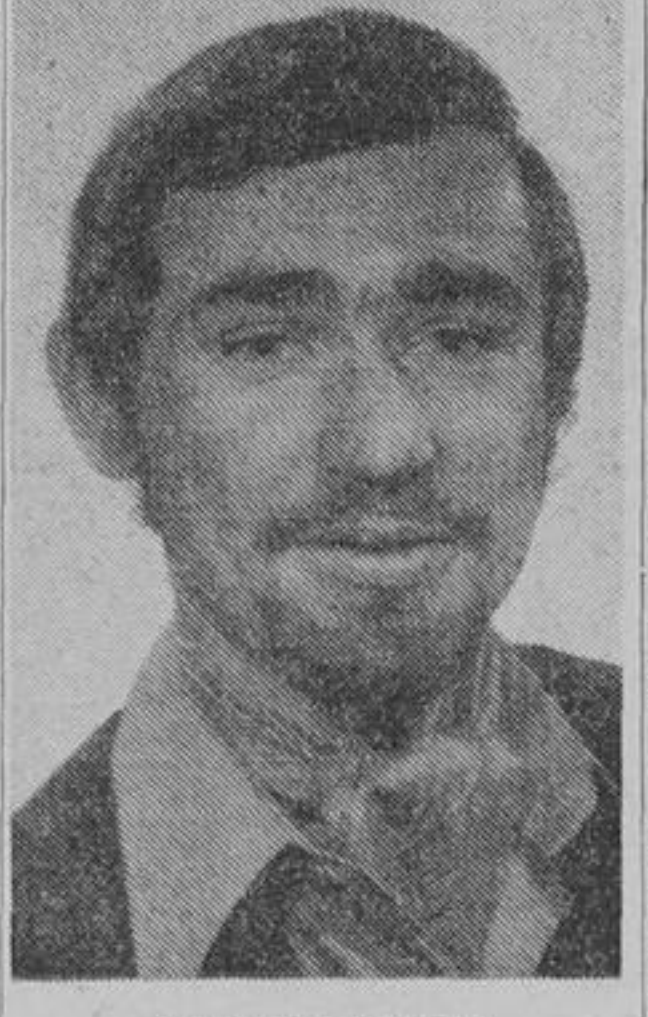
He has been a member of the American Society of appraisers for eight years, and is a past vice-president of the Toronto chapter.

He has also been active in committee work with the Toronto Junior Chamber of Commerce, and is now a member of the Toronto Board of Trade. Councillor Jongeneel plays tennis at the Queens Club and rides at the North York Hunt Club. He is a member of the Ontario Art Gallery and the Royal Ontario Museum. He has attended courses at Toronto University.

A nine-year resident of Markham Township, Mr. Jongeneel's home is on Millar Crescent, just off German Mills Road and north of Steeles Avenue East.

His wife is the former Veronica Jean Young of Sussex, England, and they have two daughters, Elizabeth Anne, aged 3½, and Susanne, aged 1½. Born in Rotterdam, Holland, Mr. Jongeneel's father is an international tobacco merchant. He has a sister living in San Francisco.

He first made his home in North York 20 years ago, and after visiting many parts of North America during holidays, he decided the Toronto area was where he wanted to stay. Not liking city living, he moved to Markham nine years ago.



STEVE PARKER Successful Summer

## Markham Township Taxpayers Plan Protest Meeting For September 15th

Another taxpayers' protest meeting has been scheduled in Markham Township as the September 30 deadline for payment of the second tax instalment looms.

"The taxpayers want to know what to do," Edward Patrick, an executive member of the newly formed Markham Township Taxpayers' Association, said.

The meeting will be held September 15 at 7:30 pm at the Thornhill Secondary School, Dudley Avenue.

Members of the Markham Township Council have been invited to the meeting to report to the public what action the council has taken relative to the resolutions of a June 24 taxpayers' meeting. The resolutions asked for relief from tax increases due to the recent market value reassessment of all property in York County.

Association executive members August 31 met with township council in committee session and asked what action had been taken. They were told the council had made no decision and still had the matter under study.

August 27 executive members met with Township Treasurer Alex Barton to hear an explanation of the problems which would be encountered if new provincial tax relief Bills 142 and 143 were implemented in Markham Township.

Members complain that no indication of possible council action was received at this meeting either.

Association executive members August 25 met with Mississauga Township Treasurer James Burwell to learn how other municipalities dealt with the problem of tax relief.

They report that Mississauga Council provided tax relief under Bill 142 and met with a good reception from all types of property owners.

"Mississauga Council decided to limit tax increases to 10% or \$50 attributable to reassessment, and to similarly limit decreases to 10% or \$50," says the Markham Township Taxpayers' Association executive.

The association statement supplied to "The Liberal" was prepared by Jack Stone of Thornhill, chairman; Edward Patrick, 12 Brightbay Crescent, Thornhill (Telephone 889-1489); and Dave Rogers.

The association July 21 also sat in a meeting of the Bayview Country Club Estates Ratepayers' Association. The association says it was learned that comparable tax inequalities to those in Thornhill also existed in the Bayview Estates area. At the meeting a resolution was adopted asking the township council to provide relief under Bill 142. This bill was passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature.

Association executive members July 20 also attended a regular meeting of township council, and again at that time were told no action had been taken by council.

## Offer 4 Free Classes Mineral Exploration

A series of four free mineral exploration classes is being held at the North York Public Library (Victoria Park and Lawrence Avenue) announces Mines and Northern Affairs Minister Allan Lawrence.

The courses, to be conducted by E. B. Freeman, geological lecturer with the department's geological branch in Toronto, will run from 7 to 10 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, September 30, October 2, 7 and 9.

First course will cover introduction, importance of mining, and physical properties of minerals.

Second night will include a film "The Unending Search" plus a lecture on ore and industrial minerals.

Third course includes a film: "The Earth's Crust: The Earth in Change", along with discussions covering rock-forming minerals, igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks, plus a lecture on structures.

Last of the series will deal with prospecting methods, sources of information, and the general geology of Ontario.

"As it's a basic course, there is no charge and all literature is welcome", says Mr. Lawrence.

FOR BIG BARGAINS CONSULT THE LIBERAL CLASSIFIEDS



George Neeland, outstanding hurdler from Thornhill is seen above between competitions at the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games held during July. Pictured outside the Commonwealth Pool, George was a member of the track team.

Visitors from all parts of the world flocked to the city to watch the Commonwealth athletes compete for medals in the new Meadowbrook Stadium, swim and dive in the magnificent pool and participate in other events at numerous venues, or to admire the games village where competitors lived.

George also recently competed in the World University Games in Turin, Italy. He is a student at the University of Waterloo.

## George Neeland At Edinburgh

By FRED SIMPSON

Twenty-five year old mustachioed George Neeland of Thornhill has two immediate objectives as far as the game of hurdles is concerned. The first is to just stay alive while working out along the streets of Waterloo where he attends the University of Waterloo.

The second is to better his mark of 14.2 seconds in the 110-metre hurdles which has him tied with Brian Donnelly of Queen's University for the Canadian record.

As for the first: "I do a little running at Waterloo, at least I did. There's not that much doing down there and they have a lot of house parties. It can be dangerous running along the streets at night. I almost got eliminated two or three times."

The second: "I've managed to run a 141 but it was with the aid of wind and it didn't count."

Neeland has also been hampered by a pulled ham string muscle which is a part of the hazards of running. "It doesn't bother me that much but it does affect me enough to cut down on my timing. I guess I wasn't warmed up properly when I turned on the speed recently and I pulled it."

Neeland figures he will improve his timing enough to get into the 13 second mark but has no illusions about cracking the World's Record now held by the 27-year-old retired Willie Davenport of the United States. "Willie has a 13.2 mark and there's no way I'm going to get that. But I should be able to get into the 13's without too

much difficulty."

Neeland is currently running with the Canadian team in Turin, Italy, where the World University Games are being held this year.

He qualified for the team at the British Commonwealth Games Trials in Hamilton in June.

Every athlete has his share of disappointments and for Neeland it was the Pan American Games in Winnipeg in 1967 when he fell during the competitions.

"It was my first big competition and I guess I was just too excited, pressing too much. I was trying to break the Canadian record and I was so interested on getting over the first hurdle I forgot how to land."

"I came down trailing one leg first and I ended up sliding to the second hurdle. It was game over. Elimination."

Neeland learned his lessons well. Now he concentrates on just relaxing, taking every competition for just what it is. "No matter how big it is, I try to tell myself it's just a matter of doing your best. It's me against the other fellow."

him. "He's faster than me on the straightaway," said Neeland, "so I have to get the jump at the start. If my form is good I can take him, usually."

"Right now it's a case of I win one, and he wins the next one. If I get out in front I can beat him. But he's tough."

Neeland's most recent competition — besides the games now underway in Italy — was the British Empire Games at Edinburgh where he finished a fourth.

Neeland will be returning this fall to the University of Waterloo where he will continue his studies and running. He's a graduate of Thornhill Secondary School.

"We have a good track team at the university," he said. Neeland's favorite opponent is Mr. Donnelly—who holds the Canadian record along with

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