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**MARKHAM.** **PYGMY KITABU** by Jean-Pierre Hallet. This in-depth study of the African pygmies is the result of 10 years dedicated involvement with the tribe and goes far beyond the limits of conventional research. (Non-fiction at Markham and Thornhill.)

**THE PARTNERS** by Louis Achincloss. Set in contemporary America, this novel is a masterful portrayal of powerful lawyers and of the determined, forceful people in whose service they gain riches and prestige. (Fiction at Markham and Unionville.)

**COLETTE** by Margaret Crosland. The author offers further insights into the many-faceted relationships in Colette's life. Her mother, along with her various husbands and lovers of both sexes, played a supremely important role in Colette's development as a personality as a creative literary artist. (Non-fiction at Thornhill and Unionville.)

## South Thornhill And Bayview Glen News

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**School News**  
Last week the Woodland Senior travelling orchestra visited Henderson Avenue Public and performed before the entire student body. The Woodland orchestra is staging concerts for all local schools and is under the direction of Hugh Martin.

Tuesday of last week the two grade 6 classes of Henderson Avenue journeyed to neighboring Bayview Glen Junior Public to take in a special performance of the celebrated operetta "Puddin' Head".

Kindergarten registrations for next fall were held at Henderson Public May 14. Those who missed this opportunity to enrol youngsters for kindergarten at this school are urged to come to the school as soon as possible, preferably in the mornings. For further information you may call the school at 889-3132.

If you enjoyed the recent fun fair at the E. J. Sand Public you can now look forward to the Woodland Senior Public first such enterprise to be held Saturday.

This event will have a French accent as it is designed to raise funds for the coming trips to Quebec City which get underway at the end of this month. Inasmuch as it is the grade 7 pupils who will be going to Quebec, it is they who will be operating "L'Affaire" on Saturday.

Visitors to this fun fair will find a white elephant sale, bake sale, tea room, book and comic sale, fish pond, snack bar, plant sale, bingo, car wash, free films, carnival games, bird house sale plus an auction sale with Principal Bill French as auctioneer. And we mustn't forget the draw for the 10-speed bike with two \$5 vouchers for Sam the Record Man stores as consolation prizes.

"L'Affaire" gets underway at 10 am and will run through until 2 pm. The auction sale begins at 12 noon and the draw for the bike will be held at 1 pm. Tickets for the bike draw are 25c each and are on sale now through Woodland students.

Late the following week the Quebec trips begin. At the same time May 30, the grade eight students are to present the Gilbert and Sullivan light opera "Pirates of Penzance" to raise money for their Ottawa trip which will take place in June and some of the proceeds will be used to purchase graduation awards. Tickets for this show are now on sale.

The E. J. Sand pupils head for the limelight June 4 and 5 when they will stage the operetta, "Mirror, Mirror," featuring the junior section government.

### Councillor Crisp Was At Ceremony

The name of Markham Regional Councillor Harry Crisp of 191 Henderson Avenue, Thornhill, was inadvertently omitted from last week's report in this newspaper of those attending the cornerstone laying ceremony May 11 at the Thornhill Community Centre, Bayview Avenue and John Street.

Councillor Crisp, retired town clerk, attended the ceremony along with his fellow council members, invited guests and citizens. He and Mrs. Crisp were among those who arrived earliest for the ceremony and it is regretted there was this omission in the report of those attending.

students (grade 4 to 6). This musical presentation is being produced by Mrs. Jean Beaton.

It has been learned that the response to the Bayview Glen School's operetta "Puddin' Head" was most gratifying. This show concluded last Thursday amid an array of thunder and lightning which added to the applause.

Still with Bayview Glen we learned that Wednesday of last week Mrs. J. Forrester's grades 1 and 2 class and Mrs. J. Snecker's grade 1 class visited Pioneer Village.

**Scouts & Cubs**  
Thursday, in observance of police week, the 2nd Thornhill Cub Pack visited the Willowdale Police Station.

The 2nd Thornhill Ranger Company that day enjoyed a father and daughter banquet at the "Old Spaghetti Factory", which is near the O'Keefe Centre in Toronto. Some 47 fathers, daughters and leaders enjoyed this outing.

Commissioner Mrs. Gail Thompson reports that the Cookie Day drive in the Bayview Glen Area was a huge success if not a total one.

**Church News**  
A special congregational meeting will be held after church May 26 at Thornhill United to elect a new chairman of the mission committee and to fill some vacancies on administration, Christian education, community service, fellowship and mission committees.

United Church men are wanted to attend the Keswick '72 Conference on either the weekend of June 7-9 or 14-16. Registration fees will be paid by the local men's club. See or phone Tom Saito at 889-8221 or Allan Martindale at 889-1890.

**Neighborhood Notes**  
Regretfully we report that Mrs. May Barbour is in hospital again, this time Hamilton General. Mrs. Barbour was spending last week in the steel city with her mother, Mrs. Florence Smith. She was taken to the hospital Tuesday of last week from her mother's home by her brother, George LeRue of Hamilton, when she was troubled with chest pains. Her friends and neighbors will be happy to hear that she expected to be discharged following tests, and hopefully will be out of hospital by the time this appears in print.

Birthday congratulations this week are extended to Fred Kampen, 60 Woodward Avenue; Paul Barker, 17 Courtham Avenue; Neil Dygart, Morgan Avenue; and to Ricky McArthur of Henderson Avenue. Fred will celebrate his 11th birthday tomorrow (Thursday). Paul marks his 13th and Neil his 14th on Sunday. Ricky will be 13 years old next Tuesday.

The heavy rain of Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon of last week caused considerable damage to the John Barbour residence of 136A Henderson Avenue and to Mac's Milk Store below. Leaks in the roof.

**NEWMARKET:** The diary of Timothy Rogers, this area's first settler, has been returned to this town. It is now the property of the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends and at present is being kept at Pickering College. It has been microfilmed by the Ontario Archives and the original will be placed for safekeeping in the Quaker Archives at the University of Western Ontario. The journal is a gift from a descendant, Gregory Rogers of Uxbridge.

## EAST RICHVALE SOCIALS

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### Ratepayers' Meeting

The ratepayers meeting which was held at Walter Scott School May 14 was very well attended. From this area Mrs. Marion Hohner, Mrs. Grace Nikolaus, Mrs. Margaret Muus, Beno Gutsh and yours truly all of Duncan Road were there as well as people from the other parts of Ward 3 — all told about 50. But five people represented Duncan Road, Sixteenth Avenue and the three small side streets.

The meeting dealt with the development of the Langstaff Jail Farm, which for a small amount of fifty million dollars you could develop in any way you want, and the 48 inch sewage line which is to go along the German Mills Creek or the Don Tributary as it is named on the map. These are very important issues to be sure, since these are developments of the very near future and will affect all of us if we are still around — but what Mrs. Muus, Beno Gutsh and myself were interested in was "When is something going to be done about this creek, the German Mills or the Don Tributary?" These are definitely not the names that spring to mind when a rainstorm comes along and Richmond Hill's sewers back-up and we are balling our basements out.

What is being done to Duncan Road? These questions were asked at this meeting but there was no one to answer them. Yes, Mrs. Major was there to say that there were no telephone calls. That took all concerned, if they were concerned, off the hook. How nice. I had an article in the "Liberal" on August 4, 1972, with names and views of the concerned homeowners, who have been paying taxes for a long time, living near this creek but of course, such articles are a passing fancy. So what if your basement is filled with someone's sewage, bail it out! and your garden is ruined, there a lot of vegetables at the supermarket, why should

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council worry about it with the tax money coming in. When you live in these conditions it is a BIT difficult to think of how the Langstaff Jail Farm is going to be developed.

Thanks to Regional Councillor Lois Hancey and Councillor Lou Wainwright who came in later in the meeting and were able to give us information as to how far this planned development has really gone. This proved

that we need a representative from council who will enlighten those attending the meeting.

**Neighborhood Notes**  
The Tupperware party organized by Mrs. Grace Nikolaus of Duncan Road brought in additional funds for the adopted Korean Boy, Thanks Grace.

Sorry to hear that Ron Maheu, Senior of Duncan Road has been hospitalized. Hope you are feeling much better now.

Mrs. Pearl Dubkowski of Sixteenth Avenue has just returned from hospital. Darin Nikolaus had his tonsils removed and is back home. We hope that all are recovering steadily.

**St. Vladimir's Notes**  
Every Thursday at 7:30 pm instructions in cross-stitching are held. The ladies in charge are: Olla Leschuk, Zena Holowacz and Nadia Stasyna.

The next UCWL meeting will be held June 6. A bake sale and draw will be held May 26.

Ukrainian school and dancing classes will recess for summer holidays June 1. Program for the event will be as follows — 10:30 am Divine Liturgy in the church; 11 am recital — songs, verses, dancing followed by a picnic for the children. Everyone, especially parents, is invited.

## Around Bayview Fairways

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At the meeting of the Bayview Fairways Ratepayers, a week ago last Monday, I found the atmosphere very relaxed. It was led by Ernie Miles, who showed admirable leadership qualities. His natural, relaxed performance invited response of ideas from what appeared to be a quiet audience. Ernie quickly had most of the people taking a verbal part in the meeting.

The Bayview Fairways' gym is a poor place to hold a meeting. From the back row, it is difficult to understand what people say. If a question is not directed in one's general direction, it is difficult to hear it at all. But there is nothing to prevent one sitting near the front, since they had no more than 25 people at any one time. Nevertheless, would create far too many echoes to understand the subject matter of an entire meeting.

The meeting opened with nominations in which I did not know who was who. But a new twist was added when it came to the directors. There is no limit to the number of directors. Therefore every member can become one, thus attending the important meetings and observing firsthand what is to be planned and how.

The Ratepayers' association intends to become a corporation therefore no individual is liable to be sued. This is why there was not any fireworks last Monday. They hope to have some next year. In the construction planning stage, we anticipate: ownhouses north of John St. to the extension to Woodline, single family homes or ownhouses on the south side of John Street just past Dawn Hill Trail, and a new addition for Bayview Fairways school. Four to six portables will be added to bring the total of portables to 4 or 16. There are 660 students this year. This will be increased to 785 this September. The main building holds 365 and the portables 420, which means that the school is not an open school but a portable school. The German Mills school is

planned for January of next year. Council says that it takes 32 weeks to construct a school, which can only be taken as a joke. "I have never heard of a school being constructed in 32 weeks."

It was suggested that tennis courts be erected but council has already informed us to use the courts in Bayview Glen, which are usually empty. That means have your children ride along muddy John Street and then down Bayview which has no sidewalks. Council is pressuring the firms on John Street, east of Bayview Fairways to keep their fronts but little else can be done. The ratepayers association has been fighting the dump for three years. Sometimes 600 trucks per day use the dump. Little progress has been made due to an imbalance of representation on town council.

"This is our main problem." Out of the six wards, south Thornhill has two. We have three councillors out of the nine. We also have over half of the population and taxation! The seriousness of this problem cannot be overstated. "This is a farm council. We don't understand their problems and they don't understand ours."

It is simply a case of us not having representative government.

**School News**  
In other happy news, grade seven class of Woodland Senior School is planning to go to Quebec City. They need your help in raising money. It is called "Le Fair" and will be held at Woodland Senior School May 25 from 10 in the morning till 2. There will be a bake-sale, while elephant-sale (which has nothing to do with airports), books, comics, tea room, snakes, car wash for gas-eaters at 75c and small cars at 50c, also a plant sale, free films and an auction at 12.

If you have any books you wish to donate, please hand them in at the school up to Friday. Most of the items are inexpensive, such as the draw for a 10 speed bike with tickets at only 25c. Cheers.



JOAN KNOWLTON  
Thornhill Graduate

Joan Knowlton, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Knowlton, 100 Romfield Circuit, Thornhill was among the 1974 graduates of Ridge-Town College of Agricultural Technology in Ridge-Town near Chatham. Guest speaker at the graduation exercises May 16 was Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food Richard Hilliard. A graduate of Thornlea Secondary School in Thornhill, Miss Knowlton was winner of the Carl R. Watson award and trophy for the student making the most progress, and the Southwestern Area Women's Institute Trophy for proficiency in business procedures. She is now employed by CIL in London.

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