

Raritan Rd., (Cont.)

- 12/8/38 - Mrs. Vincenza Provenzano, 67, of 643 Raritan<sup>3-</sup>Rd. died.  
She was the widow of Stephen Provenzano. (See Provenzano card)
- 6/6/40 - Twnshp. Comm. Mtg. - Modern Home Div. of Sears Roebuck & Co.  
to start housing project on Sperry Estate, Raritan Rd.,  
west of Rahway River. (See Cfd. Twnshp. Comm.Mtg. card.)
- 9/5/40 - Norma Westervelt of Raritan Rd. & Harris Warner  
of 31 Grove St., t<sup>o</sup> wed 9/7. (See Westervelt card)
- 1/1/42 - Murder & Suicide theory in deaths of mother, step-father,  
& step-brother at 886 Raritan Rd. (See Cfd. Police card)  
Mother was 52, step-father, 54, & son was 19.
- 1/11/45 - Pvt. Chester Ditzel, son of Mr.&Mrs. Walter Ditzel of  
950 Raritan Rd., wounded in Germany.

Rath Building

See Also Rath Card

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- 9/12/94 - Stone sidewalk in front of building
- 10/10/94 - Frank Lent's architect office and D.B. Dent's real estate agt's. offices in building
- 11/11/94 - Dr. Robt. Duncan moved from Opera Building to Rath
- 1/2/95 - " " " in Rath Bldg.
- 1/6/97 - Florist Woodruff moved here from Opera Block
- 1/27/97 - Louis Bradley, Real Estate Office
- 2/3/97 - Wheeler Shoe Store moved to Rath Bldg. from Opera Blk.
- 3/19/97 - Diedrick Kreie opened hardware store in Rath Bldg.
- Rath Estate started a bldg. at No. & Union Ave., triangular property
- 10/8/97 - Florist Ussing to build a greenhouse between Union & North, and the side of the Rath bldg., 16x30' triangle
- 12/1/99 - Rath & Doyle - Plumbers - Rath Bldg.
- 23/19/98 - John Marien to start new drug store in Rath Bldg.
- 21/6/00 - " " - Drugs - Rath Bldg., Union Ave.
- 28/10/00 - Rath & Doyle

9/25/00 - Telephone exchange which has been in rear of Marien's Drug Store, and taken care of by them, is to be moved to a room over the drug store. This will necessitate employing a full-time switchboard operator. (This is the Rath Bldg.)

9/28/00 - Miss Grohe is switchboard operator in telephone exchange in the Rath Bldg. (taken

11/23/00 - Marien Drug Store (Rath Bldg.) robbed. Not much

10/29/01 - A.E. Gammage - drug store in Rath Bldg.

12/10/01 - " " " " " " "

8/12/02 - Ferguson house adjacent to the Rath Bldg.

1/23/03 - Potts has bought Rath corner

4/17/03 - 62 telephones out of service when flagpole fell across telephone and electric light cables. (On Rath property, where it would have come down anyway, soon. The spot is where the new Potts Bldg. will be.)

9/15/05 - Rath Bldg. at North & Union purchased from Bldg. & Loan Assoc. by David D. Irving

Rath Bldg. (See also Rath Card)

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1/18/06 - Harry Bower, feed store, moving from Rath Bldg. to Masonic Bldg. in a store formerly occupied by Patterson's Candy Store which moved to Rahway Ave. & Cherry St., Elizabeth

1/18/06 - David Irving Meat Market will move from Opera Block to Rath Bldg. which he bought.

Reay's Pharmacy

- 11/11/04 - J.A. Reay's Pharmacy - 15 Union Ave.
- 2/1/06 - J.A. Reay's Cranford Pharmacy - 15 No. Union Ave.
- 7/15/09 - 2 bicycles stolen from the alley between the Smith and the Shapiro Bldgs., owned by Reay's Pharmacy for their delivery boys.
- 2/9/11 - Picture of Reay's Drug Store. He took over in 1904. Located on No. Union Ave.
- 3/14/12 - Walter Radt, formerly of Reay's Pharmacy will open a new drug store in new Sauer Bldg. on Walnut Ave.
- 1/28/15 - J.B. Reay one of signers for new Cfd. Businessmen's Assoc. under Bd. of Trade.
- 2/11/15 - Reay, Treas. new Cfd. Businessmen's Assoc.
- 12/14/22 - Reay (Cranford Pharmacy)\* - 15 Union Ave.



Recreation

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- 7/2/25 - Playgrounds: next to Police Hdqtrrs. & Walnut Ave. next to  
Cromwell place.
- 6/27/29 - Residents of Willow Ave. complain of use of athletic field  
for baseball.
- 6/28/45(1930) - Playgrounds at Lincoln, Sherman, Roosevelt, to open  
under sponsorship of the Cfd. Recreation Committee. They  
have outfitted a playground on property behind the Baptist  
Church, for use of children & adults in Cfd.
- 8/21/30 - Handcraft exhibits at playgrounds.
- 1/21/32 - Twnshp. Comm. Budget cuts Recreation fund from \$6200 to \$1500.
- 6/28/35 from 6/28/45 (10 yrs. ago) About 150 children registered at  
Roosevelt School Playground sponsored by Cfd. Lions Club.
- 7/2/36 - Lions to sponsor playground at Roosevelt School & assist in  
equipping Lincoln Playfield. (See Lions card.)
- 7/1/37 - Johnson Ave. playground to open.
- 7/15/37 - Twnshp. Comm. - Residents object to Johnson Ave. playground  
as it has no toilet facilities, so any place is being used  
for the purpose. Also gambling is going on.
- 6/24/43 - Seek \$1200 to finance Youth Recreation Program by comm.  
representing over 35 organizations. Lions & Rotary ea.  
give \$100. Stan MacClary & Clarence Fritz, chairmen.

Recreation (Cont.)

- ~~7/29/43~~ - Youth Recreation Commission, with the co-operation of the Fire Dept. to open 4 hydrants for 2 hrs. daily for curb-side showers.
- 8/26/43 - Closing program of High St. Playground held 8/24/43.
- ~~2/3/44~~ - Plans advanced for Youth Recreation Center in 2 vacant stores adjacent to theater, under Cfd. Recreation Commission. Plans started by V.I.A.
- 4/27/44 - Christian & Missionary Alliance Church to open a center for fellowship & recreation at 101 & 103 Walnut Ave. in empty stores.
- 6/22/44 - North Ave. Youth Center closes until new plans set up.

Red Cross

- Z7/30/98 - Red Cross Festival to be 8/10 - sort of a fair
- Z7/30/98 - " " " postponed to 8/16
- Z8/20/98 - " " " finally held. Made about \$400 and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Purcell who donated use of their property.
- N4/26/06 - Red Cross Society Branch of Cranford called together by Alice Lakey at her home 4/24. (Chron. 4/25), to aid Calif. suffering. Chairman Miss Lakey, Treas. Mrs. B.F. Ham and Secy. Mrs. Geo. H. Bates
- 12/3/08 - Red Cross (Tuberculosis) Christmas Stamps put out in 1908
- 10/1/14 - Twtnshp. Comm. Mtg. - Red Cross Fund
- 10/15/14 - Red Cross Collection \$600
- 10/22/14 - Twtnshp. Comm. Mtg. Red Cross money divided in 11 parts: 2 Belgium, 2 France, 2 Russia, 2 Germany, 2 Austria, 1 Service.
- 2/8/17 - Men's League Exec. Comm. of Presby. Church plans organization of society to supervise charities. Movement to establish Red Cross-V.I.A. Charity Ball well attended.
- 3/22/17 - Red Cross Chapter formed recently.
- 3/29/17 - Red Cross officers, W.J. Mc Kee, Pres., Mrs. Albert Kennelly, V.P., Mrs. Stephen Cox, Secy., Frank Close Treas. & chrmn of Military Relief Comm.



