

# The Cranford Citizen

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### Complete Plans For Opening of Schools

#### Teaching Staff Vacancies Filled by Board. Summer School Principal Reports Problems of Session.

Final plans for the opening of schools next Monday were considered by the Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday night in the new board room on the top floor of Grant School.

The resignation of Miss Linnia Anderson, teacher of Grant, Ft. Lincoln school, was accepted and in her place, Mrs. Ruth Gray Ferris of Woodford, Va., was engaged. This was the last vacancy to be filled on the teaching staff. Miss Ferris was graduated from the University of Virginia and has taught in that school, as well as at Richmond, Va. Normal School, and in other schools in that State.

Upon the recommendation of the supply committee, of which Newton P. Stewart is chairman, the board voted to purchase furniture and equipment for the Sherman School Cafeteria for \$750. The equipment was originally installed by the Lincoln-Sherman Home and was sold to the board and offered to the board at half the cost, with the money to be paid by the board to be divided equally between the Lincoln and Sherman School Parents' Teachers Associations, which were formed last year.

The supply committee also recommended awarding the contract for lumber to be used in manual training work to the Newark, whose estimate was \$740. The Cranford Mill and Cream Co., Woodbrook Farms and Riverside Dairy of Cranford all presented proposals for furnishing the lumber for children. They were referred to the supply committee with power.

John S. Brown, 48 Richmond avenue, was employed as janitor in the Sherman School, upon the recommendation of E. A. Crutcher, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee. He will be engaged on a six months' contract at a salary of \$1,700, with either party having power to terminate the contract at any time.

Miss Jeanette B. Armstrong presented a report on the summer school, of which she was principal, and which closed last month. She stated that 128 pupils were enrolled for the six weeks of intensive instruction, with periods running from eight o'clock in the morning until noon. Of the total enrollment of 125, there were 111 who completed the session. Out of this group, 88 were promoted, 74 per cent, while twenty-five, 24.8 per cent, failed. Miss Armstrong reported that the record of achievement was not as good as previous years, she said, citing 1928 when 63.8 per cent were promoted. In explanation, Miss Armstrong stated: "The faculty felt that the time had passed when a child was to be taken from school and sent to work. This is probably true. This is especially true of the fourth and sixth grades."

Continuing her report, Miss Armstrong said: "A ruling was made in 1928 that a child was to be taken from school and sent to work. This is probably true. This is especially true of the fourth and sixth grades."

"Parents and teachers have a very different interpretation from what is intended by teachers in the phrase 'advised to attend summer school' and 'recommended.' It seems as though the only solution to such a situation would be a very definite statement such as 'You must attend summer school and pass the work there in order to go into the next grade in the fall.'"

"Children that have passed their work during the winter session, and come for extra help are very troublesome. The answer to this will probably be that we do not give them enough to keep them busy, but when we do keep them busy the parents complain."

"Many children appeared at summer school whose names did not appear on Teachers' Summer School lists and also no slip to present after being sent home by the teacher. All were (Continued on local page)

### UNEMPLOYMENT

In order to help the unemployed substantially in Cranford, every citizen who can should help. Many applications for work are filed from men of various trades who are willing to do anything they can to tide themselves over.

The contractors working in town are going to do all they can to help the applicants but there are many who cannot be accommodated and others who cannot stand the heavy work required by a contractor.

If any of our citizens need any special work done around the house that does not require expert skill, just call up the Township Engineer's Office and someone will be sent around. Reports should be made when they do not show up for each application is believed to be a case of need and should be reported by anyone physically unable to do so.

D. C. N. COLLINS,  
Township Engineer.

### Barretts Home From Canada Fishing Trip

#### Good Coffee, Not Liquor, is the Problem in Ontario. They Claim. Tell Complications of Salmon Fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Barrett of Pine street with their daughters, Sally and Janet, returned last Friday from a month's vacation in Canada.

They spent most of the time at Cedar Park on Lake Ontario and at Chateaufort's Locks, Ontario. Most of the time they were engaged in fishing either as anglers or as suckers.

On day they went out fishing for bass and caught eleven pike. On other days they fished for salmon and actually caught two, which shows that accidents will happen even in Canada.

Some of the Ontario lakes have salmon weighing thirty pounds under the water but they are all on strike. They were the only ones when they were fishing. The water was so shallow that the fish were unable to strike.

In salmon fishing, equipment is unimportant. The first thing is to have a guide at \$4 a day. Without a guide no visitor can hope for success, because the fish refuse to play unless there is a member of the guides' union in the boat getting the full Conference Wage. All guides are college graduates with a B. S. degree.

When one fishes with a guide, the hotel furnishes the lunch, the guide furnishes the bait, and the comment while the tourist furnishes the rod and the amusement. The wise tourist lets the guide also furnish the tackle, because if anything goes wrong you can blame the guide. Besides, nobody except a hardware dealer could bring a complete set of tackle.

On Lake Champlain the preferred outfit for salmon consists of one thousand feet of telephone wire attached to a lightning rod and controlled with an oil derrick winch. The "bait" is produced by attaching a shoe-horn to an ordinary table spoon, to which is added one knife and fork and a couple of button hooks. You let out the wire until the so-called bait is about half a mile back of the boat. If you get a "strike" at 3 o'clock, it is wise to begin reeling immediately. With good luck you may haul the line in by sunset only to find that what you thought must be the biggest fish in the pond is a just full-whiskered set of weeds.

The Government stocks these lakes with weeds every spring just to prevent tourists from getting bored. Nobody protects them against getting gouged, however.

Every fish that hits the line is always the biggest on record until he lands in the net. Tourists never seem to learn that the biggest fish is at the other end of the line.

It is easy to get good liquor in Ontario, but try to find a good cup of coffee. The Ontario system works so well that only the American tourist ever mentions it. The tourist finds it hard to do without his favorite topic of conversation. He usually spends the first half of his vacation buying liquor and the last half in trying to get rid of it. There is no kick in the Canadian liquor, first because it is legal, second because it is properly aged, and third, because it lacks the true bootleg flavor. The tourist very quickly tires of it and looks around for something that is really refreshing.

### Seek Entries for Local Horsehoe Tournament

All members of the Cranford Athletic Federation have been given registration blanks for the horsehoe tournament which starts on Cranford Oval Monday, September 15. The competition will be carried on as an elimination series, until winners of both singles and doubles are produced.

Others who are not members of the Federation may register for the tournament by securing the proper blanks at the recreation office in the Township Rooms. Those who enter the doubles should indicate with whom they will play.

Participants will be notified as to their opponents in the play-offs and should report promptly to the Oval, where play will take place under the direction of T. H. Patterson, chairman of horsehoes for the Recreation Commission.

### Republican Leader Queries Pay Boost

#### Club President Asks Members to Protest at Hearing Tuesday Night on Increasing Collector's Salary.

That considerable opposition to the ordinance to increase the salary of Tax Collector George G. Teller from \$3,000 to \$3,500 per annum may develop at the meeting of the Township Committee Tuesday night, when a hearing will be given on the ordinance prior to its second reading, was indicated last night at the meeting of the Cranford Republican Club, in its headquarters, North Union and Springfield avenues.

The matter was brought to the attention of the club members by President George E. Osterheldt who said it was his opinion that the proposed increase is entirely too much. The President told the members that Mr. Teller's services may be worth fully \$3,500 a year, but he considered, he said, an increase of \$2,500 as "too great a jump at one time, and particularly at the present time with the economic condition such as it is." Mr. Osterheldt urged the other members of the club holding a like opinion to be present at the meeting Tuesday night and to protest against the increase.

The ordinance to increase Mr. Teller's salary was introduced at the meeting of the Committee August 26.

Herbert R. Winkler, chairman of the entertainment committee, announced that everything is in readiness for the club's annual outing which is scheduled to be held Saturday afternoon at Behnet's Grove, off Walnut avenue beyond the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

In presenting the report of the house committee, Frank Harmer, the chairman, said that a flag has been purchased for the clubhouse. He also reported that permission to use the clubhouse once a week for rehearsal purposes has been granted to an orchestra and in return the orchestra will provide music for dancing at the monthly meetings of the club.

Mrs. F. E. C. Winkler, chairman of the membership committee, presented the names of the following individuals who were elected to membership in the organization: George Bionanca, of 408 Prospect street; Thomas Hayek, of 319 Centennial avenue; and Harry E. Pope, 439 North Union avenue.

Mrs. Nelson, P. Halbert received the thanks and appreciation of the club members through President Osterheldt for designing and making a club banner which is to be flown from the headquarters flag pole.

Mr. Osterheldt said that he will call a meeting of the directors and possibly the members of the county committee in the near future to make plans for the November election.

Following the business meeting, refreshments were served.

### Everything Settled for Republican Club Picnic

Everything is in readiness for the annual picnic of the Cranford Republican Club, which will take place Saturday in Behnet's Grove, near the Lehigh Valley Railroad crossing in Walnut avenue. If Herbert R. Winkler, chairman of the committee, is seen out nights pasting his name on the spirit which he showed in the war, Mr. Grimm has gained for himself the reputation of being a master craftsman in working precious metals, and at the same time is supporting himself as an admirable musician.

Mrs. Bates renewed her acquaintance with him a few weeks ago, when she met him at a New Hampshire summer place.

His exhibition here will show a wide variety of his hand-made work, all of which is very moderately priced.

### Dr. Johnson Is Director of Anti-Usury Society

The Anti Usury Society of America, with offices in Elizabeth and with prominent men and women such as Hon. E. C. Stokes, Hon. A. Harry Moore, Mrs. Anna Steese Richardson, Will Irwin, E. A. Linburn and Dr. A. L. Johnson on its Board of Governors, has been striving since its formation to assist the army of borrowers to discriminate between unfair and fair money lenders of all types.

With the compiling of accredited lists of business conducted partly or wholly for the lending of money to the public, the Anti Usury Society of America hopes to assist to eradicate one of the great wrongs of the present social system. In hardly any other way do the needy who have fallen into temporary distress suffer more than from the greed of unscrupulous lenders who are ever ready to take advantage of their misfortune.

### PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY CALVARY CHURCH

#### Lincoln and Bedford Avenue Corner Will Be Site of Church, Parson House and Parsonage.

Just two years after its establishment, Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church has passed the first important milestone in its efforts to obtain church property, when title to property at the corner of Lincoln and Bedford avenues was taken by the church last week. The property was purchased from the Denman estate, upon a contract signed three months ago.

Consisting of a lot 100 by 150 feet, the property will be the center of all Calvary Lutheran Evangelical Church activities in years to come. The complete plans of the church call for the erection of a modern church building, a parish house, a parsonage and a parsonage. The building program will be carried on in three separate units and it has not yet been decided which of the buildings will be erected first, or when the program will be carried out.

Funds with which the property was purchased were raised through church organizations have sponsored, as well as through the individual efforts of members of the church. These will be continued. In the interests of the building fund and before any construction work is started, an intensive campaign for funds will probably be carried out.

Calvary Church was started in September, 1928. From a handful of worshippers at that time, the congregation has enjoyed a consistent and healthy growth, until at the present time, the membership roster numbers 57. All members of the church are active workers in the general church program and also take part in the various activities of groups within the church. At the time the church was started, the Women's Guild came into being, as one of the most important inner groups and this was shortly followed by the organization of the Luther League, which includes in its membership, nearly all the young people of the church. About six months ago, the Men's Club of Calvary Lutheran Church was organized. The newest club enjoys the membership of a great many of the men of the parish and carries out a program in keeping with the general objective of the church, its "well-doing" activities, which give members an opportunity for social and recreational diversions.

The Rev. William F. Behrens, Jr. is the pastor of the church, which he assumed in June, 1929, being the first full-time pastor of the church. He will be in charge of the church during the summer months. At the present time, services of the church are held at 29 South Union avenue. Sunday sessions take place at 9:45 a. m. and the regular church service at 11 a. m.

### Disabled War Veteran To Display Hand Work

Ralph O. Grimm, a disabled War Veteran known to many Cranford people, will present an exhibit of his handiwork at the Cranford Republican Club picnic tomorrow, at the home of Mrs. George H. Bates, 18 Hampton street. The exhibition will start at nine o'clock in the morning and continue until five in the evening.

Mr. Grimm, during the war with the Western Division and lost both his legs. For a time, he was in a hospital at Columbia and so became acquainted with a number of Cranford people. Carrying on his right leg, he has learned to do many things with his right hand. He has made a number of things, including a number of small bells of colored Belfast cord.

The girls appreciate very much the time given by Mrs. Hall, Mrs. M. L. Talliferro, Mrs. A. V. V. Hilson, Mrs. R. L. Constock, Mrs. Leavitt, Mrs. Lohr, Mrs. Virginia Hegeman, Jean Voorhees, and Mrs. D. R. Neal, who made the camp possible by taking the girls to and from Rahway in their cars.

### Bowling Teams Are Urged to Enter Community League

William D. Reel, president of the Cranford Athletic Federation urges all members of the group, as well as others interested in bowling, to register tonight for the bowling tournament which starts early in October as the next major activity of the federation, conducted by the Recreation Commission. Team lists will be received at the recreation office between 9:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Every team will be required to pay \$1 for club membership, as well as \$125 for each member entered. Of the latter amount, \$1 will be posted as a forfeit fee, to be returned at the end of the season, if no games are forfeited, while the other twenty-five cents will be for individual membership in the federation.

As only twelve teams can be accom-

### Girl Scouts Enjoy Savory Camp Meals

#### Overcome Difficulties of Cooking in Open Drying Instruction Period at Rahway County Park Unit.

Cranford Girl Scouts who attended the weekly day camp occurred every Thursday in the Union County Park at Rahway learned much about outdoor cooking. They cooked all the meals by themselves and two meals were planned by some of the girls, as well.

For their first lunch the menu consisted of toasted cheese and bacon sandwiches (called in Girl Scout cookery, "Angels on Horseback") sliced potatoes and "Somers" a dessert consisting of two graham crackers, a half of a plain chocolate bar and a toasted marshmallow. The second meal consisted of shrimp delight on crackers, pickles, pineapple and cookies.

The third cooking marked a high point in cooking difficulty. Each girl brought a tin can equivalent to a number ten size. They made a large hole with can opener on one side at the top. The girls put the tin in the stove, so they could put wood on the fire, and a small hole on the opposite side near the top for the smoke outlet. After the girls had started the fire in their stove, which was no easy task, they cooked bacon and corn fritters on the top. For dessert they prepared candied apples.

The fourth meal which was planned by Josephine Shaffer, Helen Cole, Dorothy Ernst, and Beatrice Marano, consisted of a hot potato salad, potatoes with a hole cut through the center and a frankfurter put inside and roasted. The dessert was "Somers".

Lucy Talliferro, Anna Hadlinski, and Adele Talliferro, made the last meal. Kabobs—squares of meat, onion and bacon put on a stick and cooked over the coals—rolls; bread twigs, jam and baked apples with marshmallows were enjoyed by the girls.

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### Zoning Board Holds Spirited Hearings

#### Charge House is Occupied by Two Families Without Board's Approval. Many Protest Change of Lot From Residential Zone to Business District.

During the hearing on Mr. DiPablo's application to occupy the two-family house at the corner of Arlington road and Hamilton avenue, already remodeled for that purpose, the charge was made that the dwelling is already housing two families, without the sanction of the board. As criticism was made for allowing the remodeling of the single family house for two families, Attorney Austin and the chairman of the board pointed out a building permit had been given when the remodeling was made for two families. As criticism was made for allowing the remodeling of the single family house for two families, Attorney Austin and the chairman of the board pointed out a building permit had been given when the remodeling was made for two families.

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Mr. and Mrs. William F. Wettpahl of a Hamilton avenue also spoke against the application, likewise reporting the house occupied by two families now. Chairman McCullough asked both Mr. Clement and Mr. Wettpahl if they had reported the violation of the single family clause of the ordinance to any zoning officials and both replied they had not.

A. A. Smith of Central avenue asserted that if Mr. DiPablo is allowed to occupy the house with two families, the bars will be let down in all sections of the township, thus doing away with the protection of the zoning ordinance. Chairman McCullough pointed out that several of those opposing the present application attended a past meeting of the board and favored a two-family house.

As his first witness, the attorney for the applicant presented Edward F. Whelan of Orange Avenue, who purchased the Shapiro property in Millin street about a year ago. He said the whole of Millin street should be included in the business zone and endorsed all of the attorney's statements. As an indication that property on the street is not worth much for residential purposes, Mr. Whelan said the best offer he could get for the former Shapiro property was \$35 a front foot. L. K. Loveland, Jr., testified along the same lines in regard to property on the street. He added that the public desires business establishments away from through streets. He concluded that the change in zone requested would be of great benefit to the township.

### A NEW ASSESSMENT TALE

All assessors have "stuck about" about in the course of a life time. At the session of the zoning board last night, Charles E. Payne of Arlington road spoke right out in open meeting to give his opinion of a Cranford assessor, while speaking in favor of Mr. DiPablo's application for a two-family house. Although it had no bearing on the case at hand, Mr. Payne divested himself of a pointed opinion on the assessor he had in mind. He claimed this official violated his duty, and that he was paying it, asked how much the job cost and then boasted the assessment \$1,500, the amount, Mr. Payne said he told the assessor it cost. But that wasn't all, he said. The assessor used a subterfuge to gain entrance to his home and after seeing a victrola and a piano, jumped his personal assessment \$500. The crowd at the hearing laughed in sympathy which proved it's a great life for those who set taxes, as well as those who pay the bills.

Frederick W. Park of 215 Millin street was the star witness for the applicant. He opened his testimony by stating that all Millin street from Eastman street to Springfield avenue should be within the business zone. At the present time, he maintained, it is a business zone, for a great many New York business and professional men have their New Jersey offices in the street. He also enumerated St. Michael's School, the Christian Science Church, the public library and a restaurant, as being business institutions basically, even claiming that one resident of the street owns a boarding house. The street is filled with many old houses, he continued, and property is worth only the value of the land, less the cost of removing obsolete dwellings and when the houses become old, the quality of the tenants rapidly declines. Summing up, he declared that to remove that section for business would be a great boon to the township. Although all others who spoke in favor of the application gave their views under cross examination by the attorney, Mr. Park's statements were straightforwardly given and there was much personal reference in them.

### The Owner's Story

On the stand Mr. DiPablo said he paid between \$15,000 and \$12,000 in taxes on property in Cranford. The change in zone, he asserted, should be made as a benefit to the township, adding that all property owners should give five feet in order to widen the street and make it more attractive as a business district. In regard to the property for which he sought the change in zone, Mr. DiPablo stated when it was occupied by a house, he paid \$540 each year in taxes. No desirable tenants could be obtained, he said, as the property is surrounded by business and he was forced to tear down the building in order to have assessments reduced. Even as the taxes are now, he concluded, the district must be given over to business to produce a fair return.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dana Eigelow of 116 Eastman street and Leonard J. (Continued on local page)

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