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In Our Town

Aloha

Jean Jacobus, 706 Gallows Hill Rd., is dusting off her suitcases and getting ready to say "aloha" to Hawaii. She found out last week she won a seven-day Hawaiian vacation in a drawing on WNBC radio. "I was bananas," she said when she received the phone call which was recorded and played on the air. She'll be making the trip with her husband, Fred. "I never won anything before," said the lucky lady.

Leafy hour

Some three dozen leaf fires were set here last week and weekend. Monday's snow and sleet dampened the vandalism and dropped more leaves, and the township is out collecting them. Dick Brown of the engineering department says that pickup coverage has been on schedule but volume is down because of snow. Leaf fires, especially among maples, affect three-fourths of the town's leaves are on the ground and only one-fourth have been picked up, he said. Brown requests that motorists park off the streets where possible in order to facilitate removal.

Print clues

One convicted criminal and one suspect have to their misfortune left prints behind in Cranford. Det. Dick Hicks isolated a thumb print after a burglary at Ketchum Jersey last year. It led to the arrest of a suspect who last week received a maximum five year jail term in Yardville. A tire tread in a door to burglarize Madan Plastics last Thursday. Hicks took a work boot print off the door and used it to track a suspect. Thumbs and foot on Page 4.

RV report

The Planning Board will hold a special meeting to discuss recreational and commercial vehicles on Monday at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building. At that time, the board's zoning subcommittee will present its report on recommendations for parking regulations, incorporating suggestions made by RV and CV owners at public forums in June and September.

New lanes

The Garfield State Parkway in this area is running wider as of this week. It has new high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes reserved exclusively for vehicles carrying three or more occupants during rush hours, weekdays between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Photo on Page 3.

CEA drops surveillance suits vs. school board

By ROSALIE GROSS — The Cranford Education Association this week abandoned further legal action in its suit against the Board of Education involving surveillance of school employees and recording of phone conversations.

Peg DePinto, president of the CEA, slammed the school board at its meeting Monday when she read a letter notifying the board the remaining litigation would be "terminated." Mrs. DePinto called the move a "gesture of good faith on the part of the association" in response to the board's "timely" completion of contract negotiations, creation of a staff-board liaison committee, and "general opening of channels of communication." The CEA letter appears on Page 2.

The only case still pending among the five legal actions filed by the CEA last Jan. 16 is before federal District Court Judge H. Curtis Meador. The CEA had charged the Constitutional rights of school members had been violated. The school board attorney, Yale Manoff, filed a motion to dismiss the case, but a decision has been stayed pending the outcome of the appeals process in state courts. Based on the CEA's notification longer, Judge Meador has agreed to hear the motion for dismissal Dec. 8.

Brenda Klein, board president, said Tuesday she is "pleased that it appears to be over. I am most pleased that the CEA recognizes the board's efforts to open the lines of communication." Manoff commented he was "more than pleased with their decision."

Robert D. Paul, schools superintendent,

The first bite



Demolition crew started at the top of the old firehouse. The "C" in "C.E.D." cracked when pediment fell on roof-bar in any way.

They save '1909'

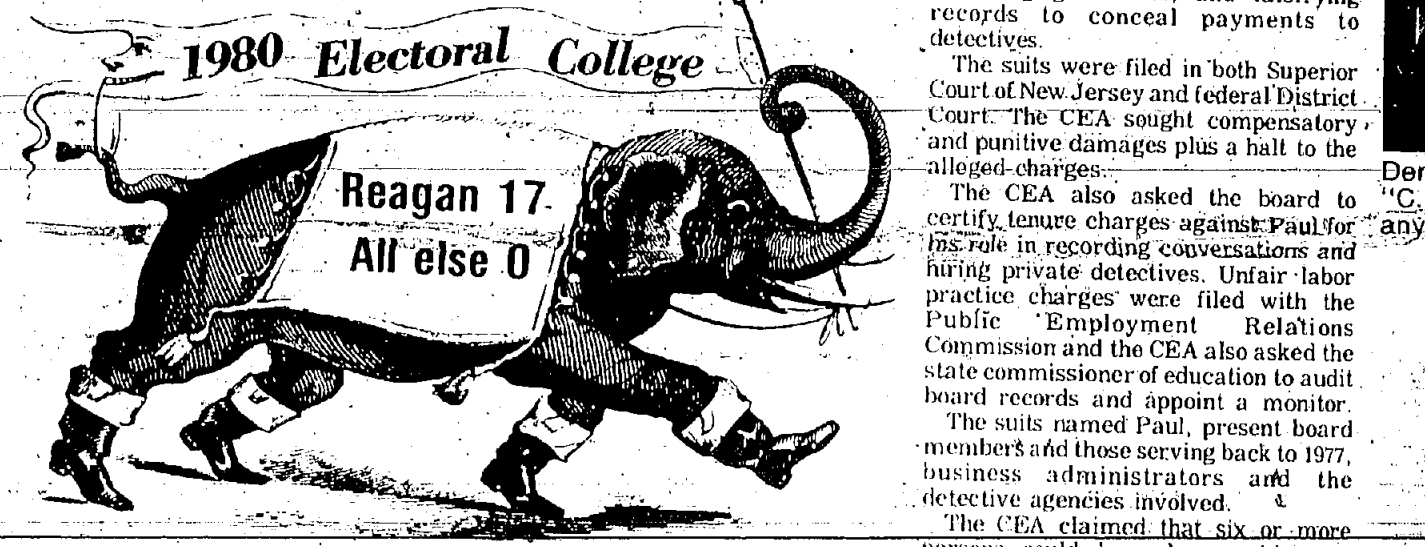


Next time around workmen chiseled out "1909" and extricated it in three pieces for Cranford Historical Society. Photo by Bob Volckmann.

It's for posterity



Peter Murray uses wheelbarrow to cart off historic masonry. Once it was gone, wreckers went after rest of the aged building and completed job in three days. Vacated site will become entrance from North Avenue to parking lot that is being reconstructed behind and above new firehouse. Photo by Bob Volckmann.



Mattson to serve electoral college

By STUART AWBRY — If you voted for Ronald Reagan for President this month you probably thought you were voting for well, Ronald Reagan.

But Gerry Mattson knew better. When she went to the polls she was aware that her vote for him was in reality a vote for herself.

She was chosen last summer as a presidential elector. Since her candidate won the popular vote in New Jersey, she'll join the electoral college Dec. 15 and cast a ballot making Reagan's victory official.

Her third vote, following those of the primary and general elections, is the most prestigious. She's one of only 12 electors in the state.

Most voters think the general election picks the President directly, but votes are actually cast for electors who confirm state-by-state popular outcomes.

Mrs. Mattson has signed an oath to uphold the Constitution in her role as a member of the elite college. The Constitution doesn't specify that college "there is area far mischievous," namely if the college records a tie vote and the election is thrown to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The electoral college has the steepest malreputation of any "school" around. Bearing a scarpie, it should affirm the election in about an hour's time.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Mattson has taken seriously. She checked out at the Cranford Public Library to study the system and was especially influenced by "The Presidential Lottery" by James Michener, the famous writer who votes an elector in 1968. Her speech on the subject to the Cranford Republican Club this fall started a minor rumormongering.

She shares Michener's view that the nation satisfactorily over the years but that "there is area far mischievous," namely if the college records a tie vote and the election is thrown to the U.S. House of Representatives.



Thanksgiving craft: Megan Murray creates a turkey out of pom-poms and pipe cleaners. She was one of 65 youngsters who took part in crafts session at Cranford Public Library Saturday. More events are scheduled at library during holiday season. These and other events will be listed in next week's Holiday Guide section of The Chronicle. Photo by Greg Price.



The CEA appealed the decision. In the meantime hearings were held in U.S. District Court, Newark, before Judge Meador. On May 27 he announced he would stay his decision until the matter was resolved in state appeals court. He admonished the CEA for filing the same suit in both state and federal court.

A three-judge appeals court panel in Hackensack upheld Meador's decision on Oct. 1 stating they "were satisfied the record is devoid of any proofs which would support the complaint." The CEA asked the appeals judges to reconsider their decision, but they refused.

The CEA asked the state Supreme Court to review the case at the beginning of this month. This appeal will be heard in light of the CEA's announcement this week. The association also is withdrawing its charges before the commissioner of education and PERC. Also to be withdrawn is the CEA's appeal of the board's refusal to bring tenure charges against Paul. The board had voted last February in Paul's favor and the CEA appealed that decision in March. Kenneth Springer, a judge with the Office of Administrative Law, had stayed hearing the tenure appeal case until the suits were resolved in state and federal courts.

The board's legal fees to defend itself in these litigations are estimated at \$75,000. Most of it will be covered by the board's liability insurance policy. The only portion that may not be covered is the defense before the state education and PERC agencies. The CEA is expected to increase between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a year because of the suits.

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Several major traffic fines levied in Municipal Court

Several steep penalties for driving while under the influence of alcohol were levied by Municipal Court Judge James M. Bell last week.

Terrence Donegan, 497 Essex Ave., Bloomfield, was fined \$1,000 plus \$15 costs and had his driver's license revoked for five years. He was also ordered to attend Alcoholics Anonymous sessions for a year. It was his fourth violation.

Michael Gilroy, 631 Hummingbird, Bensalem, Pa., was fined \$615 on a DWI charge and had his license revoked for a year. Both were charged by State Police on the Garden State Parkway. Also on Nov. 14, Ethel Ahnans, 322 North Ave., E., was fined \$215 on a DWI charge.

Here is a summary of other major traffic fines imposed in recent weeks:

On Oct. 28, Lisa Laurent, 6 Harvard Rd., was fined a total of \$250 by Judge James M. Bell for driving while under the influence of alcohol, not having an insurance card and careless driving.

On Oct. 14, Cyril Harvilla, Ashbury Park, was fined a total of \$225 by Acting Judge James T. Leonard for driving with a suspended license and no insurance card. John J. Walsh, 5 Bucknell, Hazlet, was fined \$215 for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Kenneth E. Apts, Mahwah was fined \$210 for driving while under the influence of alcohol and \$210 for driving with a revoked license.

On Oct. 7, James P. Lowrie, 236 W. Grant, Elizabeth, was fined a total of \$265 for driving with a revoked license and having no valid registration in possession.

Meantime, a number of the motorists who received Police Department summonses for making illegal left turns from the right hand off Springfield onto the Boulevard have appeared in court and received a \$15 fine. About 60 summonses were issued last month.

There goes the roof . .



Wrecking crew took old firehouse down from the top this week, starting with front facade and moving back and down. New firehouse provides backdrop for topping debris at right. Below, "laws" appear to be closing on steeple of First Presbyterian Church but it's a block away. Target was the old second floor kitchen.

Footprint on door provides clue in break-in at company

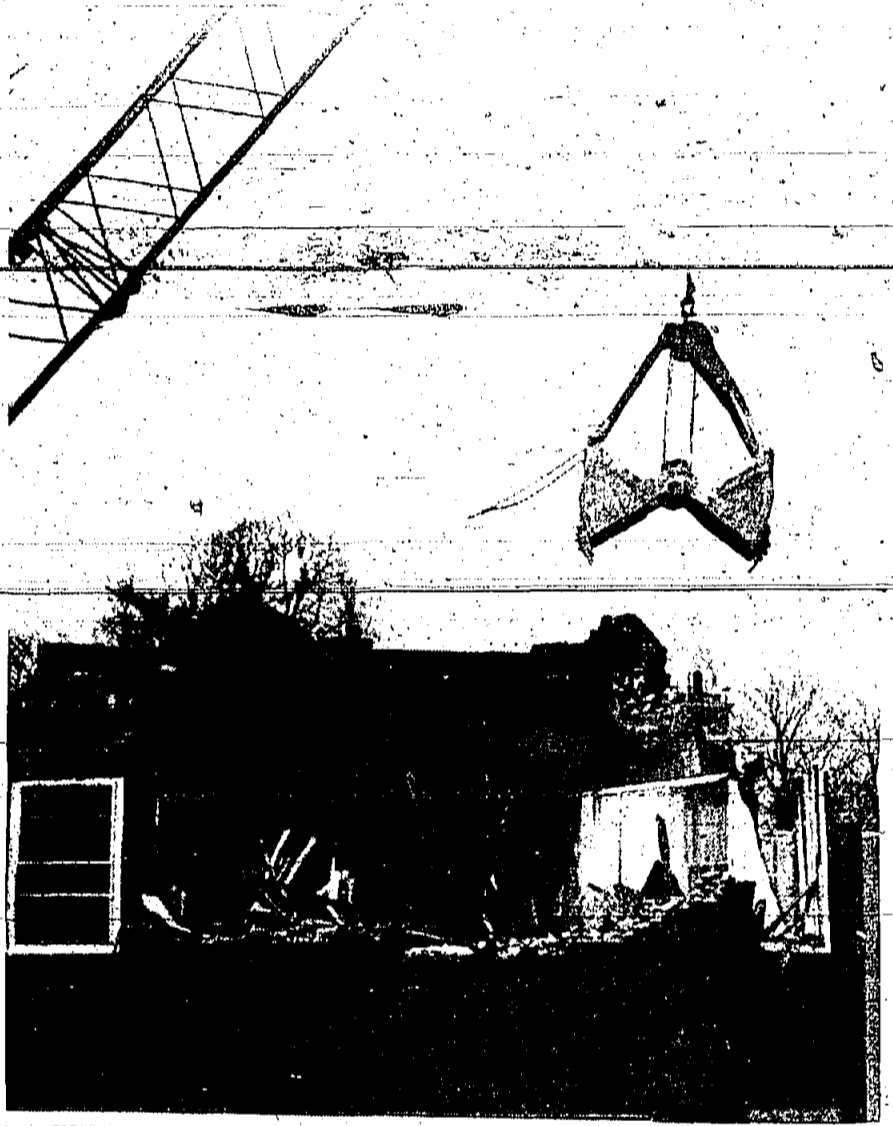
A footprint left on a broken door provided Cranford police with a clue that led to the arrest of a Kiosko Park man last week.

Det. Jack Hicks found the print from a workboot on a rear garage door that had been broken at Madan Plastics on North Avenue 563 W. Westfield Ave. East early last Thursday, lives about a fourth of a mile east of the company.

The thief took tools and He was described as a damage to machines who was inside the company fired three months ago. He was charged with burglary, theft of movable property and malicious damage.

The alleged culprit, Joseph Peter Bruzesse, 24, was convicted last month of participating in the theft of \$5,000 worth of narcotic drugs from Ketchum Jersey on South Avenue.

... and then the kitchen



Thumb print thief gets prison term

The man who was traced by his thumb prints to a break-in here last year has received an indeterminate prison term of up to five years at Yardville.

Superior Court Judge Cudde Davidson gave the sentence last week to James Patrick Scholtz, 356 North Ave., Cranford.

Scholtz was traced by prints discovered by Det. Jack Hicks.

Thfts reported to police

Several thefts were reported to police during the past week. They included:

Paula Cardon, 38 S. Union, and Monday, October 20, when she was taken from her residence and stole clothing and a radio.

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Pedestrian injured by moving car

A 16-year-old pedestrian suffered minor injuries Nov. 11 when she was struck by an unidentified car in front of 256 North Ave. W.

Cheryl Arthur was taken to Overlook Hospital by the First Aid Squad for treatment of hip, knee and elbow injuries. Police said the driver had stopped after the collision, asked the girl who she was and then departed, leaving her lying on the roadway.

Police are still looking for the vehicle.

In another accident, a vehicle driven by Gertrude May, 31 Dartmouth Rd., struck a utility pole at Orchard and Tulip Monday. She was taken by the Memorial General Hospital with complaint of pain to her leg and chest. She received a summons for an improper turn.

Two-year-old sends car into window

A two-year-old who was left in a parked car with the engine running sizzled into a window and stole clothing and a radio.

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Three dozen leaf fires set in town

About three dozen leaf fires were extinguished by the Fire Department last week and through the weekend. Chief Leonard Dolan said most were caused by vandals.

It was the worst rash of leaf fires since a dry two-year period around Halloween two years ago.

Officer John Baer caught three youngsters who were accused of setting one fire at Willow and Lafayette Sunday. They were released to their parents.

Firemen also responded to small fires in two homes. Last Thursday one broke out in a bedroom at the Taylor residence, 112 Pine St., and another at the Jensen residence at 196 Locust, where a defective motor furnace caused a fire. Both houses suffered smoke damage. Firemen also went to the Pinto home, 47 Brookside Ct., where smoking bread was found in a kitchen oven Sunday.

Judge orders woman to pay embezzled funds back to bank

A Superior Court judge has ordered a Cranford woman to pay the bank where she worked \$72,26 as restitution for funds she embezzled.

Mary Vogel, 223 North Ave. W., pleaded guilty to embezzling funds from United Counties Trust Co. in Clark. Judge Cudde Davidson ordered her to make restitution and to pay a \$2,000 fine. He also gave her a four year suspended jail term.

Bradford Bury, assistant county prosecutor, said the embezzlement took place between 1973 and September 1979, when charges were filed. Sentencing took place Oct. 17.

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Model railroad show this weekend

November is National Model Railroad Month and on the weekend of the 22d and 23d, the Tenth Annual Model Railroad Hobby Show, at the National Guard Armory in Westfield will present more than 20,000 square feet of displays, demonstrations, movies, and other exhibits designed to lure you into the hobby.

More than 120 boys and girls learned about weaving, butter churning, colonial toys and games the Indians taught the earliest colonists. They watched as crude colonial tools fashioned tree bark into shingles for homes. The students participated in the fashioning of tin ornaments and utensils and the dipping of tallow candles. They learned the art of colonial spinning and weaving and practiced darning just as colonial children of their own ages would have done.

The many stages of apple doll and corn husk doll making were demonstrated.

Asked for comments after the two-hour program, Erin McLeer said: "I thought it was interesting. We learned to make some things and how hard it was to live long ago." Susan Fitzpatrick commented: "I thought it was very interesting. Seeing how things were made in colonial times." Rachel Capece stated: "It was terrific. The people in charge were very nice."

The Drake House Museum, Plainfield, presented the program. It was sponsored by the St. Michael Parents' Guild.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, and \$1 for children under 12. Proceeds from the show will be used to maintain and expand the Model Railroad Center in Lenape Park. For information, phone the sponsors 964-9724.

Colonial crafts demo at school

Students of the fourth to sixth grades at St. Michael School were introduced to the talents of colonial craftsmen on Monday when demonstrations were set up in the school cafeteria. Six craftsmen in colonial costume made candles, shingles, apple dolls and corn husk dolls, and demonstrated tinsmithing, weaving and games.

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"There are more than 600 Cranford families in 'special gifts' category and 80 percent of the people who received the letter have already responded with pledges," said Cumiskey. "We are very encouraged by the response to date. These people obviously have the community spirit and believe in the United Way. The contributions are coming in steadily, everyday, and we're counting on a big push in the end to put us over the top."

United Way volunteers assisting Cumiskey in the special gifts division include Dick Parkhurst, Al Gessler, Chuck Goodfellow, Ken DeLange, Channing Hudd, Charles Goodfellow, Chip Hogan, Nelson Dittmar, Stan Mansfield, Chick Ammann, Sam Marscheck, Mike Conway, Eric Baldwin, George Weisberger, Steve Bahits, Hal Deen, Dan Nowicki, Scott Taylor, John Ferguson, Joe Zito, Gary Thore, Joe Vita and Bob Reilly.

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Teen coffeehouse to feature 'L.A.'

The Cranford Youth Council is sponsoring a coffeehouse for all teenagers at the Community Center on Friday, Nov. 28 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Tickets for the door will be \$2 (only 15¢ will be admitted).

Music provided by L.A. will include the best of Foghorn and Messiaen, Jackson Browne, Fugleberg, Warren Zevon, Eagles as well as songs by the Cranford Youth Council.

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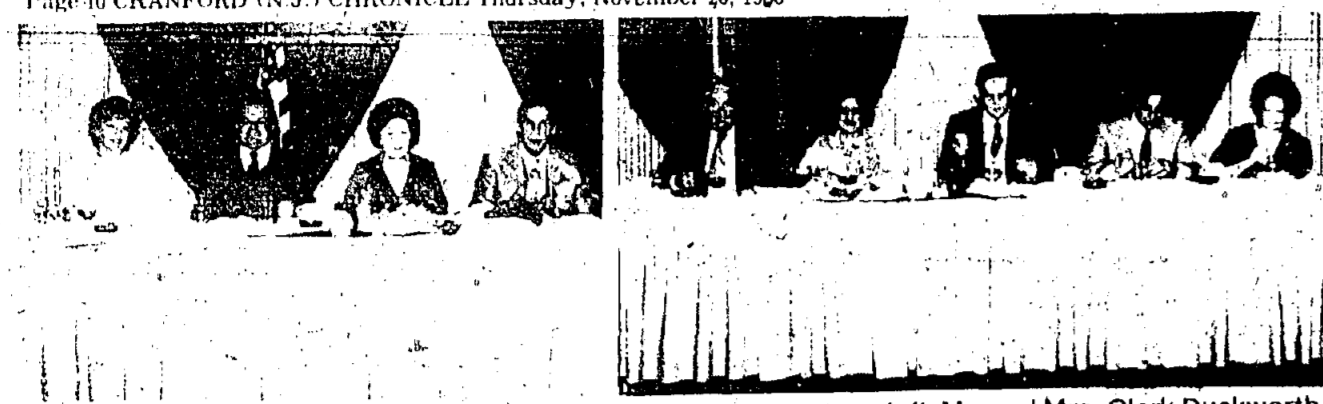
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Tecknit joins Japanese firm in licensing pact
Tecknit has announced that final details of a licensing know-how agreement with Toray Industries, Inc. of Japan have been completed and signed by both companies. The agreement provides for the exchange of technical and manufacturing processes involved with the production and marketing of multi-layered elastomeric connectors.

Toray Industries, Inc. is a worldwide leader in the manufacturing and marketing of plastics, synthetic fibers and chemicals. More recently, the company has achieved recognition in the electronics industry with the introduction of its instrumentation, data processing and medical analytical equipment.

LEARN offers talk about adolescence
The League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses (LEARN) announces a special program: "Adolescence Begins with Biology and Psychology," at 7:45 p.m. Nov. 24, at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Down the alley
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Trap, skeet shoots set in Lenape Park

The Lenape Park Trap and Skeet Range will be the site of the Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot, the Remington Handicap in Trap, Sunday, Nov. 23. A Union County Department of Parks and Recreation facility, the range is located off Kenilworth Boulevard.

This event offers competitors the opportunity of entering the straight shoot or the Remington Division. In this section, shooters select a handicap of 51, 52 or 53. Each contestant will shoot 50 traps. Turkeys will be awarded to the three highest scorers in the straight shoot and to the three shooters with the winning handicap.

Events are called at 1:30 p.m. Entries close at 2:30 p.m. Shots can be purchased at the facility, open weekends from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday hours may vary due to construction of Lenape Park's flood control project.

Information concerning the Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot, the Remington Handicap in Trap and Saturday's hours can be obtained by calling 276-0225 of 523-8441.



BENEFIT — Jim Harrington of Cranford presents plaque to Fred Nagler, race director of run held in Union for benefit for United Cerebral Palsy League of Union County, which Harrington serves as a board member.

TAPESTRY
Contemporary tapestry is being displayed at Montclair State College's gallery through Dec. 5.



ORIENTATION — Mae Cummins, first grade teacher at Hillside Avenue School, explains to a group of children from her vacation tour of mainland China the importance of the tour of mainland China to her students, from left, Kimberly Laycock, William Hull, Brian Abram and Tania Davis. Children are inspecting an abacus. Also on display are kites, posters, a Chinese violin, fans and books. Students decided that except for physical characteristics and language, children in China seem to share the same interests.

ANIVERSARY — John Murphy of Cranford, recently celebrated his 30-year anniversary with Exxon. He works as a Lab Specialist in the Elastomers Technology Division at the Exxon Engineering Center in Linden.

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Garwood
Mary Ann Dell led all bowlers with a high 700 in last week's practice of the Garwood Women's Bowling League at the Garwood Lanes. Westwood Lodge won five points from Bryn Mawr-Burton Associates, while Garwood Lanes won 14.

Garwood Jr.
High games in the Garwood Junior Bowling League were bowled by Eric Budin, 147, James Andrews, 135, Chris Anderson, 131, Gina Guerrero, 124, Pamela Kraspa, 122, Sandra Carlini, 118, and John Brodie, 117.

Monday Morning Jewels
High games were bowled by Carrie Levine, 249, Ann Carlini, 237, Geri Dombrowski, 232, Arlene Davis, 227, and Mary Ann Dell, 225.

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SPORTS



WALKER RAN — for two touchdowns Saturday against Scotch Plains, gaining 109 yards for Cougars. Photo by Jon Delano.

Dooley, Walker score for Cranford

By JILL SPECHT
Saturday's game spelled another defeat for the Cranford Cougars who scored on three more touchdowns against Scotch Plains. Dooley and Walker were the stars of the game. Dooley scored on a 10-yard run and Walker scored on a 109-yard run. The Cougars lost 22-0.

Hockey team's hopes come to abrupt end

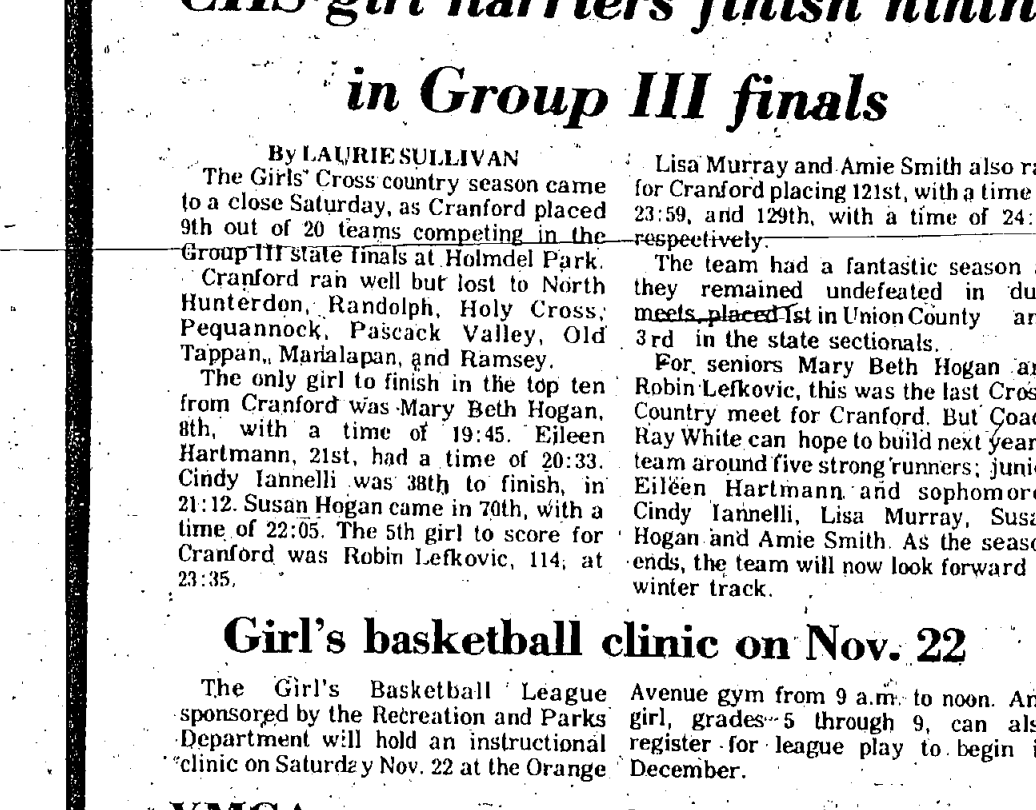


Field hockey coach Reneo Dorfmann halftime of Cranford-Montvale game for sectional championship. CHS was defeated 3 to 1. Photo by Jon Delano.

O'Brien, Alvarez injured as Booters drop season final

By LINDA HOLLAND
Ending their season at home last Thursday, the Cranford Varsity soccer team was defeated by Roselle, 4 to 2. Before the end of the first half, O'Brien and Alvarez were injured. The game was a tough one, with both teams scoring goals. Cranford's season ends with a loss.

CHS girl harriers finish ninth in Group III finals



Girl's basketball clinic on Nov. 22. The Girl's Basketball League sponsored by the Recreation and Parks Department will hold an instructional clinic on Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Orange Avenue gym from 9 a.m. to noon.

YMCA opens women's racquetball 'romp'

The Westfield YMCA reports that registration is available for a new class titled Ladies Racquetball Romp. The program will begin Nov. 24 and will be held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 12:30. The purpose of this class is to give women a chance to get out of the home two mornings a week and enjoy racquetball and make new friends.

Boys basketball registers to Nov. 22

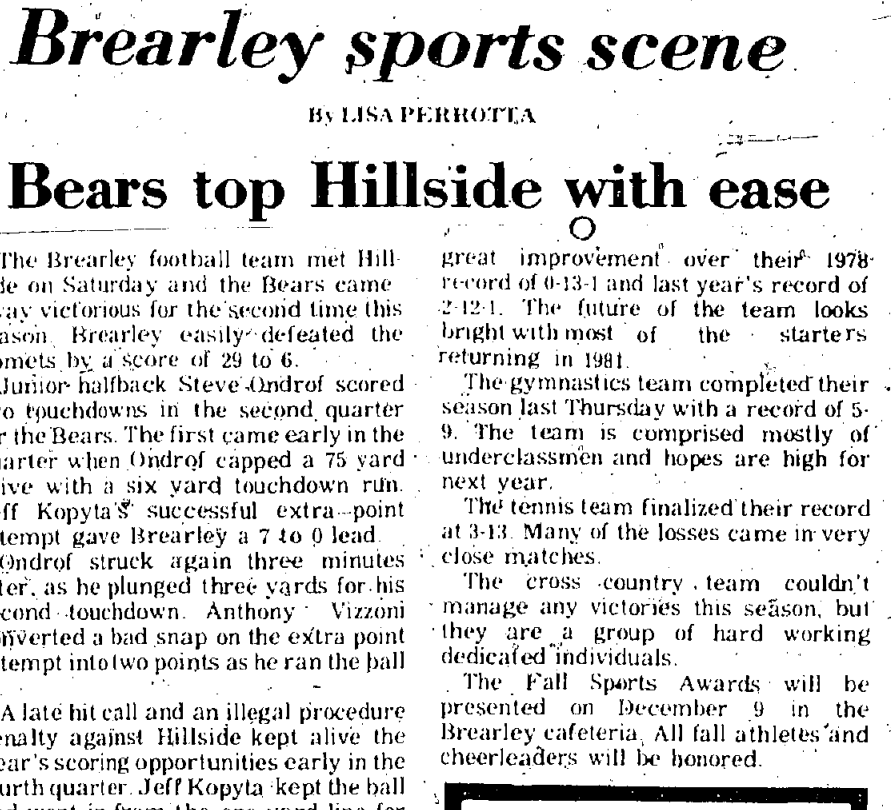


BOYNS HOGAN — Mary Beth Hogan receives trophy from Bob Dauenhauer of Anheuser-Busch for first place finish in 14-19 age group in 6.2 mile Classic Road Race here co-hosted by Central Jersey Road Runners Club and Brewing firm. As member of CHS girls' cross country team she placed eighth Saturday in Group III state finals.

Women's league set

The Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring a Women's Basketball League beginning each Wednesday night in December. Registration will be held in the Community Center, Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Teams as well as all the Recreation and individual's name, register. Parks Department at 276-6177.

Brearley sports scene



BEARS HILL — The Bears football team met Hill side on Saturday and the Bears came away victorious for the second time this season. Brearley easily defeated the Hill side by a score of 29 to 6.

Bears top Hillside with ease

The Brearley football team met Hill side on Saturday and the Bears came away victorious for the second time this season. Brearley easily defeated the Hill side by a score of 29 to 6. The game was a dominant performance for the Bears.

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Local collegians on athletic teams

Paul Rinaldi, a junior at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., is a during Bucknell's recent win over returning member of the university's hockey team. Bill Tillman has once again been named as tri-captain of the men's basketball team at Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, Pa. Tillman is a senior. Ed Stark, a Kenilworth resident, plays football for Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., where he is a junior. Stark was cited by the Bucknell...

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MIRACLE IN PROGRESS — Linda Riley, right foreground, as Annie Sullivan tries to teach alphabet to Barbara Rowles as Helen Keller in Brashear production of "The Miracle Worker". Others in cast are Cathy Mancino as Kate, Val Keenan as Vinny and Bill Baton as James.

This is 'Miracle' weekend
KENILWORTH — The Brashear Players have put the final polishing touches on their production of William Gibson's "The Miracle Worker". The show, which chronicles the lives of two heroic women, will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Seniors nominate slate of officers
KENILWORTH — The nominating committee of the Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club announced the following slate of officers for the forthcoming election.

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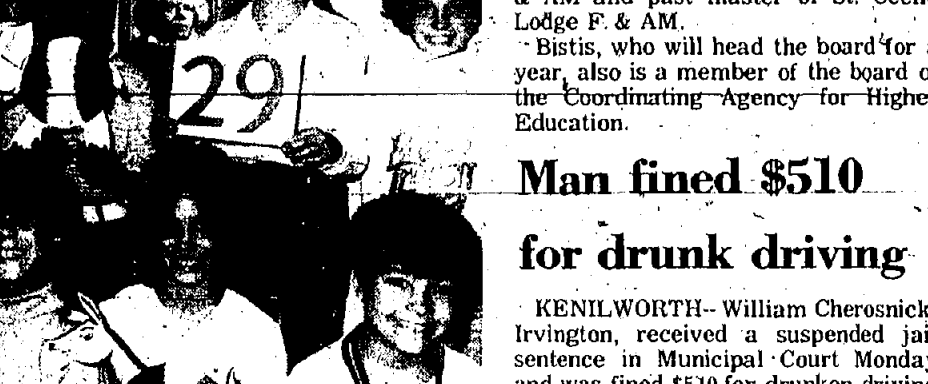
KENILWORTH—A public hearing on a county bond ordinance appropriating \$175,000 for new traffic lights along the Boulevard is scheduled for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The hearing is being conducted by the board of freeholders at the Union County Administration Building, to the rear of the county Court House, Elizabeth.

New police communications system on agenda for 1981

KENILWORTH—The Borough Council is weighing two proposals for an updated communications console at police headquarters which would result in more efficient handling of emergency calls and processing information.

4th graders predict landslide

KENILWORTH—Students in Kathryn Esselin's fourth grade at Harding School followed the presidential campaign of President Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan with great interest.



ALL 4TH GRADERS WILL VOTE NOV.

THE VOTES ARE IN — Fourth graders predicted the Reagan landslide in their mock election Nov. 3. The results at Reagan 47, Carter 29, and Anderson 2.

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Crossing gets rubber topping

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Bistis heads Vo-Tech board

KENILWORTH—Matthew C. Bistis, Mountaineer, has been elected president of the Board of Education of the Vocational Schools in the County of Union.

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ACS salutes Schering
KENILWORTH — The New Jersey Division of the American Cancer Society has selected Schering-Pough for an unrestricted amount of cash.

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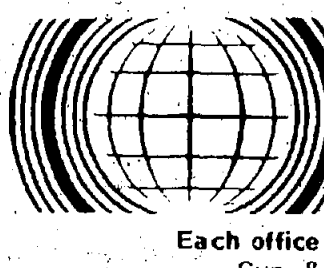
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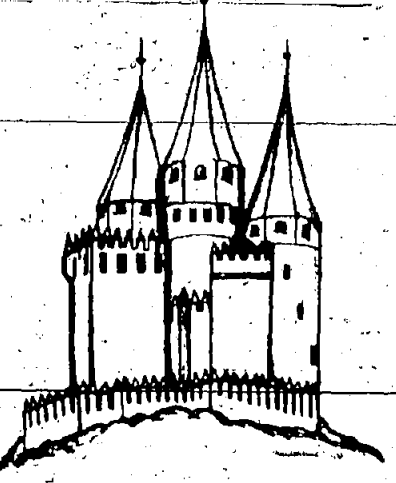
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In Our Town

Service

The Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be tonight at St. Mark A.M.E. church, 68 High St. Rabbi Ronald Horberg of Temple Beth-El will preach. The community is invited to participate in the interfaith service sponsored by the Cranford Clergy Council. Members from various congregations will participate. Story on Page 7.

Your guide

This edition carries a special holiday guide supplement. It provides comprehensive selection of gift possibilities for the season along with listings of activities coming up during the next month. Under postal regulations, The Chronicle is able to provide the paper to every household this week. Happy reading, and a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Holiday

St. Michael School is closed for classes but will be open Friday and Saturday for the big Holiday Fair. Public Schools and Union College will be closed through the weekend. Municipal offices and the Recreation Department will be closed. Readers and students with research projects are in luck, though. The library will be open Friday. And after Turkey Day shops, banks, the Post Office and every other business institution will be open.

'Bombshell'

Township officials have received the unhappy word that the sale of municipal assets across the state may no longer be used to increase the "cap" spending limit for more than a year. Edward J. Murphy, township administrator, called the decision a "bombshell" and consulted with department heads this week on the budgetary impact. The town was hoping the \$250,000 realized from the recent sale of Cleveland School would provide not only cash but a permanent increase in the maximum spending limit. The ruling by the state Attorney General last week means in this case that the spending lid can only be raised \$20,000 in one year, 1981.

At work

The new owners of the Cleveland School site have started rehabilitation of the old structure into a combination shop-and-office building. Bill Collins, local architect, has been retained to work on the project including a new retail structure near the school. Developers hope to present details for the Planning Board next month.

Aid victims

Amasio Marsiglia at Cranford Barber Shop is organizing local relief efforts to aid victims of the earthquakes in Italy. Anyone interested in participating may call him at the shop, 276-074.

New unit

A new medical office building has been proposed along Bartian Road near the industrial office park. Also, Builders General Supply Co. has plans to convert one of its buildings on Centennial Avenue to office use. The Planning Board is reviewing both proposals. Story on Page 4.

RR hearing

The Union County Transportation Advisory Committee has scheduled a meeting on railroad noise problems that have plagued Cranford, primarily along Hillside Avenue, for Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in the County Administration Building. Council officials will be there and the public is invited. See editorial on Page 8.

Resident makes narrow escape from Vegas fire

By STUART AWBREY

Elizabeth Kerr, 64, will never forget her first morning in Las Vegas. She awoke to find herself trapped on the 12th floor of the MGM Grand Hotel.

She remembers a "cracking" sound in walls around her and quickly put on a blouse and pants. Her first hallway stop was a stairwell door that opened like a gunshot of smoke. She went to an elevator which had two dead men in it and didn't run.

Clasped by her granddaughter, Denise Nasticke, and Denise's sister-in-law, Cindy, she entered a second stairwell. They couldn't see but they could hear a man say calmly, "Don't panic."

"I couldn't breathe," she recalled yesterday. "They had to bring me about the seventh floor landing [said I couldn't go any further."]

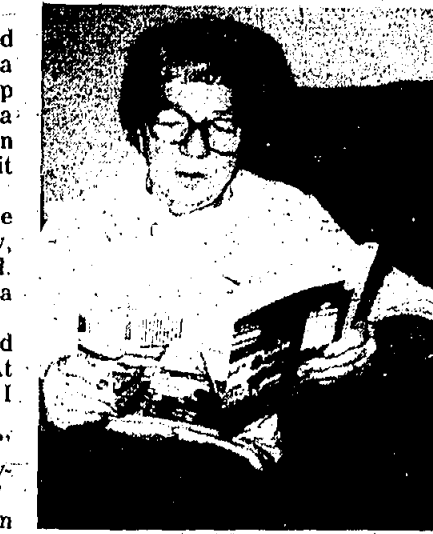
Denise urged, "Nanny, keep going! The unseen but calm man said, "Everybody's going to make it. Don't panic other line, but right now she's counting her blessings."

Mrs. Kerr says she was in a state of shock outside and calls herself "a little slinky" after her return to her home on South 23d Street in Kenilworth, N.J. She was taken to a convalescent center for treatment by a contingent of doctors who happened to be in Las Vegas for a convention. She called her husband, Harold, who hadn't yet heard about the fire, let alone his family's brush with death. Denise and Cindy called other relatives in Aspel and Edison.

Mrs. Kerr loves gambling and dreamed of Las Vegas for years. Six months ago Denise made reservations. The trip started well. Mrs. Kerr made her first airplane flight last Thursday with aptom. They took in a show and she won \$45 in blackjack. They suffered in the hotel deli and retired at 2 a.m. Friday, unaware that five hours later the worst hotel fire in Nevada history would break out in the deli kitchen.

After medical examination, they found temporary housing in another hotel, bought shoes and clothing for Mrs. Kerr and later managed to retrieve their damaged clothing from the vacated MGM Grand room. They even took in another show, but Mrs. Kerr can't remember who was in it. She thinks she might like to go back to Las Vegas some other time, but right now she's counting her blessings.

"It was an experience I wouldn't want my worst enemy to go through," she says. "You think it is impossible that God is so good to you."



New arrivals: Linh Chi Nguyen, his wife Van Dang Nguyen and her brother, Hien Dang, upon arrival at Newark Airport Saturday. They are flanked by Joyce Jones, right, and Marie Seavy, with Hong Quan, at left.

Refugees arrive with 'thank you'

A Vietnamese family will observe its first Thanksgiving here tomorrow with something extraordinary to celebrate: They have a new home in a new land after a trying ten-month odyssey from flight from Saigon and as refugees in Malaysia.

Linh Chi Nguyen, 39, his wife Van Dang, 27, and her brother, Hien Dang, 13, arrived at Newark Airport Saturday with no possessions save the clothes on their backs and a set of X-Rays. They were quickly taken under wing by took them to a larger vessel named the Bangkok.

The crew took everything but their clothing. They were without food for seven of the nine days it took, under sail, to get to Malaysia, where they lived in a refugee camp. Lutheran Immigration Service provided warm clothing, shoes and a small amount of spending money at a stopover in San Francisco. This is the third family of "boat people" that has been the first arrival quaters by.

Another church member became a Thanksgiving here tomorrow will observe its first Thanksgiving here tomorrow with something extraordinary to celebrate: They have a new home in a new land after a trying ten-month odyssey from flight from Saigon and as refugees in Malaysia.

The first words were "thank you, thank you," translated for church members Marie Seavy and Joyce Jones by Hong Quan, who arrived with his family under similar circumstances a year ago.

Their Thanksgiving will be observed at the home of Henry and Audrey Smithers, Cranbury members who are hosting the trio and their rented by.



Enterprise reporting award presented to Chronicle by Ronson Rugg, editor of New Jersey Bell. From right: Stuart Awbrey, editor, Rosalie Gross, news editor, and Beverly Awbrey, publisher.

Chronicle wins state honor for reporting

The Chronicle's coverage of the school surveillance cases here has won first place among weekly newspapers in the state for the best enterprise reporting of 1980 on a New Jersey subject.

Rosalie Gross and Stuart Awbrey of The Chronicle received the \$1,000 first prize in the annual Bell Telephone Enterprise Reporting Competition. The honor was presented at the annual awards banquet of the New Jersey Press Association in Allentown last Thursday during the association's 125th annual meeting and convention.

A plaque accompanying the award was accepted on behalf of the newspaper by Beverly Awbrey, publisher.

Christopher G. Trump, associate dean of the Columbia University graduate School of Journalism, who served as judge, made the comment on the Chronicle's work:

"There is a touch of 'Big Brother' to this series. Here we have a school system hiring private detectives to spy on administrators and teachers. Yet, in an administration which tenure cannot be dissolved with dynamic, how else is the system to insure competence? Yet, again, how far can any branch of government go in violating its citizens' right to privacy?"

Trump concluded that "The Chronicle reporters 'ferreted out the details of the case and fairly presented the dilemma, not only in the news pages but in several thoughtful editorials."

Winner of the \$1,000 first prize in the daily newspaper division of the Bell competition was Ed Leebold of the "Trentonian" in Trenton. He pursued a story of convicts receiving Social Security checks in an apparent abuse of the system.

The honor is the thirteenth state or national recognition accorded The Chronicle for its editorial and advertising work over the past three years.

Coffeehouse

A coffeehouse for Cranford teens and college students home for the weekend is planned for Friday at the Community Center from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the Cranford Youth Council. Tickets are \$2 and music will be provided by L.A.

Budget squeeze forces new look at old issues

By ROSALIE GROSS

Remember multi-age grouping, spot-reducing and larger class sizes? These concepts kept the Board of Education busy last winter and sparked a lot of interest from parents as the board wrestled with the 1980-81 school budget.

Well, these ideas are back and will be discussed by the school board Monday, Dec. 1 at a budget workshop at Lincoln School at 8 p.m.

Faced with cutting \$600,000 from the proposed budget for 1981-82 to get under the cap on increased spending, the board asked Robert D. Paul, schools superintendent, to prepare several staffing plans for next year which would reduce staff costs. The request came at a budget workshop Monday during which the board also discussed increased costs for athletics and extracurricular activities. See story on Page 2.

Paul told the board that the maximum cuts in equipment could be \$150,000 to \$175,000, but the rest of the \$600,000 had to come from staff and programs.

The board is sending a memorandum home to parents today alerting them to the seriousness of the cuts that will have to be made and urging them to attend Monday's workshop which will deal with multi-age grouping, spot-reducing, larger class size, and other alternatives for reducing staff. Paul said a drop in enrollment will result in a natural decline of three teachers at the elementary schools and two at the high school.

Paul also recited a list of programs which the board will have to consider in order to cut the proposed \$12.1 million budget, which shows an increase of \$1.1 million over this year. These items include: a shorter "released" elementary lunch to reduce the cost of aides salaries; a driver's education, summer school, string instrumental program, foreign languages at the eighth grades; a shorter "released" elementary program, foreign languages at the eighth grades; a shorter "released" elementary program, foreign languages at the eighth grades; a shorter "released" elementary program, foreign languages at the eighth grades; a shorter "released" elementary program, foreign languages at the eighth grades.

Sam Morneweck, board member, also said the board might have to apply for a cap waiver.



Eagle Scout rank was awarded to Donald Cymbaluk of Troop 80 at coronation Monday at the First Presbyterian Church. Gene M. Thorn, Scoutmaster, presented insignia to Cymbaluk, who became 68th eagle scout in 52 year history of troop. Photo by Anne Shuhan

House went down, price went up

Township paid \$52,400 last spring for this house for riverfront parkland. But owner said price was too low and went to court. Final price \$75,000.



Tokens start

A free parking token system is being launched Monday by the Cranford Chamber of Commerce, which has invested \$2,000 in the project.

The tokens, distributed by participating Chamber members are each worth one hour of free parking and can be used in lieu of money at the Park and Shop booth off Mill.

Ed Force, Chamber president, said participating merchants will have the flexibility of creating their own policies for distribution. In some cases, for example, they might give them with a minimum purchase.

Participants are identified by a Park and Shop sign in store windows. Force said Chamber members may purchase the tokens for \$11 per 100 token package at Capital Savings and Loan Assn. "The program was initiated to encourage shopping locally," he said. Force noted the token concept has been successfully operated in Ridgewood.