

By JACK WESTWOOD

The New York World's Fair of 1939-40 was a complex, mammoth undertaking, and the 1964 Fair will be just that, many times over, when it opens its gates to the public this Wednesday.

The physical concept of the Fair didn't just grow out of the marshes of Flushing Meadows. The buildings, great and small, foreign and domestic, plain and ornate, are the works of architects and dreamers, builders and craftsmen and skilled and unskilled labor.

The human factor is also present in the Fair's vast personnel system, which is a tremendous project in itself.

Before the gates are opened, enough people to make up several army divisions are recruited to man every phase of the exposition, from ticket selling to police.

Without this huge army of workers, each assigned to a specific job, the World's Fair would collapse in chaos.

In 1939, I recall, those who were accepted for the payroll were sent to Fifth Avenue tailors where they fitted individually for uniforms, all custom made.

Expensive Item

This clothing item alone skyrocketed Fair costs even before the gates opened. There was no such thing as assembly-line tailoring. The employees of the Treasury Department (the banking section of the Fair, not to be confused with the U. S. Treasury) had one style of uniform. The girls' uniforms were styled differently. The World's Fair police wore still another type and the guides still another.

The World's Fair police in 1939 were drawn from the trainee lists of the New York Police Department. They had their own headquarters on the grounds, as did the Fair guides.

At the opening of the 1939-40 World's Fair there were six Treasury or banking districts on the grounds, later reduced to three. Each was under the direction of a district chief. Under him were the office clerks, the game lieutenants, the ticket takers and the girl ticket sellers.

Full Time

All gates were manned 24 hours a day, although the fair closed at 2 a. m. It was then the fair grounds came to life in a different way from the bustling activity of the daytime hours.

I was a night truck lieutenant for a period during the second year.

Those who have visions of the gate staff doing away the night hours, doing nothing, couldn't be more wrong.

Night Work

The truck gates, closed all day except for emergencies such as an ambulance call or a fire, were opened at 2 a. m. It was then that the trucks brought in supplies for the restaurants and pavilions and took out the mountains of trash accumulated during the day.

This side of the exposition the public never saw.

As gate lieutenant I had several assistants with me, plus a World's Fair cop or two. These precautions were necessary.

Truck Inspection

Every truck had to be checked and searched as it came out of the grounds after making delivery. The reason for this was that valuable articles, jewelry and art objects had been brought into the country duty free for exhibit at the various foreign pavilions. Without these nightly checks the World's Fair would have become a smuggler's paradise.

Even with the regular checks some articles were smuggled from the foreign pavilions and hawked at ridiculous prices on the grounds and in Manhattan. There were many types of people employed at the fair, most of them honest, glad even for the World's Fair job at the tail-end of the depression. But as always there was the individual looking for a racket.

Short Life

I recall one evening going out to relieve a gate lieutenant for dinner at one of the exhibits. He left but never returned. He was picked up by police five minutes after he left his post.

He had a racket by which some ticket takers palmed the tickets of customers instead of dropping them into the box. He had a girl ticket seller who resold the tickets to customers and the gang pocketed the take. World's Fair spotters caught up with them.

Another time a girl came through one of the gates, approached the ticket taker and clapped a half dollar instead of a ticket, into his hand. He pocketed the half dollar, but unfortunately for him the girl was a spotter.

One of the most interesting groups of workers were the professional exposition followers. Fairs across the nation were their lives. They were tough, shrewd and knew the ropes, but for the most part they were honest.

When the Fair ended they disappeared. There was always another fair or a carnival over the horizon.

FIND STOLEN CAR

A car owned by Frank M. Mehen of Jersey City, stolen in North Brunswick last Dec. 23, was found by police on Scott Street Friday. Mehen is employed by the Heidi Candy Co.



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Gala World's Fair Assured Bang-Up Opening

NEW YORK (AP) — With President Johnson heading dedication ceremonies on the inside and civil rights demonstrators trying to tie up highways outside, the billion-dollar New York World's Fair opens Wednesday to the first of 70 million or more expected visitors.

Despite strong determination of city authorities to thwart the highway demonstration, members of the Brooklyn chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality hope to create a massive

jam on parkways and expressways adjacent to the fair.

They plan to do it by letting their own cars run out of gas in the fairgrounds vicinity. They also hope to enlist friends and sympathizers to do the same. Leaders have expressed belief that as many as 2,000 automobiles might be employed in such a manner.

Project Disowned

National leaders of the CORE organization have disowned the project and suspended the Brooklyn chapter as a result of

it. However, some other local chapters have signified the intention of helping push it.

The demonstration is not directed at the fair itself, but was devised as a means of calling attention to the CORE goals. Several state pavilions inside the fair also are expected to be picketed by civil rights groups.

Meanwhile, city Traffic Commissioner Henry A. Barnes quickly put in a new regulation making it illegal to run out of gas on any parkway, expressway, bridge or tunnel. Offend-

ers could be fined up to \$50 for the first offense and considerably more for subsequent ones.

Primary Concern

Barnes asserted that as many as 150,000 cars may be on the highways around the fair on any given day, many of them jammed with families.

"Their safety is our primary concern," he said.

Of Barnes' new regulation, Oliver Leeds, membership secretary of the Brooklyn CORE chapter, said: "If he thinks he can get that to stand up in court,

let him go ahead and do it."

Police Commissioner Michael Murphy said the police department was making plans to keep traffic moving despite any "stall-in" activity.

In another comment on the projected demonstration, Barnes said: "I have sympathy for the aims of these groups. But they are going to lose much of their ground if they adopt methods such as this."

Distains Tactics

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People also has disowned the "stall-in" tactics.

The fair's gates will be opened at 9 a. m. Wednesday for the first of two 180-day seasons, one this year and the other next year.

President Johnson, Fair President Robert Moses, a large group of distinguished guests and a specially invited audience will gather in the 17,000-seat Singer Bowl at 11 a. m. for formal dedication ceremonies.

During the day, the show will be televised nationally.

The giant exposition, four years in the making, is the most expensive enterprise of its kind ever undertaken and probably will be seen by more people than any other fair in history.

Its total cost is figured at a billion. Original estimates were that there would be 70 million admissions during the two years. However, more than 28 million tickets had been sold far in advance of the opening and there have been guesses that the final total might reach 100 million. They'll come from around the world.

Lavish Spectacle

The approximate mile-square fairgrounds, on what was once a dump heap and marsh in the Flushing section of Queens near LaGuardia Airport, will provide a lavish spectacle of architecture and exhibits, rides and entertainment features of all kinds.

Some 60 foreign nations have pavilions and exhibitions. About half the states are represented with pavilions and attractions of their own. Many of America's huge corporations have arranged some stunning exhibits and shows—all free.

The federal government erected one of the largest buildings on the grounds at a cost of \$17 million. Among its many offerings is a 15-minute "You Are There" trip through the sights and sounds of American history, created by 360-degree film projection and stereophonic sound. A simulated trip to the moon and beyond will be created in similar fashion at the travel and transportation building.

Dedicated to Peace

The fair, dedicated to "Peace Through Understanding," will be a wonderland of the marvels of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

At the Ford Pavilion, the visitor will board a 1964-model automobile for a trip through dinosaur-filled prehistoric times and on through succeeding ages to the present. The cars are propelled by a conveyor mechanism underneath.

At General Motors, moving chairs will carry visitors "to the moon" and then through a series of scenes depicting how man will conquer the polar areas, jungles and deserts. The ride winds up with an eye-popping "city of tomorrow."

Visitors at General Electric will be startled by the sight and sound of a controlled atomic explosion — perfectly safe in every way. Bell Telephone is using an ingenious combination of motion pictures, stage settings, lights and optical illusions to tell the history of communications.

Stunning Shows

Motion pictures are being employed in some new and astonishing ways, particularly by Johnson's Wax and DuPont.

Johnson's has a three-screen theater which will show scenes from around the world. Sometimes the three screens will display one vast-size picture. At others, each will have a different view. The correlation of the pictures and music is a stunning show.

DuPont's show will feature a combination of live actors and films projected onto the stage.

There are countless other unique techniques employed by the many pavilions.

A sure-fire attraction is bound to be one of the Illinois Pavilion's features. It is a life-size, highly lifelike, animated figure of Abraham Lincoln. It talks, sits, stands and displays many facial motions. The exhibitors are permitting no pictures made of it because they feel no picture can do it justice, not even movies.

Lavish Scale

The foreign nations are exhibiting their cultures, crafts, cuisine and entertainment in structures reflecting their native architecture. Many have been constructed on a lavish scale. Several will operate nightclub-type shows.

Nearly all the fair's major attractions are free. However, there are charges ranging from 50 cents to \$6 for special rides and shows.

For those who don't wish to drive to the fair after reaching New York, there are many means of transportation available—ranging from a 15-cent subway ride to a \$6-to-\$10 helicopter journey.

The helicopter is one of two brand-new modes of travel. The other is a fleet of 22-passenger hydrofoil boats which will ply between the fair, Manhattan and the Bronx.

113 Restaurants

Eating at the fair will be no problem. There'll be 113 restaurants with everything from 30-cent hot dogs to high-priced American and foreign specialties.

The visitor will need more than money at the fairgrounds. It'll take at least a week of sightseeing, from 9 a. m. to midnight, to skim the cream, two weeks to take in the bulk of it and probably a month to see it all in complete detail. The visitor ought to bring along his most comfortable walking shoes. There are 28 miles of walkways inside the fair. While various forms of transportation are available at varying prices on the grounds, there'll be plenty of walking to do inside the various exhibits.



The 1964-65 New York World's Fair—with the symbolic Unisphere in the center—awaits its Wednesday opening and its millions of visitors.

Eager Fairgoers Can Find Prices to Fit Any Pocketbook

NEW YORK (AP)—Many people around the country are wondering what it will cost them to see the World's Fair once they are in New York.

The answer to that question is: A little or a lot. It depends on how much a family wants to spend or can afford.

Most of the fair exhibits are free. These include the great spectaculars set up by the giants of American industry, such as General Motors, General Electric, Ford, DuPont, Eastman Kodak, Chrysler, Bell Telephone, Gas Industries, Coca-Cola, Electric Power and Light, International Business Machines, RCA, Sinclair Oil, Johnson's Wax and many others.

Most state and foreign pavilions, as well as the U.S. federal pavilion, also are free of charge.

From 25 cents to \$6

However, there are some special rides, shows and other features for which there will be a fee. Charges range from 25 cents to \$6.

Actually, a family can truly see the fair without spending much, even for food.

Here is a rundown on most of the things which will cost extra:

Watching Sudanese nationals working on native arts at Republic of Sudan Building, 25 cents. "Wonderland" water and stage show, \$1 to \$3. Drive in antique automobile, 50 cents for adults and 35 for children.

Auto thrill show, \$1 and \$1.50; Belgian Village, with more than 100 buildings, \$1.25 and 60 cents for children. Visit aboard sailing ship Bounty, used in making recent film, 90 cents for adults and 50 for children. John Ringling North Continental Tent Circus, \$1 to \$3.

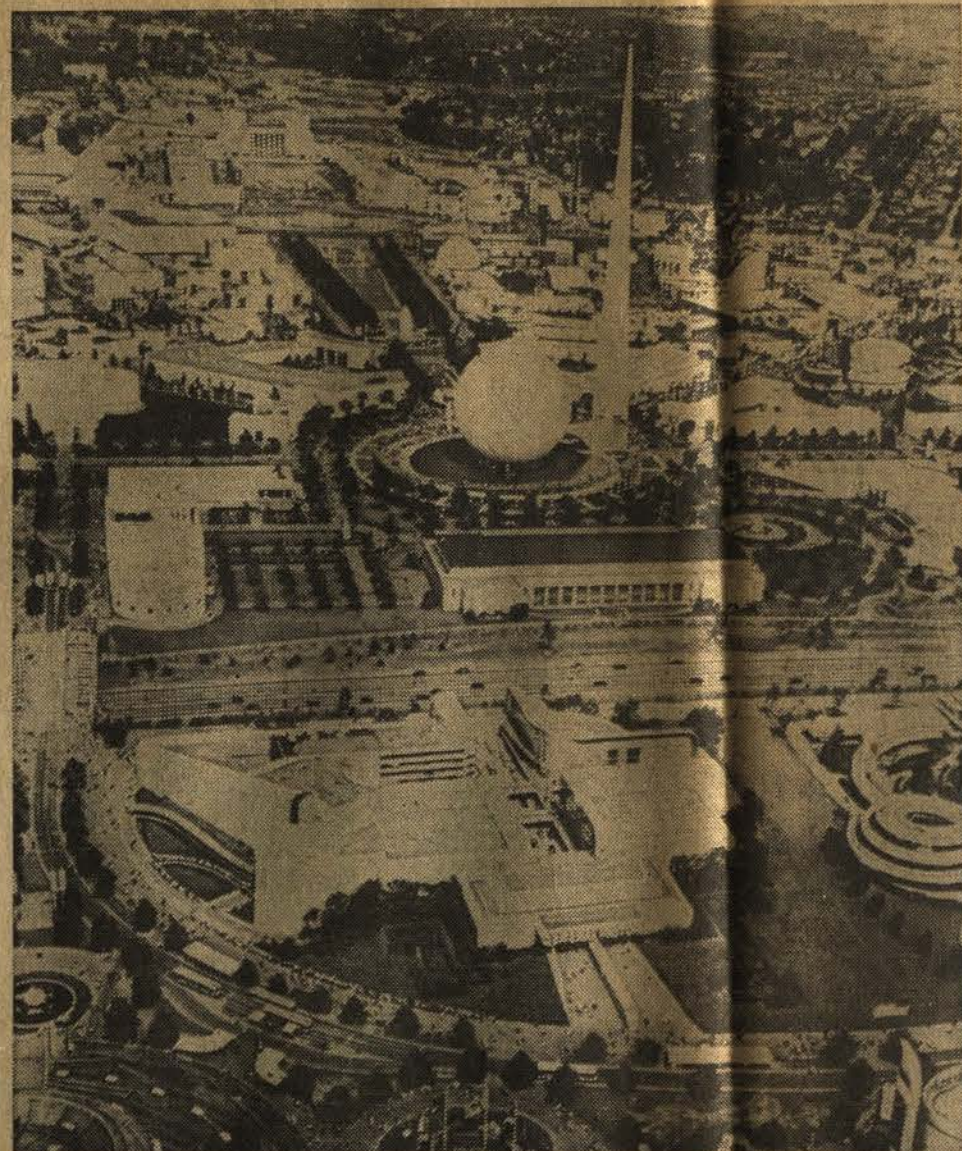
Hollywood, U.S.A., demonstration of movie making and movie museum, \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Native Floor Show

Native floor show at pavilion of Indonesia, \$2. Ride on captive helicopter to height of 100 feet, \$1. Twenty-minute cruise on lake in amusement area, \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Shows on Mississippi River Showboat, \$1 and 50 cents. Ride on Monorail 40 feet above fairgrounds, 80 cents.

Observation platform atop 225-foot tower at New York State Building, highest point of fair, \$1 adults and 25 cents children. Visit aboard



'39 THEME — Aerial view of 1939-40 New York World's Fair shows famed Trylon and Perisphere theme with General Motors' Futurama exhibit in the foreground.

replica of Columbus' Santa Maria, \$1. "Les Poupees de Paris," noted French puppet show, \$2.50 adults and \$1.25 children.

Simulated trip to moon in Travel and Transportation building, 75 cents adults and 25 cents for children. Underground home, \$1 adults and 50 cents children. Walters Wax Museum of famous figures, \$1 and 50 cents. Ride on 80-foot high U.S. Rubber Ferris Wheel, 25 cents.

Swiss aerial cable car ride high above fairgrounds, 50 cents. "Bright Lights of Broadway," a stage show at Texas Pavilion re-enacting the best of 100 years of American musical comedy, \$2 to \$6 depending on seat location.

Admission to the fair is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. However, a 25 per cent reduction can be obtained by buying books of 20 tickets by mail in advance or at the fair itself.

The charge for parking a car at the grounds is \$1.50 a day.

Food at All Prices

Food comes at all prices, from 30-cent hot dogs and 40-cent hamburgers to high-priced American and foreign specialties. Excellent meals can be had in the \$1 to \$2 range. Many pavilions provide free entertainment in dining rooms. Others make a charge for special shows and nightclub-type events.

Many persons driving to New York will prefer to use public transportation to get to the fair from hotels or motels. There are many convenient ways to do it, and they range from 15 cents on the subway to \$5-\$10 for helicopter.

Other methods are by bus, sightseeing boat, hydrofoil boat and railroad. The charges on these are modest—50 cents to \$2 or \$3, with children at half price or near it.

On the fairgrounds there will be various forms of transportation to save a lot of walking on the 28 miles of walkways. The price ranges from 25 cents to \$3, depending on the nature of the trip or tour.

In any case, everyone should bring his most comfortable walking shoes.

Tercentenary Plantings Blossom Into County Program

The brief Arbor Day program planned for next Friday by the New Brunswick Tercentenary Committee has blossomed into a county-wide celebration. One of the three plantings in this city will be the placing of a red oak, New Jersey's official tree, on a site near that of the former white oak widely known as the Kilmer Oak.

The ceremonies begin at 9 a. m. in front of the Public Library here when members of the Shade Tree Commission will plant four of the state's official trees on the library grounds. This will be followed immediately by the planting of two red oaks in front of the Guest House by the Tercentenary Committee.

City Officials

Mayor Chester W. Paulus will turn the first spadeful of earth for the Shade Tree Commis-

sion's plantings, which will be witnessed by other city commissioners, Chairman Rudolph J. Dietz, Secretary John C. Buckley, Ralph Ruocco and Dr. Orday Starnes of the tree commission.

This ceremony will be followed immediately by placing of two more trees on the north side of the library lawn, Mrs. Constantine Mackaronis, chairman of the Tercentenary Tree and Garden Committee, will place the first tree in position there. One of these trees will be the gift of the Tercentenary Committee and the other was purchased by the New Brunswick Women's Club as its contribution to the state-wide celebration.

Following this tree planting, the Tercentenary Committee will dedicate its first historical marker on the Moses Guest

House. This is an aluminum tablet bearing the inscription "Guest 1760." Dr. Walter H. Stowe, chairman of the historic sites committee, and Walter S. Buist, Jr., youth participation chairman, will participate. Prof. Kenneth Q. Jennings, general chairman, will preside.

Replacement Tree

A more elaborate ceremony will take place at 10 o'clock near Ryders Lane, when the Kilmer Oak will be replaced. This and five other red oak plantings in Middlesex County parks will be under the direction of the Middlesex County Tercentenary Commission.

Mayor Paulus and Jennings will participate in this program along with William Kurtz, county Tercentenary chairman. Invited guests include Congressman Edward J. Patten, Gov. Richard J. Hughes, Sen. John

A. Lynch, members of the Assembly from Middlesex County, Freeholder Director George L. Burton, Jr., the Board of Freeholders, and Dr. Mason W. Gross, president of Rutgers University, on whose land the tree will be planted. Members of the county Tercentenary committee will also be present.

The county Tercentenary Arbor Day caravan will proceed to Johnson Park in Piscataway Township, where Tercentenary Chairman Judge Klemmer Kaltefleiter will preside and Township Committee Chairman William H. Atkins will handle the spade.

At 11:15 the county Tercentenary committee will hold Arbor Day ceremonies in Donaldson Park in Highland Park. This will be in charge of Tercentenary Chairman Duke Leonard, with Mayor Samuel J. Kronman

planting the red oak.

The next ceremony will take place at 11:45 in Roosevelt Park. In the absence of Tercentenary Chairman Alexander Bell, who is ill, the vice chairman, Andrew Fogas, will preside. Mayor Anthony M. Yelencic, will begin the planting.

Merrill Park in Woodbridge Township will be visited next with Miss Ruth Wolk, Tercentenary chairman, beginning the program at 12:15 p. m. Mayor Walter Ziropolo will begin the digging operations.

The final red oak planting will place at 1 o'clock in Thompson Park in Monroe Township. The township's Tercentenary chairman, George Bake, will preside, with Mayor Ernest J. Jolley planting the tree.

Kurtz and members of the county Tercentenary committee,

will attend the ceremonies at each park.

The public is invited to all the ceremonies.

Public Library Ready to Forgive And Forget Fines

New Brunswick Free Public Library will hold a Fine Forgiveness Week starting tomorrow and running through Saturday.

All overdue books, magazines, records and pamphlets may be returned without payment of fines, Mrs. Raymond G. McCarthy, library director, announced.

Books and magazines may be placed in the book drop, but records must be brought to the desk to avoid damage, Mrs. McCarthy said.

'Stuffed' Ballot Strictly Legal for Tuesday Vote

The voting machine ballot for Tuesday's primary election is the largest in the memory of veteran Middlesex County election officials.

But actually it's "only" 28-inches wide and 20-inches deep.

Eight Horizontal Lines

There are eight horizontal lines of candidates—103 Democrats and 40 Republicans.

They are seeking national, county and local offices and election to party posts—national convention delegate and county committee.

It is estimated that several minutes will be required to vote the Democratic ballot and a little less time to vote the Republican ballot.

But it is doubtful that many voters will cast ballots for all the delegate candidates—particularly the Democrats.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the county's 327 voting districts.

Republican and Democratic convention delegates are running unopposed. Nowhere on the ballot will appear the names of presidential candidates.

But it will be possible for a voter to vote a personal choice by pushing up a slide at the top of the ballot and write in the name of a person whose name does not appear on the ballot.

It is estimated that about 15 per cent of the 220,254 voters eligible will go to the polls.

It was originally proposed by County Clerk Frank Schatzman to arrange the delegate candidates in blocks to simplify the voting. It would have required pulling a lever over each box to vote for the delegates at large and the alternates.

The courts ruled, however, that this was illegal and ordered the listing of the candidates separately. Voters will now have to pull the pointer over each name.

Sixty-five Democratic candidates—35 for delegate at large and 30 for alternate—are running with the "Regular Democratic Organization" slogan. They are opposed by 14 candidates for delegate and 14 for alternate under the banner of "Regular Democrats for Real Democracy."

The Democrats have lines "A" to "E" inclusive on the ballot. It is presumed the Democratic winners will support President Lyndon B. Johnson for the presidential nomination.

U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Rep. Edward J. Patten, Freeholders George L. Burton Jr. and Frank M. Deiner Jr. and the three Democratic district delegate candidates who are unopposed will be on the "A" line with Mrs. Catherine K. Jamison, alternate district delegate.

Three Mayors Unopposed

The unopposed Democratic district delegates are Perth Amboy Mayor James Flynn, Edison Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics and Woodbridge Mayor Walter Zirpolo.

Mrs. Mary Lou Babington, running mate of Mrs. Jamison, as district alternate appears on the "B" line directly below Mrs. Jamison's name. The other 15th District alternate delegate, Anthony J. Popowski is on line "C."

The Republicans have lines "G" to "H."

The GOP regulars have the "G" line with Bernard M. Shanley, U.S. senatorial candidate in the first slot; Bernard W. Rodgers, in the second slot, and the two freeholder aspirants, C. Eugene Godlesky and Thomas F. Miller, in the third slot.

The 10 delegates at large are on the "G" line. Sharing it with the 10 alternates-at-large and Richard Plechner and Fred J. Hermann, the "Regular Organization" district delegate candidates, and Mrs. Mary R. Main, alternate delegate.

Alvin Lebar who is running with the "Regular Republican" slogan is on "H" line with Mrs. Mary Payson, unopposed alternate district delegate.

The "H" line also is occupied by 10 Republican candidates who are opposed to the regulars seeking the delegate at large seats. Their slogan: "Civil Service Protection for Public Employees."

Other Candidates

And on the "I" line are three other Republican candidates for delegate at large, two with the slogan, "A Choice, Not an Echo," and the other without a slogan.

Lebar, Perth Amboy lawyer is opposing Plechner, Metuchen lawyer, for one of the two district delegate seats. It is the only contest at the county level.

Lebar, who is unpledged, says he is opposed to Plechner because he is a supporter of Sen. Barry Goldwater, a charge Plechner has denied. Plechner claims he is unpledged.

The late entry of Lebar in the delegate race has split the Republicans. Lebar says he is not opposed to Hermann, Plechner's running mate. Plechner and Hermann have organization support.

At the extreme right of the big ballot will appear the names of the municipal candidates who are seeking their party nomination and the names of county committee candidates of the major parties.

The county committee candidates elected will take office on April 27 when municipal leaders will be chosen. And on April 28 the county committees will elect their county leaders.

The Republicans have hot contests in East Brunswick, South Brunswick and Carteret while the Democrats are faced with a real donnybrook in Sayreville and contests in South River and Middlesex Borough.

Voters will be confined legally to a choice of candidates for nomination within their own political party.

The voting machines will be adjusted to comply with the law, and will not permit a voter to vote in the primaries of more than one party.



ANN M. SCENGERY CAROLE AYN GRAY MARJORIE T. ISTVAN
CAROL ANN JOHNSON KAREN ANN PLUHAR JOYCE EILEEN STRAW

5 Must Pick One Out of 10

MIDDLESEX — Five prominent Central Jersey business and civic leaders will have a pleasant, but difficult task at the high school here Saturday night at 8:30.

Their task will be the task of watching 10 very attractive Middlesex County girls for beauty, talent and poise at the Miss Middlesex County pageant, sponsored by the borough Jaycees.

But, then comes the difficult part. From this array of pulchritude, they must decide which of these young ladies, aged 18-21, will wear the crown of "Miss Middlesex County" and later represent the county in the Miss New Jersey Pageant at Wildwood.

Those chosen to decide who "our fair lady" is are:

Ralph H. Willis of Somerville, vice president and general manager of the Waldron-Harteg division of the Midland-Ross Corp., Highland Park; Bernard F. Rodgers, mayor of Dunellen; Mrs. William L. Rankin of Middlesex, coach in the 1961 Miss New Jersey Pageant; Robert J. Gartland of Fanwood, controller of the American Stock Exchange and Henry R. Henning, South Plainfield borough councilman.

And the "stars" of the show, their backgrounds and the acts they'll perform are:

Ann M. Scengery, 19, of North Brunswick, a student at the Essex College of Business and a graduate of the Barbizon Modeling School. She was first runner up for Miss Arnold Constable last year, and was second runner up for the title of Miss New Brunswick High School. Her pageant performance will be a pantomime act.

Carol Ann Johnson, 21, of East Brunswick, a senior at Valparaiso University, Indiana. Her past titles include "Miss Valparaiso University," "Miss Congeniality" of the 1963 Miss Indiana Pageant, and "Honorary Miss Air Force Recruiter" of Indiana. Her talent display will be a baton twirling exhibition.

Karen Ann Pluhar, 19, of Middlesex, a student at Trenton State college, where she is majoring in music. She is currently teaching twirling at Hopewell Regional High School, is a member of Delta Omicron, honorary musical society, and has studied dancing, piano and voice. She will present a song and dance routine Saturday night.

Joyce Eileen Straw, 19, of Port Reading, a student at Glassboro State College, majoring in general elementary education. She is secretary of the Student Council at her school and circulation manager of the college newspaper. She will present a piano selection.

Diana Emily Strish, 18, of Woodbridge, a senior at Woodbridge High School, who plans to study teaching or drama in college. She has studied dancing, drama, piano and voice, and this year directed her senior class play. A finalist in the Junior Miss Contest, she will present a scene from Shakespeare's "Midsummer's Night Dream."

Patricia A. Walter, 19, of Woodbridge, who will further her education at a business school. She was "Miss Junior Miss in Middlesex County" and "Miss Woodbridge Township," both in 1962. She will stage a minstrel act.

Sharon Jean Wanke, 18, of Metuchen, a senior at Metuchen High School and a graduate of the Barbizon School of Modeling, who plans to enter the University of Miami, Fla. Holder of numerous local, state and national majorette, twirling and strutting titles, she will stage a dance and baton exhibition.

Diana Christine Zuboy, 18, of Fords, who plans to enter the National Academy of Ballet. She has received training at the academy, the Perth Amboy Performing Arts Workshop and Verne Fowler's School of Dance. A member of the Perth Amboy Performing Arts Center, she will present a novelty tap dance.



DIANA EMILY STRISH PATRICIA A. WALTER
SHARON JEAN WANKE DIANA CHRISTINE ZUBOY

37-Year-Old 'Waif' Looks Forward to Home at Last

By DON BATTLE

EDISON — It's 37 years old, has been "knocking around" stores and other buildings and really hasn't had a home it could call its own in all that time.

Sound like a description of an unwanted step child wandering around the township all those years?

Some of its devoted followers may think of it — the Edison Free Public Library — as just that, especially when the township's much smaller next-door neighbor of Metuchen has had its own building for so long.

In Rented Stores

Since 1927, the library has been in either a rented store or the second floor of the Municipal Building. In March 1959, the facility was moved out of the municipal building and into another rented store at 238 Plainfield Ave., its present home, to make way for the township engineering department.

The library staff looks forward in September to moving its facilities including 28,000 books—into a new and permanent home at Plainfield Avenue and Division Street.

The new building costing more than \$200,000 was scheduled for completion in April, but due to a strike and bad construction

weather, the move was set for the fall. Both Library Board members and the staff are still keeping their fingers crossed.

The new, two-story structure will offer the library's 12,000 borrowers about 11,000 square feet of reading and browsing room. It also will contain seating for 60 persons — three times as much as it now has.

The first floor will be set aside mostly for children of grades 2-6 containing a "youth corner" and meeting, staff and storage rooms. The second floor will be for older patrons.

Hope to Expand

Library officials hope to expand their present collection in the years to come to 50,000 books — the maximum number the new building is expected to hold.

They also hope to open branches in Clara Barton School and John Adams Junior High School. "A decent branch costs about \$50,000," according to Mrs. Isabelle Crooker, library director.

She explained the library had "stations" or collections of books in both the Oak Tree Firehouse and the North Edison Civic Center until recently. Lack of interest in the Oak Tree station has prompted the board to close it.

Mrs. Crooker explained that the 300 books formerly contained in the Oak Tree Station will be moved to the North Edison Community Hall. The hall also will be used to replace the civic center site which was damaged by fire last month.

Books will be available in the community hall every Monday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning tomorrow.

An increase in space in the fall also will mean an increase in staff which presently consists of a full-time worker, two part-time assistant librarians, three part-time clerical workers, and two pages. The two assistant librarians will become full-time after the move, and "we may need more clerical help," Mrs. Crooker said.

Founded Library

"We have not yet settled on any programs in the new building," she added. "And probably won't until the first of the year."

The Raritan Township Free Library Association was responsible for founding the township's first library in 1926. Persons like Mrs. Julius Engel and Mrs. Frank Doll solicited both books and donations to keep it a reality.

Two years later, residents decided to make the library a township operation. Facilities were set up in a store across from the Nixon Post office on Woodbridge Avenue.

The library then was moved to another store on Myrtle Street and Woodbridge Avenue and then into the municipal building on May 11, 1938. There it remained until 1952 when it was moved to the Plainfield Avenue address.

The book collection has doubled in the last 10 years, and although the staff boasts of 12,000 borrowers, only 8,000 are considered active users, according to Mrs. Crooker.

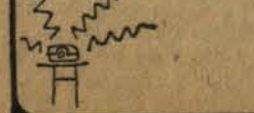
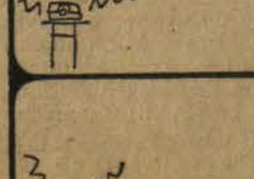
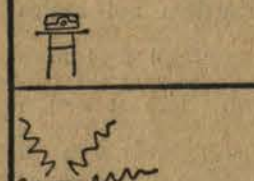


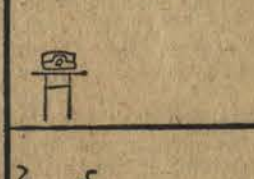

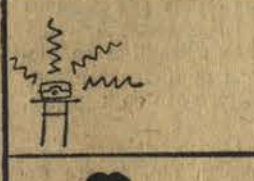

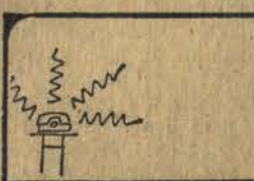
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Both favorable and unfavorable comments about facilities are heard everyday.

"There are some who come in, look around, and claim we don't have anything here," Mrs. Crooker commented. "Others are amazed at our collection of new books."

Some books date back to 1884 but the library doesn't contain any prize collections. Persons have offered materials and old books for displays but there has never been any room in the past.

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SPOTSWOOD — Shade Tree Commission members Charles Ingulli, Arthur J. Fiocco and Mrs. Audrey Scopelliti will observe Arbor Day by planting five large trees and decorative shrubs at the water tower in Burlington Avenue. Borough officials will participate in the tree-planting ceremony at 11 a.m. next Saturday.

The observance of Arbor Day by the Shade Tree Commission is to encourage the planting of trees and shrubs and to stress the importance of improving the appearance of the community. A list of trees which are available to local residents at wholesale prices is available at the library. Wednesday is the deadline for placing orders for trees to be planted this spring.

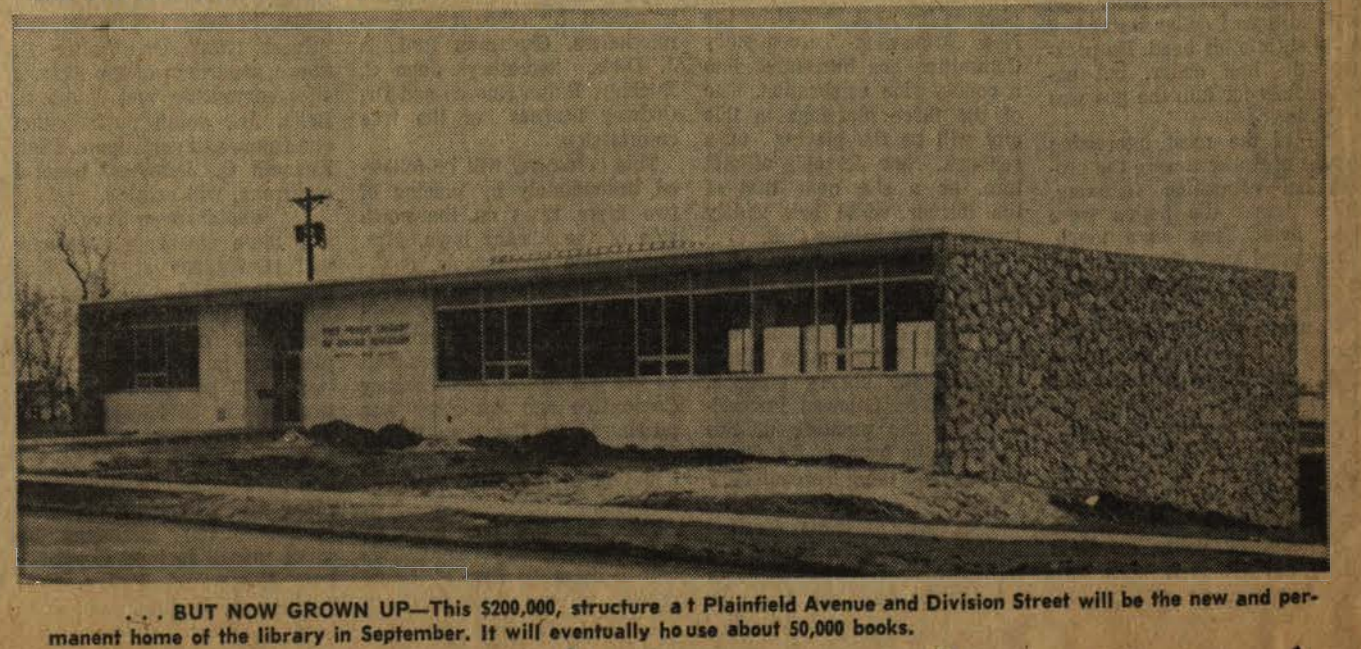
Members of the Shade Tree Commission approached the Board of Education at last week's meeting in reference to purchasing shade trees for the G. Austin Schoenly and E. Raymond Appleby public school grounds. These, they told the board, could be obtained at the wholesale rate and the commission would attend the planting.

The board refused, however, saying that since the school budget has been cut, there is no money for purchase of trees. It was explained later that the board has already arranged with a nursery for the purchase and planting of several hundred dollars worth of shrubs.

Mrs. Scopelliti, secretary of the commission, pointed out that since the school grounds are hot, sunny places, a shade tree would be more suitable and would provide a pleasant spot in future years. She also stated that she feels that one of the reasons that the previous shade tree commission did not function is because of public apathy.



ONCE A CHILD . . . Edison's present free public library is a rented store at 238 Plainfield Ave. with a collection of about 28,000 books.



BUT NOW GROWN UP—This \$200,000 structure at Plainfield Avenue and Division Street will be the new and permanent home of the library in September. It will eventually house about 50,000 books.

GALLERY SHOWS OIL PAINTINGS

"Figures, Faces and Places," an exhibit of oil paintings by William H. Stilson, opens tomorrow at Old Queens Gallery here.

His works will remain on display through May 16.

A native New Yorker, Stilson studied at the Art Students League and in Paris and Madrid. His works include Old World scenes painted while aboard.

Although not an abstractionist, Stilson is skilled at suggestion in his paintings. In his works done with a minimum of paint and often with only the sparse use of a single color, he sets the mood, defines the major areas and then lets the mind's eye of the spectator complete the details.

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MADISON TOWNSHIP — "If you can get through the first two years, you're OK."

These are words said by many people, applying to many different situations, so when Mrs. Elizabeth Bain uttered them upon her arrival to the United States from her birthplace, Scotland, her feelings were easily understood.

Having said that in 1951, it looks as if the Bains are here to stay.

The site is 176 Main St. in Old Bridge, was a very run-down, 60-year-old dwelling. One side was a little barbershop and attached to it was a two-story house.

To George S. Bain, this was not only a challenge, having been an apprenticed painter and wallpaper expert, but it also looked like a good location and opportunity to finally start his own business.

The two-family dwelling was converted into a lovely one-family home, consisting of three bedrooms and bath upstairs, and five rooms downstairs.

Chairs Replaced
Through experience and know-how, the barber chairs were replaced by shelves of paint and decorating books.

Mrs. Bain's home town is Glenburn, in the Ayrshire area, near Prestwick, in the Robert Burns country.

Bain's home town is Strathavon in Lanarkshire, where Sir Harry Lauder was born.

Bain explains, "All of Great Britain is divided into various shires. This is where the English word sheriff, (the most important law enforcing officer of a county comes from.)"

While reminiscing, Bain recalls that his grandfather, who was a builder, lived in a nearby town. The grandfather established Bain's father in a garage business, but with the depression upon them, Bain Sr., decided to come to America. Bain's mother remained in Scotland to raise her children.

As a child the painter attended grade school and high school in Carmyle.

It was very hard to find jobs, but Bain was a determined young man and became an apprentice painter and decorator, working with the firm of William Lunn & Sons, in Strathavon.

Served in RAF
In 1941 at the age of 19 Bain

volunteered for service in the Royal Air Force. He attended Kukham School of Technical Training at Blackpool Training Camp, which is in a big holiday resort area in England.

The residents of London were evacuated to the country and Bain recalls, "My mother's home was always open. She took in many displaced people during those years."

Stationed in the Midlands until 1942, the airman then boarded the Queen Mary, serving as a troopship, bound for Egypt.

He served in the Western Desert in Montgomery's 8th Army, and then was sent to Baghdad and Saudia Arabia to a British airport and camp called "Habanaia."

"It was very hot," Bain remembers, "but the reward well worth it. On leaves I was able to visit the historic spots in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Haifa and Alexandria. I even went swimming in the Red Sea."

Upon his return, Bain was stationed at Prestwick, near

Elizabeth's home town. They met in 1946 and were married a year later.

The couple settled in a small apartment in Strathavon, where two of their children were born. George Jr. is 16 years old and attends East Brunswick High. Daughter Eleanor is 13 and is in the eighth grade at the Hammarick School.

A third child, Gregory, now 9 is the "little American." He is in the third grade at the Cranford School.

After five years, the Bains decided to come to the U.S. He explains, "I built up a good business, but the building was sold, so we thought we'd try our luck in America."

Bain came alone in January 1951 and purchased a house in Edison, where Elizabeth's sister, Mrs. William Garruto, already lived. When his wife and the two children arrived in May, things were pretty much in order.

As the family grew, so did the home which they purchased in Deerfield Estates in Parlin.

Plays in Band
While living in Parlin, Bain helped form the "Silvertones," a five-piece dance band in which he plays tenor sax. The group rehearses once a week at the home of James Foss of Parlin.

Another hobby of this energetic man is oil painting. He is currently taking lessons and has his own showroom.

Mrs. Bain is registered this year in an interior decorating class.

"Home decorating runs in trends, whether it be the United States or Great Britain," Bain believes. "It can be modern, colonial or period. However, the British people prefer paneled walls, textured wallpaper and grained doors. Here the cost of labor is so high that graining is a lost art."

He continued, "Back home you must know a variety of allied crafts such as paperhanging, color harmonizing, sign painting and murals in order to make a good living."

Travel is no stranger to the Bain family. Bain's mother flew over last year for a three-week visit, in addition to Mrs. Bain's sister and brother-in-law also visiting last year.

Mrs. Bain and the three children went "home" in 1957 for three months, while Bain hopes to visit by the end of this year.



TALENTED COUPLE—It's not such a far cry from paperhanging to painting seascapes, as George S. Bain demonstrates to wife Elizabeth.

Zanzalari Named Assistant County Vo-Tech Director

Dr. J. Henry Zanzalari, 98 Hollywood Ave., Metuchen has been appointed assistant director of the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High Schools effective July 1.

Zanzalari will succeed Charles A. Haas, Perth Amboy, who will retire June 30, after 24 years with the vocational schools.

Zanzalari has been a teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal, guidance director and administrative assistant in the Middlesex County system covering a period of 17 years. He received the degree of Doctor of Education from Rutgers University in 1960. He is a past president of Rutgers School of Education Alumni Association and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi of which he is presently president, and Epsilon Pi Tau honorary societies. He is also currently on the coadjutant staff at Rutgers University.

Zanzalari has been active in youth work and other community service organizations. He is secretary of Boy Scout Troop 16, Metuchen, and a member of the board of directors of the New Brunswick Urban League.

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YOUTH FIGHTS LOYALTY OATH

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The father of Stephen Sublett wants Superior Court to decide whether the boy must sign a loyalty oath in order to work for his lunch in the school cafeteria. Charles Sublett, an electronics plant supervisor, contends any such requirement is unconstitutional.

The American Civil Liberties Union, acting on behalf of Sublett and his son, 14, filed suit Friday against Clifford Thyberg, superintendent of the West Covina Unified School District.

Judge Macklin Fleming set May 8 for a hearing.

The complaint says the teenager began working in the cafeteria last December on an occasional basis. In return for washing and stacking dishes, he received a lunch worth from 30 to 35 cents.

Then he was asked to sign an "oath of allegiance," stating that, like all public employees or officers of the school district, he would support and defend the U.S. and California Constitutions.

Stephen said he was told he'd be fired if he didn't sign.

The complaint contends that such a requirement abridges the right of freedom of conscience, thought, speech and assembly and privacy of opinion.

Computer Specialist To Give Paper

PRINCETON — Martin A. Goetz, a computer specialist with Applied Data Research Inc., of Princeton, has been selected to present a paper at a conference held in Washington, D. C., this week.

Entitled "Improvements in the Technology of String Merging and Internal Sorting," the paper will be read at the spring Joint Computer Conference. The meeting will last from April 21-23.

Goetz's paper deals with new techniques to reduce the time of sorting information within a computer.

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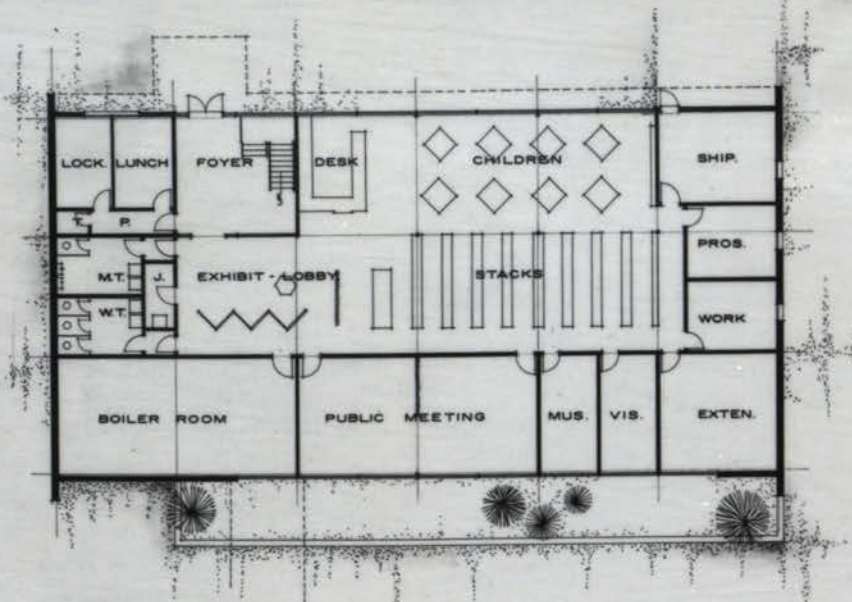
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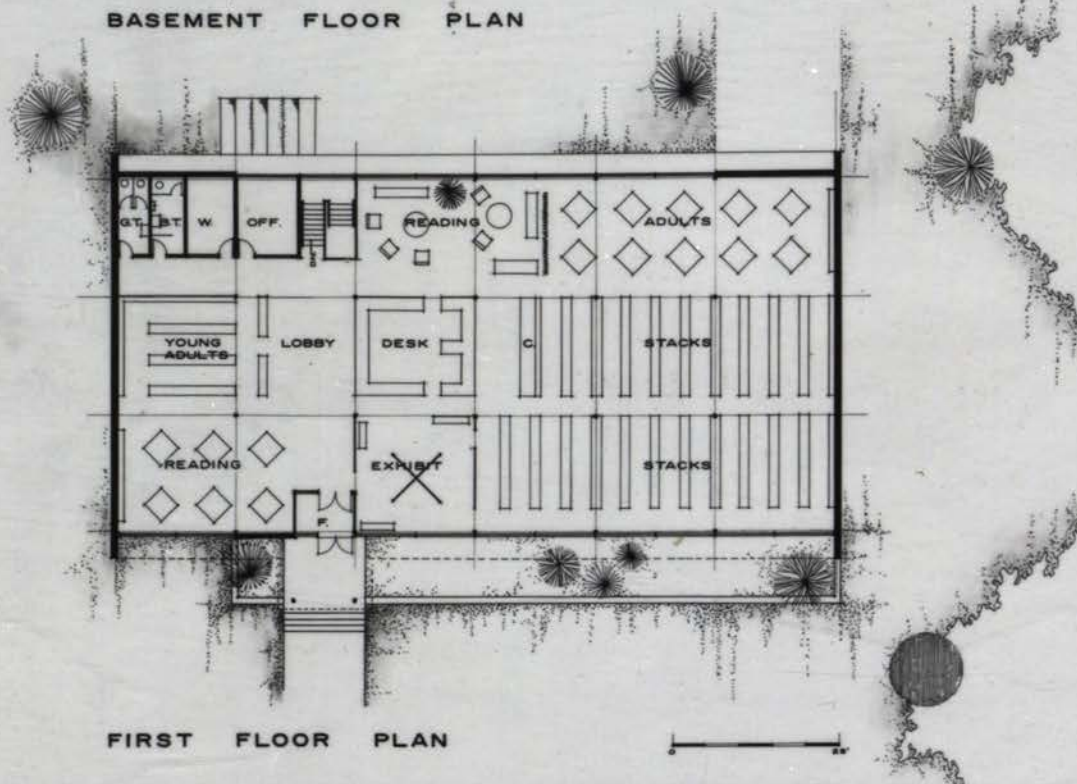
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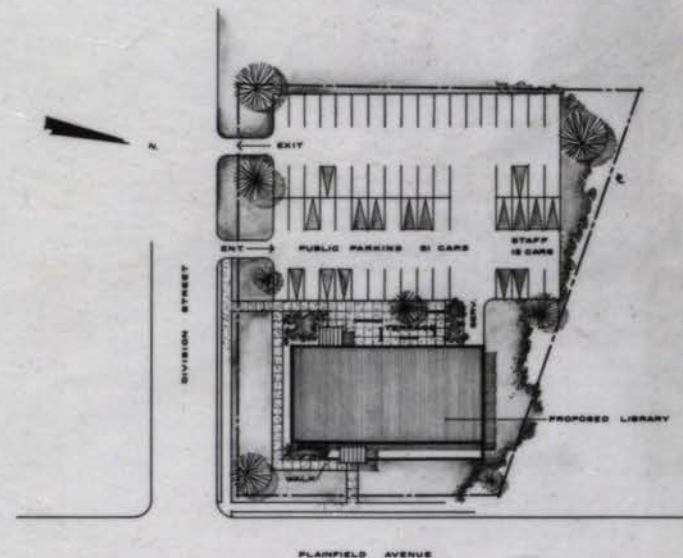
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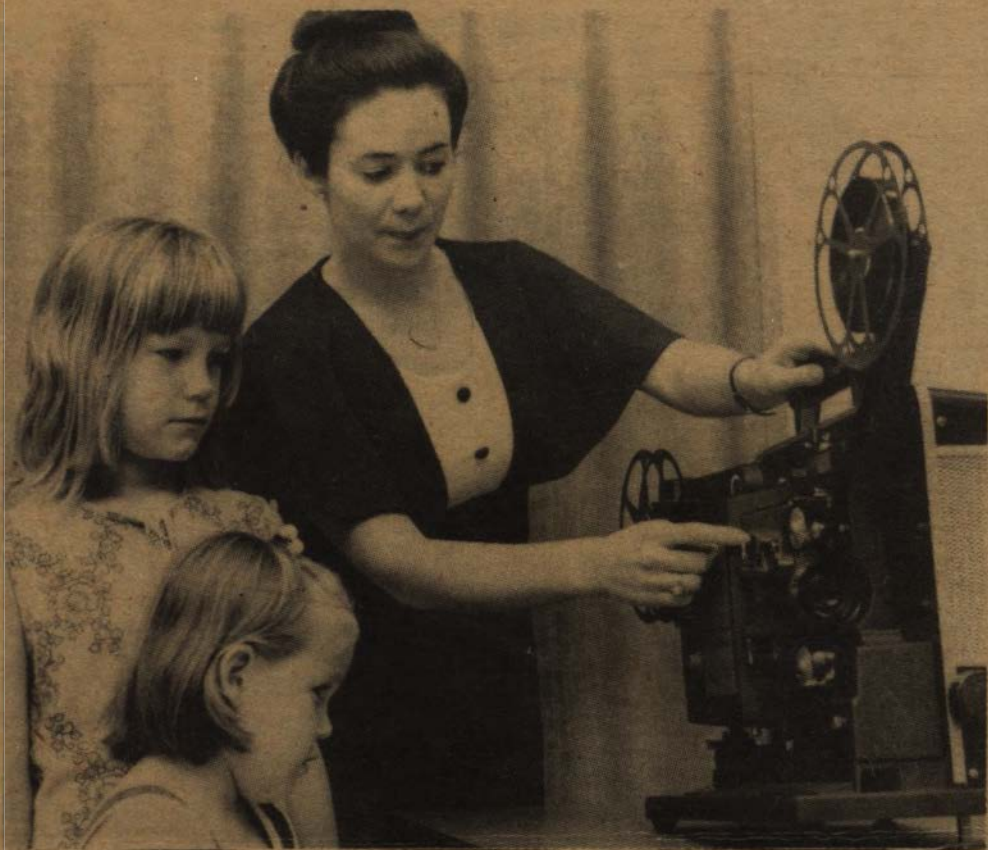


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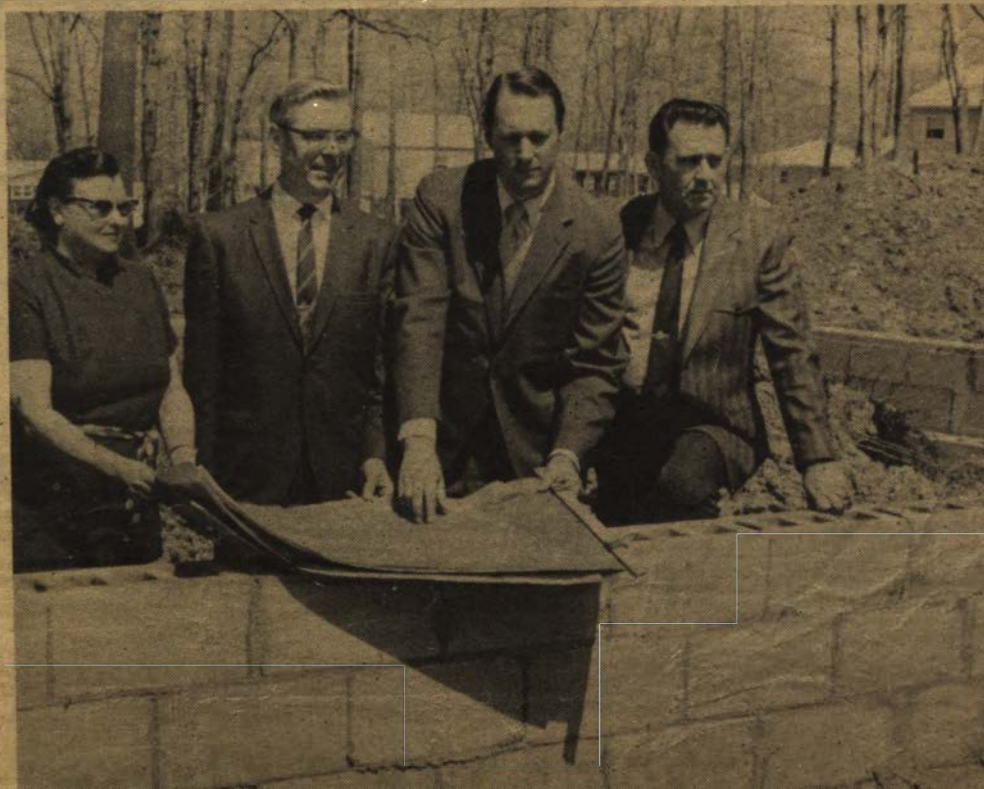
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DEMONSTRATION--Miss Aurora Walsh, director of the Edison Township Public Library, shows Kathy Mandigo and Tammy Lau how to thread the new projector at the North Edison branch. The 16mm Bell and Howell projector was purchased with a \$400 donation from the Woman's Club of Metuchen and \$95 from the Friends of the Library. A full summer film festival is planned for children and young adults.



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\$40,000 library van is booked for August

by Marjorie Feinson

A \$40,000 bookmobile is expected to circulate books throughout Edison in August.

According to Miss Aurora Walsh, library director, the van will be delivered in July. Some 2,500 to 3,500 books are being ordered and interviewing for staff will get underway shortly.

"There will be either two or three librarians on the bookmobile," she said. "If we get a male librarian who drives the vehicle, then only two persons will man the van. We don't expect to find a woman with a masters in library science who can also drive a 36-foot bookmobile."

The bookmobile, which is being ordered from Gerstenslager Company of Ohio, will be air conditioned, have radiant floor heat and a small airplane-type bathroom. For those who cannot get to the bookmobile, special shut-in service will be provided.

The books being ordered are expected to cost about \$36,000 while salaries for the remainder of 1973 will be about \$10,000. State aid will cover the cost of the books while township revenue sharing funds will pay for the bookmobile.

The bookmobile can comfortably accommodate about 15 adults at one time. It will have a check-in and return desk in the front and a check out desk at the rear.

Although the routes have not been worked out, Miss Walsh said first priority will be given to areas that are inaccessible to one of the three libraries.

While the bookmobile will have its own supply of books, requests for books from the main library or one of the branches will be taken. Miss Walsh also said that she is going to try to devise some system to replace fines for late returns.

"We want to avoid having money on the bookmobile so it will not become a target for hold-ups," she noted.

Residents with handicapped members living in their households are requested to submit their names and addresses to the library staff so special stops by the bookmobile can be planned. The phone number at the main branch is 287-2298.

The 1973 library budget for books is expected to total \$125,000, which will include approximately \$5,000 for audio visual items like tape cassettes, film strips, posters, six tape players and earphones.

Two more mini-cake decorating sessions have been scheduled because of the success of the class held recently at the North Edison library.

On July 16, Norma Pagett will conduct the course at the main library, 340 Plainfield avenue, and on July 30 at the Clara Barton Branch, both from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Participation is limited to 25 persons. Interested persons can sign up now at each location.

Shawn Sullivan has been hired as bookmobile librarian and driver at a salary of \$10,000 annually. Sullivan, who holds a masters from New York University, is in the process of ordering books for the unit which is expected to arrive at the end of this month and go into service during August. The library is still interviewing full-time clerks to work on the van.

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CHECK THIS!—Mrs. Charles Wira, president of the Friends of the Edison Library, presents \$3,000 check to Leavenworth H. Tyler, president of the library's Board of Trustees, as Mrs. Edward Crooker, left, library director, and Mrs. Frank Doll, board vice president, look on.

Library Receives Check for \$3,000

EDISON — Edison Friends of the Library presented a \$3,000 check last night to the library to purchase equipment for the new building on Plainfield Avenue and Division Street.

Mrs. Charles Wira, president of the club, presented the check to Leavenworth H. Tyler, president of the Board of Trustees of the township library, during the friends' final meeting of the year.

The funds were raised from sales, donations from local industry, township professional groups, citizens, a card party, and from the Summer Story Hour.

The following were elected and installed as officers: Mrs. Matthew Drwal, president; Dr. Gerrald Finkel, vice president; Mrs. William Presch, second vice president; Mrs. William Kuprick, recording secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Logan, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. John Powers, treasurer.

Edison Public Library's Sept. Programs Begin Friday Sept. 5th

The Edison Public Library announces September programs for children beginning on Friday, September 5, with films at the Clara Barton branch. "Astronauts", "A Visit from Space", "Moonbeam Princess" and "Martian Moochers" will be shown at 3:30 p.m. Children through Grade 6 can register beginning August 25.

Registration for Storyhour for children ages 3½ to 5 begins on September 8. Kindergarteners are not eligible. The sessions will begin the week of September 15 and run for 6 weeks. Storyhour groups are as follows: Tuesday, 10:30, Main Library; Wednesday, 9:30 or 10:30, North Edison branch; Thursday, 10:30, Main Library; and Friday, 10:30, Clara Barton branch.

After-school club registration also begins on September 8. Tuesday Club features stories, films and crafts for children in Kindergarten and Grade 1, and meets at the Main Library. Friday Club meets at the North Edison branch and is for children in Kindergarten through Grade 3. All clubs run for six weeks, and meet from 3:45 to 4:30 on respective days.

"Puppets and More Puppets" is the theme for a two-week craft for children in Kindergarten through Grade 6. The first session will be held on Friday, September 12, at 3:30 at the Clara Barton branch; and on Saturday, September 13, at 10:30 at the North Edison branch and 1:00 at the Main Library.

Registration for the first session begins September 2.

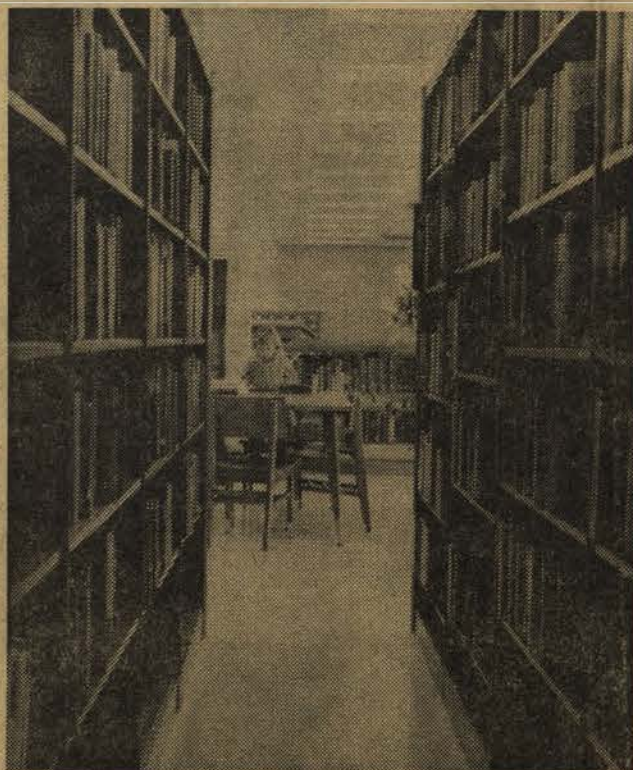
"More Puppets" will be held on Friday, September 26, at 3:30 at the Clara Barton branch, and on Saturday, September 27, at 10:30 at the North Edison branch and 1:00 at the Main Library. Registration for this second session begins September 15.

Films based on stories from the Orient will be shown on Friday, September 19, at 3:30 at the Clara Barton branch and at the Main Library on Saturday, September 20, at 1:00. Featured will be "The Five Chinese Brothers", "Tikki, Tikki Tembo", "The Story of Ping" and "The Golden Fish". Registration for these films begins September 8.

The North Edison branch will show movies for children every Wednesday at 4:00 and every Saturday at 2:00. No registration is required.

For further information, call Cathy Comer or Lee Bell, Children's Librarians, at 287-2298.

Edison Starts New Page in Its Library Story



The Edison Public Library opened its doors at its new location, 340 Plainfield Ave., Monday, and among the first customers were Valerie Hamby, 3, shown in the center photo. She came with her mother, Mrs. Vincent Hamby, 28 Westminster Road, Nixon. The library started in 1926 with 246 books

and was housed in stores and other buildings. Its new, permanent home, which cost \$200,000, contains 28,000 books and about 150 varieties of magazines. The spacious new facility also includes a children's room.

Films & Crafts

The Edison Public Library announces February programs for children beginning with a Valentine Craft at the Clara Barton branch on Friday, February 6, at 3:30. The craft will be held on Saturday, February 7, at 10:30 at the North Edison branch and 1:00 at the Main Library. Children in Grades K-6 may register beginning January 26.

The North Edison branch will be showing the following films on Saturday, February 7, at 2:00: Woodpecker from Mars, A Visit from Space, and The Astronoughts. No registration required.

On February 13, The Curious Mouse, Norman the Doorman, and Sylvester will be shown at the Main Library at 10:30 and at the Clara Barton branch at 3:30. Registration begins on Feb. 2.

Children in Grades K-6 are invited to attend a Magic Show by Magician Bob Pensak. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 10:30 at the North Edison branch and at 1:00 at the Main Library. Children must register beginning on February 2.

The Clara Barton branch will hold a Red, White and Blue craft on Friday, Feb. 20, at 3:30. It will be held at the Main Library on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 1:00. Children in Grades K-6 may register beginning Feb. 9.

The film, Mongrel Dog, will be shown at the North Edison branch on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 10:30. No registration is required.

Registration for Storyhour for children ages 3½-5 begins on Monday, Feb. 23. The 6-week sessions begin the week of March 1 and run as follows: Tuesday or Thursday, 10:30, at the Main Library; Wednesday, 9:30 or 10:30, at the North Edison Branch; and Friday, 10:30, at the Clara Barton branch.

After-school clubs, featuring crafts, movies, stories and games, are held at the Main Library on Tuesdays for Grades K & 1 and on Thursdays for Grades 2-6. Friday Club, for Grades K-3, is held at the North Edison branch. All clubs run for 6 weeks beginning the week of March 1. They meet from 3:45-4:30 weekly. Registration begins on February 23.

The Doughnuts, Dragon Stew, and People Soup will be shown at the Clara Barton branch on Friday, Feb. 27 at 3:30 and at the Main Library on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 1:00. Registration begins Feb. 17.

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The library will be closed for holidays on Feb. 12 and 16.

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Library plans events

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Four films, "Astronauts," "A Visit from Space," "Moonbeam Princess" and "Martian Moochers" will be shown at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5, at the Clara Barton branch. Children through sixth grade can register beginning today.

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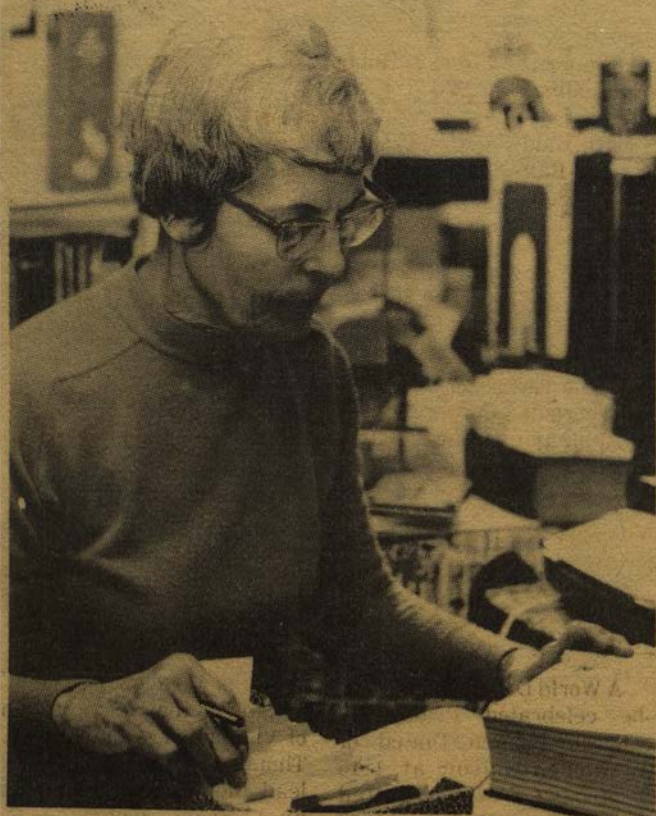
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FAMILIAR ROLE—Marjory Fenerty, new Edison library board appointee, is engrossed in research work in her home library.

Library books astronomer

by Marjorie Feinson

Mrs. Marjory Fenerty's recent appointment to the Edison library board seemed an obvious move. Before coming to the township in 1965 she served on the library board in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. And prior to that she served eight years as a library trustee in Westwood, Massachusetts.

What is unusual is Mrs. Fenerty's involvement with libraries—a career she had no intention of pursuing despite the fact that her mother was a librarian who studied under Melville Dewey.

Born and raised in the Philippines where her father was a missionary, Mrs. Fenerty started high school in Manila and finished in Ohio. From there she went to Mount Holyoke in Massachusetts where she majored in astronomy. She also earned a masters in astronomy from Ohio Wesleyan.

"At that time, astronomy jobs were scarce and besides, it was not considered proper for men and women to spend all night together observing." Instead, she taught at Holyoke for several years and then taught physics, physical geography and math in several high schools. After her marriage and a move to Westwood, in 1950, she found herself unemployed for the first time.

"Westwood is a small town and I soon became president of

a church group," she says. "When I had to fill out a questionnaire about the year the group was formed, I went to the library to do research. Westwood is one of those old, old New England towns where the church history was the town's history. And I found out that both the church and this group were having an anniversary so I began collecting information about the church and soon, ended up writing a history of the church and eventually the town.

Because she spent so much of her time in the library, she became involved in its facilities and eventually was appointed to the board.

Mrs. Fenerty feels the public should know that a library board sets goals and policy but does not get involved in administration other than to select a library director. "For example, the board can set a book selection policy, but once it does that, it cannot get involved in the actual selection of books," she says. "That is an administrative job for the director."

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Checking progress

Architect Charles Fitch (second from right) explains progress in construction of new Edison branch library on Library Place in North Edison from behind first five rows of cinder block wall. With him are Mrs. Edward Kasner, president of library trustees, James Hazel, director, and trustee Earl Rupert (right).

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Dear Mr. Scott:

The Edison Township Libraries would like to welcome you and the staff of the NBC Today Show to a super send-off of summer programs for children.

On July 14 and 15, the Children's Department of the Library is sponsoring a HOT AIR BALLOON DEMONSTRATION featuring the launch of a giant balloon from the Library parking lot. Mr. John Eld, of Far Hills, New Jersey will be launching the marvelous multi-colored balloon "GasP". He will demonstrate the inflation of the balloon and answer questions from the children on hand.

The HOT AIR BALLOON DEMONSTRATION will start off a summer of sky high adventures for children including toddler programs, storyhours, films, arts and crafts, book discussion groups, games and a reading club--all designed to promote a summer of reading fun.

We would love to have you join us for the launching of the HOT AIR BALLOON; at least could you please predict some sunny, calm weather for our afternoon adventures?!

Sincerely,

The Children's Department
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Craft program slated

EDISON — The Children's Department of the public library will sponsor a craft program entitled Valentine surprises for kindergarten through sixth graders at the North Edison Library at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 4, at the Clara Barton Library at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 5 and at the Main Library at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 7.

In addition, an afterschool program featuring films, games and surprises will be offered to children in grades kindergarten through third at the North Edison Library at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 9, at the Clara Barton Library at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 10 and at the Main Library at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 11. Preregistration begins Monday.

The public library's children's department will sponsor a program of films for children in grades kindergarten-sixth at the North Edison Library at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 25, at the Clara Barton Library at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 26 and at the Main Library at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 28. Preregistration begins Feb. 17.

Games for youngsters planned at libraries

NT 2/17/81

EDISON — The Edison Public Library will sponsor games for youngsters in grades K to six Feb. 17 to 19 at library branches.

Advance registration is requested by the organization and will be accepted beginning Monday at the library branches.

Sessions will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 17 at the main library, Plainfield Avenue; at 3 p.m. Feb. 18 at the North Edison library, Grove Avenue and at 3 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Clara Barton Library, Pleasant and Hoover Avenues.

Library slates childrens' films

NT 2/19/81

EDISON — The Children's Department of the Edison Public Library will sponsor a program of Children's Films for children in Kindergarten through grade six.

Preschoolers are invited to attend if accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and will begin Feb. 17.

The films featured in the February series will include animal stories. The films will be shown as follows:

North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave., Feb. 25 at 3:30 p.m.

Clara Barton Library, Pleasant and Hoover Aves., Feb. 26 at 3:30 p.m.

Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., Feb. 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Edison library slates activities

NT 2/27/81

EDISON — The Edison Public Library will offer several events in the coming month at the main library, 340 Plainfield Ave., the North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave., and the Clara Barton Library, Pleasant and Hoover avenues.

After-school craft programs for children in K to sixth grades will be offered at 3:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and Saturday beginning Monday at the libraries.

Pre-school story-hour for children ages three and a half to five years will begin at 10:30 a.m. March 10 to 13.

A play group for children two to three and a half years old and their parents will be offered at 10:30 a.m. March 10 to April 7 at the main library only.

Junior book discussion groups for children in grades four to six will be held at 3:30 p.m. March 24, 26 and 27.

Advance registration is requested by the library, and may be obtained by contacting the main and branch libraries.



Monday through next Wednesday — instructions in making mobiles out of glue dough will be offered from 1-2:30 p.m. at the North Edison Library Monday, the Clara Barton Library Tuesday and the Main Library next Wednesday. Participants are requested to bring a rolling pin and small cookie cutters. *2/23/81*



Edison libraries feature science fiction displays

EDISON — March is Science Fiction Month at the Edison Public Library.

In addition to science fiction displays, the children's department will feature crafts, films and reading activities with a science fiction theme.

For more information, contact the libraries: Main Branch, 340 Plainfield, 287-2351; North Edison Branch, 777 Grove Ave., 548-4759; and Clara Barton Branch, Pleasant and Hoover Aves., 738-0748. *HN 3/1/81*



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Bookmobile

out of service

EDISON — The Edison Library Bookmobile will be out of service until Jan. 9.

Books may be returned to the Edison libraries during this time. NT 12/26/80

Book unit

adds stop in Edison

EDISON — The Edison Library's Bookmobile has added one new location to its schedule of stops, and changed for time of two others.

Those stops effected will be on Wednesday only. As of Jan. 12, 1981 the Wednesday stops will be:

Garden Place and Old Post Road, 3-4 p.m.; Forest Drive in Edison Village, 4:15-5 p.m.; Philo Boulevard and Morris Avenue, 6:00-6:45 p.m.; Julius Engel apartments, 6:50-7:15 p.m. and Horizon Drive in Millbrook Village, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

A complete list of stops is available at any of the Edison libraries or from the Bookmobile. Further information is available at the main library.

Volunteers

to assist tax reports

EDISON — Volunteers will be available to assist persons filling out 1040 and 1040A federal income tax forms and N.J. State tax forms from Monday to April 11 at the main library and at township branch libraries.

Advance registration may be obtained by contacting the main library, 340 Plainfield Ave., the Clara Barton Library, Pleasant and Hoover Avenues, or the North Edison Library, Grove Avenue.

Edison libraries reserve kids' programs

EDISON — The three branches of the Edison Free Public Library plan to hold several programs for pre-school and elementary school children in January, including magic shows, story

hours, winter toy crafts, "short and silly films" and book discussion groups.

For information on dates, times and locations of the programs, contact Pam Gares at the library at 287-2351.

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Investment forum set

Blyth, eastman Dillon & Co. will conduct an investment seminar at the North Edison Branch Library Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. To register, call 548-3045.

In addition, a program on what to save and how to go about setting up a coupon and refunds system will be conducted by Kathe Oliver, an Edison resident at the main library Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. To register, call 287-2298.

Volunteers sought to help fill bill

EDISON — The Free Public Library will again sponsor the VITA program for this year's tax season. VITA stands for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a program which helps elderly and low-income families fill out their tax forms.

The Library is looking for volunteers to work in the program; no experience is necessary. Persons wishing to volunteer are asked to call Sue Saranczak at the Library at 287-2298.

Session on cosmetics planned at library

EDISON — Dana Kuchar, a representative from Mary Kay cosmetics, and Shelly from "Nails by Shelly," will speak on cosmetics from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Clara Barton Branch of the Edison Public Library, Pleasant and Hoover Avenues.

Advance registration is requested by the library, and may be obtained at the branch.



Library sets art displays

EDISON — Works by area artists will be displayed until the end of the month at Edison Public Libraries.

Oil paintings by students of Lenore Carletti will be displayed at the North Edison Library, Grove Avenue.

Marcia Kinsey will display a collection of bears at the main library, Plainfield Avenue.



Fabric Picture Frames 1/26/81

Learning about birds

EDISON — The Terra Nova Gardening Club and the children's department of the public library will offer a special program of bird identification for children in grades four to six at the North Edison Library Feb. 2 at 3:30 p.m. Preregistration begins Monday.

Also, bingo for children in grades kindergarten-six grades will be offered at the Main Library at 2 p.m. Feb. 17, the North Edison Library at 3 p.m. Feb. 18 and at the Clara Barton Library at 3 p.m. Feb. 19. Preregistration begins Feb. 9.

Bird identification program scheduled

EDISON — A program on bird identification for children in grades 4 to 6 will be offered by the Terra Nova Gardening Club and the Children's Department of the Public Library at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at the North Edison Branch, 777 Grove Ave.

Monday — Terra Nova Gardening Club and the children's department of the public library program of bird identification for children in grades four to six at the North Edison Library at 3:30 p.m.

in edison

Vita volunteers, trained to help elderly, lower-income families or other residents in filling out the 1040 or 1040A income tax forms, or N.J. State Tax forms, will be at the three Edison libraries during February, March and April.

For further information, call 287-2298, 548-3045 or 738-0096.

Shelly of "Nails by Shelly" and Dana Kuchar, a cosmetologist representing Mary Kay cosmetics, will conduct a lecture/demonstration at the Clara Barton Library Feb. 4 from 1-3 p.m. To register, call 738-0096.

Are your tax forms baffling?

EDISON — From now through mid-April, the Edison public library will provide help with income tax returns for those who need it, particularly elderly and low-income taxpayers.

Members of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will provide the service free of charge at all three

branches of the public library on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. For schedules, and to make sure a volunteer will be available at a certain time, call one of the branches: Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., 287-2298; North Edison Branch, Grove Ave., 548-3045; Clara Barton Branch, Pleasant and Hoover avenues, 738-0096.



Easter-craft workshop set

EDISON — An Easter bunny craft workshop for children in kindergarten through grade six will be held at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave. Children will make bunnies from egg-shaped panty hose containers. NT 4/3/81

Advance registration is requested by the library.

Library slates events

EDISON — The Edison Public Library will offer several events in the coming weeks.

The library will forgive fines on overdue library items from Sunday to April 11, National Library Week.

Appointments for assistance with income tax forms may be obtained by contacting Sue Saranczak at the Main Library.

Members of the Noah's Art 4-H Club will demonstrate proper care of small pets to children of preschool age to sixth graders and parents.

The program will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the North Edison Library, Grove Avenue; at 7 p.m. next Thursday at the Clara Barton Library, Pleasant Avenue and at 1:30 p.m. April 11 at the Main Library, Plainfield Avenue.

An afterschool program for children in K to sixth grades will be held at 3:30 p.m. beginning April 13 at the North Edison Library; April 14 at the Clara Barton Library and April 15 at the Main Library.

Advance registration is requested by the library, and may be obtained by contacting the library.

Library offers fine-free week

EDISON — In honor of National Library Week, the Edison Public Library will not levy fines on books returned April 5 to 11, no matter how long overdue they are. HN 4/3/81

The week of amnesty is an effort to regain overdue books and return them to the collection, according to a library news release.

The library also plans evening pro-

grams on the care and handling of pets, with many kinds of pets on display in the junior rooms of the three branches.

The program requires pre-registration, and will be held at the North Edison Branch on April 7 at 7 p.m.; at the Clara Barton Branch on April 9 at 7 p.m.; and at the Main Library on April 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Topic is small pets

EDISON — The Noah's Art 4-H Club will demonstrate proper pet care of a variety of small animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, gerbils, ducks and chickens at the North Edison Library at 7 p.m. Tuesday; the Clara Barton Library at 7 p.m. April 9 and at the main library at 1:30 p.m. April 11. Registration for the program, offered to kindergarteners through sixth-graders, begins Monday.

Also, the second annual jelly bean contest for children in preschool through sixth grade will start April 20. For more information, call the main library at 287-2351; the North Edison Library at 548-4759 or the Clara Barton Library at 738-0748.

Fun days at library

EDISON — The Children's Department of the public library will sponsor a craft program, Egg Bunnies, for children in kindergarten through sixth grade at the North Edison Library at 3:30 p.m. today; the Clara Barton Library at 3:30 p.m. April 2 and at the main library at 1:30 p.m. April 4.

Each child is requested to supply an empty egg-shaped container.

An afterschool fun program for the same age group is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at the North Edison Library April 13; the Clara Barton Library April 14; the main library April 15.

Also, a bicycle safety program sponsored by the police department will be presented at 3:30 p.m. at the main library, April 28; the North Edison Library April 29 and the Clara Barton Library April 30.



Topic is gardening

EDISON — Ruth Black, a township resident, will give a talk on planting and maintaining gardens at the North Edison Branch library Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. The main library will offer a program about bicycle touring presented by the Central Jersey Bicycle Club April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Also, a home decorating workshop conducted by Carol Kaiser of Rutgers Extension Service will be offered at the main library April 30 from 1-3 p.m.

Library shows films

EDISON — The North Edison Branch Library, 777 Grove Ave., will offer films for students in seventh grade through high school Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m.

On exhibit at the library is a display of egg craft and Pesanki, the Polish egg decorating, belonging to Cecelia Cieckiewicz of Edison.

Ukrainian and Russian artwork is on display at Edison's main library, 340 Plainfield Ave. The collection includes nesting dolls, needle work, decorated eggs, wood carvings, brightly-painted dishes and colorful fabrics and belongs to Ann Marie Pukash and Kathryn Pallitto.



VITA programs set at local libraries

EDISON — Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs will be held Monday and Wednesday at township libraries.

Volunteers will be at the Main Library from 9-11 a.m., at the North Edison branch from 9-noon and 7-9 p.m., and at the



TAXES: Help offered on '80 federal forms

Free assistance in preparing 1980 federal income tax forms is available to Central Jersey residents.

The tax form assistance is provided by citizens of various communities and organizations who have volunteered their services as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs.

The VITA program has been in existence for several years and is designed to help low- and middle-income taxpayers with their 1040A or 1040 forms.

The TCE program, now in its second year, provides the same type of service to taxpayers as the VITA program, with additional emphasis on assisting the elderly.

VITA sites and hours in Middlesex and Somerset counties are:

Office on Aging, 230 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to noon; Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, call Gail Rosenberg, 548-1526 for appointment; South Brunswick Public Library, Kingston Lane, Monmouth Junction section, call Elaine Reise, reference librarian, at 821-8224 for an appointment; Edison Public Library, 340 Plain-

The service is provided by citizens of various organizations who have volunteered their services as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs.

field Ave., Edison, call 287-2351 for an appointment; North Edison Branch, 777 Grove Ave., Edison, call 548-3045 for an appointment; Clara Barton Branch, 76 Pleasant Ave., Edison, call Dot Gresh at 738-0096 for an appointment; Highland Park Public Library, 26 North 6th Ave., Highland Park, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Middlesex Recreation Building, Senior Citizens Club, Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, call 356-3426 for an appointment.

Also, Bridgewater Township Senior Citizens Building, Somerville Road, Bridgewater, call 725-8020; Free Public Library, 32 South Maple Ave., Basking Ridge, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and Bernardsville Library, 2 Morristown

Road, Bernardsville, Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

TCE sites in Middlesex and Somerset counties are:

Senior Center, 2963 Woodbridge Ave., Edison, call 549-7231 for an appointment; Fords Library, Fords section of Woodbridge, Tuesday, from 1 to 5 p.m.; Public Library, Route 516, Old Bridge, Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m.; Office on Aging, Routes 9 and 34, Old Bridge, Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon; Public Library, Route 35, Laurence Harbor section of Old Bridge, Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m.; Office on Aging, Sayreville, call 257-2340 for an appointment; Clubhouse, Cheesecake Village, call 583-3574 for an appointment; Nutritional Center, Aberdeen, call

566-8444 for an appointment; Public Library, Jamesburg, call 521-0440 for an appointment; Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, call Marjory Fiskin at 548-1426 for an appointment; Public Library, Chain O'Hills Road, Colonia section of Woodbridge, Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Henry Inman Library, Inman Avenue, Colonia section of Woodbridge, Monday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Public Library, Green Street, Iselin section of Woodbridge, Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Office on Aging, 2 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Main Library, 2 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Flagtown School, South Branch Road, Flagtown, Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Public Library, Manville, Wednesday 6 to 8 p.m.; Washington School, First Street, Raritan, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Warrenbrook Senior Center, Warrenbrook Road, Warren, Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Somerset Presbyterian Church, 100 J.F. Kennedy Blvd., Franklin, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Regional Service Center, 2 Claremont Road, Bernardsville, Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Library slates kids activities

EDISON — The Children's Department of the Edison Public Library is observing Science Fiction Month at the library with activities for children.

The Children's Room at the Main Library is decorated to reflect a "Galaxy of Books" theme, featuring stars and rainbows, and a "visitor" from outer space.

The science fiction display also features a walk-in space capsule and a robot. Science fiction books are on display and book lists are available.

The activities are being offered at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.; North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave., and Clara Barton Library, Pleasant and Hoover Avenues.

Beauty program set

EDISON — Staff members from Hair and Beyond will demonstrate hair and facial care from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at the main library, 340 Plainfield Ave.

Registration is requested by the library and may be obtained by contacting the main library. NT 3/7/81

Hair, facial care lecture at library

EDISON — The staff of "Hair and Beyond" hair salon, located at Post Plaza Mall, Old Post Road and Route 1, will discuss proper hair cutting at a workshop in the Main Library on 340 Plainfield Ave. from 1 to 3 p.m. tomorrow.

At the educational session, hair growth patterns, facial shape and the proper use of hair care products, will be discussed, as well as proper methods of using blow dryers and other hair equipment. Hair cutting will be demonstrated on a volunteer from the audience. Someone from the audience also will be selected to have a makeup makeover done.

Libraries Offer Displays

At the Edison Library and branches, there are some interesting things on display.

North Edison, 777 Grove Ave., has a display for "Brotherhood Week". Although it is in honor of this particular week, the display will be in the library for the rest of the month. It was put together by B'Nai Brith and features little statues of influential people like Eleanor Roosevelt and Gold Meir. There are also books, stamps, pictures and leaflets dealing with subjects such as anti-defamation, etc.

At Clara Barton, 141 Pleasant Ave., the Noah's Art 4-H Club has a very clever display set up as part of a contest. The theme of the display is "4-H Expanding Horizons" and will be judged sometime this week. It goes from a rainbow over mountains to a starlit night with past, present and future 4-H activities represented. Additional information on 4-H is available.

At the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., Kathy Hennessey, a local resident, from Jr. Girl Scout Troop 1191 has her doll collection on display for a badge. Further details will be put in the case by next week in honor of Girl Scout Week.

Library exhibits set

EDISON — A Brotherhood Week display will be on exhibit at the North Edison Library all month.

Assembled by B'Nai B'rith the display features statues of influential people such as Eleanor Roosevelt and Golda Meir as well as books, stamps, pictures and leaflets.

At Clara Barton Library, the Noah's Art 4H Club has set up a display "Expanding Horizons," which will be judged this week.

At the Main Library, Kathy Hennessey of Junior Girl Scout Troop #1191 has her doll collection on display for a badge.

Brotherhood, dolls, 4-H at libraries

EDISON — Exhibits ranging from a Brotherhood Week display to a doll collection are on display at local libraries.

At North Edison, a Brotherhood Week display put together by B'Nai B'rith features miniature statues of influential people such as Eleanor Roosevelt and Golda Meir. There are also books, stamps, pictures and leaflets dealing with subjects such as anti-defamation programs.

At Clara Barton, the Noah's Art 4-H Club has a display called "Expanding Horizons" which is entered in a 4-H contest. Past, present and future 4-H activities are depicted in a rainbow, mountains and a starlit night.

Kathy Hennessey, a local resident and a member of Junior Girl Scout Troop 1191, has her doll collection on display at the Main Library. More displays will be set up in honor of Girl Scout Week.

Photography program, fashion talk at library

EDISON — The main branch of the Edison Public Library will sponsor a slide presentation on photographic composition, camera handling and photographing people on March 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. Interested persons may register at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., or call 287-2298.

Also planned is a talk on spring fashions led by Carol Kaiser of the Rutgers Extension Service. The program is scheduled for March 26 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and registrations are now being accepted. NT 3/10/81

Today — Kodak slide presentation dealing with photographic composition, advanced camera handling and photographing people at the library from 7-9 p.m.



Quilt sewing ^{NT 3/14/81} demonstrations slated

EDISON — A demonstration on sewing techniques for cathedral glass window quilts will be offered from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday at the North Edison Library, Grove Avenue; Tuesday at the Clara Barton Library, Pleasant Avenue, and Wednesday at the Main Library, Plainfield Avenue.

Advance registration is requested by the library.

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Quilt demonstration planned at library

EDISON — Sue Saranczak will demonstrate how to sew cathedral glass window quilts

by hand or machine next week at township libraries.

Classes will be conducted Monday at North Edison; Tuesday at Clara Barton and Wednesday at Main Library.

Those interested are asked to register by calling the library. Participants must bring scrap material, scissors and rulers.

Edison library, first aid squad ^{HN 3/15/81} schedule weekly CPR courses

EDISON — The Edison Public Library and the First Aid Squad No. 1 will sponsor a series of basic CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes for township residents beginning later this month.

Two weekly classes have been scheduled. Monday or Wednesday evenings the classes will be held at 7:15 p.m. at the squad house, 33 Lakeview Blvd.

The first meetings will be next Monday, March 23 or Wednesday, March 25. Classes are limited to 12 people, and dress is casual. The classes are free, but there will be a \$1 charge for materials.

The Edison Main Library is the only place accepting registrations, either in person or by phone. To register, contact the library at 340 Plainfield Ave., 287-2298.

Edison squad offers CPR classes

EDISON — The Edison Public Library and First Aid Squad No. 1 will sponsor a series of basic CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes for township residents.

Two classes per week have been scheduled; classes will meet for a period of four weeks. Participants will attend only one night each week. Monday and Wednesday classes will be held at 7:15 p.m. at the squad house, 33 Lakeview Blvd. ^{HN 3/17/81}

The first meetings will be Monday, March 23, and Wednesday, March 25. Classes are limited to 12 people, and dress is casual. The classes are free, but there will be a \$1 charge for materials.

The Edison Main Library is the only place accepting registrations, either in person or by phone. To register, contact the library at 340 Plainfield Ave., 287-2298.

^{NT 3/16/81} CPR courses scheduled in Edison

EDISON — The Edison Township Public Library and the Edison First Aid Squad 1 are sponsoring a series of free basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes for township residents.

Two classes have been scheduled for each week for about four weeks. Monday and Wednesday evenings the class will be held at 7:15 p.m. at the squad

house at 33 Lakeview Blvd.

The first meetings will be March 23 or March 25.

Classes will be limited to 12 persons. Dress is casual. There will be a dollar charge for materials.

Registration is required at the Edison Main Library in person or by phone. The Library is at 340 Plainfield Ave.

Weight control talk planned by library

EDISON — A weight control program, sponsored by Rutgers University Extension Service, will be held Monday at the North Edison Branch Library, 77 Grove Ave.

The program will be conducted by Carol Kaiser from 1 to 3 p.m.

Further information may be obtained from the library.

Carol Kaiser of Rutgers Extension Service will offer a free program on weight control at the North Edison Branch Library May 4 from 1-3 p.m.

Investment seminar planned

EDISON — James Babcock and John Szurko, representatives of Bache, will conduct an investment seminar on tax favored investments at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. today and May 20.

Topic is investments

EDISON — The public library will sponsor an investment seminar at the main library today and May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Registration is now being accepted.

Also, films including "The Fatal Glass of Beer," "The Incredible Jewel Robbery," and "The Floorwalker," will be offered for students in seventh grade through high school at the North Edison Branch Library. To register call 548-3045.

Jim Babcock and John Szurko, representatives of Bache Bache Halsey Stuart Shields Inc., will conduct an investment seminar on tax-favored investments at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., today and May 20 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. To register, call 287-2298.

The Edison Library, in conjunction with the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, is honoring senior citizens this month. There arts and crafts displays are on exhibit at the three Edison libraries.

Library signs up tots

EDISON — The Children's Department of the public library will offer five weekly sessions of the Toddler's Playgroup for children 2-3½ years of age and their parents at the main library April 28-May 26. Sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will last approximately 45 minutes.

Registration will begin Monday and is open only to children who have not previously attended.

In addition, registration for a preschool storyhour will begin April 20.

The program, featuring games, stories, films and simple crafts for children from 3½-5 years of age will be offered at the North Edison Library 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. April 28-May 26 and April 29-May 27; at the main library 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. April 29-May 27, and 10:30 a.m. April 30-May 28; the Clara Barton Library 1:30 p.m. April 30-May 28.

Reading labels

Do food labels baffle you? The Middlesex County Extension Service is sponsoring four 90-minute programs on reading food labels.

The programs are open to all without charge, but registration is required. If there is an insufficient number of registrants, a session may be cancelled. Scheduled are: May 12, 1 p.m., Old Bridge Library on Route 516. Phone: 679-5622; May 18, 1 p.m., Fords branch of the Woodbridge Library, 211 Ford Ave. Phone: 738-0250; May 19, 1 p.m., Edison Library, 340 Plainfield Ave. 287-2298; and June 2, 7 p.m., New Market branch of the Piscataway Library, 167 Stelton Road. Phone: 752-1166.

Carol Kaiser, home economist from Rutgers Extension Service, will discuss how to read food labels and what they mean at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., May 19, 1-2:30 p.m. To register call 287-2298.





Library plans workshops on childcare ^{NT} 6/17/81

EDISON — The children's department of the Edison Public Library will offer a childcare workshop for young babysitters at the library in June and July.

This two-day presentation, the "Babysitting Workshop" will focus on child care, home and toy safety, and the responsibilities and duties of the babysitter.

The program is intended for upper elementary and young adult students. It will feature discussion, demonstration, films, craft and activity ideas.

Those completing the workshop will receive the "SuperSitter" Certificate.

Attendance is limited, the library said.

The "Babysitting Workshop" will be offered as follows:

Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., Thursday, June 25 at 10 a.m.; Friday June 26 at 10 a.m.

North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave., Tuesday July 7 at 10 a.m.; Wednesday, July 8 at 10 a.m.

Clara Barton Library, 141 Hoover Ave., Thursday, July 9 at 10 a.m.; Friday, July 10 at 10 a.m.

The Children's Department of the Edison Public Library will offer a storyhour program for children 3½ to 5 years old beginning in July. Registration begins June 22.

The Children's Department of the Edison Public Library will offer a childcare workshop for young babysitters at 10 a.m. at the main Library June 25 and 26; at the North Edison Library July 7 and 8 and at the Clara Barton Library, 141 Hoover Avenue, July 9 and 10. Registration starts Monday.

Library Storyhour Programs Planned For Preschoolers

EDISON - The Children's Department of the Edison Public Library announces a new schedule of preschool storyhour programs beginning in July.

The very popular storyhour program is open to children between the ages of 3½ to 5 years. Children entering kindergarten in September are still eligible for the summer session. The weekly sessions meet for approximately 45 minutes and feature stories, movies, games and simple crafts.

Registration for the summer storyhour session begins Monday, June 22. Registration is limited, and parents are reminded that children may be registered in person or by telephone to the appropriate library.

Registration is encouraged even if the child can only attend a few times during the five-week session.





Monday through Next Wednesday — The basic fundamentals of crocheting will be taught by Sue Saranczak at North Edison, 777 Grove Ave., Monday; Clara Barton, 141 Pleasant Ave., Tuesday; Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., next Wednesday.

The basic fundamentals of crocheting will be taught by Sue Saranczak. You will need to bring a size 10 crochet hook, yarn and scissors for the programs at: North Edison, 777 Grove Ave., June 15, 1 p.m.; Clara Barton, 141 Pleasant Ave., June 16; Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave. June 17.



Library events set

EDISON — The Children's Department of the Public Library has announced a new summer program, "Up, Up and Away", offered to children in preschool through sixth grades, beginning with the Reading Club on Monday.

The Reading Club will take place at 9 a.m. at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., and will continue throughout the summer.

The program will continue with a hot air balloon demonstration at 4 p.m. July 14 in the adjoining field of the Main Library, and also at 4 p.m. July 15 at the North Edison Library, 777 Grove St.

Registration for both events is required and will run until July 15 at the libraries.

The third activity offered will be a balloon decorating session at the Main Library, July 28; the North Edison Library, July 29; and the Clara Barton Library, 141 Hooper Ave., July 30, all at 2 p.m.

Stencil program NT 7/3/81 planned

EDISON — The Free Public Library will sponsor a stenciling craft class beginning from 1 to 2:30 p.m. July 13 at the North Edison Branch, 777 Grove Ave.

The class will also be offered at the Clara Barton Branch, 141 Pleasant Ave., 1 to 2:30 p.m. July 14 and the Main Edison Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., from 1 to 2:30 p.m. July 15.

Registration for classes has begun at all libraries.



Today — Cooking and Nutrition films, "Diet for a Small Planet" and "Earthbread" will be shown in the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., at 1:30 p.m.

Cooking and Nutrition films, "Diet For a Small Planet" and "Earthbread" will be shown in the Main Library, 340 Plainfield ave., July 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Also, anyone interested in exchanging coupons and refunds may visit the Clara Barton Library on July 28 and the Main Library on July 30, 1-2:30 p.m.

Hot air balloon NT 7/4/81 demonstration set

EDISON — The Children's Department of the Edison Public Library will conduct a hot air balloon demonstration.

Jonathan Eld, balloon enthusiast, will be launching the hot air balloon, the "Gasp," today from the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., and tomorrow from the North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave.

Launch time is 4 p.m., both days.



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Not quite airborne

A hot air balloon demonstration announced by the Children's Department of the Edison Public Library never got off the ground yesterday as Johnathon Eld, standing to the right of the gondola of his balloon, the "Gasp," explained to a crowd assembled at the library's main branch

that it was too windy to risk the scheduled flight. Montgolfier enthusiasts will, however, get a second chance. Another demonstration by Eld is scheduled for 4 p.m. today at the North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave.

TNT photo by Andy Kudrick

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Kids to exhibit crafts

EDISON — The Edison Township Recreation Department will sponsor its annual arts and crafts exhibit at Menlo Park Shopping Center Monday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This years theme will be "Know Your Community Services." Various departments serving Edison Township will be represented including police, fire, library and public works.

Representatives will provide displays of department operations and bring along vehicles such as fire apparatus, mobile health van, and library bookmobile.

Arts and crafts items made by the children on township playgrounds during the summer will be displayed and offered for sale at the exhibit. Items created by the children include: decoupage, flower arrangements, greeting cards, kites, jewelry and holiday ornaments.

Monies collected from the sale will be donated to local charities.



Edison Public Library Presents "Your Township & It's Services"

"Know Your Township and It's Services" is the theme of the exhibit the Edison Public Library will participate in.

Among the many things to see and do at the library's display, there will be a clown present to take you through the adult, young adult and junior sections. Library staff will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate equipment use.

There will be stories read, contests, puppet shows and much more. Come and be introduced to your library or if you are already a regular

visitor, just stop by to say "hello" and join in the fun.

Monday, August 3rd is the date to remember, anytime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the Menlo Park Mall, center state, outside of Bamberger's.

The Bookmobile will also be there parked right outside, a must to see for anyone interested in knowing how the "Library On Wheels" functions.

Don't miss this special event. For further information, check with your local Edison Public Library.

The Edison Public Library will offer these special events at the Menlo Park Mall, Edison.

Monday, August 3:

10:30 a.m. - *Molded Chocolate Demonstration* - adults as well as children will enjoy this delicious demonstration. and may even get a chance to participate.

11:30 a.m. - *Storyhour* - enjoy listening to a few stories read by one of the Junior Room librarians and assisted by a unique helper.

12:30 p.m. - *Clown Make-Up* - young and old alike - become the

clown you never dared to be!! Don't miss out on all the fun when these "Fabulous Faces" are applied.

2:30 p.m. - *Puppet Show* - join the library staff and a few "friends" of the library for a couple of laughs and some fun.

3:30 p.m. - *Craft Demonstration* - making beautiful fabric flowers is just one of the many free craft programs the library offers. Come and get a sampling.

4:30 p.m. - *Filmstrip* - get to know how to use some of the audio-visual equipment available at the library and enjoy some of the many filmstrips in our collection.





NT TNT photos by Andy Kudrick
Edison exhibit 8/4/81

"Know your township" was the theme yesterday as the Edison administration presented displays of its various departments at Menlo Park Shopping Center. Above, George Campbell, curator of Edison Tower, looks over a display spotlighting the achievements of inventor Thomas Edison. At left, Lt. Joseph Shirley, head of the police department's crime laboratory, shows Linda Merrow how fingerprinting is done. Below, main library staff members Diane Upjo, second from left, and Lee Bell, far right, apply clown makeup to the faces of Tracey Clune, far left, and Ken Mandy, third from left. Sponsor of the display was the Recreation Department, which has held arts and crafts exhibits at the mall in past years. The focus was shifted this year to encompass all aspects of municipal government.



Exhibits to be Held at Mall

Harold V. Mc Avoy, Director of Recreation announces that the Edison Township Recreation Department will hold it's annual Arts and Crafts Exhibit at Menlo Park Shopping Center on August 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This years theme will be "Know Your Community Services". Various departments serving Edison Township will be represented including Police, Fire, Library, and Public Works. Representatives will provide displays of department operations and bring along vehicles such as fire apparatus, mobile health van, and library bookmobile. Of particular interest will be the police departments' fingerprinting exhibit and for the general public a working knowledge of community services in action.

Arts and Crafts items made by the children on township playgrounds during the summer will be displayed and offered for sale at the exhibit. Items created by the children include: decoupage, flower arrangements, greeting cards, kites, jewelry, and holiday ornaments.

Monies collected from the sale of these items will be donated to local charities. Everyone is invited to visit the mall on August 3rd to find out more about Edison's community services and view the fine items made by township children.

in edison

A demonstration in cake decorating will be given by Daphne Penn at the Clara Barton Branch Library on Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. The library is located at 141 Pleasant Ave.

Library sets cake session

EDISON — A cake decorating demonstration by Daphne Penn will be given at the Clara Barton Library at 141 Pleasant Ave. at 1 p.m. Aug. 12.

Registration is required.



Free Talk on Vocations

Representatives from the Lyons Institute will be giving a free talk on the numerous vocations available to anyone eager enough to go for proper training. It will be at the Edison Library, Main Branch, August 19, 1:00 p.m. The library is located at 340 Plainfield Ave. Please register starting August 3, by calling 287-2298.

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Representatives from the Lyons Institute will give a free talk on vocations on Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. at the main library, 340 Plainfield Ave. To register, call 287-2298.

Vocational talk planned

EDISON — Representatives from the Lyons Institute will be giving a talk on the numerous vocations at 1 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.

Registration may be made at the library.



Instructions in making pressed flower pictures will be given at 1 p.m. at the North Edison Library on Aug. 24, at the Clara Barton Library on Aug. 25 and at the Main Library on Aug. 26. Class registration is now being accepted.

Also, those interested in exchanging coupons and refunds are invited to the Clara Barton Library at 1 p.m. Tuesday and at 1 p.m. at the Main Library Aug. 20.

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Monday through next Wednesday — Instructions in making pressed flower pictures will be given at 1 p.m. Monday, at the North Edison Library; at the Clara Barton Library Tuesday and at the Main Library next Wednesday. Class registration is now being accepted.



Focus on quilting

METUCHEN — A Cathedral Glass Quilting workshop will be taught by Sue Saranscak at the public library on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Participants are asked to bring one yard of 36-inch wide unbleached muslin, one-half yard of 36-inch wide calico, needles, thread, a pair of scissors, and a ruler.

Registration is required; call the library at 548-1526.

An antique collection on display at the main library, 340 Plainfield Ave., Edison, contains more than 35 unusual antique items. The display is on loan from Ye Olde Bazaar, an antique shop on Woodbridge Avenue.

"My Summer Vacation" is the title of the display in the Junior Room at the Clara Barton branch library, 141 Hoover Ave. Souvenirs, brought in by junior patrons represent places they visited during the summer and include items from Disney World, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Niagara Falls, Williamsburg and more.



Rebuilding breast ^{HN} to be seminar topic ^{9/14/81}

EDISON — Dr. Reuven Suyderman will present a program on breast reconstruction Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Edison Public Library on Plainfield Avenue.

Suyderman is head of plastic and reconstructive surgery at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's Rutgers Medical School. His talk is sponsored by the Breast Rehabilitation Service of the medical school, a comprehensive information and referral service for women who have had mastectomies.

For more information, call 463-4503.



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Clothing talk slated

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EDISON — Rutgers Extension Service is offering a program on how to choose children's clothing for proper fit and construction.

Carol Kaiser will con-

duct the program at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 7 at the Edison Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.

Registration is underway at the library.

Burlap flower class set

EDISON— The Public Library this month will hold classes on creating burlap flowers.

Classes will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the North Edison Branch, 777 Grove Ave. on Monday, the Clara Barton Branch on Tuesday and at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., next Wednesday.



Library exhibit

TNT staff photo by Frank Wojciechowski

Susan and Alice Lin of Edison were some of the recent visitors to a bottle cap exhibit on display at the North Edison Branch of the Edison Public Library. The collection in the Children's Room of the library is the property of Darren Levy and Neil Schloss, both of Edison. The exhibit ends Saturday.

Holiday Displays At Edison Libraries

EDISON - The Children's Department of the Edison Public Library invites everyone to get into the Halloween spirit by visiting the Great Pumpkin Patch on display at the main library, 340 Plainfield Avenue, and The North Edison library, 777 Grove Avenue.

The Great Pumpkin Patch in the Children's Rooms features favorite cartoon characters and pumpkins galore. Included in the display are...

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Young readers meet

EDISON — The Junior Book Discussing Group, sponsored by the Children's Department of the Edison Public Library will meet at 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Nov. 2; the North Edison Library, Nov. 4 and The Clara Barton Library, Dec. 11. The program is for children in grades fourth through sixth.

A wide variety of popular films will be shown for children in the same grades at the North Edison Library on Fridays Nov. 6-20 at 3:30 p.m. Registration begins Monday.

Classes in wreath making will be offered from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Nov. 4; the North Edison Branch, Nov. 9 and the Clara Barton Branch, Nov. 10.

Participants should bring a 12 inch styrofoam wreath, 15 yards heavy jute, straight pins, scissors and a ruler.

Raritan Township Free Public Library, Sponsored By The P. A. Evening News, To Celebrate 15th Anniversary, December 2

RARITAN TOWNSHIP, Nov. 21—The Raritan Township Free Public Library, sponsored and founded through the efforts of the Perth Amboy Evening News, will observe its fifteenth anniversary Tuesday, Dec. 2.

In connection with the celebration, countless numbers of local residents are invited on that day to attend a reception which will be held from 7:30 to 10 P. M. in the library, municipal building, Woodbridge and Plainfield avenues, Piscatawaytown section.

Miss Agnes Glenn Saunders, librarian, and member of the li-

brary's board of trustees, is arranging a musicale and tea for the occasion. Other trustees who will be on hand to welcome guests are Mayor Walter C. Christensen and School Superintendent Fred A. Talbot, ex-officio members; Mrs. Charles Wilmott, Mrs. Caroline Doll, Albert Fredericks and Leavenworth Tyler, newest board member.

Swept along in a wave of libraries which the Evening News fostered, under the direction of Julian Pollak, a group of local residents met Wednesday night, Dec. 1, 1926 in the building then

occupied by the Piscatawaytown Building and Loan Association in Woodbridge avenue which now is used by the WPA recreation group.

Freeholder Hale Instrumental
Freeholder W. Robert Hale of the Oak Tree section, then Raritan Township mayor and chairman of the township committee; Mrs. Julius C. Engel, wife of the county undersheriff; Mrs. Orpha R. Winfield, publisher of the Raritan Independent; Charles Fredericks, then resident of the Raritan Township Community Club; Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer, Mrs. Alexander Bors and Township Committeeman E. K. Soper, gave a helping hand in organization of the library association.

At the first organization session,

First Librarian



Mrs. James Booth
(Caroline Wilmott)

the time were Mrs. Hatt en, membership committee; shop Committeeman Soper, building committee; H. E. Batsford of Menlo Park, rules and by-laws committee, and Mrs. Charles Wilmott, ways and means committee.

Miss Askew of the state library association provided a stepping stone for the proposition. She told her audience how the state library assists in obtaining books and of the importance a library can play in the affairs of a community.

A plan of indexing and cataloguing books was presented by the state librarian and Patrolman Walter Murley, Sr., now deceased, said he would donate sufficient funds to cover the cost of equipment for the work to be done.

Mrs. Kitchen said she would give more than a hundred books of her own and it was reported that approximately 500 more were being delivered to the committee.

A few weekly meetings were held within a couple of weeks, the use of the store, was obtained and the library set up in charge of Miss Wilmott, librarian. From a handful of subscribers, the library grew to a membership of more than 2,700.

Mrs. Winfield was named temporary president; Mrs. Bauer, vice-president; Mrs. Bors, treasurer, and Mrs. Engel, secretary. Others in attendance at the time were Mrs. Robert Wildgoose, Mrs. Chris Christiansen, Mrs. Hattie Kitchen, Mrs. Pauline Wilmott, Mrs. Caroline Doll and Miss Caroline Wilmott.

Meanwhile, book contributions were being solicited and the Evening News itself was obtaining a large number of publications to enable launching of the project.

Miss Sarah B. Askew, state librarian, attended another meeting of the group, Dec. 14, and Mrs. Winfield was retained as president; Mrs. Bauer, vice president; Miss Caroline Wilmott, named first librarian and secretary, and Mrs. Bors, treasurer.

Name Ex-Officio Board
To direct operations of the library, Mayor W. Robert Hale, Township Clerk Wilfred R. Woodward and Julian Pollak of the Evening News, were named ex-officio board trustees.

Committee chairman named at

vnship Public Library At Anniversary

Miss Askew, State
Librarian, Is
Guest at Reception

RARITAN TOWNSHIP, Dec. 3—The township library's prominence in community affairs was exemplified in the words of Miss Sarah B. Askew, state librarian, who spoke last night at a reception in the library section of the local municipal building, which marked the fifteenth milestone of the library's existence.

A large audience of local officials, residents from the different sections of Raritan township, visiting state library officials, heard Miss Askew's remarks regarding the excellent progress made by the local institution since its beginning.

Miss Askew attended the first organization meeting late in December, 1926, of the group of townspeople gathered to start a library here at the instance of Julian Pollak, of the Perth Amboy Evening News, who was responsible for beginning of libraries in other sections of the county about the same time.

Welcomes Guests

Mrs. Agnes Glenn Saunders, local librarian and member of the library board, welcomed the guests before introducing Mayor Walter C. Christensen.

In a short talk, the mayor pointed to the excellent facilities of the library available to residents in every section of the municipality. He introduced the guest speaker, Miss Askew, who related interesting incidents in her years of library experience and told listeners that children learned things for themselves by reading books.

Mrs. Charles Wilmott, president of the library board and original board member, closed the speaking program and thanked the audience for attending. Other board members who attended were Mrs. Caro-

line Doll, also an original founder, and Leavenworth Tyler. Mayor Christensen and School Superintendent Fred A. Talbot, who also attended, are ex-officio members.

Other Officials

Among other officials who attended were Commissioner James C. Forgione, Commissioner John Pardun, Township Treasurer Clifford Gillis, Township Tax Collector James Kirkpatrick; School Board President A. Leonard Murphy, Building Inspector George H. Thompson, Public Works Superintendent Remsen Hansmann.

Dr. Clarence E. Partch, dean of Rutgers University's school of education, and Mrs. Partch of the Stelton section, were guests at the affair. They presented the library with a large bouquet of flowers for the occasion.

A delegation which accompanied Miss Askew to the reception included Miss Dorothy Rogers of New Brunswick, school library supervisor in that city; Miss Katherine Rogers, reference librarian in the state library, Trenton; Mrs. Mary O. Besore, Mercer county librarian; Miss Mildred Brown, Camden county librarian; Miss Ethel Murphy, assistant librarian in the Jersey City library.

Old Church Minutes
On display were the original minutes of the Piscataway Baptist church from 1791 to 1910 and typewritten copies of the books as prepared by the library staff. The guests inspected library facilities.

A string trio supplied music for the occasion. The group was secured through the efforts of William Pastrick of Perth Amboy, WPA recreation supervisor.

Following the program tea and cookies were served by the Misses Mary Shaikofsky, Helen Disbrow and Betty Vroom. Mrs. Matilda O'Connor prepared the refreshments.

Public Library Elects Staff

**Mrs. Charles Willmott
Renamed at
Raritan Township**

RARITAN TOWNSHIP, April 13.—The reelection of Mrs. Charles Willmott as president of the Raritan Township Free Public Library's board of trustees has been announced in connection with release of the annual library operations report for 1941.

Committee personnel for the year includes Mayor Walter C. Christensen, chairman, house committee; Albert Friedrich and Leavenworth Tyler, finance; School Superintendent Fred A. Talbot, chairman, Mrs. Caroline Doll and Mrs. Agnes Glen Saunders, publications; Mrs. Saunders, chairman, Mrs. Doll and Mr. Talbot, books.

That 1,175 borrowers enrolled with the local library were responsible for the book-and-magazine circulation of 21,164 during last year is explained by Mrs. Saunders, township librarian, who submitted the annual report.

The report reveals that of 9,632 books in the library, 5,581 are fiction and 4,051 non-fiction, and that 1,181 of the books were added last year.

Most of the circulation, 19,567, was in the main branch in the municipal building, with 10,933 adult-borrowed books, 8,392 child-borrowed and 242 borrowed magazines. In Clara Barton branch at the school every Thursday night there was a circulation by juniors of 39 and by adults 53, and in Oak Tree firehouse Tuesday nights, 694 junior-borrowed books and 811 by adults.

A total of 216 new borrowers, 189 at the main library; 11 at Clara Barton and 16 at Oak Tree, were added. This made 475 juniors and 623 adults, a total of 1,098 borrowers at the main branch; 5 juniors and 12 adults, 17 at Clara Barton, and 33 juniors and 27 adults, a total of 60 at Oak Tree.

At the main library \$81.47 in fines and \$183.44 for rental charge of new books were received; at Clara Barton, 34 cents in fines and 28 cents for paid books were received, and at Oak Tree, \$6.01 in fines and \$4.25 for paid books were taken in. Revenue all told amounted to \$275.79; general book purchases on special account amounted to the same.

Of the year's \$3,300 appropriation in 1941, Mrs. Saunders received \$1,200 salary; Miss Betty Vroom, \$240, for her weekly branch library work; \$249.50 was spent on incidental expenses such as telephone, etc.; \$1,390.57, for books; \$162.91, supplies and \$57, insurance, a total of \$3,299.98.

Three WPA workers whose monthly salaries amounted respectively to \$94, \$74 and \$62 last year, did a variety of clerical and secretarial work, mended 2,452 books, rebound 1,000 books and mended 44 magazines, a total of 3,496. There were 1,432 table readers in the library and 1,997 reference questions were answered.

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Library to Aid Book Project

RARITAN TOWNSHIP, April 13.—The local free public library has been selected by the state woman's clubs organization among libraries in defense areas to receive donations of technical and other readings in a book project being sponsored by the group.

Announcement of the designation was made public today by Mrs. Agnes Glen Saunders, township librarian.

A committee consisting of Miss Ethel A. Murphy, assistant librarian of Jersey City's Free Public Library, Miss Sarah B. Askew, state librarian, and Miss Hubley, will consult with her Wednesday in the library here regarding book needs in connection with the project.

The visitors, who have been highly complimentary since their last visit to the township library early last December at a reception marking the fifteenth anniversary of its founding, will check on facilities available and proximity of defense activities here.

BOOK COLLECTION GIVEN TOWNSHIP

**133 Volumes, Valued at
\$500, on Display at
Public Library**

RARITAN TOWNSHIP, Sept. 24.—A collection of 132 books, a gift of New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, was put on display today by Miss Agnes Glen Saunders, librarian, at the Raritan Township Public Library.

Included are 49 children's books and 83 of the latest editions of books dealing with shop mathematics, chemistry, mechanics and electrical engineering, radio, woodworking, machine tool operation, aircraft mechanics, photography and other subjects of value to war production workers.

Miss Saunders said the collection was valued at \$500 and had been given to the township library because of its strategic location in a vital defense area which includes Camp Kilmer, Raritan Arsenal and many war plants.

The books were purchased with part of a fund raised by Mrs. Robert W. Cornelson of Somerville through a special women's federation committee headed by Miss Ethel Murphy of Jersey City. Miss Sarah B. Askew, state librarian, and the adult education committee of the New Jersey Library Association assisted in the selection of titles.

Miss Saunders said that already a number of calls for books in the collection had been received from men stationed at Camp Kilmer and that all were catalogued and ready for lending to persons in this area.

*Home News
Sept 24, '42*

Oak Tree Library Sets Night Opening

Oak Tree — The Oak Tree Branch of the Edison Township Library, which has been closed since Dec. 1, will resume its schedule of Wednesday night openings starting Feb. 1.

That night, and on succeeding Wednesdays, the branch will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Oak Tree Fire House, with Mrs. Phyllis Reback as librarian.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., COURIER-NEWS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1956

Thursday, October 9, 1958

They Serve Edison

It's a long way from the mist-wrapped streets of grey old Edinburgh, capital of Scotland, to the sunny room in the Edison Municipal Building that houses the township library, but Isabelle Crooker made it.

She can't remember that first trip as she was a bare six-weeks-old when her father, a plasterer, brought his family to this country to improve their chances for a comfortable living. He did well enough here to take them all back for visits five times before Isabelle was 14.

The girl grew up in New York and attended schools there. She married an ex-Englishman, E. R. Crooker, and they have lived in Edison for 26 years. Three children, a son and two daughters, were born here and attended local schools. There are now nine grandchildren to add to the population, which got a sudden increase on Aug. 9 when their eldest daughter had twin boys.

Mrs. Crooker has worked in the township library for 16 years, 12 of them as assistant to Mrs. Agnes Saunders, now retired. As head librarian, her main duty is to choose and order new books and catalogue them before they appear on the shelves. In addition to that she does a certain amount of desk duty and is always on hand to give helpful advice to readers from six to sixty.

The Edison library now has 18,000 books, half of which are

for children. Besides the main library, there are five "depositories" in township schools, where books suitable to children are available. These



MRS. ISABELLE CROOKER

branches are in Oak Tree, Clara Barton, Stelton, Sand Hills-Bonhamtown and the Lincoln schools. They would like to have one in the Washington School also but the school is so crowded there isn't even a closet to spare for book storage. Maybe sometime!

Any books that the sisters at St. Matthew's school request are obtained for them. If they aren't on the local shelves, then they are borrowed from either county or state libraries.

Mrs. Crooker is assisted in her work by one full-time librarian, Mrs. Walter Doll, and by one part-time librarian, Mrs. Kenneth Logan. Then she always has two high school girls who come in to help in their off-school hours.

The library is open from 1 to 9 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and from 1 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday. The staff is often there in the mornings just catching up on their work and getting things tidy before opening hour. Mrs. Crooker says the nicest things about the work is that the staff is so congenial and enjoy working together.

tia, in which she has held all offices alternately.

Home is at 18 Silverlake Ave., where her husband indulges in his love for flower gardening. He has been employed by J. C. Penney for 31 years. The other occupant of the house is Hans, a three-year-old dachshund, who gets all sorts of petting from both of them. Vacations for the past nine years have taken them to Hollywood, Fla., where they hope to do even more gardening.

In the meantime, library work is always fascinating and the patrons of the library very friendly. Just to add to her efficiency, this township employee is taking a series of courses at Rutgers on Thursday mornings, not for credit, just for information. This year the course centers on basic reference books, next year it will be on library personnel and the year after on the administration of small libraries.

About that proposed new library? Well, she has heard about that for ten years. The location would be right across the street behind the Nixon Post Office and it would be a nice big 100 x 100 foot building with a children's room in the basement. No harm in hoping, is there?

One takes the New York Times and Mrs. Doll takes the New York Herald Tribune for their book sections. Each reads carefully and makes notes of the new books. They also consult publishers' lists and various library association publications. Then a list of new books is drawn up and submitted to the Library Board, consisting of Mrs. Charles Wimot, who has been a member for 30 years, Mrs. Agnes Saunders, Mrs. Frank Doll and Joseph Ruggieri, superintendent of township schools.

Since her children have grown up, Mrs. Crooker has more time for outside interests. She belongs to the Eastern Star, Highland Park Chapter 190, and to Lady Helen MacGregor Chapter 194 Daughter of Sco-

Jan, 1959

Mayor 'Disappointed'

Only Six Persons on Hand For Pre-Budget Hearing

EDISON — Six local citizens turned up at the township's public pre-budget hearing yesterday to discuss departmental budget requests with township officials.

Commenting on the size of the audience, Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics, who represented the township along with Business Administrator James A. Alloway and Councilman Walter Woods, said he was "disappointed there aren't more people interested in the budget." The 45-minute session began at 1 p.m.

Held First Time

The hearing was held this year for the first time. Township departments have been submitting budget request in a series of separate hearings since Oct. 31.

Final budget plans will not be submitted to the Township Council before Jan. 15. Alloway said that adoption of the budget would probably be made some time in March.

At this stage, the budget would shape up to a figure about \$500,000 above last year's total appropriations of \$2,700,000.

The increase includes about \$200,000 in mandatory allotments for school and municipal bond principal and interest, and for payments to the Middlesex County Sewerage Authority. The remaining \$300,000 would be added to township "operational" expenses. This figure, officials indicated, would be pared before the budget is submitted.

William Schadewald, president of the Taxpayers' Assn., urged the organization of an engineering department. Under the present set-up, the township employs the services of Raymond P. Wilson Associates, New Brunswick architectural firm.

Schadewald said engineering costs this year will be about \$80,000. Municipalities with an engineering department, he said, normally spend from about \$30,000 to \$35,000 a year.

The mayor said that engineering costs were the township's "biggest problem." Organization of department, he said, was made difficult by lack of space and by finding the "right man" for the engineer's job.

Schadewald suggested that the library, located in a second-floor wing of the municipal building, could be moved to a new building or to rented store space to make room for an engineering department.

May Build New One

Yelencsics said that through "contact" made with a firm last week, a new library building, possibly in combination with a health center, may be built.

Schadewald, who spoke for the taxpayers' group, also said that a request by the supervisor of the fire division for a salary rise from \$6,000 to \$7,300 was "excessive," and that an increase of \$500 to the director of the Finance Department was "worth" it only if the job of director of real estate

were eliminated.

He also recommended the hiring of a full-time tax assessor to replace the present three-man board, and objected to a pay raise to the township attorney from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Schadewald said the association was in favor of a salary increase to \$10,000 for the director of the Public Works Department only if the business administrator were to get the same wage.

Present salaries of the supervisor of licenses and Health, Welfare and Recreation Department director, he said, were "sufficient."

For More for Clerks

"Instead of high-level increases," Schadewald went on, "we feel that more money should go to clerks in the \$3,200 and \$3,400 category."

He also said that any increases should be limited to an amount "that can be covered by the specific increase in total tax assessments."

Yelencsics said that "full consideration" would be given to the association's suggestions.

A representative from the League of Women Voters expressed the league's "appreciation" for the "spirit of cooperation" in which the pre-budget hearings had been carried out. She urged that such hearings be held annually.

Of the six in the audience, three were from the league, and three from the taxpayers' group.

EDISON TO BUILD PUBLIC LIBRARY

EDISON—Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsis announced last night that the township plans to build a public library building in three years.

The library, presently located in a wing of the municipal building, is expected to move to a vacant store at 238 Plainfield Ave. sometime this month to make way for the township's engineering department.

The mayor, during discussion of the proposed 1959 municipal budget at a Township Council meeting last night, said that a capital improvement allocation in the budget will provide for "pre-building" costs of plans and surveys.

Yelencsis later told reporters that he is "anticipating" an endowment for the library building from a local manufacturing concern. Even if the endowment is not received, he said, surveys would be undertaken in the next two years to provide for a library site and select the kind of building needed.

The third year, said the mayor, would be devoted to "building purposes." Financing of the building itself will depend on the bond issues or taxation, he added.

ment two "in poor shape."

He also said some of the money is planned for sewers, — "especially in the Menlo Park section, which needs help very badly."

Another planned capital improvement expenditure, the mayor said, is a survey for a new library, expected to be built in three years.

The total capital improvements figure for 1959 is \$175,488, compared to \$147,700 last year.

The total budget figure is \$339,051 more than the 1958 figure of \$2,722,530. In presenting his budget three weeks ago, the mayor said

THE DAILY HOME NEWS

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 12, 1959.

Firm Declines to Provide Funds for Library Survey

EDISON — Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsis announced at a Township Council meeting last night that funds he had requested from the Lincoln-Mercury Division of the Ford Motor Co. for a survey for a new township library had been denied by the company.

The mayor last week said he was "anticipating" the funds from a "local manufacturing concern" to finance a survey and plans for a new library building, which the township

hopes to build in three years.

Library to Move

Yelencsis said, however, that he "plans to carry (the request) further." The library, now located in a wing of the municipal building, will move to a vacant store at 238 Plainfield Ave. to make way for the township's engineering department.

There is provision for the survey in the 1959 municipal budget, slated for public hearing March 11, if the endowment is not made, the mayor said last week.

had passed on

EDISON TOWNSHIP EDITION Metuchen Recorder

Metuchen, N. J., Thursday, March 5, 1959



NOT A MINUTE TO SPARE: Workers in the new Edison Library line up the apparently endless books on the shelves in their new, but temporary, building at 238 Plainfield Ave. They hope to be open Monday at the regular hours, 1:30 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Library is not open on Saturday. Shown at work are, left to right, Mrs. Florence Logan, Mrs. Isabell Crooker, librarian, and Mrs. Eleanor Doll. The library's temporary telephone number is CH 6-2032.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1959

Edison Library Reopens Monday

EDISON — The Edison Public Library will open at its new headquarters, 238 Plainfield Ave., Monday at 1:30 p.m., it was announced today.

The library, which has been moved from the township Municipal Building will be open, Mondays through Thursdays, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. On Fridays the library will be open from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

EDISON TOWNSHIP EDITION

Metuchen Recorder

Metuchen, N. J., Thursday, March 12, 1959



THEY CAN HARDLY WAIT: Eager readers line up on either side of Mayor Anthony M. Yelencics as he cuts the ribbon before the door of 238 Plainfield Ave., as Edison Township Public Library re-opens for business in their temporary quarters. On the left side of the door is Mrs. Isabelle Crooker, librarian; behind her is Mrs. Frank Doll, Mrs. William Margolis and L. H. Tyler, members of the library board. To the rear of the mayor stands Joseph M. Ruggieri, also of the library board, and Councilman William Margolis. All fines on overdue books were remitted in honor of the occasion.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1959

Consider Sites For New Library

EDISON—Several sites for a new building and the 1960 budget were discussed Friday night at a meeting of the Edison Township Free Public Library's Board of Trustees.

The board declined to make public the sites, but members will visit them next week. They plan to have opinions ready by a meeting next Friday at 8 p. m.

The site choices will be presented to Mayor Anthony Yelencics and Township Council.

The 1960 budget has to be in the mayor's hands by next Friday, a spokesman said.

The library, previously housed in the Township Building, is now in a vacant store on Plainfield Avenue. Council has promised that the library will move into its own building within four years.

Building plans call for a main library which will be suitable for expansion.

Attending the meeting last night were ex-officio members Yelencics and Supt. of Schools Joseph Ruggieri; trustees, Mrs. Charles Willmott, board president; Leav-
enworth H. Tyler, Mrs. Frank

Doll, Earl Schenck Meyers and secretary, Mrs. E. R. Crooker.

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Propose \$150,000 Library

By JOHN PRIBISH

EDISON — A new public library to cost an estimated \$150,000 has been recommended to Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics and the Township Council, it was revealed last night.

The Board of Trustees of the Edison Free Public Library has submitted four available sites on township-owned land.

They are: 1. Proposed wing of Municipal Building. 2. Property near the Jefferson Junior High School on Division Street. 3. Property opposite the Raritan Engine Co. No. 1 firehouse on Route 27. 4. Land across the Municipal Building on Plainfield Avenue, now used as a municipal parking lot.

Want Services of Architect

According to a letter to the mayor and council from Isabelle W. Crooker, secretary and librarian, the library board trustees also asked for the services of an architect to analyze the most suitable use of any of the available sites for a library.

The question of the new library recommendation was first brought out last night by Mrs. Janet Gillam at the meeting held by the mayor for the general taxpayer.

The meeting was called for citizens to make recommendations to the mayor for consideration in the 1960 municipal budget, which the mayor must submit to the council by Jan. 15.

Speaking for the Edison Taxpayers Assn., William Schadewald asked that officials hold the line on taxes. If there is to be an increase in the budget, he said, the hike should correspond with a like increase in assessments.

Schadewald said the association has not had time to study the requests in the 1960 municipal budget made this week and last week by department heads.

Yelencsics opened the public hearing by saying the session was not required by law. It has been set up specifically to encourage citizen participation in the budget making process here, the mayor said.

'Solely to Hear Requests'

He added: "The purpose of these hearings is NOT to hear comments, criticisms, or recommendations on the requests made by the various department heads and agencies earlier this week. The purpose of this meeting is solely to hear requests which any interested citizen or agency would like to have me include in my budget to council."

Under the new form of local government, the mayor prepares the budget for submission to the council with the aid of the business administrator, James A. Alloway.

The only hint of politicking came from Fred Henrici, who was publicity chairman for the Republicans in the past campaign. Henrici took issue with the point that the public would not have an opportunity to comment on the budget figures before they become "unchangeable."

He told the mayor: "The public is not getting the opportunity to review the budget in the way the law intended."

Henrici made the comment after the mayor said he would submit the budget privately to the council. Henrici claimed that budget figures have not changed by the local governing body in the past once the financial measure has been submitted.

Yelencsics said the plan to have one or two local industries pick up the tab for the construction of a new public library "is not dead." He said he was speaking in "a substantial amount," in the neighborhood of the \$150,000 mentioned earlier.

He emphasized that a new library would be needed here within the next two years.

books in good condition.

Suggests Central Location

Mrs. Gillam suggested a central location for the library or three smaller libraries for the Oak Tree, Clara Barton and Stelton sections. The library or libraries should be built on township-owned land, she said.

If the library is not to be centrally located, Mrs. Gillam recommended a building to cost less than \$150,000 so that future need of two more buildings will not be prohibitive.

Before financing the building, either from current taxes or long-range bond issue, contributions from residents, businesses and industries should be solicited, she said. She suggested the appointment of a citizen's committee to work in support of the library trustees to promote such a fund drive.

Mrs. Gillam said the committee might also promote a drive for

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LIBRARY HOURS

EDISON — The Township Free Public Library, 238 Plainfield Ave., will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting Dec. 1, the library announced today.

The morning hours will be on a temporary basis until further notice, and regular hours will continue on Monday through Thursday, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and Fridays from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Site Is Chosen For New Library

EDISON—The Board of Trustees of Edison Township Free Public Library Friday narrowed its site selection to one choice, but declined to identify the site until it is submitted to Mayor Anthony Yelencsics. The board will inform the mayor of its choice in a letter.

Library trustees visited four possible sites during the week. Their selection must now be approved by the mayor and the Township Council.

The library recently was moved from the township building and is housed in a vacant store on Plainfield Avenue. Council has promised that the library will have its own building within four years.

Ex-officio member Joseph M. Ruggieri, superintendent of schools; Mrs. Charles Willmott, board president, and Mrs. E. R. Crooker, secretary, will present the library's budget request at a hearing tomorrow at 2 p.m. before council's budget committee.

The budget request will not be made public until then.

In other action Friday, the

board voted to raise the yearly fee for non-residents from \$2 to \$4.

Members also voted to open the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. as a convenience for students. The new

arrangement may become permanent if enough students use the facilities during those hours.

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EDISON TOWNSHIP EDITION Metuchen Recorder

Metuchen, N. J., Thursday, November 12, 1959

Suggest Library Near Post Office

A new Edison Public Library will be built on a parking lot adjacent to the Nixon Post Office of the Library Board of Trustees has its way.

Given four alternatives as a site for a permanent library, the trustees decided that the Piscataway tract across from the Township Hall is "the only suitable area."

The trustees have recommended the site to Mayor Anthony Yelencsics who will forward their request to Township Council. They also asked the Township to authorize hiring an architect to begin studying a design for a new library.

The three other possible sites, considered by the Board of Trustees, were an addition to the municipal building, opposite the firehouse on Route 27, and on Division St. near the new Thomas Jefferson Junior High.

All four areas of land are owned by the Township.

Mayor Yelencsics said he will present the trustee's recommendation to Council tonight. "I have no personal choice as to a site," he remarked.

The land at Plainfield Ave. and Lillian St., recommended

by the trustees, reportedly was earmarked for a new library when the library facilities were evicted from the Township Hall three years ago.

The library has been in temporary quarters in a vacant store on Plainfield Ave. since it was forced out of the municipal building to make room for expanding township offices.

Members of the library board are estimating the cost of a new building at \$150,000. Mayor Yelencsics said Tuesday he still hopes to persuade Edison industry into picking up at least part of the bill.

Mrs. Janet Gillam, an independent candidate for Council in last week's election, said the new library should be centrally located in the township or three smaller libraries should be built to serve the Oak Tree, Stelton and Clara Barton areas.

President of Library Board For 27 Years Resigns Post

EDISON—Mrs. Charles Willmott, president of the Board of Trustees of Edison Township Free Public Library for the past 27 year, has resigned her post on the board effective Dec. 31, it was learned last night.

Mrs. Willmott's appointive term on the board ends on that date. Board members are appointed for five-year periods by the mayor, and the board elects its officers from among members annually.

The 72-year-old president, who

lives at 410 George St., New Brunswick, said she is resigning the post because of the press of her job and other activities.

She said last night that she is resigning because she feels she hasn't time to do full justice to the job as president and trustee.

Mrs. Willmott is employed in the children's department of Roselle's Department Store, New Brunswick, and is active with Chapter 190, Order of the Eastern Star, Highland Park, and with the Second Reformed Church of High-

land Park. She explained that she wanted to resign from the library board four years ago when she moved from Edison to New Brunswick, but she said her friends convinced her that she should keep the post.

Mrs. Willmott lived on Apple Street, Lindeneau Section of Edison, for 37½ years and moved out of the township several years after her husband's death.

She first joined the library unit 33 years ago, serving as secretary and chairman of the ways

and means committee when the library was administered by an association. She was elected president of the Board of Trustees Jan. 7, 1932.

Her resignation was submitted to the board, which forwarded it to Mayor Anthony Yelencsics for action.

The mayor may take action on a replacement prior to the board's January meeting, according to Mrs. E. R. Crooker, board secretary.

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THE DAILY HOME NEWS
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1960

TRUSTEES NAME NEW OFFICERS

EDISON — Leavenworth H. Tyler was elected president of the Township Free Public Library Board of Trustees last night.

Others elected were Mrs. Frank Doll, vice president and Mrs. Isabelle W. Crooker, secretary.

The board was informed by Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics that barring any change in a survey, it will have the site it chose for a new building across from the Town Hall on Plainfield Avenue.

Board members plan to visit libraries in Middlesex and nearby counties to study the different types of buildings. From there, the board will begin plans for its own building, which may take up to two years before it becomes reality.

The library was moved this year to a vacant store on Plainfield Avenue after outgrowing its quarters in the Town Hall, where it was housed for more than 20 years.

THE SUNDAY HOME NEWS
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1960

Township Library Moves

The township library moved from its 21-year quarters in Town Hall to 238 Plainfield Ave., with a promise of a new building of its own in three or four years. Added to the library story was a plan to include provisions for outside library facilities in the two new elementary schools and one junior high school being planned by the Board of Education.

THE DAILY HOME NEWS
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1960

LIBRARY HAD MORE READERS

EDISON — Book circulation in the Township Free Public Library during 1959 was 63,650, an increase of 370 over 1958, according to a year-end report submitted to the Board of Trustees Friday night.

The report listed 16,278 books in the library as of Dec. 31, compared to 19,100 for 1958 at the same date.

The library moved into its new quarters on Plainfield Avenue this year, discarding 4,077 books in the process. During 1959, 1,255 new books were purchased to bring the total to 16,278.

The library paid out \$12,524 in salaries during the year, an increase of about \$1,500 over 1958, and spent \$5,512 of a \$6,500 expense appropriation.

Books circulating in the township schools numbered 1,129, and there were 4,659 active adult and junior borrowers during the year, including 2,431 new borrowers. The great majority of borrowers, 3,621, were from the Nixon section.

Late fines totaled \$905.59, and \$180.06 was collected in paid book fees, for a total of \$1,085.65. The figure compares with \$987.65 for 1958.

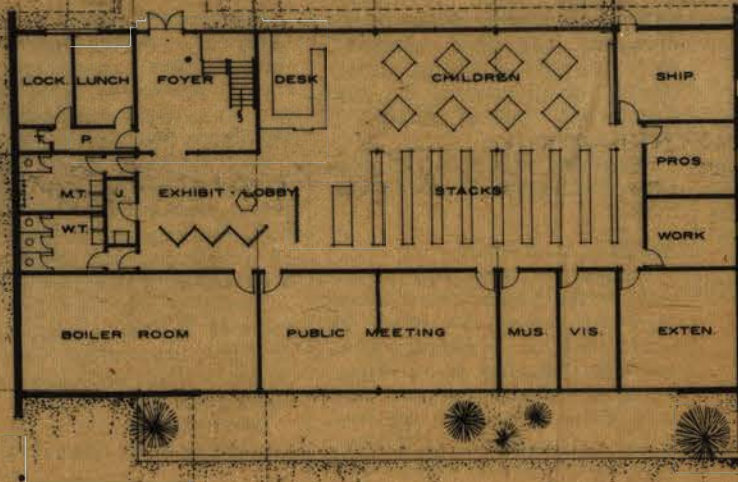
THE DAILY HOME NEWS
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1960

The mayor announced he had appointed Mrs. Edward Kasner of 18 Stephenville Pkwy. to a five-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library. This appointment did not need council confirmation.

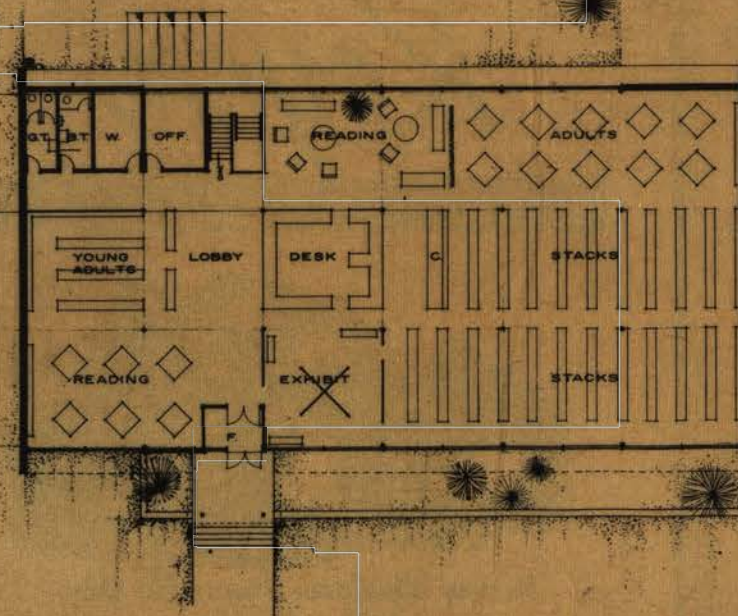
Mrs. Kasner succeeds Mrs. Marie Sanders, who resigned recently. Mrs. Kasner has been active in PTA work and the Edison League of Women Voters. She is a past vice president of the league's executive board and served as public relations chair-



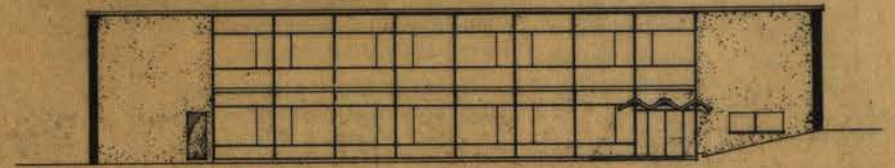
Proposed Library In Edison



BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN



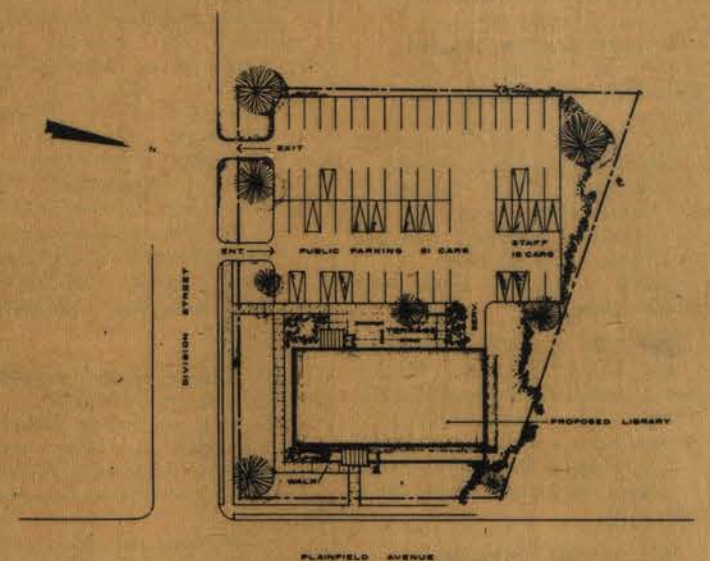
FIRST FLOOR PLAN



REAR ELEVATION



FRONT ELEVATION



SITE PLAN

PROPOSED PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOR
EDISON TOWNSHIP N. J.

JOHN MAC WILLIAM
ARCHITECT
METUCHEN N. J.

Leavenworth H. Tyler, President of the Board of Trustees of the Edison Township Free Public Library, announces they have engaged the services of Mr. John MacWilliam as architect of the new library plans shown above, on the site of Division Street and Plainfield Avenue, with the hope that construction will start in 1962.

EDISON TIMES MARCH 22, '61

Appoint Architect For Edison Library

EDISON — Leavenworth H. Tyler, president of the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library, announces the hiring of John MacWilliam as architect of the new library to be erected at Division Street and Plainfield Avenue. Construction is expected to start in 1962.

Preliminary plans are on display at the present location, 238 Plainfield Ave. and the Municipal Building.

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CHECK THIS!—Mrs. Charles Wira, president of the Friends of the Edison Library, presents \$3,000 check to Leavenworth H. Tyler, president of the library's Board of Trustees, as Mrs. Edward Crooker, left, library director, and Mrs. Frank Doll, board vice president, look on.

Library Receives Check for \$3,000

EDISON — Edison Friends of the Library presented a \$3,000 check last night to the library to purchase equipment for the new building on Plainfield Avenue and Division Street.

Mrs. Charles Wira, president of the club, presented the check to Leavenworth H. Tyler, president of the Board of Trustees of the township library, during the friends' final meeting of the year.

The funds were raised from sales, donations from local industry, township professional groups, citizens, a card party, and from the Summer Story Hour.

The following were elected and installed as officers: Mrs. Matthew Drwal, president; Dr. Gerrald Finkel, vice president; Mrs. William Presch, second vice president; Mrs. William Kuprick, recording secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Logan, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. John Powers, treasurer.

LIBRARY GROUP ELECTS SLATE

EDISON — Mrs. Charles Wira was re-elected president of the Edison Friends of the Library last night.

Mrs. Wira was instrumental in organizing the group in January 1962.

In accepting the presidency, she stated, "A library — worthy to be called one in Edison — has at last become a reality. Construction has been started. It is up to the Friends to increase our membership and gain support for our effort to equip and furnish this new edifice."

Other officers are: First vice-president, Dr. Jerrold Finkel; second vice president, Mrs. Matthew Drwal, recording secretary, Mrs. William Presch; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Logan; treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Downie.

Mrs. Downie, reported that \$25 contributions had been received from the Girls Service Club of Edison High School, the Benjamin Franklin-Bonhamtown PTA and Dr. William Toth. Funds raised during the past year totals more than \$2,500.

Mrs. Edward Crooker, librarian-liaison, announced that many inquiries have been made about memorials in the new library. She reported that a price list of needed furnishings will be kept in the library at 238 Plainfield Ave. for any interested persons or clubs.

DECEMBER 7, 1961—THE RECORDER—

Funds Slated For Library And Firehouse

Edison Township officials conferred Tuesday night on the 1962 capital improvements program, which will include \$250,000 for a new library and funds for a new firehouse in North Edison.

Details of the conference, which was closed, were not made available because of the tentative nature of some of the proposals.

However, Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics stated that both the library and the firehouse are definite inclusions.

ALSO DEFINITE INCLUSIONS will be funds for construction of permanent roads and for motor vehicles, including pickup trucks and additional police cars.

Whether the road program will be anywhere as large as the \$430,000 1961 program is doubtful. However, it is expected to be sizeable.

The library, to be built on Plainfield avenue, behind the Thomas Jefferson High School, should be ready for use by September, according to Leavenworth Tyler, chairman of the library board.

He based his estimate on the hope that ground will be broken in March.

THE TWO-STORY BUILDING to be built on an acre of land transferred to the library by the school board will be the realization of a more than 20-year dream, Tyler said.

It will incorporate many of the features recommended by the board's consultant, J. E. Bryan, head librarian of the Newark library system.

Tyler, who has served on the board almost since its creation more than 20 years ago, lauded Mayor Yelencsics for his support. "Without the mayor, I'm afraid we would still have a long wait," he said.

THE LIBRARY, WHICH BEGAN in a small store on Woodbridge avenue, later was established in Town Hall and then finally moved to its present outmoded home in rented quarters on Woodbridge avenue near Route 27, will finally settle down in a modern 60x120-foot building.

Tyler said the library board will seek donations of furniture for the new building. He said it does not plan to seek donations of books.

No definite plans have yet been made on the establishment of branch libraries in the schools. However, such a plan, as well as plans for a mobile library, is under consideration, Tyler said.

THE NEW FIREHOUSE, EXPECTED to cost about \$50,000, will replace the outmoded Henry street firehouse. It will not result in the purchase of added fire equipment, according to Mayor Yelencsics.

The new firehouse will be built in North Edison off New Dover road and near the Benjamin Franklin School.

Mayor Yelencsics said it has been decided to build a new police station in 1963. Funds for the construction will not be included in the 1962 budget.



Edison Allots Over Half Million For Library, Street Improvements

By JAMES MCGONGLE

EDISON — Three ordinances allotting a total of \$525,000 for a new library building, street repairs and curbs and gutters were introduced last night by the Township Council.

Each will have a public hearing at the June 13 council meeting.

One code allots \$200,000 for a new library building at Plainfield Avenue and Division Street, Stelton, and \$190,000 of the sum will be financed through bonds or notes.

Now in Store

The township library is now housed in a Plainfield Avenue store.

Another \$200,000 will go for repair and maintenance of various township streets, with \$190,000 to be financed, and the final \$125,000 will be for curbs and gutters on various streets. Of that amount, \$110,000 will be financed.

In three separate resolutions, the council asked permission of the state Division of Local Government for approval of extension

of credit for the three projects.

The council also asked the state Department of Health for an order of necessity to begin the \$1,000,000 sanitary sewer project in the Menlo Park area. Plans for the long sought sewers are complete, and a certificate of necessity on a health menace basis would eliminate the red tape of getting financing approval from the division of Local Government.

The council introduced two other ordinances, one of which reduces the fee for portable swimming pools of over 18 inches deep from \$5 to \$1. The fee for "in the ground" pools remains the same, \$5.

The other ordinance increases the fees for liquor licenses by 20 per cent per year.

They will get public hearings May 23.

Approve Contracts

The council announced approval of low bid contracts totalling \$101,054 for various road repair materials. Road stone bids went to Kingston Trap Rock Co., \$20,500, and Dockwatch Quarry, \$15,500. They are for various sizes and types of stone. Edison Asphalt Co. was awarded a \$23,600 low bid contract for bituminous road material.

Philip Capellupo, president of Taxpayers Association, presented several complaints on road conditions in the Hillwood Avenue area, including a septic tank overflow which is undermining that avenue. The council has taken action on some and will consider the others.

In other business, R. Joseph Ferenczi, Planning Board attorney, was named acting clerk for next week, when Township Clerk Oscar Kaus will be attending an international clerks' conference in San Francisco.

Mayor Anthony Yelencsics proclaimed May 13-19 as Police Week, when township officers will have a display and an on duty patrolman at a Bamberger's window in the Menlo Park Shopping Center.

A resolution transferred \$16,500 from a municipal purposes trust account to an account for recreational purposes. The money was contributed by developers of various subdivisions.

Another resolution dug into the transferred funds for \$950 in repairs and maintenance at Crestwood Playground, \$460 at Lindenau Playground and \$390 at Stelton Playground.

June 11 at 8 p.m. was set for a public hearing on curbs and gutters assessments in the Lindenau section.

The Community Hospital Group, planning a general hospital in Route 27 not far from the Metuchen Elks Lodge, informed the council it would be appreciative of any help which would hasten the project.

Joseph Hudak of Vineyard Village reiterated a complaint of a year ago on "junkyard" conditions in the adjoining Renner property, which was referred to the business administrator and health officer. It was noted that summonses have been issued to the property owner.

Home News May 1962

Groundbreaking Set

Edison Library Work To Start

EDISON—Ground-breaking ceremonies for a new public library will be held at 10 a. m. May 18 at Plainfield Avenue and Division Street.

Conducted by Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics, the ceremony will mark the start of construction on the proposed \$184,960 building, which is expected to accommodate 40,000 books.

The new building will be 11,500 square feet and consist of two stories with expansion facilities in

the basement. Designed by John MacWilliam, architect, it will include a juvenile and an adult department.

Of the total cost, \$105,293 will be spent on general construction, \$17,996 on electrical work, \$11,638 on plumbing facilities, \$28,486 on heating and ventilation and \$21,547 for steel and iron materials.

The library board comprises L. H. Thyler, president; Mrs. Frank Doll, Mrs. Edward Kasner, Earl Meirs, Joseph Ruggieri and Mrs. Isabelle Crooker.

Award Bids for Edison Building

Will Start Work on Library

EDISON—Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics will break ground May 18, at 10 a.m., for the proposed \$200,000 free public library at Plainfield Avenue and Division Street.

Bids for the new building were awarded by the Library Board of Trustees on Monday to the following low bidders:

General construction, Lanfrit Construction Co., \$105,293; electrical work, Neal B. Hansen, \$17,996; plumbing work, Don Pizolato Inc., \$11,638; heating and ventilating, Dutcher Heating Ltd., \$28,486; steel and iron, N. Maltese and Sons, \$21,547.

The new 11,500 square foot building will house an estimated 40,000 books. It will include juvenile and adult departments.

Designed by architect John MacWilliam, the library will be a two-story stone and brick structure, featuring aluminum doors and windows and complete fireproofing. Expansion facilities will be available in the basement.

Members of the library board are L. H. Thyler, president, and Mrs. Frank Doll, Mrs. Edward Kasner, Earl Meirs, Joseph Ruggieri and Mrs. Isabelle Crooker.

PARTY LINE



The Edison Friends of the Library organization has raised \$2,500 for a new township library since its founding in January, 1962, according to Mrs. Charles Wira, its president. The organization's goal is to raise \$35,000 of the \$200,000 needed for the new library building.

Ground was broken for the new building May 18.

The library group offers Edison residents five membership categories: junior, single, family, sustaining, and sponsoring. The first three categories are for people interested in using the library's facilities.

August 2, 1962, THE RECORDER

Vandals Hit At Library

Vandals broke windows, destroyed screen doors and smashed a meter box cover at the Edison Library, 238 Plainfield avenue this week in a continuing wave of destruction of public property, John Ellmyer Sr., director of the township's parks and public property, said yesterday.

Damage also was reported at the Lindeneau Playground, one of the 19 township playgrounds where vandals have caused more than \$2,200 in damage since school closed in June.

In neighboring Metuchen, Joseph Germaine, recreation director, said damage by vandals had been "negligible" at borough playgrounds.

Ellmeyer claims acts of vandalism at Edison playgrounds will cost the township \$10,000 this summer if it continues at its present rate.

Start on Library Delayed 'til Fall

A decision on a construction start for a \$200,000 main library for Edison will not be reached before late September or October according to Leavenworth Tyler, chairman of the Edison Library Board.

"There will be some very encouraging news" at that time, Tyler promised.

Final plans for the new building which will be constructed behind the Route 27 shopping center are still in preparation.

Several members of the board are away on vacation.

Both factors make it impossible for the board to take advantage of a green light for the building already flashed by Town Council.

Council has already provided the construction funds.

According to Tyler, the board will meet in late September and may be ready to make some important moves by the end of October.

But, he would not predict a time for either the call for bids or the start of actual construction.

The board will resume in the fall a drive being conducted in unison with the Friends of the Library for funds to buy fixtures and furniture for the library.

The two groups are seeking donations from industry and the general public for the project.

THE RECORDER, August 9, 1962

LIBRARY GROUP CALLS MEETING

EDISON — The first meeting for the new season of the Friends of the Library of Edison will be held at Clara Barton School Tuesday at 8 p.m. Mrs. Leon Charney, program chairman, has announced that Miss Veronica Cary, director of the Trenton Public Library, will speak.

This group was formed in January with the purpose of maintaining an association of persons interested in focusing attention on the library and developing library services and facilities.

The Township Council has appropriated \$225,000 for the building of the library. The Friends of the Library hope to raise \$35,000 for the equipment necessary to furnish the building. To this date, \$1,200 has been contributed by interested industries, civic organizations and professional persons.

Officers are: President, Mrs. Charles Wira; first vice president, Dr. Jerrold Finkel; second vice president, Dr. Raymond Curcio; treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Downie; recording secretary, Mrs. Donald Davison; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Logan; librarian -liaison, Mrs. Edward Crooker.

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Oct 24, '62

C of C Approve

The Edison Chamber of Commerce has given its stamp of approval to the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc., Middlesex County Chapter, to conduct their fund raising drive in the township.

The group received the Chamber's permission to solicit earlier this month, after they answered, to the chamber's satisfaction, the thirteen points included in the soliciting code.

According to James F. Erickson, district director of the MDAA, the campaign will continue through Nov. 30. The

Book Sale To Aid Library Fund

The Friends of the Library Committee have announced they will sponsor a book sale at the Menlo Park Shopping Center Launderette, on the Mall, Saturday from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The books have been donated by residents. Mrs. Edward Kasner is chairman. Proceeds will be used for the building fund.

The first regular meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held in Clara Barton School Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. Program for the evening has been arranged by Mrs. Rosalie Charney. The speaker will be Miss Veronica Cary, director of the Trenton Public Library.

Miss Cary is graduate of Douglass College and received her degree from Columbia University School of Library Service.

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Evening News Photo
BOOK FAIR: Mrs. Isabelle Crooker (left) Edison Township librarian, and Mrs. Edward Kasner, program chairman, check some of the books which will be available at book sale tomorrow on the mall at the Menlo Park Shopping Center. Proceeds from the sale, which begins at 9:30 a. m., will be used for equipment and furniture fund for the proposed new library in Edison. The program is being sponsored by the Edison Friends of the Library.



CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK—Edison schools superintendent Joseph Ruggieri looks on as Treasurer Mrs. Ernest Downie, left, of the Friends of Edison Library shows checks received from the Edison Council of PTAs to Friends President Mrs. Charles W. Wira. The presentation was made last night at a meeting of the organization in the Edison Health Center.

Ruggieri to Address Friends of Library

EDISON—The Edison Friends of the Library will meet tonight at the Edison Health Center, at 80 Idlewild Road, at 8.

Mrs. Leon Charney, program chairman, has announced that Joseph Ruggieri, superintendent of schools, will speak on cooperation between schools and library.

Groundbreaking for the new library will be discussed by Mrs. Edward Crooker, librarian liaison.

Residents are invited to attend and share in this community project.

JAN. 30/63

Survey Finds Jersey Libraries In Pretty 'Wormy' Condition

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (UPI)—A comprehensive survey of nearly every library in New Jersey has produced a picture of sweeping deficiencies in almost all phases of service to the state's growing population.

Conducted by the Library Development Committee of the New Jersey Library Association, the in-depth study covered 1,653 libraries and took six months to complete. The analysis turned up:

—Serious inadequacies in book resources of public, school and college libraries.

—A big shortage of professionally qualified librarians in school and public libraries.

—A lack of sufficient services to prepare students for intelligent use of libraries.

—A lack of enough variety and quantity of services in public libraries to stimulate reading by children and adults.

—Sharp limitations in reference and information services in school, college and public libraries.

—And, a lack of comprehensive

planning for over-all library service in the state.

FIRST IN A DECADE

The survey is the first statewide study of libraries in New Jersey in 10 years. And, according to John C. Frantz of the Library Service Branch of the U.S. Office of Education, it is "the most all-inclusive study of service within a state ever undertaken by the members of a state library association."

Dr. Margaret E. Monroe, associate professor of library service

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the President's Council of Economic Advisers, who will address the business council Friday on "tax cuts, deficits and the economy," will concede that the January forecast was off the mark.

DILLON TIP-OFF

Evidence that the administration has raised its economic sights came last week from Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon. Improved business conditions, Dillon told the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, should generate enough additional tax revenue to reduce by about a billion dollars the previously anticipated \$11.9-billion deficit in the fiscal 1964 budget.

The record-setting sales pace of the automobile industry was given credit by the Business Council's panel for furnishing most of the drive for the unexpected 1963 business expansion.

The Business Council, formerly an advisory body to the Commerce Department, has severed its official tie with that agency but still provides research and advisory services to the White House, the President's Economic Council, the Commerce Department and a half-dozen other departments.

Libraries Found In Poor Shape

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at Rutgers University, headed the 21-member survey committee which spent hundreds of hours and an estimated \$20,000 on the project. Its purpose, stated simply, was to survey the present status of library service and the directions such service may take in the foreseeable future.

Through questionnaires, nearly every library in the state was included—public, school, college, university and special. The findings, together with four broad recommendations, are being presented to the association's executive committee gathered in convention this weekend in Atlantic City.

CRITICAL NEED

The picture pieced together from the multitude of statistics was one of critical need.

Geographically, the study showed that the three non-urban regions of New Jersey contain 16 per cent of the state's population but are served by 10 per cent of the professional librarians; have access to no major collections of library materials and offer little variety in professional services in school or public libraries.

Broken down further, the sharpest deficiencies were uncovered in the agricultural regions of the northwest—Hunterdon, Sussex and Warren Counties—and the southwest—Cumberland and Salem Counties.

Not a single library in the specified southwest area has a collection of more than 50,000 volumes. Only two were reported in the northwest section.

In the percentage of population listed as borrowers in public libraries, the northwest reported 10 per cent while the southwest 13 per cent. Both regions ranked poorly when measuring the ratio of professional librarians to the number of persons served.

SHORE AREA BRIGHTER

The library state of affairs in New Jersey's seashore area—Atlantic, Cape May, Monmouth and Ocean Counties—appeared brighter than the agricultural regions, but not by much.

Only four libraries reported collections of more than 50,000 volumes; 19 per cent of the population was listed as registered in public libraries and the ratio of professional librarians to the number of persons served ranked fourth among the regions.

The areas of the state offering the best library service were the northeast metropolitan section—Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset and Union Counties—and the southwest metropolitan section—Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer Counties.

But the survey pointed out that even the majority of these libraries, particularly public, fall below American Library Association (ALA) standards in many areas of activity.

SAMPLE STATISTICS

Some sample statistics on the over-all picture of New Jersey libraries when compared with national standards showed:

—Only five per cent of the public libraries meet national standards with collections of at least 100,000 volumes.

—Eighty per cent of the public

tain smaller book collections than prescribed by the ALA.

SOME PLUSES

Lest they be overlooked, there were some pluses scored by the libraries in certain areas. These included some college and secondary school libraries.

Dr. Monroe pointed out that the report on the survey was preliminary to a final report which will pinpoint responsibility for the library deficiencies and suggest remedies. That report will be completed in about six months.

Winding up the first phase, the committee made four recommendations to enable it "to continue the analysis of the library situation in New Jersey and to plan for library development."

The first, and perhaps most important, would authorize the Library Development Committee to draft a master library plan for

the state, taking into consideration needs, cost and functions.

Other recommendations

The other recommendations called for the employment of special library consultants; appointment of an advisory unit from the development committee to work with the consultants on the master plan, and assigning the

State Library in Trenton the task of making continuing evaluation of library service in the state.

schools shortchange book budgets by allocating less than the minimum set by the ALA.

—One-third of the state's public school libraries employ professional librarians.

—Almost half of the 28 four-year college libraries surveyed main-

Work Begins On Library In Edison

Ground will be broken Saturday at 10 a.m. for Edison's long-awaited public library, a \$184,960 building scheduled for completion by September.

First shovelful of earth will be turned by township officials including Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics and members of the library board.

The library, to be erected at the intersection of Plainfield avenue and Division street, will provide four or five times as much space as present rented quarters, said Mrs. Isabelle Crooker, librarian.

Contracts for the library were let by the township last week to Lanfrit Construction Company of New Brunswick, general construction, low bidders at \$105,293; N. Maltese & Sons of New Brunswick, steel and iron work, \$21,547; Don Pizzolato Corporation of Middlesex, plumbing, \$11,638; Dutcher Heating of North Plainfield, heating and air conditioning, \$28,468, and Neal B. Hansen of Metuchen, electrical work, \$17,996.

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Edison's Free Public Library—under cloudy skies and torrential rains, Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics officiated at ground breaking ceremonies for the new Public Library to be located at the corner of Plainfield Avenue and Division Street. Attending the ceremonies were, from left, Mrs. Isabelle Crooker, head librarian; L.T. Tyler, president of the Library Board; Mrs. Charles Wira, and Mrs. Edward Krasner. (Photo by Kenneth Lonky)

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Children Listen To Aid Library

A group of children may not completely understand, but their love of literature is helping to build the Edison Township Library.

Under the direction of Mrs. William Presch of 2 Carmello Drive, Edison, they donate a quarter a week to the building fund in exchange for an hour and a half of storytelling, fun and refreshment.

Mrs. Presch, who describes herself as a "frustrated teacher," is an ardent supporter of Friends of the Library of Edison Township. The group is raising money to erect a building in Plainfield Avenue near the junior high school and transfer books from the small, cluttered store across Lincoln Highway.

Mrs. Presch first thought of the idea of the story hour for children although her teaching experience has not been on the elementary level. Planned for children 6 to 11 years old, the project has grown during the last three weeks since it began to encompass those from 2 to 13.

Formerly a teacher of economics at Brooklyn College for 16 years, Mrs. Presch believes children miss school during the summer and hopes the story hour keeps them from running aimlessly all the time.

Big Problem

Her biggest problem is picking stories and activities which will interest all the children and keep their attention until time to leave. A typical day's selections may include excerpts from "Winnie the Pooh," "Flowers and What They Are," "Eloise in Paris" and "Peter Pan."

Mrs. Presch is open to sugges-

tions from the children or their parents, buys some books herself and borrows others, and often picks a specific book because of something new and different the children may learn from it. For instance, from "Eloise," the group has picked up several words of French.

Mrs. Presch says she is sorry she has no shady place in her backyard for the children to sit, but adds that she and they get so engrossed in the story that the heat and sun are forgotten. So far she has not been faced with the problem of holding sessions inside due to rain.

A quiet, well-spoken woman with good control over the 25 or 30 children who come to hear her stories, Mrs. Presch explains as a child she lived in a Lower East Side slum in New York and never saw a tree, grass or flowers grow.

It was 10 blocks to the library," she remembers, "and I went there regularly once I got my card at 7 years."

After she and her husband, a business manager for New Brunswick Scientific Supply Corp., moved to Edison about two years ago, the family joined the Edison Library and saw its need for organization.

Two of the most active readers are their children, Marcia, 8, and Curtis, 4.

At first, Mrs. Presch was apprehensive about what the children would do to her lawn and flower beds, but with the help of monitors manages to keep them green and healthy. She has collected over \$30 since she began and it is her hope to buy a piece of furniture for the new

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GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME—Thomas Trill is one of about 30 children who hear stories and, thus, contribute to the building fund campaign of Friends of the Library in Edison Township.



PAUSE THAT REFRESHES—Miss Grace Ascolese takes time out from "Winnie the Pooh" and "Peter Pan" to taste the punch and cookies during a break of the story hour.

building so that the children may see the result of their interest.

Weekly Sessions

Mrs. Presch emphasizes the sessions, held each Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to noon, are open to the public. Other activities include art exhibits, punch and cookies at 11:15, field trips, and times for children to get up and speak before the group.

"We do whatever may come up," she explains. "It's my desire to have the children learn and get more out of a book than just the story line."

"New things from old books" is her theme.

Mrs. Presch received her bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College, her master's from New York University and has completed all work except orals for her doctorate from Columbia University.

Also serving as president of the John Marshall PTA, Mrs. Presch says all her activities "work in" so her family does not suffer from lack of attention.

Never empty of ideas, Mrs. Presch admits she "learns much from the children's reactions and selfishly finds the activity stimulating."



THE PIED PIPER—Mrs. Louis Gargano of Stelton Street, a regular visitor to the story hour, brings along several friends on her way. Miss Eileen Amabile, with hat, leads in Miss Patricia Lyons followed by Miss Angela Ritz, second row at left, and Miss Ellen Kubian.



A FAMILY AFFAIR—Stories and activities for all ages are part of the curriculum of the story hour, with many families allowing more than one child to attend. From left, Joseph, Robert and James Bauwens and Michael and Stephen Baron pay attention as Mrs. Presch reads.



AVID LISTENERS—Miss Gale Pfeifer and John Lesko find lying on the stomach the best way to appreciate a good story. The children are weekly visitors to the Carmello Drive backyard to aid the library building fund.



CENTER OF ATTRACTION—Mrs. William Presch enthralls her audience at the story hour with books, exhibits, activities and refreshments. Her object is to have the children learn and admits that even she finds the sessions stimulating.

Expect Work On Library To Resume

EDISON — Work is expected to resume tomorrow on the new Edison Public Library after more than a month of inactivity caused by a strike of Local 432, United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters of America.

The New Brunswick area local began picketing the site July 23 when it discovered that employees of Don Pizzolato, the plumbing contractor on the job, were members of United Construction Workers, affiliated with United Mine Workers District 50.

Local 432 representatives argued that Pizzolato was paying "substandard wages" for the local area. United Construction plumbers reportedly were receiving \$4.80 per hour while the United Association members get \$5.13 per hour plus 34 cents in fringe benefits.

Frank Marchitto, president of the Building Trades Council, said Friday night that a tentative agreement had been reached Thursday night and had been confirmed Friday morning.

He added that members of the iron workers union, who walked off the job in sympathy, were told to report tomorrow morning.

Marchitto said that although he did not know specific terms of the agreement between the plumbers, "I do know that the job will be done by Local 432 members."

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Home News

Edison Library Funds Well Pared

EDISON—Members of the Library Board reported last night that even if the library budget request for 1964 is approved "uncut", it will provide only the "bare minimum" of equipment for the new library.

The library, scheduled to open sometime in May, needs private contributions in order to be adequately outfitted, said Levenworth H. Tyler, chairman of the board.

He was seconded in this assertion by Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics, who noted that he hopes "civic organizations and services clubs" will get behind the drive for library equipment. The library needs money to purchase tables, chairs, shelving and other equipment, the mayor added.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The library, under construction at Division Street and Plainfield Avenue, was financed by a \$200,000 bond issue. The issue, however, proved inadequate and the board is asking the township for an additional \$20,000 to complete the basement. A children's book section will be housed in this area.

Mrs. Isabelle Crooker, the li-

brarian, said the new building will require a larger staff. She hopes to be able to employ three more full time clerks, a children's librarian, and an additional part-time clerk.

The present library system includes a "main office" housed in a vacant store and a "sub-station" in the John Adams Junior High School. The other new schools are designed with areas set aside for similar book rooms.

In addition to Mrs. Crooker, the present library is staffed by one full time clerk, four part time clerks, and two "pages" who work part time shelving books.

Evening News
12/19/63

Edison Plans Project Airing

By NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
Evening News Staff Writer

EDISON — The first housing development to be planned in a "cluster" design and to provide 23 acres for a public park is being studied by the Planning Board here.

The board last night scheduled hearings for Jan. 15 on the plan of Meridan Development Co., 1750 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, to build 260 homes on a tract in

North Edison. The housing development will be bounded by New Dover Road on the north, Grove Avenue on the east and Parker Road on the west. The southern border of the property is open land.

FIRST UNDER NEW CODE

The Meridan Company, whose principals are Joseph Deutch and Jack W. Denhotz, is the first developer to take advantage of the new zoning ordinance clause providing for "planned residential development."

Under this clause, a builder may shave footage from individual lot size requirements if he uses the excess to create a "common open space." This open space, in Meridan's plan, will be deeded to the township as a public park.

The proposed park, tentatively called the Oak Tree Public Park, will have two ponds, sports facilities, picnic areas, and tennis courts. The land's present worth, according to Norman Filenbaum, chairman of the Planning Board, is "in the neighborhood of \$3,500 per acre."

\$24,000 RANGE

The homes planned by Meridan will sell in the \$24,000 to \$27,000 range. They will be clustered together rather than set in the normal "grid pattern" of old style developments.

The park plan was drawn by Harry A. Maslow, a landscape specialist. When the project is complete, the new park will come under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department.

Another new project, revealed last night, proposes a 13,500 square foot production plant in the New Durham Industrial Park.

J. Budd Taylor, president of the Technical Paper Co., 2430 E. Linden Ave., Linden, said his firm hopes to move its "growing operation" to Edison.

IN SPACE PROGRAM

Taylor noted that his firm makes the recording paper for satellites used by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. They also make recording paper for other more down to earth projects.

The firm will employ about 20 people and plans to spend "well over \$100,000" for the new building, Taylor said.

The Planning Board last night classified Technical Paper's project as a "minor subdivision" since it only divides an area into two lots. Both are one acre.

The board gave a major subdivision classification to a plan by Riedco, Inc. of Edison to build a 77-lot housing development in the Danish Home area on New Durham Road. The principal in Riedco is Harry Rieder, a local developer.

Another project classified as a major subdivision involved land which was the subject of charges during the recent election campaign.

NEAR ROOSEVELT PARK

Leonard Sendelsky of 100 Devon Road, Colonia is seeking to subdivide some 7.8 acres near Roosevelt Park into 30 lots.

The land, designated on tax maps as Block 690-R, lot 15A, is owned by Ped Realty of 19 Raritan Ave., Highland Park, and Sorco, Inc., represented by the Jacobson and Winter law firm in Perth Amboy.

Last November, John Bunker, Republican candidate for Township Council, charged the tax assessment on the land was incorrect. Democrat Bernard Dwyer, who was reelected to council Nov. 5, denied the charge.

Sendelsky proposes to build 30 homes on the tract, which is bounded by Fox Hill Run and Eileen Way.

Evening News
12/19/63

Library Budget To Go Up in '64

The Library budget for 1964 is one of two which will have substantial increases. The library board is requesting \$32,500, up from \$28,400 last year.

A major cause of the increase is an across-the-board salary increase for the staff.

Funds have again been budgeted for a children's librarian. Dr. Irvine L. H. Kerrison explained the library board would try to temporarily fill the position with a local resident until a qualified specialist in the field is recruited from a local college.

He said the \$4,500 in the budget was near the bottom of starting salaries expected by such specialists, but he thought the board would be able to locate someone.

The position was left open last year with the resignation of Mrs. Anne Gage Melvin.

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CHECK THIS!—William Bohn, president of the Edison Township Education Association, presents \$500 check for library books to Mrs. Charles W. Wira, president of the Friends of the Library, as Mrs. Edward Crooker, head librarian, looks on.

THE DAILY HOME NEWS
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1964

37-Year-Old 'Waif' Looks Forward to Home at Last

By DON BATTLE

EDISON — It's 37 years old, has been "knocking around" stores and other buildings and really hasn't had a home it could call its own in all that time.

Sound like a description of an unwanted step child wandering around the township all those years?

Some of its devoted followers may think of it — the Edison

Free Public Library — as just that, especially when the township's much smaller next-door neighbor of Metuchen has had its own building for so long.

In Rented Stores

Since 1927, the library has been in either a rented store or the second floor of the Municipal Building. In March 1959, the facility was moved out of the municipal building and into another rented store at 238 Plain-

fied Ave., its present home, to make way for the township engineering department.

The library staff looks forward in September to moving its facilities including 28,000 books—into a new and permanent home at Plainfield Avenue and Division Street.

The new building costing more than \$200,000 was scheduled for completion in April, but due to a strike and bad construction

weather, the move was set for the fall. Both Library Board members and the staff are still keeping their fingers crossed.

The new, two-story structure will offer the library's 12,000 borrowers about 11,000 square feet of reading and browsing room. It also will contain seating for 60 persons — three times as much as it now has.

The first floor will be set aside mostly for children of grades 2-6 containing a "youth corner" and meeting, staff and storage rooms. The second floor will be for older patrons.

Hope to Expand

Library officials hope to expand their present collection in the years to come to 50,000 books — the maximum number the new building is expected to hold.

They also hope to open branches in Clara Barton School and John Adams Junior High School. "A decent branch costs about \$50,000," according to Mrs. Isabelle Crooker, library director.

She explained the library had "stations" or collections of books in both the Oak Tree Firehouse and the North Edison Civic Center until recently. Lack of interest in the Oak Tree station has prompted the board to close it.

Mrs. Crooker explained that the 300 books formerly contained in the Oak Tree Station will be moved to the North Edison Community Hall. The hall also will be used to replace the civic center site which was damaged by fire last month.

Books will be available in the

community hall every Monday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning tomorrow.

An increase in space in the fall also will mean an increase in staff which presently consists of a full-time worker, two part-time assistant librarians, three part-time clerical workers, and two pages. The two assistant librarians will become full-time after the move, and "we may need more clerical help," Mrs. Crooker said.

Founded Library

"We have not yet settled on any programs in the new building," she added. "And probably won't until the first of the year."

The Raritan Township Free Library Association was responsible for founding the township's

first library in 1926. Persons like Mrs. Julius Engel and Mrs. Frank Doll solicited both books and donations to keep it a reality.

Two years later, residents decided to make the library a township operation. Facilities were set up in a store across from the Nixon Post office on Woodbridge Avenue.

The library then was moved to another store on Myrtle Street and Woodbridge Avenue and then into the municipal building on May 11, 1933. There it remained until 1952 when it was moved to the Plainfield Avenue address.

The book collection has doubled in the last 10 years, and although the staff boasts of 12,000 borrowers, only 8,000 are considered active users, accord-

ing to Mrs. Crooker.

Residents appear to favor all types of non-fiction over fiction, she reported.

Both favorable and unfavorable comments about facilities are heard everyday.

"There are some who come in, look around, and claim we don't have anything here," Mrs. Crooker commented. "Others are amazed at our collection of new books."

Some books date back to 1864 but the library doesn't contain any prize collections. Persons have offered materials and old books for displays but there has never been any room in the past.

However, this will probably all change in the fall.

GALLERY SHOWS OIL PAINTINGS

"Figures, Faces and Places," an exhibit of oil paintings by William H. Stilson, opens tomorrow at Old Queens Gallery here.

His works will remain on display through May 16.

A native New Yorker, Stilson studied at the Art Students League and in Paris and Madrid. His works include Old World scenes painted while aboard.

Although not an abstractionist, Stilson is skilled at suggestion in his paintings. In his works done with a minimum of paint and often with only the sparse use of a single color, he sets the mood, defines the major areas and then lets the mind's eye of the spectator complete the details.

The per capita use of paper in the United States takes the wood growth from about three-quarters of an acre of commercial forest.

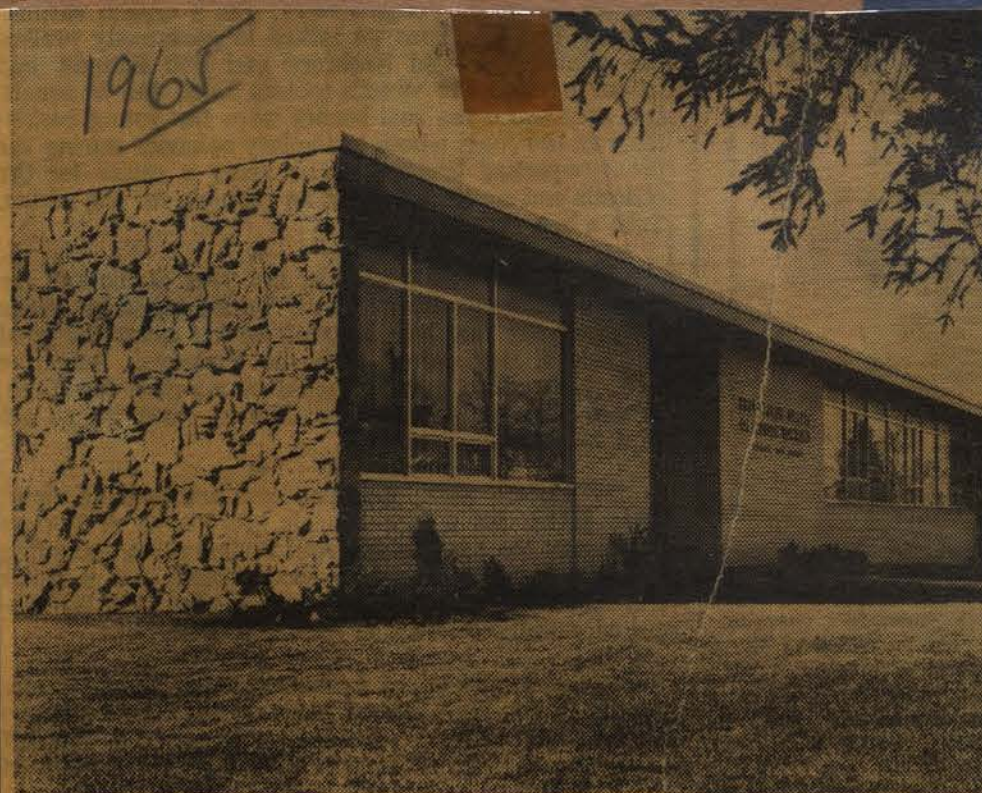


ONCE A CHILD . . . Edison's present free public library is a rented store at 238 Plainfield Ave. with a collection of about 28,000 books.



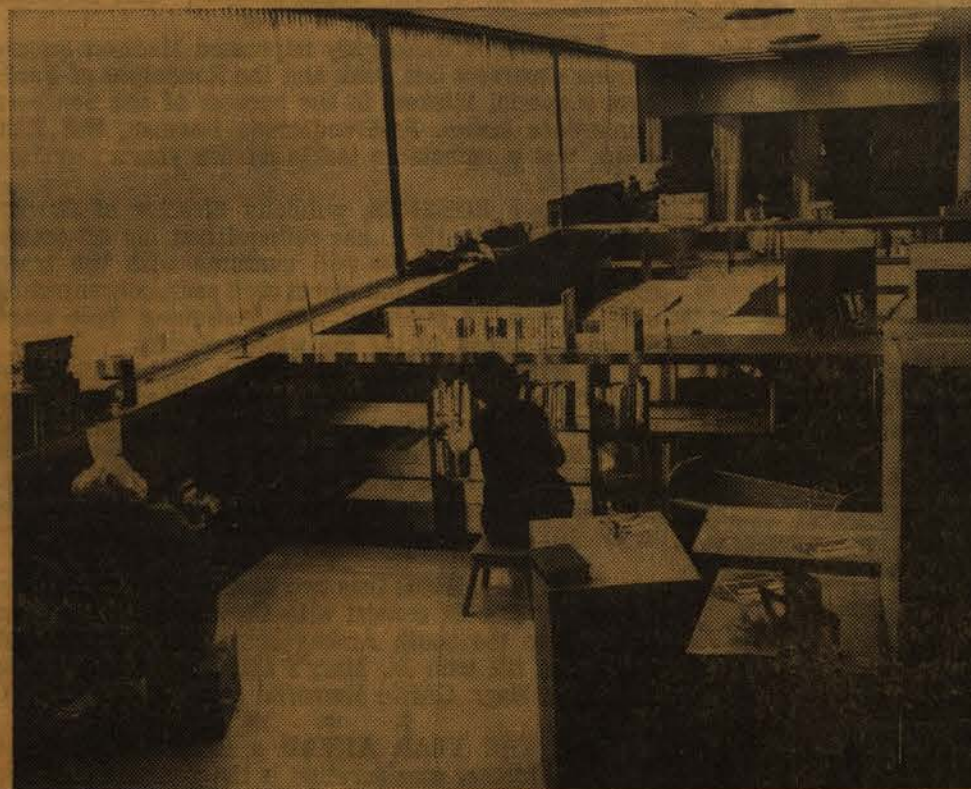
. . . BUT NOW GROWN UP—This \$200,000, structure at Plainfield Avenue and Division Street will be the new and permanent home of the library in September. It will eventually house about 50,000 books.

Home News Apr. 19, '64



NEW EDISON LIBRARY: The new Free Public Library of Edison Township at 340 Plainfield Ave., near Division Street, is scheduled to open about Feb. 1. According to Mrs. Isabelle W. Crooker, librarian, construction of the upper level has been completed, but the delivery of furniture has been delayed. The building contains one level at the

front and two at the rear, since it is built on a slope. The lower level, to be completed later this year, will house the children's section. In the lower photo library workers are shown starting to place books on the shelves in preparation for the opening. The library has about 30,000 books, 10,000 of which are for children.



Library Opening Slated in Edison

EDISON — The opening of the new Free Public Library of Edison Township, at 340 Plainfield Ave., near Division Street, is scheduled for about Feb. 1.

Mrs. Isabelle W. Crooker, librarian, explained that construction of the upper level has been completed, but the delivery of furniture is being awaited.

The library will open sooner than Feb. 1, if possible, she reported.

Since the library is built on a slope, there is one level at the front and two at the rear.

The upper level will house adult, reference and youth sections. When the lower level has been completed later this year,

it will contain the children's section. Children's books will be available temporarily on the side of the upper level.

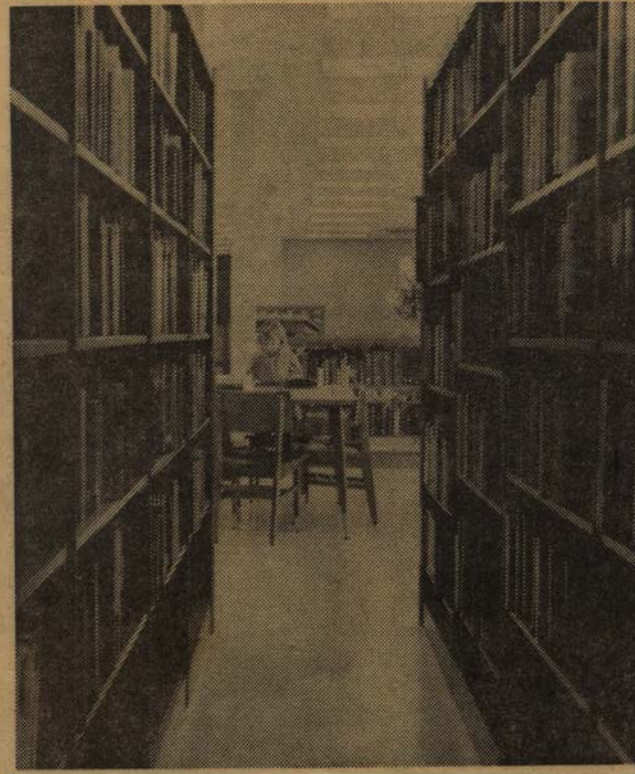
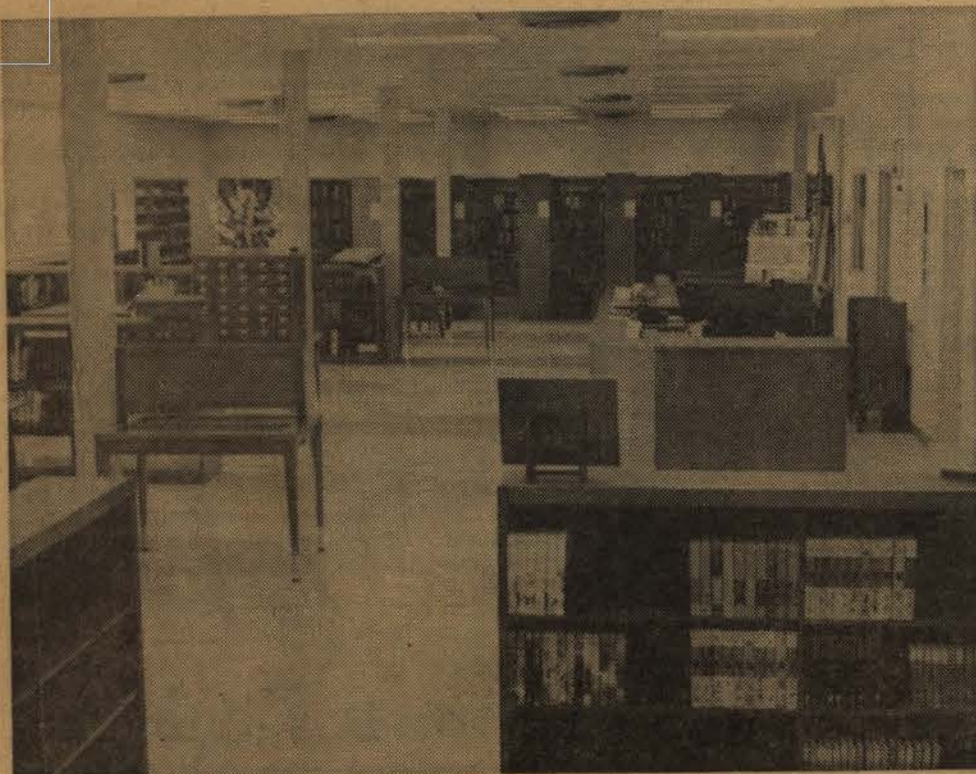
Each level will consist of approximately 5,000 square feet to house the library's collection of 30,000 volumes, 10,000 of which are for children.

Space for 25 cars is available in the parking area at the rear.

In addition to the main library, branches are planned at John Adams Junior High School and in Clara Barton School.

Hours at the new library will be Monday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Edison Starts New Page in Its Library Story



The Edison Public Library opened its doors at its new location, 340 Plainfield Ave., Monday, and among the first customers were Valerie Hamby, 3, shown in the center photo. She came with her mother, Mrs. Vincent Hamby, 28 Westminster Road, Nixon. The library started in 1926 with 246 books

and was housed in stores and other buildings. Its new, permanent home, which cost \$200,000, contains 28,000 books and about 150 varieties of magazines. The spacious new facility also includes a children's room.

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GIFT FOR LIBRARY—Bernard Griffin, president of Edison Chamber of Commerce, presents gift to Mrs. Edward Crooker, Edison Public Library director, and Mrs. Matthew Drwal, president of Friends of the Edison Library.

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A FRIEND INDEED--Mrs. Matthew Drawl, president of the Edison Friends of the Library, goes over future plans with Mrs. Edward Crooker, Edison Librarian and charter member of the group organized two years ago to provide public support for the library.

Club of the Week

Friends of Library Look to the Future

By ALICELEE CONN

The Edison Friends of the Library was organized in 1962 to help raise funds for the then "proposed" library. The organization of township residents had planned to assist the library in purchasing books and special equipment.

Almost three years and several cake sales, card parties and rummage sales later, the Friends of the Library has not only succeeded in its original goal, but it has become firmly established as a civic organization serving the whole township.

In four programs a year which are open to the public, the Friends of the Library have featured talks by artists and authors including Charles Jackson, author of "Lost Weekend," and Molly Yellin, local artist.

Mrs. Drwal counts as one of the organization's major successes the co-operation it has received from other organizations. The PTAs have been most generous, she said, in their continuous financial support. The Jaycees co-operated in planting shrubs on the grounds of the library and the Edison Garden Club and Terra Nova Garden Club have offered to undertake a long range landscaping program.

The library, Mrs. Drwal adds, is a focal point for all of the township and other groups appear to be grateful for the opportunity to fill a general need.

With formal dedication of the new library scheduled for May 16, the Friends of the Library are looking to the future. Their immediate goals include the furnishing of the children's room. The children's room is part of the lower level of the bi-level library. It was not completed in the original construction program, but is expected to be completed this year.

The group also hopes to continue to provide books and other library aids in an effort to make the Edison Library one of the best in the area. The library now has some 30,000 volumes. Art work and special collections are also considered in the long range plans.

Reading programs for children and contemporary books discussions for adults are also proposed as future projects.

Serving with Mrs. Drwal and sharing her plans for the future of the Edison Friends of the Library are Dr. Jerrold Finkel, first vice president; Mrs. William Presch, second vice president; Mrs. William Kuprick, recording secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Logan, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. John Powers, treasurer. The organization has over 100 paid members and the enthusiastic support of Mrs. William Crooker, Edison librarian who helped found the organization.

PROGRAM OF DEDICATION

AND

SETTING OF CORNERSTONE

OF

THE EDISON TOWNSHIP

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

(1926-1965)

Sunday, May 16, 1965



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| 1. Toastmistress | MRS. MATTHEW DRWAL
<i>Pres.—Friends of the Library</i> |
| 2. Welcoming Address | MR. LEAVENWORTH H. TYLER
<i>Pres.—Board of Trustees</i> |
| 3. Invocation | REV. JAMES H. MARTIN |
| 4. Greetings | MAYOR ANTHONY YELENCICS |
| 5. Speaker | DR. DONALD CAMERON |
| 6. Prayer of Dedication | REV. JOHN V. BOWDEN |
| 7. Dedication | REV. S. WADE STEWART |
| 8. Benediction | RABBI DAVID LEITER |

The Library Board is grateful for the help from the following people and groups who took interest in the Edison Township Library plans from 1959 to the present:

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JOHN ADAMS JR. HIGH SCHOOL Mrs. Martha Godden

NORTH EDISON Mrs. Lucille Alexander

Pages—High School Students

KATHLEEN CRANDEN

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Joanne Schadewald

Libraries Short-Change Area Residents

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activity came after World War I. The South River Library Association was incorporated in 1921, and its present building, formerly a church, was bought the following year. Highland Park voters established a municipal library there in 1922. The library was organized in January

of 1923 and soon located in quarters in the Masonic building. A library building was opened near the high school on the Fourth of July in 1959.

The Appleby and DeSille families in Spotswood bequeathed one of the stately Main street houses there to the town in 1923, and

with it space for a library. The Raritan Township Free Library Association established a library in what is now Edison Township in 1926. Residents voted to convert it to a municipal library two years later.

Despite a population growth that was to reach meteoric proportions after the war, few new libraries

were established locally for the next 30 years. A library association was organized by the Perth Amboy Evening News in Sayreville in 1931 and given space in a Main street commercial building. The library moved to a new wing in the borough hall in 1958 and became a municipal library in 1960. New

Brunswick lawyer Fred W. DeVoe, a Democratic representative in the state Assembly for various terms between 1919 and 1942, deeded his mother's childhood home in Old Bridge to East Brunswick township in 1945 for use as a library. The township formed a library association, and named the building the Alice Appleby DeVoe Memorial Library in honor of its former occupant.

DeVoe, still vigorous at 76, has proved himself a loyal library patron. Last year, he placed \$15,000 in trust for development of the library in Spotswood, his own boyhood home. The borough has appointed a board of trustees to plan its use.

The basic library legislation in New Jersey is Chapter 54 of Title 40, which allows towns to give money to library associations and provides a procedure to make library support mandatory upon the taxpayers. This procedure involves approval of a municipal library (called "free public library" in New Jersey parlance) by a majority of the voters through a referendum initiated by the governing body. Once such a library is approved, the governing body is obligated each year to budget money equal to one third mill for each dollar of assessed valuation for its support.

In the past 10 years, both the state and federal governments have enacted incentive legislation. The state passed a law in 1956 permitting municipal libraries to federate—that is, agree to allow residents in all member towns to use all collections—or even to merge. In 1959, after publication of an early library development report, the state enacted a financial aid program. The aid is minimal, initially providing only \$22,000 even to such a tax-pressed town as East Brunswick and dropping to a floor of \$998 (five cents a person) after four years. If the township became a member of a library federation spending more than \$50,000 annually however, its minimum aid would increase to \$6,987 (35 cents a person).

Last year Congress enacted the first major federal aid program, the Library Services and Construction Act, requested by President Kennedy in his 1963 education message. The act was an amendment to the Library Services Act of 1956, which provided a small amount of operations aid for rural areas. The new measure authorized \$25 million in operations aid to all areas and \$20 million in new construction aid. President Johnson is asking for \$57 million for the second year.

The aid programs have had only a slight effect on Middlesex County. The Spotswood library is a branch of the school system and is not eligible

How Much is Budgeted?

School boards in local towns budgeted the following amounts for library books for 1965-66. The per pupil expense figures are based on enrollments anticipated for the opening of school in September, including tuition students.

TOWN	Library Book BUDGET	Per Pupil
East Brunswick	\$22,000	\$2.86
Edison	60,500	4.70
Highland Park	11,860	5.00
Jamesburg	3,200	2.82
Madison Township	35,000	3.80
Metuchen	20,600	5.70
Milltown	no school library budget	
Sayreville	10,000	2.00
South River	12,500	3.76
Spotswood	5,400	4.50



Spotswood Library - Mrs. Helen Aaroe, librarian

Wolfson's Annual Summer Sale, 1965

STARTS THURSDAY, JULY 15, 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Men's summer poplin suits, regular 45.00 36.90
 Dacron® and wool tropical suits, regular 55.00 to 95.00 43.90 to 78.90
 2-pant tropical suits, regular 75.00 to 85.00 53.90 to 68.90
 year round suits, regular 59.50 to 125.00 44.90 to 88.90
 Hickey-Freeman suits and coats, regular 155.00 to 185.00 reduced 20% to 124.00 to 148.00

Men's summer sport coats, including madras plaids, dacron blends and solid blazers, were 35.00 to 45.00 24.90 to 33.90
 precuffed casual slacks, permanent press or wash and wear, regular 7.95 5.90
 tailored wash and wear slacks, regular 9.95 7.90
 Dacron and wool tropical slacks, regular 13.95 to 22.50 10.90 to 18.90

Men's Manhattan half-sleeve dress shirts, regular 4.50 3 for 10.00
 Manhattan boxer shorts and T shirts, regular 1.50 3 for 3.65
 Henley knit sport shirts, regular 5.00 2 for 7.90
 Dacron and cotton Bermuda shorts, regular 6.95 4.99
 short sleeve knee length pajamas, regular 5.00 2 for 5.95

Men's cocoanut, Baku and Panama straw hats regularly 5.00 to 20.00 3.33 to 13.33

Boys' madras and Arnel® sport coats, sizes 8 to 20, regular 14.95 to 19.95 11.90 to 15.90
 Boys' summer pajamas, regular 3.50 and 3.95 2.99
 Boys' and Young Men's End-iron precuffed slacks, regular 5.95 to 7.95 4.99 and 5.99
 Boys' and Young Men's Bermuda shorts, regular 3.95 to 8.95 2.99 to 6.99
 Boys' and Young Men's madras swim suits, regular 5.95 and 6.95 3.99 and 4.99

Young Men's tropical and year round suits, were 39.95 to 59.50 29.90 to 49.90

Men's and Boys' shirts, socks, underwear, neckwear reduced proportionately.

Ladies' shirtwaist and shift dresses, were 13.98 to 25.00 6.99 to 12.99
 blouses and shirts, were 4.00 to 7.98 1.99 to 4.99
 skirts and culottes, were 9.98 to 22.98 6.99 to 11.49
 bermuda shorts and slacks, were 4.98 to 12.98 2.99 to 8.99

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Can't Keep Pace with Area's Population Growth

Libraries Lack Space, Books, Money

By GEORGE DAWSON

"Advanced age, lack of space and lack of modern equipment characterize American public library buildings in 1963. Their rate of replacement is barely noticeable: two percent in a decade. There are now no Carnegie funds available for libraries - nor have there been for 40 years..."

John F. Kennedy
Education message, 1963

A lack of space, a lack of books and a lack of money characterize public library systems in many parts of Middlesex County in 1965.

Advanced age is not really a problem, however. In many of the new population centers formed by the housing sprawl of the '50s and '60s, there are no fully operating libraries old or new.

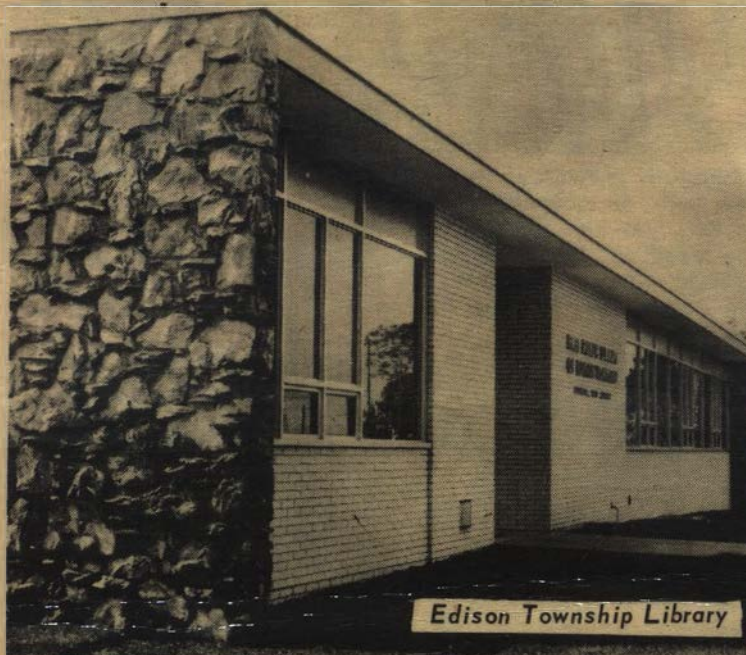
The problem in Middlesex County is not replacing out-dated libraries which can no longer serve the needs of an educated age. The problem is getting started.

The Middlesex County library story is one of runaway growth. The county population shot from 264,659 to an estimated 516,500 between 1950 and the present, an increase of 95 percent. Since then, two towns--Middlesex Borough and Madison Township--have established new library systems; three others--Sayreville, Piscataway and Woodbridge--have reorganized to become municipal systems; and five--Woodbridge, Piscataway, Edison Highland Park, Jamesburg and Madison--have provided new buildings.

More revealing, however is the story of what has not been done. Madison Township, which has grown from 7,365 to 27,000 since 1950, has only two small association libraries until this year supported largely by donations. East Brunswick, grown from 5,688 to 26,200 in the same period, has a 6000-book association library little changed since its founding 20 years ago. Helmetta and Monroe Township, with a combined population of 8,000, pay nominal fees for use of the 7000-book association library in Jamesburg. North Brunswick, South Brunswick and Plainsboro, with a combined population 25,600, have no public library services contracted or otherwise.

The New Jersey Library Association recommends a minimum expenditure of .33 mill per dollar of true value assessment for public libraries. The state average is .46 mill. Middlesex County, in 1963, was spending .18 mill.

School library programs also lag. The NJLA recommends that school districts spend at least \$4 a pupil for library books. In 1962-63, county school boards were spending \$3.07 per pupil in secondary



Edison Township Library

schools (grades 7 to 12) and \$1.96 in elementary schools.

School board expenditure for library books in this paper's circulation area this year range from \$5.70 a pupil for Metuchen to nothing for Milltown (where the PTA maintains the single school library). Four other towns besides Metuchen--Highland Park, North Brunswick, Edison and Spotswood--spend more than the \$4 minimum. An expenditure of \$5.10

proposed by the East Brunswick school board this year was cut to \$2.86 after voters rejected the budget.

"Libraries in Middlesex County have had to wait their turn," says Dr. Lowell A. Martin, former dean of the graduate library school at Rutgers and now a vice president of the Grolier publishing firm in New York City. "The county has grown so fast that people have had a tough time just in catching

up on schools."

Dr. Martin, who is also president of the board of trustees of Metuchen's library, has been in the fore of those in New Jersey who are pushing for the state's citizens to catch up on their libraries. Last year, as co-chairman of the Library Development Committee of the NJLA (with Rutgers professor Mary V. Gaver), he helped present a new master plan for development of New Jersey's libraries.

The NJLA report, released last November, found the state's libraries woefully below what the association considered just minimum standards.

Only 16 of the 344 public libraries in the state were found to meet all the standards, and none in Middlesex County.

To correct these shortcomings, Dr. Martin's committee recommended establishment of a tier-system of libraries: area libraries serving to back up local public and school libraries and specialized research libraries backing up the area libraries. A substantial increase in state library aid was also requested and special support for new first-level libraries and second-and

third-level libraries of whatever age. The committee selected 15 libraries in 14 counties as suitable for receiving an area designation, but none in Middlesex. "None were considered ready," Dr. Martin said.

The report has received little general publicity and has yet made no noteworthy impression on the public. State librarian Roger McDonough said that no legislator has yet been willing to sponsor any of the aid bills.

Middlesex County had a propitious beginning in the furnishing of library services. New Brunswick has had a library in one form or another since 1776, and its free public library established in 1883 was the first in the state. The present building was built in 1902 with a \$50,000 Carnegie grant.

The Metuchen library was organized in 1870 by the Order of the Sons of Temperance to "promote mental culture and good morals." It was taken over by a library association in 1884 and became a municipal library in 1929. Its present building was built in 1934 with a WPA grant.

The next spurt of library
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Edison set to OK funds for expansion of library

By ARNOLD MARKOWITZ

Youth and age both will be served by an expansion of Edison's public library services, called for in an ordinance scheduled for final approval at tonight's meeting of the Township Council.

The council will pass an ordinance approving the spending of \$52,500 to finish the main library's basement and turn it into a children's room. That will take the children's section off the ground floor, leaving room for older folks who want to sit and read in peace.

Not that the youngsters treat the library like a corner candy store — it's just that when school is in session, things get a bit crowded.

Mrs. Isabelle Crooker, the library director, said yesterday the sit-and-read capacity of the ground floor will be increased to 110 readers, as compared with the present capacity of 65. This will be accomplished by the opening of approximately a fourth of the floor for that purpose.

The expansion will give the children's section the chance to set out all 10,000 of its volumes for the first time. Until now, space limitations have kept 7,000 of them in storage.

"Older people often come in to read a newspaper or magazine article, but with all the children around there sometimes isn't room for them to sit down," said Mrs. Crooker.

"When the downstairs job is

finished, the children will use that section only. They'll have a full-time children's librarian, a reading program and story hours."

The library, which cost \$230,000, was opened Jan. 18 with 35,000 books. Another 4,000 have been added since then. According to Mrs. Crooker, it is used by 300 to 400 persons each day.

OTHER BRANCHES

The increasing popularity of the library, however, doesn't figure to render it obsolete very soon. There are branches at John P. Stevens High School and the Clara Barton Elementary School. There will be a new one when a junior high school is built in the Clara Barton section.

These are adult facilities, not school libraries.

In another matter tonight, the council will pass an ordinance authorizing the resurfacing of 37 streets. The work will be paid for by \$100,000 left from a similar project done last year.

Oil and crushed stone will be ground into the roads to fill small gaps and holes which otherwise would become big gaps and holes during the winter.

A new ordinance will be introduced to approve the installation of \$166,000 worth of sanitary sewer lines along National Road and Talmadge Road, two of Edison's principal industrial streets.

New Service At Library

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The Edison Township Library has announced that it has introduced a copying service.

The library is making its new Vic-O-Matic machine available to the public for copying bound books, checks, letters, resumes, contracts, legal briefs and other documents. The cost is 25 cents a copy.

The library has also announced that it is now open six days a week, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 1 to 5 p.m.

Children's hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 1 to 5 p.m.

The library rooms at the John Adams Junior High School are open to the public Monday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and at Clara Barton School Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Edison Library now houses some 38,000 volumes, an adequate reference section, 125 magazines and five newspapers. There is a permanent collection of 1,200 books at the John Adams School and a rotating collection of some 500 books at Clara Barton.

Books may also be borrowed from the state library on request.

Edison library livens day for youngsters

By MIRIAM JACOBS
News Tribune Staff Writer

EDISON — Rain splattered against the windows and gray clouds loomed ominously overhead, promising to extend the gloom into still another day. But inside the Edison Public Library, children laughed gleefully, basking in the sunshine of a children's story hour.

"Now let's all get up and re-enact the story of the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff,'" Mrs. Barbara Stein of 16 Gales Road instructed her young charges at the conclusion of the popular Scandinavian fairy tale.

Rising from their floor mats, the pre-schoolers regrouped quickly in fours and proceeded to act out the parts of the ugly troll who lives under a bridge and the three goats who defiantly cross it to reach the mountains.

Shy, bubbly

Some were shy and tongue-tied, others were bubbly and confident. They were only 13 of the 75 township youngsters currently enrolled in the weekly story sessions being conducted by Mrs. Stein.

"I really fell into this job quite by accident and I'm really excited about it," Mrs. Stein related between the two morning sessions. "I was taking a survey for the League of Women Voters on Edison's library facilities when I learned there was no children's story hour or reading program here. So I volunteered to do the job."

Her offer was quickly accepted and transformed into a part-time job carrying a nominal \$2 hourly wage.

Mutually advantageous from the start, the arrangement gave Edison's growing library system a former secondary English teacher to conduct the program while giving Mrs. Stein, the busy mother of two pre-schoolers, an outlet for her creative energies.

Penn State grad

Ironically, the move also rechanneled Mrs. Stein's teaching ambitions back toward the elementary grade school level, which was her original major at Penn State University before she switched to English.

"This is a wonderful experience for me," she related. "I have training in reading specialization and I find this very useful here working with the children."

"I feel a library reading program is very important to youngsters," she continued, "especially since some may have reading difficulties of which they're unaware, difficulties which can hinder the learning process."

"If they realize early in life that books are fun and are available in libraries, it will eliminate many of their reading problems," the educator said. "Exposure to books means a lot in the education process."

Offering proof of her conviction, Mrs. Stein described a reading incentive program she has planned for township youngsters during the Christmas school holidays.

"It's going to be a contest based on the number of books read between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15, or thereabouts," she explained. "We'll have a small prize for the winner and a party for the participants."

The sole criteria for participation is membership in the library, she added, explaining that some Piscataway parents tried to register their pre-schoolers for the story hours and withdrew after being informed they would first have to take out membership cards.

On a more personal plane, the past few months have served as an awakening for Mrs. Stein who now finds herself deeply interested in library work.

Complicated, challenging

"I always thought a librarian's work was rather dull, just stamping books at the desk. But now that I'm working in the system, I find it rather complicated and challenging."

"It combines all the things I like best, she continued, "and I'm seriously considering starting work on a master's degree in library science after my youngest child starts school."

Turning her thoughts back to the library story hour program, Mrs. Stein beamed as she described the five weekly sessions, two held Tuesdays and two held Thursdays at the main branch off Plainfield Avenue and one on Fridays at the Clara Barton branch.

Enrollment is limited to 15 children per session, since it's difficult to handle more than that number of children in the 3½- to 5-year age bracket for whom the program is geared. Children from all sections of Edison are eligible on a first-come basis.

"So far, we've had to turn away only a few children once the quota had been reached," Mrs. Stein said, "but they are automatically enrolled for the next five-week session."

Five-week blocks

To insure that no child is denied the opportunity to attend the story hours, Mrs. Stein is conducting the year-long program in blocks of five weeks. Children must register for each new five-week period.

"Eventually, if there's a demand for these story hours, I hope to see the program expanded when the library planned for North Edison is completed," Mrs. Stein commented. "And I hope to be kept on as story hour director."

As for the initial feedback for the two-month-old program, again her face was wreathed in smiles.

"So far, it's excellent," she related. "Everyone seems very pleased and I'm told



Attentive audience

Pre-schoolers attending children's story sessions at Edison Public Library listen attentively as Mrs. Barbara Stein tells story of "Bread and Jam For Frances."

the children just love it. For the most part these children don't go to nursery school, so it's particularly beneficial to them."

A typical half-hour session will feature three different stories, one which teaches a lesson, one a traditional fairy tale or children's favorite and one reflecting the season, weather or holiday.

The pre-schoolers spend a few minutes between stories in group drill exercises in game fashion to prevent fidgeting and

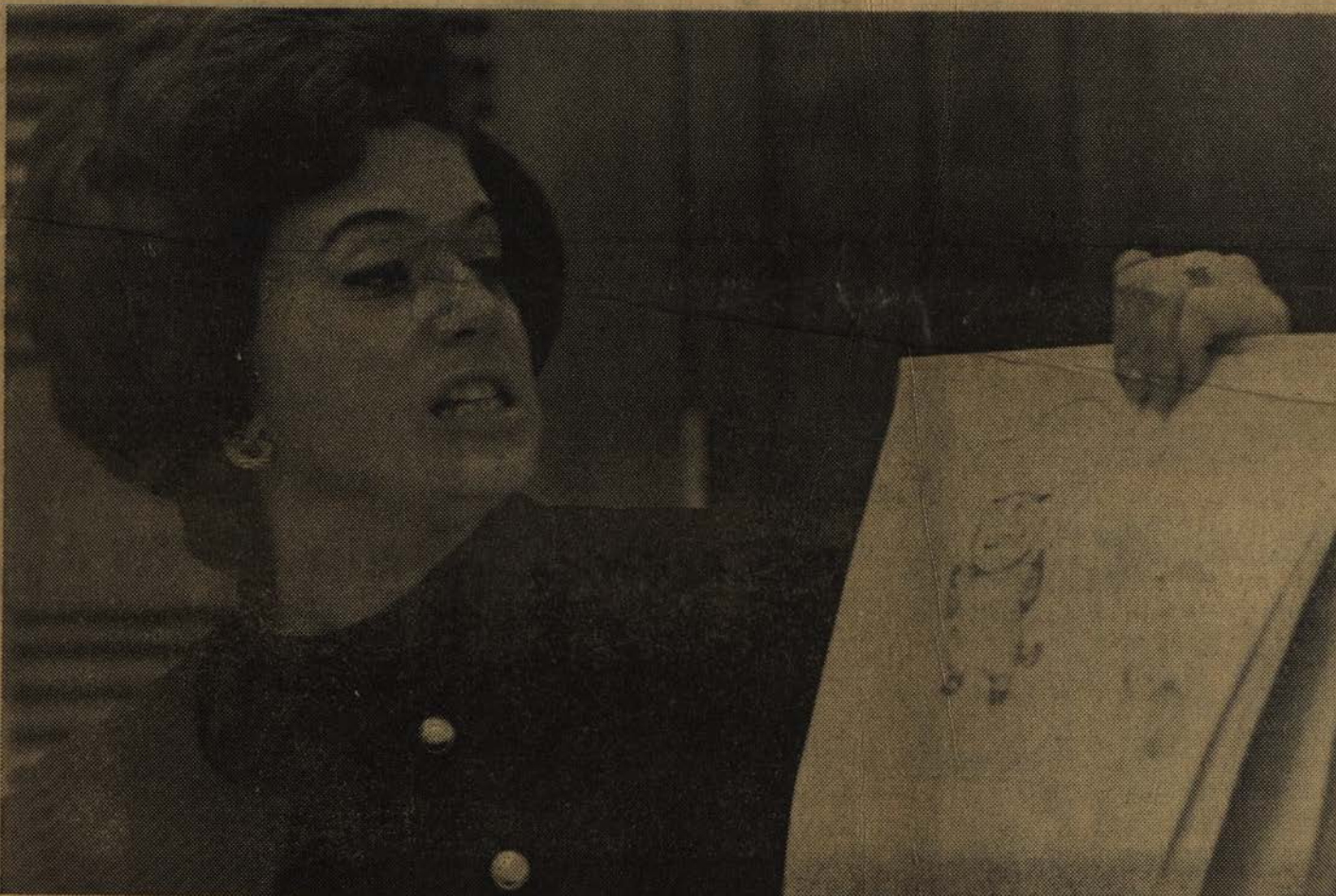
promote health routines, and they often re-enact the story they've just heard as a lesson in group interaction.

Each session starts on a musical note, with children's records setting a happy pace and mood as the youngsters enter the reading room.

How does the native New Yorker feel about

the township's relatively young library system?

"Considering it has evolved in six short years from a one-room operation in Township Hall to this new library and its branches, it's quite good," Mrs. Stein replied. "And it promises to offer a great deal more in the years to come."



Graphic description

Mrs. Barbara Stein shows illustrations of the story she's reading to pre-schoolers during the children's story-hour.



Exercise time

"Stretch as far as you can reach" is the order in the brief exercise session included in story-hour to help maintain a fast pace and lessen fidgeting for pre-schoolers.

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WOODBRIDGE, N. J., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1970 **

Contracts Awarded for New North Edison Library

EDISON — Construction contracts totaling \$203,845 for North Edison's forthcoming branch library were awarded last night at a Township Council meeting.

Business Administrator John Delesandro said after the meeting that the contract awards puts the township in a position to begin construction by March 1, with an opening planned for September before the onset of the school year.

General construction contract for the branch, to be located at the intersection of Grove Avenue and Library Place, went to M. Hirsch & Son, Inc., of Garwood, the lowest of 11 bidders, with a bid of \$132,203.

The contract includes alternates for topsoil, seed, parking area construction, carpeting, and a kitchenette.

The electrical contract went to Edison Electric Co. of Fords, for \$25,225, lowest of four bids. An alternate bid includes exterior lighting.

Other successful bidders were: Central Salse & Service Inc., of Metuchen, heating, ventilating and air conditioning, \$24,635, lowest of eight bids; same company, plumbing, \$10,950, lowest of four bids; Park Steel and Iron Co., Bradley Beach, steel work, \$10,832, lowest of five bids.

Delesandro said the library costs will also entail architectural, and legal fees as well as library furniture. The council adopted a \$250,000 bond ordinance last year to cover construction.

In other business, the council adopted two resolutions authorizing township Attorney Roland Winter to proceed with condemnation of various parcels needed for small parks to be constructed off Vineyard Road and Winter Street.

A \$142,500 bond ordinance for the land—about nine acres on Vineyard Road and 2.2 acres on Winter Street—was adopted last May.

Mike Germak of 51 Fairmount Ave., called on the council to advertise its municipal garbage budget for 1971 in the same manner that it advertises the municipal operating and the water utility budgets.

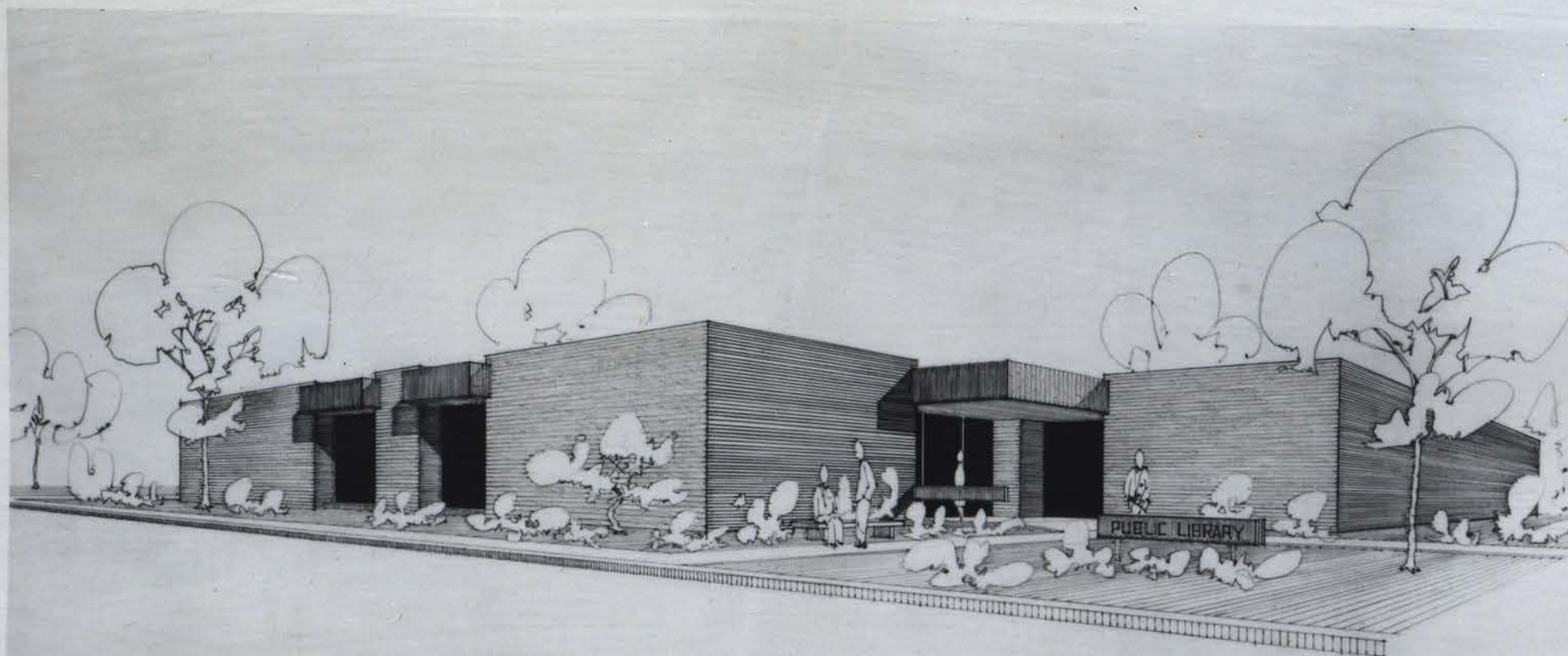
Germak and Council President James McDonnell became involved in an exchange about Germak's remarks

in December about the council authorization of a Board of School Estimate resolution for \$605,000 to amend the school district budget.

Germak reiterated that the school system has a \$250,000 remaining surplus unaccounted for, and McDonnell defended a surplus as a common practice in private and public budgeting.

Robert Payne of 4 Suydam Ave., contended that McDonnell was "ruffling his feathers" over a citizen's questions to his governing body, but McDonnell denied the characterization.

Payne's remarks were directed at McDonnell's claim that Germak had accused the council of an illegality.



**NORTH EDISON BRANCH
EDISON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Charles Fitch AIA Architect
William Connolly Associate Architect

Librarian closes 29-year career

by Marjorie Feinson

Although she stopped working on February 9 after 29 years in the Edison Public Library, Mrs. Isabel Crooker insists that it feels "more like being on vacation" particularly because she still receives paychecks for leave time accrued.

Reminiscing about her years among the stacks, the former head librarian said that when she began in 1942 she earned \$80 a month for 40 hours a week. Void of prior library experience, Mrs. Crooker had worked as a secretary on Wall street. During those early years, the library was located in what is now the engineering section of the municipal building.

In 1955 Mrs. Crooker was promoted from an assistant to the head librarian and in 1958 the library was moved to a store. When the new building was completed on Plainfield avenue in 1965, she and the books moved again.

As head of the library, her responsibilities were to keep the services going, order books and supervise the 23 employees. "My two assistants, who are still there, were with me for 16 years," she said.

When asked to comment about the whole area of censorship, the librarian said "I just used my judgment in ordering books. Everyone has the right to read what he wants. When people have said, 'that's a disgusting book,' I felt like answering, 'then why did you read it.'"

Mrs. Crooker noted that most of the time all requests were filled. If necessary, she would borrow a particular book from Woodbridge, which is an area library. "After looking over the book when it came from Woodbridge," she said, "most times we bought it ourselves -- outside of all those sex books we purchased 'The Sensuous Woman' because of the number of requests, but other books that were really sexy, I thought we could do without."

Discussing the library's resources, Mrs. Crooker said she and her assistants would prepare a budget for the library board, who would review it and forward it to the mayor and council. "Not too many changes were made," she said. "We knew pretty much what was needed and how much it would cost."



RECOGNITION RECEIVED—The Friends of the Edison Library honored Mrs. Isabel Crooker last night for her years of service in the township's library.

The library board had a book committee but, according to Mrs. Crooker, it didn't function because the members trusted her judgment in buying "the proper kinds of books. Occasionally I'd get a call from one of the trustees asking about a book, but they never got involved in selections," she noted.

Sometime in 1963 or 1964,

Mrs. Crooker recalled, she and Mrs. Bea Kasner started the Friends of the Library in anticipation of the new building. The friends gave the two charge desks, the signs and different equipment not included in the furniture budget. They also provided some shelving for the children's room which opened in 1968. Up until then, the children's room was

where the magazine section is now located on the upper level.

Miss Isabel Pope took over as full-time children's librarian in February. Before that, Mrs. Crooker did all of the ordering for the children.

A suggestion that Mrs. Crooker started promoting back in the early 1960s was a bookmobile. She believes that a township as large as Edison should have this service in order to adequately serve its residents. "However, the powers that be wanted to wait to put up branches," she said. "As a matter of fact, the main library was built with a bookmobile garage in it. Even with a new branch library scheduled to open in the fall in North Edison, there are still several areas where bookmobiles are needed."

Comparing Edison to its neighbors, Mrs. Crooker acknowledged that up until now both Highland Park and Metuchen spend more per capita than Edison. "Of course this year's budget is one of the highest ever, taking into consideration the new branch with its books,

staff and equipment," she said.

"Our service is still far from adequate," she admitted ruefully, "and there are a lot of things that are desired. However, I feel we've come a long way in the past 15 years. It's one thing to create a demand for library services, and another thing to find the money for it. Everything takes time and money, but by the same token, officials always try to keep the budget down."

The memories Mrs. Crooker will take with her when she and her husband leave Edison later this year to settle in Florida will focus on the satisfaction she has experienced the past three decades. "I've seen the library expand and come to something," she concluded. "I've enjoyed meeting the residents and seeing them grow up and then come in with their children. And I've had a wonderful staff, which is essential. Many people think that there are no dedicated people around. Well, there's still dedication among the staff at the library. It's like a big family, each helping the other, and that made all the difference."

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editorials

Cut off from people

It really seems incredible that in this day and age of sending men millions of miles to the moon, there is no way for the residents of Edison to get from one part of town to the other unless they have their own private transportation.

Edison encompasses an area in excess of 32 square miles. It is bounded by Scotch Plains, Clark, Woodbridge, Highland Park, Piscataway and South Plainfield. In its midst is Metuchen. Most of these towns get more business from Edison residents than Edison itself.

The library has a very low circulation rate, probably because it is accessible to

most residents only by car or by foot. Even the new branch in North Edison is not tied in to any bus route. The town hall, John F. Kennedy hospital and numerous other shopping areas and public facilities are also remote. Those who wish to participate in the adult education and recreation programs, either for sheer pleasure or for degree credits are prevented from doing so unless they can get there on their own.

The senior citizens who don't drive and can't walk are virtually cut off from people because they are unable to get to various planned activities.

Supposedly one of the reasons why residents from North Edison's urban renewal area are no longer considered eligible for the Work Incentive Program that is so vital in preparing them for jobs is because they have no transportation either to the training center or to job locations.

The list of hardships and inconveniences resulting from a lack of transportation in the township could go on and on.

We suggest that the mayor and the township council turn its immediate attention to this most pressing problem.

Transportation experts may be brought in to determine the exact extent of Edison's needs. Grants and subsidies should be applied for and, if necessary, the town should give serious consideration to derwriting the cost of some mini-bus service to provide its residents with this very basic need.



Checking progress

Architect Charles Fitch (second from right) explains progress in construction of new Edison branch library on Library Place in North Edison from behind first five rows of cinder block wall. With him are Mrs. Edward Kasner, president of library trustees, James Hazel, director, and trustee Earl Rupert (right).

The News Tribune, Woodbridge, N. J. — Tuesday, April 13, 1971

Library evaluated by Edison LWV

EDISON — The League of Women Voters has issued a report urging the expansion of Edison's library facilities to keep pace with the township's rapidly expanding population.

In a prepared statement, the league's critical evaluation said Edison's library services are not adequate and need strengthening in all areas.

The chapter supported physical expansion of existing branches, creation of new branches and eventual expansion of the main facility.

A strong minority pressed for increasing existing reference facilities rather than building more branches, while another faction supported a bookmobile service.

State laws cited

The league chapter feels the Edison library should strive to achieve criteria established by state library laws to qualify for state aid next year.

These statutes prescribe employee criteria, total service hours, the number of volumes owned and those published

periodically, and periodical subscriptions.

As long range goals, the league feels the library should strive to achieve American Library Association interim standards for small libraries.

Books and periodicals should have priority over audio-visual aids and the library should be available for use in exhibits and community programs, the group says.

The league also advocates that Saturday morning be included in library hours, with a minority of members urging establishment of library hours on Sundays.

Touching on monetary aspects of operating the library, the league recommended inclusion of funds for improving staff salaries and benefits as well as library services.

The league said professional salaries should be raised and consideration should be given to categorizing personnel with teacher salaries and benefits.

Eventually, the league would like to see a professional librarian in each branch when such a practice becomes financially feasible. Until then, the league recommends professional service be given to all branches on a part-time basis.

Other recommendations

To meet increased costs and expand

services, the league recommends:

—Written objectives with short- and long-term plans subject to periodic review. Greater use of the township's computer in connection with these plans.

—Review of existing staff policies with a view toward compiling a formal list of employee policies and duties.

—A planned and funded public relations program, including a speakers bureau to inform the community about library services and needs. There should be greater communication between the school and library systems.

—Library board meetings should be public and publicized in area newspapers.

The News Tribune

WOODBIDGE, N. J., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1971 ★★

LWV Urges Library Expansion in Edison

Home News 4/28/71

EDISON — The Edison League of Women Voters, after extensive study and discussion, held unit meetings this month on local library facilities.

As a whole, the league felt the physical facilities of the library have not kept pace with the township's rapidly expanding population.

Most members supported the expansion of the present branches and an additional branch or two, including a future branch in the Urban Renewal area where rapid growth is expected. When the branches are completed, league members agreed that the main facility should be enlarged. There was a strong minority for increasing the reference fa-

cilities rather than building additional branches and in support of bookmobile service.

The league also concurred that library services are not adequate and need to be strengthened in all areas. In general, the league felt the library should meet the criteria for employees, volumes owned, periodical subscriptions, number of volumes purchased annually, and total hours open for service established by the N.J. Library Laws to receive state aid in 1972.

In considering future goals, the group felt the library should strive to achieve the American Library Association's interim standards for small public libraries. Books and pe-

riodicals should have priority over audio-visual aids. The library should be available for exhibits and community programs. League members agreed that Saturday mornings should be included in the library hours, and a minority felt the library should be open several hours on Sunday. Branches should experiment with various hours to determine the most effective schedule.

An important fact determined was that the library is not adequately funded. Township expenditures should meet the standards established in the N.J. Library Laws and thus be eligible for state aid in 1972. The general feeling among

league members was that the budget should include funds for improving staff salaries and benefits and library services. Professional salaries should be raised and consideration should be given to categorizing professional personnel with teacher salaries and benefits. The league reported that eventually it would like to see a professional in each branch, but until it becomes financially feasible a professional service to all branches was recommended on a part-time basis.

Five recommendations have been made by the league to meet increased costs and expanded services. They are:

1. Written objectives with short and long term plans sub-

ject to periodic review. More use of the township computer in connection with written plans.

2. A review of staff policies with the idea of formalizing in writing employee policies and duties.

3. A planned and funded public relations program including a speakers' bureau to inform the community about library services and needs. There should be greater communication between the school and library.

4. Staff in-service training whenever possible.

5. Library board meetings should be public and publicized in local newspapers.



Just wait

Unfinished building surrounded by debris of construction is expected to be finished and operating branch library for North Edison by fall.

Library opening due in fall

EDISON — North Edison residents will be perusing the shelves of their own branch of the township's public library by early fall, according to the latest report from the project's architect.

Charles Fitch, who maintains his firm's offices in Metuchen, said yesterday the glass and brick-veneer building is more than half completed and should be finished in mid-September.

The walls and roof of the 5,400-square-foot structure are closed in and work is continuing right on schedule, Fitch said. Furniture and bookshelves are expected to be delivered in September, and "we've been assured delivery will be on time," he added.

Construction work began shortly after ground was broken in March.

The \$236,000 library facility, the second branch of the main library on Plainfield Avenue, is a one-story structure situated on a large wooded lot on Library Place and Grove

Avenue, not far from John P. Stevens High School.

There is one branch in the Clara Barton area of Edison.

Contemporary in design, the building features floor-to-ceiling glass windows and 10-foot-

high ceilings.

Primarily a one-room structure, the library facility will offer adult and children's areas, carrels for study near the reference area, a closed meeting room and work areas for the full-time staff and the circulation desk.

A ceiling covered with acoustical tiles and a carpeted floor will absorb sound while adding decorative touches to the library.

The facility will eventually

hold 20,000 volumes.

James Hazell, director of the township's library system, said his staff has processed 3,000 books to date for the new branch and estimates 5,000 will be on the shelves by next year. He expects the library to house 10,000 new books by the close of its first year of operation.

A full-time librarian and two full-time assistants, along with part-time help, will staff the new facility, Hazell said.

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Library Delayed ...But Everyone Still Optimistic

EDISON — North Edison's branch library, expected to open with the onset of the school year, has run into delays.

According to various estimates, the new 16,000-volume capacity branch will go into operation this month.

Charles Fitch, the Metuchen architect who designed it and is overseeing construction, said an Oct. 15 opening is possible if the book transfer to the building can be co-ordinated with finishing touches to the interior.

The exterior, he said, is complete, and the carpeting work will begin on Monday now that the painting is virtually finished.

Other work remaining includes moving furniture and shelves inside and paving of the parking lot he said. The sidewalks and curbs have been completed. Final grading and seeding remain to be completed.

"There's no particular reason for the delay," he said. "Nobody aspired to be a month late. We were just too optimistic."

Fitch pointed out in consolation that the furniture and shelves arrived a week ago and are in storage at Friedman's Warehouse in Metuchen. "Usually you'll get a furniture tie-up and have the building completed without the furniture to go in it," he noted.

John Delesandro, township business administrator, also mentioned the possibility of an Oct. 15 opening. "We're going to open it as soon as possible for the needs of the people there," he said.

James Hazel township library director, said the books, which are in storage at the main library on Plainfield Avenue, can be moved in as soon as the carpeting work is completed.

Hazel estimated the moving of volumes would take two weeks and said he would ask the township work force for assistance.

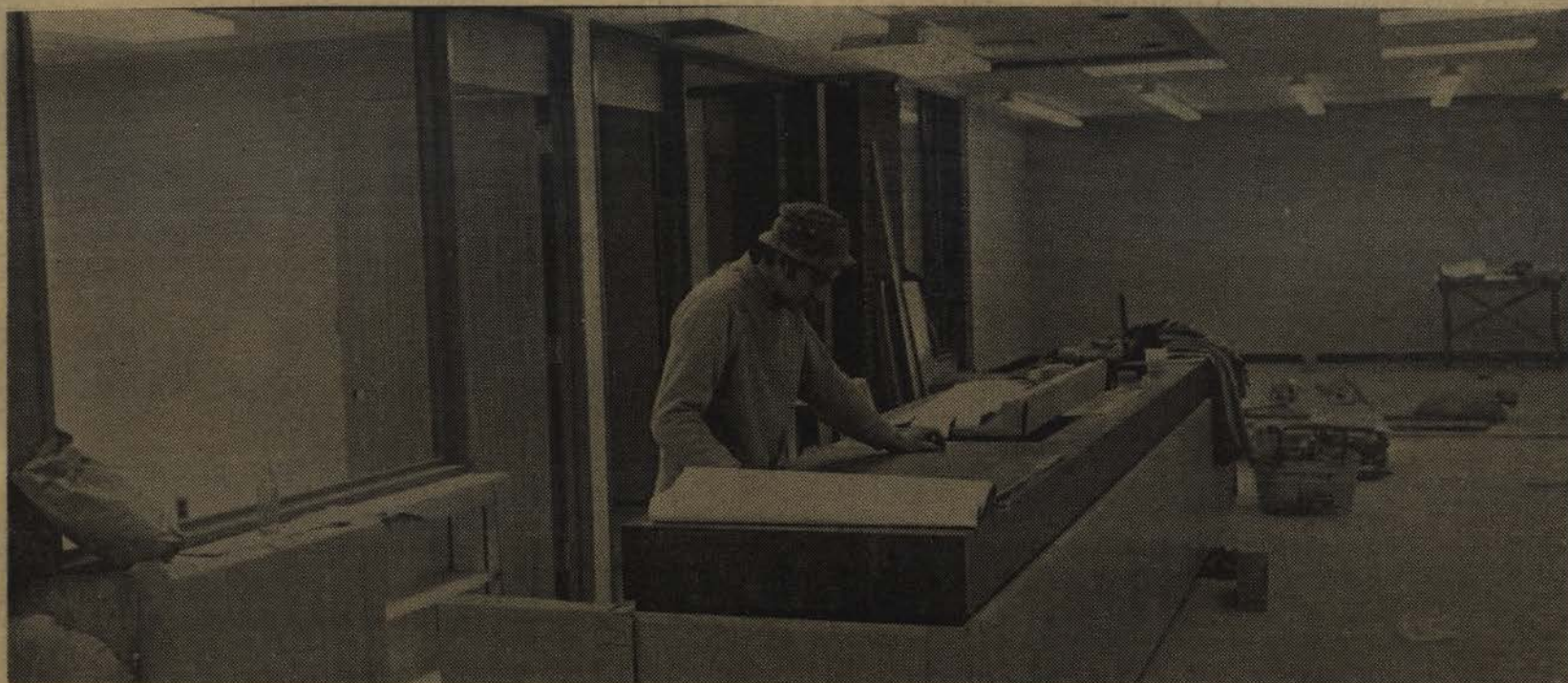
The library board will meet next week, Hazel said, at which time a date for opening the library branch — the municipality's third free-standing library building — may be set.

M. Hirsch & Son, Inc., of Garwood, is general contractor for the work. Contracts totaling \$203,000 for construction were awarded in January.

The one-story building of brick and glass is located on a 5,200 square-foot tract at the intersection of Library Place and Grove Avenue, near Oak Tree Road. Library Place was named for the then future building in 1969 when Grove Avenue was realigned. It was formerly a portion of Grove Avenue.

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David Coffaro of New Brunswick, a tile setter, scans plans at North Edison library branch which is under construction.

Home News Photo

New Library Another Drawing Card?

By WARREN SLOAT
Home News Staff Writer

EDISON — This township has suddenly begun to develop a library system consisting of approximately 65,000 volumes and James F. Hazel, library director.

Two years ago the first free-standing branch was opened in a converted synagogue in the Clara Barton section. On Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. another branch in North Edison will be dedicated and sometime thereafter will go into operation.

Hazel, once in the insurance and mutual fund business, arrived in town in February to succeed the retiring Mrs. Isabelle Crooker in the director post.

Circulation at the main library on Plainfield Avenue has gone up 25 per cent over the figures of a year ago, an indication that by one means or other, Hazel is getting people into the building.

He is taken with children's reading programs, dramatics for children, attractive display, signs (the library is brimming with calligraphy and sketches by Janet Tariska, an employee), and is interested in building up the "young adult" collection.

Hazel also followed up, according to a critic. Mrs. Sybil Spiller contended at a Township Council session early this year that the library stressed "sex novels" and "best sellers" rather than more serious fare.

Mrs. Spiller singled out the lack of any book on neurologically-impaired children.

Some dismissed it as "politics," since the Spillers are Republicans. Hazel, however, called an expert on the subject in the Middlesex County school system, who advised him not to add a book like that because of its limited interest, but suggested adding a general book on the handicapped.

The next time Dr. Thomas Paterniti, the Democratic municipal chairman, saw



JAMES F. HAZEL

Edison Likes Best Sellers

her, Mrs. Spiller said, he maintained that she did not even have a library card — which shows the gravity with which these matters are taken in Edison.

Mrs. Spiller said she replied that she has a card for the main library, not for the branch.

"But Mr. Hazel made a check," she noted, "and I think my criticism did some good. He is trying, and that's all you can ask of him."

Hazel said, however, that the best-seller still holds a high standing in the affection of Edison readers. "People pretty

much request what's on the New York Times best-seller list," he said. "As far as priorities go, the most immediate demand is for them, then we build from there."

Open to Suggestions

The other way of adding to the stacks is a suggestion box — an innovation Hazel has begun. One addition that has come out of it is the ordering of the last 40 years of microfilmed New York Times issues for students.

Some suggestions, though, are turned down, such as a recent request that the library subscribe to Chess magazine.

"Whenever we have a request for a book," he said, "we judge whether we have had a use for it in the library." If the decision is no, the book is borrowed from another library — first Woodbridge, designated as the area library, then through Newark, a regional library.

Another example of Hazel's professionalism is the fiction additions. Since people rarely request fiction — usually reading what is available — Hazel checked off a 100-best-novels list and added whatever the library did not have.

"We are trying to serve the whole community," he said, "students, readers of best sellers, and people who want technical or informational non-fiction."

To choose the initial 6,500 books for the North Edison library — the main library has 50,000 volumes and the Clara Barton branch has 9,000 — Hazel had the help of Miss Aurora Walsh, former librarian at the Horrman Library at Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y., who will be in charge of the new facility.

Miss Walsh used several standard catalogues, the New York Times Book Review section and the Kirkus service for selecting the works that will be available to North Edison residents for 48 hours a week at the township's latest library facility.

The Edison Recorder

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1971

Library to open doors

The dedication of Edison's newest library facility, the North Edison branch, will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday at the building on Library place and Grove avenue.

The main speaker, who will be introduced by toastmaster Joseph M. Ruggieri, former school superintendent, will be Ernest Goldstein, director of library services for the American Book Company. His topic will be "Looking Ahead to Excellent Libraries in Edison Township."

James F. Hazel, library director, will introduce the guests including Edwin P. Beckerman, area library director of the Free Public Library of Woodbridge, and Ralph Gers, state library consultant.

Included in the program will be the presentation of a flag that has flown over the United States Capitol. The flag was sent to the township by Congressman Edward J. Patton.

Mrs. Edward Kasner, president of the Library Board of Trustees will welcome the guests, and Mayor Bernard J. Dwyer and council president James J. McDonnell will extend greeting. A prayer of dedication will be offered by Rabbi David Leiter of Temple Beth-el.

An honor guard will include boy scouts, girl scouts, representatives of American Legion posts 324, 435 and VFW Post 3117. Music will be provided by the John P. Stevens band under the direction of Fred Whitman.

Reverend Adam T. Kearns, pastor of St. Helena's Church will give the invocation. Reverend Peter J. Wuebbens of Our Savior Lutheran Church will lead the benediction.

Libraries lend lease

The Edison Library Board of Trustees has approved a borrowing program with the Woodbridge Township Free Public Library which will entitle any Edison library card holder to go into and borrow freely from any Woodbridge library. The agreement is expected to receive approval from the Woodbridge board tomorrow night and to become effective around November 1.

Following the ceremony, the public will be invited to attend a reception sponsored by the Friends of the Library. According to Mrs. Dorothy K. Drwal, chairman of the day's events, the library will be open for inspection and members of the staff will show visitors around and answer questions.

The library will officially open for business at 9 a.m. next Monday. It will be open 48 hours a week including some evenings.

In conjunction with the opening of this branch, the library has established a "forgiveness of fines week." During the ten day period which began October 16 and will extend until October 26, no fines will be collected regardless of how long books have been overdue. The book drop will be open 24 hours a day or books can be brought into any one of the libraries.



LIBRARY BRANCH —James Hazel, head librarian of the Edison Township free public library, and Mary Walsh, librarian of the new North Edison Branch, look over blueprints of the new facility at Grove avenue and Library place. Dedication will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. It will be open to the public on Monday.

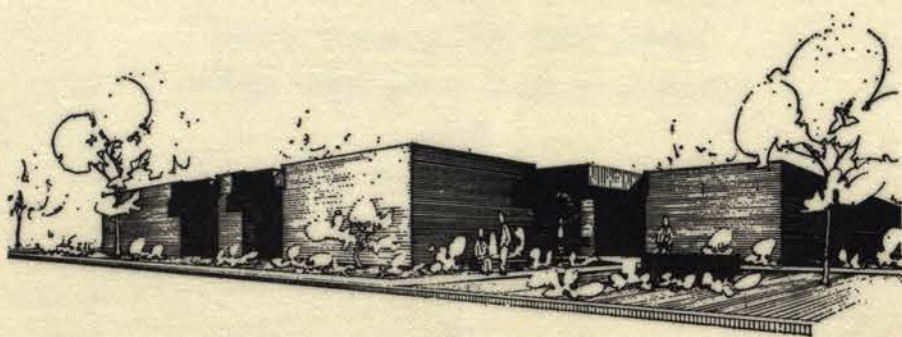
New library opens in N. Edison

EDISON — The township Free Public Library has opened its new North Edison branch on Library Place and Grove Avenue.

The branch is opening with an initial collection of 7,000 books and is under the supervision of Miss Aurora Walsh.

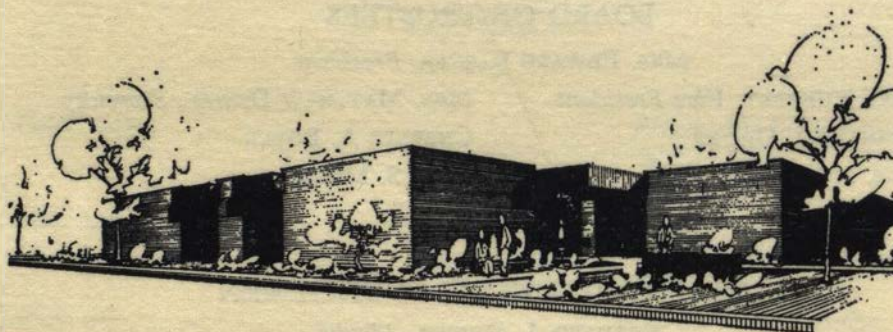
The hours for the new branch are: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, noon to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Township residents who do not already possess a library card are urged to obtain one from their closest branch.



NORTH EDISON BRANCH
EDISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

*The Board of Trustees
of the
Edison Township Free Public Library
cordially invites you to attend the dedication
of the
North Edison Branch of the Edison Library
Located at
Grove Avenue and Library Place
on
Sunday, October 24, 1971
at 1 p.m.*



*"Love of Books, The Golden Key That Opens
The Enchanted Door"*

PROGRAM OF DEDICATION

NORTH EDISON BRANCH
OF
EDISON TOWNSHIP
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sunday, October 24, 1971

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JAMES F. HAZEL



Architect—CHARLES FITCH, A.I.A.

Music By J. P. STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL BAND
Under Direction of FRED T. WHITMAN

Reception By EDISON FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Floral Arrangement By EDISON GARDEN CLUB

Honor Guard, BOY SCOUT TROOP No. 24, GIRL SCOUT TROOP No. 1558

Representatives of V.F.W. 3117, AMERICAN LEGION 324, 435, 479

Program

Toastmaster JOSEPH M. RUGGIERI
Office Director, N. J. Congress Parents and Teachers

Invocation REV. ADAM T. KEARNS
Pastor, St. Helena's R.C. Church

Welcome MRS. EDWARD KASNER
President, Board of Trustees

Greetings MAYOR BERNARD J. DWYER

JAMES McDONNELL
President, Edison Council

Presentation of American Flag

Speaker ERNEST GOLDSTEIN
Director of Library Services, American Book Co.
"Looking Ahead To Excellent Libraries in Edison Township"

Introduction of Guests JAMES F. HAZEL
Library Director

EDWIN P. BECKERMAN
Area Library Director
Free Public Library, Woodbridge

RALPH GERS
State Library Consultant

Presentation of Key CHARLES FITCH
Architect

Benediction REV. PETER J. WUEBBENS
Pastor, Our Savior Lutheran Church

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PROGRAM

Summer film festival slated

A summer film festival for children and young adults has been scheduled by the Edison Township Free Public Library on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. beginning today.

The children's program at the main library, 340 Plainfield avenue, will consist of the following films: today, Perils of Priscilla and Chicken; July 12, Anansi the Spider and Kumak, the Sleepy Hunter; July 26, Sleeping Beauty-Briar Rose: A German Folktale and Emperor's New Clothes; August 9, Red Balloon and Harold and the Purple Crayon; August 23, Golden Fish and Chairy Tale.

A similar program for children has also been arranged for the same days at 2:30 p.m. at the North Edison Branch. Additional details can be obtained from Miss Susan Montegna, the librarian in charge.

Young adults are invited to the main branch on Mondays at 7 p.m. to see the following: a horror evening on July 10 featuring Lon Chaney's version of Phantom of the Opera and Masque of the Red Death; film shorts on July 17 consisting of The Hand, The Daisy and Time Piece; war films on July 24 including Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge, Time Out of War, and Hiroshima-Nagasaki, August 1945; golden silents on July 31 featuring Charlie Chaplin in Tillie's Punctured Romance and One A.M.

In August the following features will be shown: Charlie Chaplin's Goldrush, August 7; silent comedy shorts, August 14 including Coney Island, Flying Deuces, His New Profession and Making a Living; an evening of Buster Keaton on August 21 featuring Buster Keaton Rides Again, Playhouse and Cops.

A similar program will begin today at the North Edison Branch at 7 p.m. with experimental shorts including Silent Snow, Secret Snow, Dream of the Wild Horses, Enter Hamlet and American Time Capsule; Charlie Chaplin's The Goldrush will be shown on July 5; the war films are scheduled for July 12; the horror evening will be July 19; more experimental shorts will be shown July 26 including Study in Paper, Pas de Deux and The Hand; film as art will be featured August 2 including Sailing and Notes on a Triangle, the Charlie Chaplin evening will be held August 9 and Buster Keaton will be on the screen on August 16.

On August 23, student film makers are invited to show their 8 or 16 mm films at the North Edison Branch. They can make the appropriate arrangements by signing up at the branch's main desk.

There will be no admission charge for any of the films which are being borrowed from the Woodbridge library system. Miss Aurora Walsh, library director, also stated that many of the films will be interesting to adults as well and they are invited to attend if there is room.

Library head chosen

Miss Aurora Walsh has been named acting director of the Edison Township library by the Library Board. She succeeds James Hazel who submitted his resignation recently.

Miss Walsh, who has been with the library since July, 1971, was previously in charge of the North Edison branch library. She had been hired by Hazel to take charge of the branch which opened last fall. Miss Susan Montegna has been made the acting branch librarian.

According to Mrs. Bea Kasner, the board will decide future plans at its March 14 executive meeting. She indicated that the board may decide to advertise for a new director and that if Miss Walsh applies, her application will be given serious consideration.

The salary for a new director will be based largely on past experience. Hazel was hired at \$10,000 per year and the board had requested an annual salary this year of \$11,500.

The first indication that there had been a change in directors came at the last council meeting when Miss Walsh was given the authority to sign checks.

Since taking over the new position, Miss Walsh said that most of her time has been spent in catching up on some of the bookkeeping work, ordering new books for the branch and

overseeing personnel matters.

Miss Walsh received her BS from Wagner College on Staten Island and has a master's in library science from Rutgers. Before coming to Edison, she taught on Staten Island. While she was a student, she also worked as a part-time assistant librarian at the Wagner College library.

Some of Miss Walsh's ideas for having the library give better service to the public include an adult book discussion group, a special program for senior citizens, a storefront library with paperbacks and the use of a bookmobile to reach areas not easily accessible to the main or branch libraries. All these programs, Miss Walsh stated, must first be approved by the board.

One of her main concerns at this time is the tremendous amount of space being occupied by cartons of old books which she would like to see sold. The library employees are not allowed to sell any books, so this would have to be done by Friends of the Library. And the Friends are looking for more friends, she said, in order to sponsor the sale. Any interested residents may get more information on the Friends by calling the library or by contacting the president, Sidney Frankel, 985-6428.

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editorial New director; new policies

Aurora Walsh, newly appointed director of the Edison Township Free Public

Library, is to be congratulated on two counts; one, for her appointment and two, for her ability to implement her progressive philosophy of library service.

Foremost among her ideas was the concept that a free public library ought to be exactly that — free. And so she persuaded the Board of Trustees to eliminate the five cents a day rental fee on new books. This makes Edison one of the first libraries in the

area with a free lending policy for all books.

Miss Walsh also instituted the use of paperback books in the libraries and interested the Friends of the Library in running a book sale in order to clear out valuable space in the main library's garage. Books that were not sold were donated to the Rahway prison.

Since taking over as acting director, Miss Walsh has encouraged other members of

her staff to come up with creative ideas. This has resulted in a senior citizens monthly meeting, a reading contest for children and a writers workshop for youngsters to be held this summer.

Although not all of the programs will meet with complete success, we commend Miss Walsh for her innovative ideas on how the library can best serve the people of Edison.

Library head chosen

Aurora Walsh, acting director of the Edison Township Free Public Library for the past four months, was named director by the Library Board of Trustees at its June meeting. She will receive an annual salary of \$12,000.

As the first major change, Miss Walsh eliminated the five cents a day rental charge for new books. Miss Walsh said she does not believe that a free public library should charge for taking out books.

Cathy Cranden has been appointed children's librarian following the resignation of Nancy Klein. Due to a recent illness, Miss Cranden will not conduct the usual summer program for children unless a part time replacement is found shortly.

A third change involves the resignation of Barbara Stein who has been the part time program coordinator since

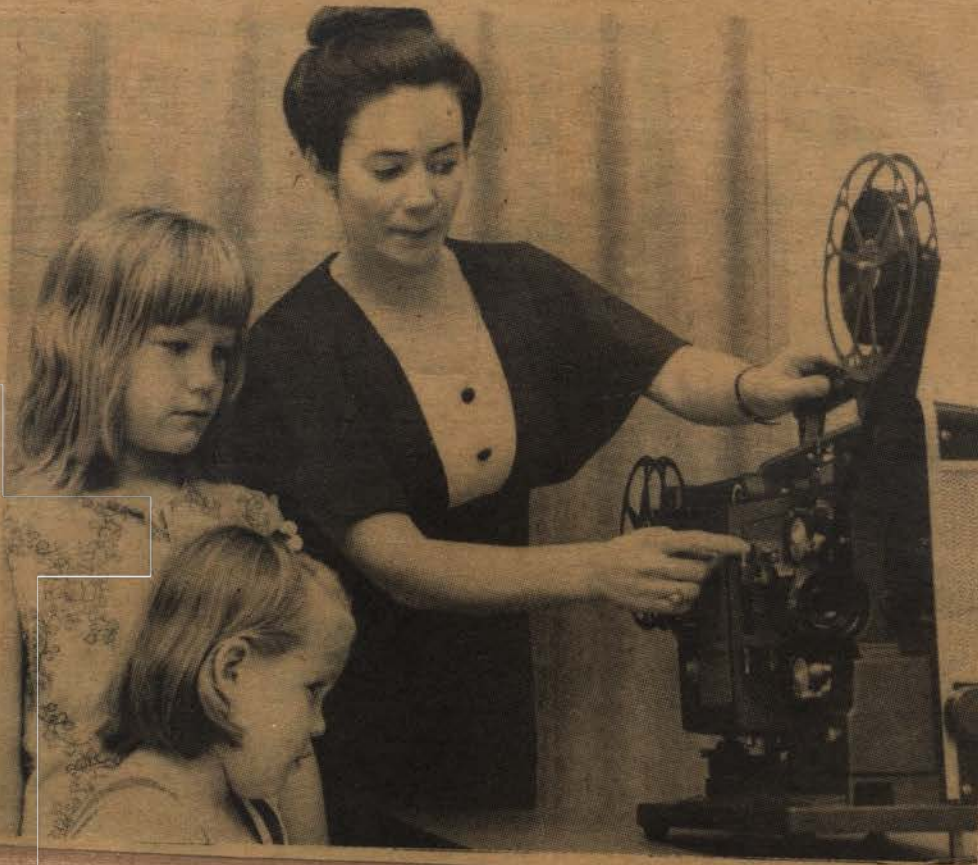
September, 1970. Mrs. Stein, who conducted the pre-school story hours, reading contests, arts and crafts and creative dramatics program and senior citizens coffee hours, moved to Florida.

Miss Walsh took over as acting director in March, 1972 following the resignation of James Hazel. She has been with the library since July, 1971, when she was hired to take charge of the not yet completed North Edison branch. She is a graduate of Wagner College and received a master's in library science from Rutgers. Before coming to Edison, she taught in Staten Island. She also worked as a part-time assistant librarian at Wagner.

Miss Cranden has been with the library since 1966 when she was hired as a student page. Since her graduation from Paterson State College, she has been employed by Sacred Heart School in New Brunswick and has worked part-time for the North Edison branch.

During the past three months, Miss Walsh has assisted the Friends of the Library in holding a three day book sale, set up a film program for the summer and brought in paperback books. Most of her time has been devoted to catching up on bookkeeping work, ordering new books for the branch and handling personnel matters.

DEMONSTRATION--Miss Aurora Walsh, director of the Edison Township Public Library, shows Kathy Mandigo and Tammy Lau how to thread the new projector at the North Edison branch. The 16mm Bell and Howell projector was purchased with a \$400 donation from the Woman's Club of Metuchen and \$95 from the Friends of the Library. A full summer film festival is planned for children and young adults.



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Winners of the coloring contest sponsored by Friends of the Library are: Laurie Hogan, 11, 64 Sturgis road; Joanne Mastrocola, 10, 75 Jefferson boulevard; Amy Modell, five, 73 Dalton place.

Children age five and up are invited to march with the library's float in the Halloween parade on October 29.

Registration must take place at the main library or any of the branches before October 13. Children's librarian, Kathy Boyle will suggest costumes in keeping with the parade's theme of storyland.

In order to receive a prize, all children must march the full length of the parade route.

Parents are reminded to take the following precautions: make certain the child will not trip over his costume, that he can breathe and see properly, and that he does not carry sharp objects.



THE GREAT PUMPKIN—The orange station wagon, "The Pumpkin," owned by the Edison Library will participate in Edison's eighth annual Halloween parade Sunday. It will be decorated with drawings of Peanuts characters done by

Janice Hansen. Here, finishing touches are added by pirate Robert Funk, a library page; five-year-old Allan Zamonis dressed as the library mascot, Bennie the Bookworm; and Ann Rutkiewicz, a library clerk.

Halloween happening will kick off Sunday

By Marjorie Feinson

Edison's eighth annual Halloween parade kicks off at 1:15 p.m. Sunday. There will be 11 high school bands, five drill teams, six twirling units and numerous floats, marching units, professional marching bands and costumed marchers participating in the three hour event. The theme is Storyland and marshalls will be dressed as wenches and pirates.

The line of march will be along Amboy avenue from King Georges road to Jackson avenue and late entries in each category are still expected. According to Andrew G. Lipnick, parade chairman, the event is expected to cost about \$3,500.

The Edison High School band under the direction of Bernard Stark will be host band for the ten participating units including John P. Stevens, Metuchen, South Plainfield, Rahway, Scotch Plains-Fanwood, St. Joseph's South River, Dunellen and Sayreville.

Marching bands include the Bay City Band of Perth Amboy, 78th Division of the U. S. Army, Chancellors Drum and Bugle Corps of Brick Island, The Saints of Edison, Stardusters of Wayne, Morris County Militia Junior Fife and Drum Corps of Chatham, the Continentals Drum and Bugle Corps of West Keansburg, the Broadcasters of Newton and the D.I.G.'s of Old Bridge and Livingston.

Among the marching units will be the Color Guard of Father and Son American Legion Post # 435, Edison's League of Women Voters, Nixon Neighborhood Girl Scouts, Edison Fire Department, Clara Barton American Legion Post #324 Color Guard and Rifle Squad, Cub Scout Pack #25, Junior Girl Scout Troop 1083 of James Madison Intermediate School, Clara Barton Brownie Troop #488, and Clara Barton First Aid Squad. The 78th Division of the U. S. Army and the U. S.

Army Color Guard will also participate.

Drill teams include St. Thomas Aquinas High School Juniorettes of Edison, Plainfield Junior Guard Rifle and Drill Team, Woodbridge Senior High School Baronettes and the Imperial Queens of South Bound Brook.

Twirling units will be represented by Iselinette Baton and Drum Corps, Honey's Honey Bees of Colonia, Crystallettes of Piscataway, St. Pius X High School, Laurennettes and the Hopelawn Youth Organization Color Guard.

Floats will be entered by UNICO of Edison and Highland Park, Edison Senior Citizens Club, Edison Recreation, Hi-Woods Civic Association, Edison Jaycees, New Jersey Residential Manpower Center, Edison Exchange Club and the American Italian Club.

Richard Wernowski, Christel McGill and John Glodeck, all township residents, will enter their own floats.

Pennington Enterprises will enter two 1973 Rolls Royces, Art Nelson of Perth Amboy will parade two antique cars, and one trophy display car, and U. S. Army vehicle equipment will roll in the line of march. Ruth Sultzman, a professional clown, also will join the marchers.

Trophies will be awarded for the best entry in each category. Each child who marches will receive a small bank. The parade is sponsored by the recreation department headed by Stephen J. Capestro.

Grand marshal will be council president James J. McDonnell. Judges are Andy Fogas, James Loycano, John Montanti, Chet Nesley, Mrs. Dorothy Drwal, Ralph Angelillo, Miss Chris Mateer, Father Francis Cruppi and Mrs. Ellen Nales.

The News Tribune, Woodbridge, N.J. — Saturday, May 19, 1973

Decoupage lecture set at library

EDISON — Mrs. Robert Furgason will lecture and demonstrate the art of decoupage at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Clara Barton Branch of the Edison Free Public Library on 76 Pleasant Ave.

Procedures from the treatment of prints to the final waxing stage will be explained. A brief history of decoupage will also be discussed. A question and answer period will follow.

Mrs. Furgason teaches decoupage at the Metuchen Adult Evening School and is a member of the Suburban Artists' Guild of Middlesex County. She was recently nominated to membership in the New England Guild of Decoupage.

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PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 9 thru April 14th

(At Main Library)

SPARKY THE CLOWN

at the Edison Public Library
340 Plainfield Avenue
Edison — 287-2298

Ages 3½ thru 6th Grade

SATURDAY, APRIL 14th
TIME: 12 noon to 1:00

(At North Edison Branch
Library)

Childrens Story Program &
Puppet Show — 1 P.M. & 2 P.M.

SATURDAY — APRIL 14th
at the
North Edison Branch Library
Grove Ave. & Library Place
Edison — 548-3045

FREE TICKETS

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SATURDAY, APRIL 14th
(while they last)

TICKETS AVAILABLE
beginning APRIL 2nd at the
North Edison Branch Library.
AGES 4 — 8 WELCOME

BOKOR THE MAGICIAN
Wed., APRIL 11th at 10 A.M.
North Edison Branch Library
Grove Ave. & Library Pl.
EDISON
AGES 3½ — 5

\$40,000 library van is booked for August

by Marjorie Feinson

A \$40,000 bookmobile is expected to circulate books throughout Edison in August.

According to Miss Aurora Walsh, library director, the van will be delivered in July. Some 2,500 to 3,500 books are being ordered and interviewing for staff will get underway shortly.

"There will be either two or three librarians on the bookmobile," she said. "If we get a male librarian who drives the vehicle, then only two persons will man the van. We don't expect to find a woman with a masters in library science who can also drive a 36-foot bookmobile."

The bookmobile, which is being ordered from Gerstlager Company of Ohio, will be air conditioned, have radiant floor heat and a small airplane-type bathroom. For those who cannot get to the bookmobile, special shut-in service will be provided.

The books being ordered are expected to cost about \$36,000 while salaries for the remainder of 1973 will be about \$10,000. State aid will cover the cost of the books while township revenue sharing funds will pay for the bookmobile.

The bookmobile can comfortably accommodate about 15 adults at one time. It will have a check-in and return desk in the front and a check out desk at the rear.

Although the routes have not been worked out, Miss Walsh said first priority will be given to areas that are inaccessible to one of the three libraries.

While the bookmobile will have its own supply of books, requests for books from the main library or one of the branches will be taken. Miss Walsh also said that she is going to try to devise some system to replace fines for late returns.

"We want to avoid having money on the bookmobile so it will not become a target for hold-ups," she noted.

Residents with handicapped members living in their households are requested to submit their names and addresses to the library staff so special stops by the bookmobile can be planned. The phone number at the main branch is 287-2298.

The 1973 library budget for books is expected to total \$125,000, which will include approximately \$5,000 for audio visual items like tape cassettes, film strips, posters, six tape players and earphones.

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Library unveils a magic show

Marve-Len the Mystic will entertain at a Magic Show in the children's room of the Clara Barton Branch, Edison Public Library, 76 Pleasant avenue, Friday at 10:30 a.m. The program is planned for children up to eight.

Films for pre-schoolers today at 2 p.m. are 'Hercules,' 'Happy Owls' and 'Whistle for Willie.'

Both programs are free.

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Two more mini-cake decorating sessions have been scheduled because of the success of the class held recently at the North Edison library.

On July 16, Norma Pagett will conduct the course at the main library, 340 Plainfield avenue, and on July 30 at the Clara Barton Branch, both from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Participation is limited to 25 persons. Interested persons can sign up now at each location.

Shawn Sullivan has been hired as bookmobile librarian and driver at a salary of \$10,000 annually. Sullivan, who holds a masters from New York University, is in the process of ordering books for the unit which is expected to arrive at the end of this month and go into service during August. The library is still interviewing full-time clerks to work on the van.



SWEET ROSES --Learning to make flowers that taste as good as they look are Kathy Leoniy (l) and Lois Stahl. Norma Pagett (r) teaches the mini-cake decorating classes held at the Edison library and its branches. The final session, limited to 25 persons, will be held July 30 at the Clara Barton Branch from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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TV committee named

Eight persons who will formulate specifications for cable television companies seeking franchises in Edison have been named today by Mayor Bernard J. Dwyer.

Alex Kudron, a businessman residing at 8 Robin road, was named temporary chairman. Others include Marjorie Feinson, 50 Richard road, reporter for The Recorder and a student of urban communications at Rutgers University; Talbot M. Wright of 6 Whitehall avenue, an engineer for RCA; Dr. Jerome Engel of 27 Clive Hills road, a dentist; Debbie Liss of 16 Marshall drive, a member of the League of Women Voters whose husband, William, is a vice president of Inflight Motion Pictures; Councilman Edward Grygo of 11 Frost avenue; Charles Boyle of Woodbridge, superintendent of schools; and Aurora Walsh, 84 Jefferson boulevard, township library director.

Because of cable television's "great potential in fire and crime prevention," Dwyer also named as liaison members Fire Chief Raymond Vliet and Lieutenant Detective Gary

Voorhees.

Dwyer said he expected the committee to talk to people in the cable television business and to investigate the experiences of other towns which have succeeded in obtaining franchises, in order to produce a "stringent set of specifications."

He also expects to have the committee's report before the end of the year.

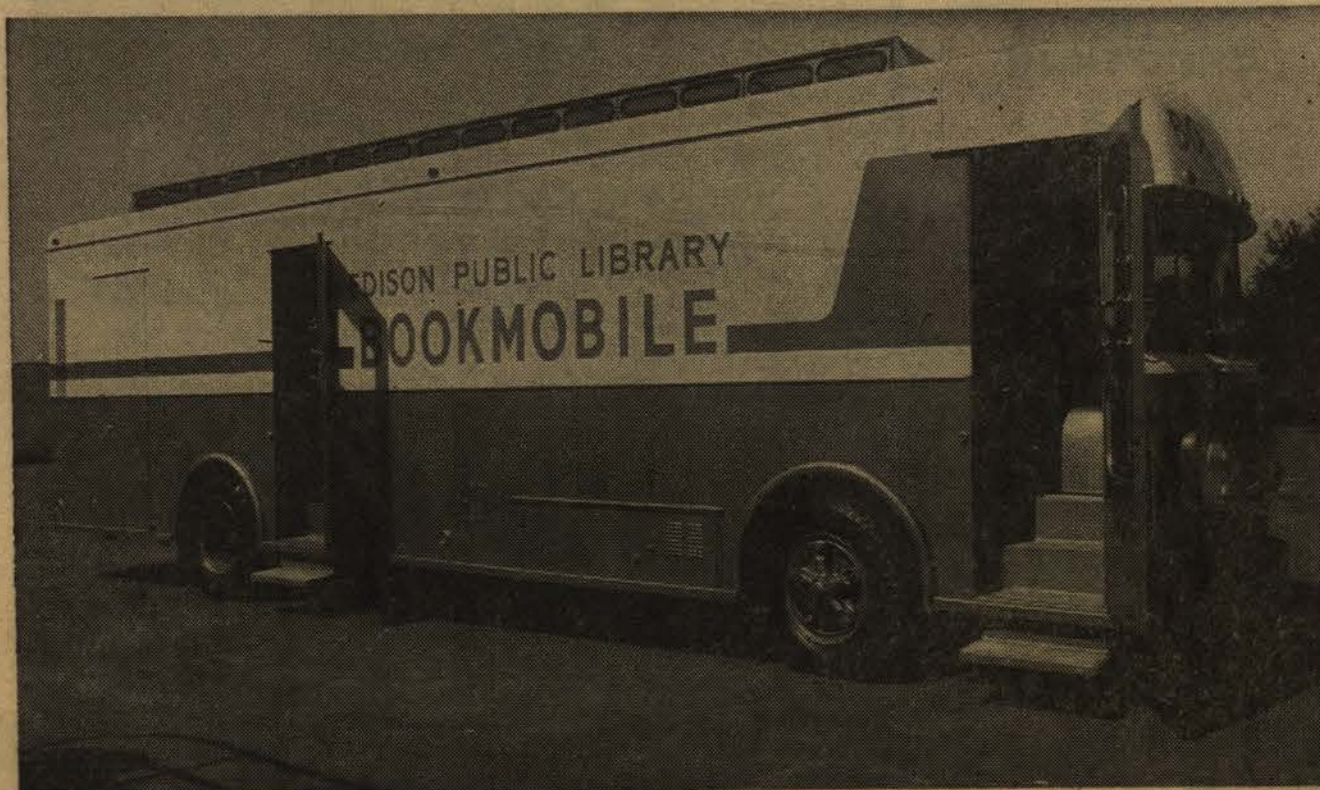
One of the first tasks of the committee will be to study a request from Plainfield Cablevision, Inc. to wire poles located in Edison which will service Plainfield and South Plainfield residents currently being hooked up to cable television. The poles are along Woodland avenue.

According to township attorney Rolan A. Winter, the matter was referred to the committee since there is a question of whether Edison residents in that area will be able to hook into the CATV service.



OFFICIAL TOUR—Mrs. Beatrice Kasner, president of the Edison library board, shows Mayor Bernard J. Dwyer the interior of the township's new bookmobile which swings into action Monday. The \$41,000 book-

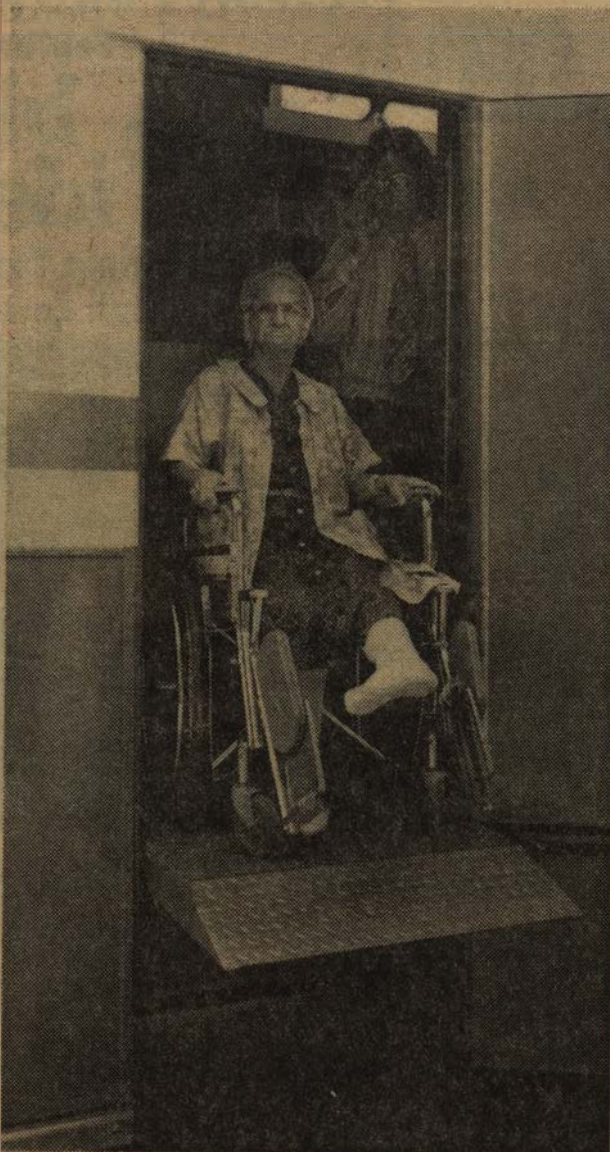
mobile was purchased with revenue sharing funds. The bus will travel throughout the township and make special calls at homes of the handicapped.



EXTERIOR VIEW — Steps lead into bookmobile from side of bus-like structure, while in rear, not shown, a special door opens to permit persons in

wheelchairs to be lifted into the vehicle to make their selections of reading material.

Bibliophiliacs write page of Edison history



NEED A LIFT? — A special elevator makes the Edison bookmobile a boon to persons who would otherwise not be able to use the vehicle's facilities. Blanche Dickerson tried out the lift at the Edison Nursing Home yesterday, assisted by Sean Sullivan, bookmobile librarian.

EDISON — Tipping the scales at 10 tons and stretching 40 feet from end to end, the township's first bookmobile has been getting acquainted with residents during its first week of service.

With a 32 square miles and three libraries, the township's library board of trustees has long recognized the value of a bookmobile. It was not until this year, however, that federal revenue sharing dollars made possible the \$41,000 purchase.

A major bookmobile feature is an elevator which makes it possible for the handicapped to use the vehicle. Aurora Walsh, library director, said the bookmobile will even be taken down residential streets when possible to provide service at a handicapped person's home. One Friday every two weeks has been set aside for this service.

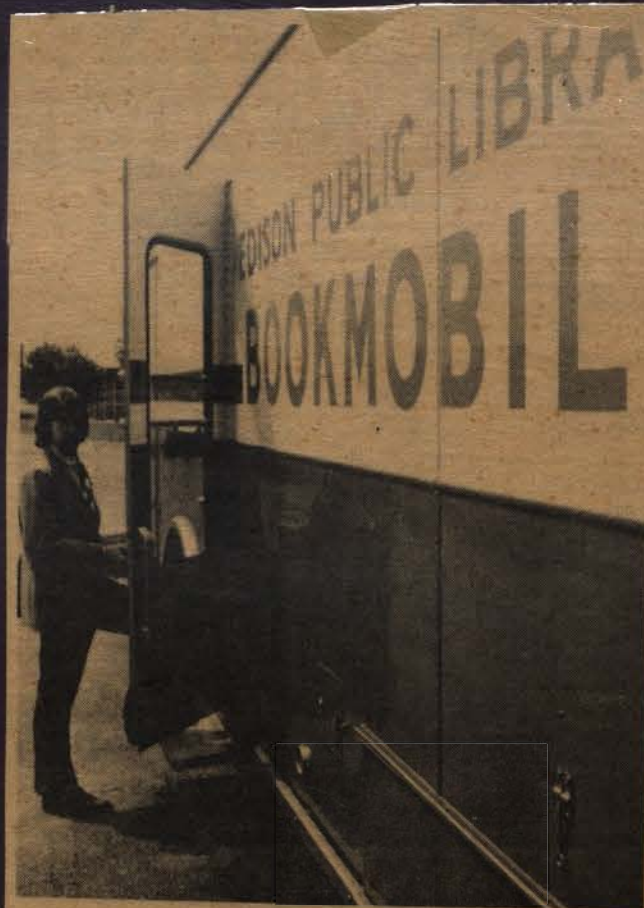
The bookmobile will help serve as a gauge for the library, Miss Walsh said, in determining where future branch libraries should be put.

The new vehicle has a capacity of 3,000 books, divided between adult, young adult and junior, fiction and non-fiction, Miss Walsh said. In addition, large print Reader's Digests and books are available for those with sight difficulties.

The library will make every effort to see that bookmobile patrons get the books they want to read, Miss Walsh said. If a patron does not find the book he wants, the library will see that the book is on the vehicle when it returns two weeks later.

Sean Sullivan, who had to travel to Ohio, where the Gerstenslager bookmobile was manufactured, to learn how to maneuver it, is bookmobile librarian. He is assisted by Christine Spitzmiller.

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LIBRARY ON WHEELS— Edison's long-awaited \$40,000 bookmobile arrived last week from Ohio and is expected to begin circulating next month. The 36-foot van, which will be driven by librarian Shawn Sullivan, seen here, and an assistant, is air-conditioned, has radiant floor heat, a small airplane type bathroom and an elevator lift for those who cannot climb the four stairs. More than 3,000 books at an estimated value of \$36,000 will be carried on the van which also will feature shut-in service. Routes currently are being charted and those wishing to be included should call the library at 287-2298.

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Bookmobile Comes To Edison

The Edison Public Library Bookmobile has arrived.

It began service Monday, August 27. Call 287-2298 or visit one of the three Edison libraries for exact stops.

The unit is a Gerstenslager Co. product, 40' long, 11'5" high, weighing 10 tons. It is equipped with a wheelchair elevator for handicapped persons. Persons confined to wheelchairs should notify the library.

The vehicle was purchased for \$41,000 using Revenue Sharing funds.

Sean Sullivan is the Bookmobile librarian.

The unit will **not** be able to accept return books borrowed from the branches or main library. The Bookmobile is expected to stock 3,000 books.

SCHEDULE

1st Week -

Monday - End of North 8th Ave. (Twin Brooks) 10 - 12. Health Department - Idlewild Road 1:30 - 4.

Tuesday - Edison Nursing Home 10 - 12. JFK Rehabilitation (1974), Birchwood Convalescent Center 2 - 4.

Wednesday - Woerner Court (Keyhole) 9:30 - 11. Latonia St. and Orange St. 11:15 - 12:30. Jefferson Blvd. at Lindeneau Park 2 - 4.

Thursday - Park Way (Piscatawaytown Park) 9:30 - 11. Overbrook and Bonnie Brook Ave. 11:15 - 12:30. Old Post Road and Garden Place 2 - 4.

Friday - Julius Engel Apts. 10 - 11:30. Knights of Columbus (Sr. Citizens Group) 11:45 - 1. Clausen Road and Western Avenue 2:30 - 4.

2nd Week -

Monday - Grandview Ave. and Harmon Road 10 - 12. Wolf Ave. and Fay St. (Fords Area) 1:30 - 4.

Tuesday - Cerebral Palsy Center.

Wednesday - W. Grand Ave. and Beatrice Pkwy (N.E.) 10 - 12. North Edison Gardens 11:45 - 1. Livingston Avenue (N.E.) 2:30 - 3:45.

Thursday - Edison Tower 10 - 11:45. Oak Tree Presb. Church (Sr. Cit. Group) 12 - 1. Stephenville Pkwy and Plainfield Road 2:30 - 4.

Friday - Individual Service to Handicapped.

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Library puts out welcome mat for kids

The Edison public library will offer a variety of programs in February, for children ages five-12 unless otherwise indicated.

On February 1, the film "The Red Balloon" will be shown at the main library at 1 p.m. Valentine crafts will be held at the Clara Barton library on February 7 at 3:30 p.m., at the main library on February 8 at 1 p.m. and at the North Edison Library on February 8 at 2 p.m. Registration begins February 3.

Two films "The Doughnuts" and "Lentil" will be shown at the main library on February 15 at 1 p.m. Registration begins February 3.

To commemorate George Washington's birthday, children are invited to participate in a colonial crafts program to be held at the Clara Barton library on February 21 at 3:30 p.m., at the main library on February 22 at 1 p.m. and at the North Edison library on February 22 at 2 p.m. Registration begins February 10.

On February 24, registration begins for the next storyhour session for children three and a half to five, for the Thursday Club (for children attending kindergarten through grade two) and for the Tuesday

Club (for children attending grades three through six). The Thursday Club will be held at the Main and North Edison libraries, the Tuesday Club at the Main library only. These programs will run for six

weeks.

Every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m., films are shown at the North Edison library.

Beginning February 1, the children's room at the main

library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All three libraries will be closed February 12 and 17.

For further information about children's programs, contact Cathy Comer or Lee Bell at the main library.

Edison library programs slated

EDISON — Special programs for children, adults and young adults will be offered by the Edison Township Public Library during May.

The first meeting of the library's new Book Discussion Group will be held on May 9 at 8 p.m. at the North Edison branch. Linda Zall, a recent college graduate, will lead a discussion of "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Miss Zall specialized in the study of comparative literature. Additional information on the Book Discussion Group may be obtained by telephoning the North Edison branch of the library.

"Brian's Song," the very successful television movie, will be shown at the Main Library on May 8 at 7:30 p.m., and "On The Waterfront," with Marlon Brando, will be screened at the North Edison branch on May 29 also at 7:30 p.m.

Warner Thurlow, Middlesex County Agricultural Agent, will lecture on house plants at the Main Library on May 15 at 8 p.m. Prior registration in person or on the telephone will be necessary.

For pre-school children between the ages of 3½ and 5, the library will present a six-week story hour series beginning the week of May 20. The story hour will include arts and crafts, film strips, games and songs in addition to stories. The program will be offered at the Main Library on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., at the Clara Barton branch on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and at the North Edison branch on Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Registration for the series must be in person at the appropriate branch, and will begin May 13.

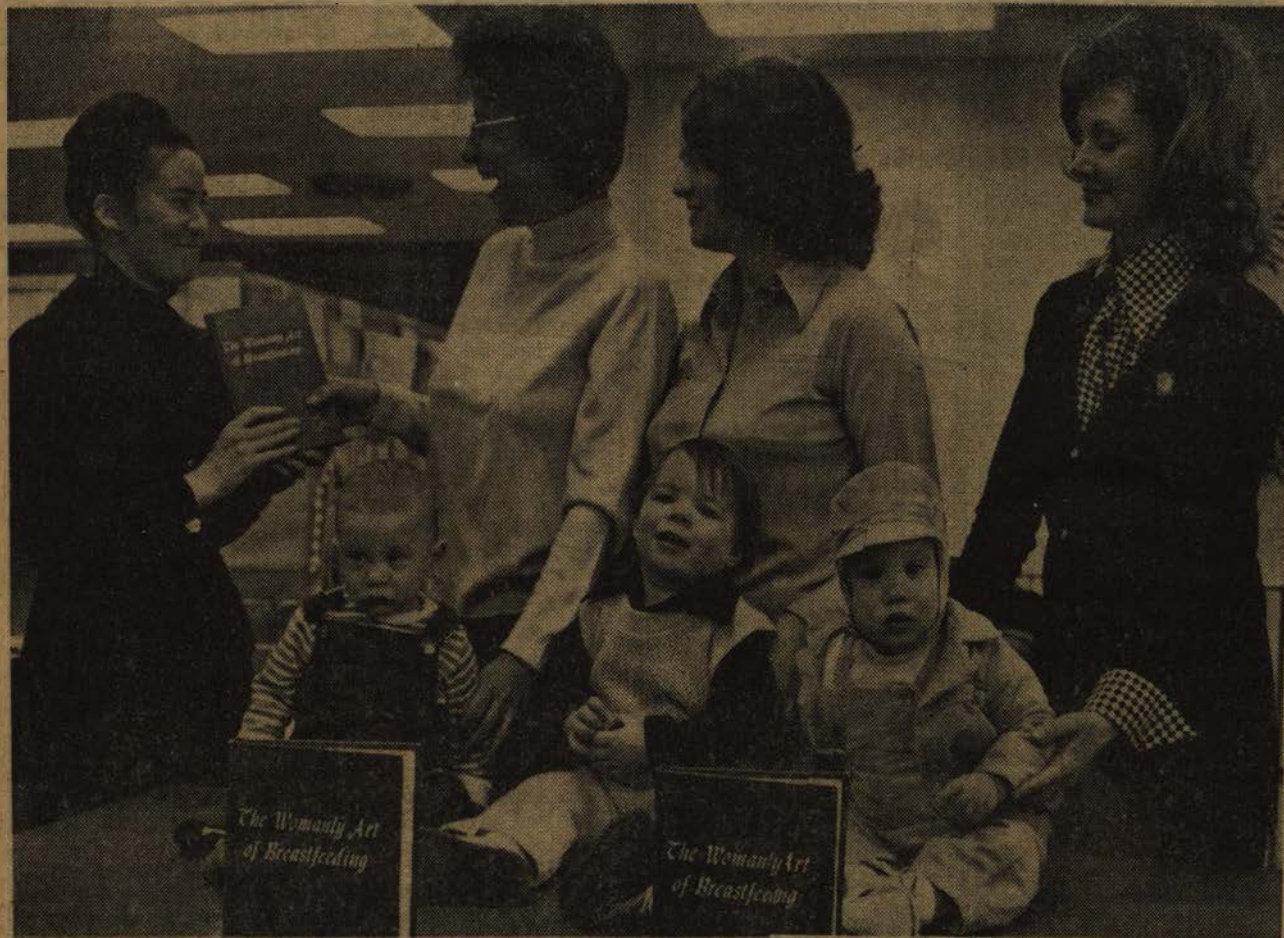
Crafts program set

An arts and crafts program for young adults between the ages of 12 and 17 will be given on May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Main Library. Dolores Powell

will explain and demonstrate nap-coupage, transfer art and ecology boxes. Adults may attend if they are accompanied by a young adult. Registration in person or by telephoning the Main Library will be required.

A consumer education program will be given by Sherrill Bressman and Lois Gelade, Edison Consumer Affairs local assistance officers, on May 23 at 8 p.m. at the Clara Barton branch. Subject of the discussion will be consumer rights and how to protect them.

All programs will be presented free of charge. Harriett Rashap, program librarian, may be contacted at the Main Library with suggestions for future programs.



Home News photo by Harold Rosenthal

WOMANLY ART — Three volumes of "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding," a manual published by the LaLeche League, have been presented to the Edison Library by the League. Mrs. James Bacon, left, library director, accepts the gifts from Mrs. James Brennan, with son Terrence, Mrs. Robert Hawker, with Jonathan, and Mrs. Ronald Daugherty, with son Ray.

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Edison library lists June events

EDISON — The Edison Public Library has scheduled several special interest programs for children, young adults and adults during June.

In the week of June 24 and July 1, children's craft sessions will be held under the direction of Mrs. Maiya Furgason. Children ages 4 to 7 should attend from 10 to 11 a.m. at the North Edison branch library on Mondays, the main library on Wednesdays and the Clara Barton branch on Fridays.

Children from 8 to 11 years old should attend from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the same places during Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Three investment seminars will be conducted beginning Wednesday at 8 p.m. by a registered member of the New York and American Stock Exchanges.

The first session in the main library, will be "investment

objectives and how to read the financial news." The June 12 session will involve the New York Stock Exchange and the broker and the June 19 session will cover investing for growth and speculation.

A photography mini-course for young adults is scheduled for four Wednesday evenings at the North Edison branch library at 7:30 p.m. beginning this Wednesday.

Frank Turner, a science teacher at Thomas Jefferson Junior High School, will conduct the course. He is a freelance photographer and has taught the subject at the Edison Adult School.

Mrs. Furgason will lecture on the process of drying and preserving flowers on June 13 at 8 p.m. in the North Edison branch library.

The North Edison Branch Library is forming a chess club for children ages 10 to 13. The first meeting will be held on June 18 at 7 p.m. Instruction booklets on how to play chess will be distributed at this meeting. Other meetings will be held on July 10 and Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.

A book discussion group will

meet on June 18 at the North Edison branch at 8 p.m. to discuss "The Bell Jar" by Sylvia Plath.

The main library is also sponsoring crochet for young adults ages 12 to 14 this summer. The group will meet on Wednesdays.

The main library can provide further information.



READ ALL ABOUT REALTORS— Nicholas R. Monte Jr. (l), president of L&M Realty, Edison, and Sol Prete, Sales Associate, present to Mrs. Auroura Bacon, Director of the Edison public library, a gift book entitled "Under All is the Land". The book, published by the National Association of Realtors, explains the important role real estate professionals play in the development of our country. Copies have also been given to all schools in East Brunswick.

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Edison Library lists hours, summer bookmobile route

EDISON — Regular library hours will be shortened for the summer and bookmobile hours will be extended by the Edison Free Public Library starting Monday.

The Main Library and the North Edison branch will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.

The Clara Barton branch will be open from noon to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

All libraries will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

The bookmobile will begin weekly evening stops from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Stephenville Parkway and Harding Avenue, and from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. at Calvert Avenue East and Farmhaven Avenue.

Open Wednesdays, the Bookmobile will be at Harman Road and Merker Drive from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. and at Wolff Avenue and Fay Street from

7:15 to 8:15 p.m. On Thursdays it will visit Morris Avenue and Philo Boulevard between 5:45 and 6:45 p.m. and Brian Road and Karen Place from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

In addition, there will be Saturday bookmobile stops at recreation areas throughout the township.

The libraries will remain on the summer schedule until Sept. 9.

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Edison library offers movies

EDISON — A Walt Disney Film Festival will be held at the township Public Library July 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the meeting room.

The filmstrips, with sound,

include such characters as Winnie the Pooh, Peter Pan, Robin Hood and many others. The program will run continuously for six hours. Children of all ages are invited.

Storyhour for children ages 3 to 5 will be conducted Aug. 5 until Sept. 9. Ms. Cathy Comer and Ms. Kathy Boyle, children's librarians will conduct the program on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the main library; at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at the North Edison branch library; and at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays in the Clara Barton branch library.

Registration for the sessions begins on July 29.

A bookmark contest will be held in August, sponsored by the Children's Department of the library.

Children are requested to draw a picture of their favorite book or something they like about the library in the form of a bookmark.

Judging will be done in several categories and winners will be announced at each branch. Winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed to the public. Deadline for obtaining registration blanks is Aug. 1. Contest deadline is Aug. 30.

People at the main library can get further information.

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Halloween happening Sunday

Twenty five thousand spectators are expected to view the Edison recreation department's tenth annual Halloween parade scheduled to kick off Sunday at 1:15 p.m.

The line of march for the three hour event will be along Amboy ave. from Ford ave., to Herbert Hoover Junior High School, Jackson ave.

This year's theme will be "Halloween Is..." Trophies will be awarded in all categories.

Grand Marshall will be Ray Henry of the Edison Exchange Club and the Edison High School Band will be the host band.

Costumed marchers may enter any time before the start of the parade by reporting to the street marshalls who will be dressed as scarecrows.

Youngsters up to the age of eight should report to King George's road near the Curcio Bus Garage; those nine to 12 should go to Safran and Walsh aves; those over 12 to Bloomfield and Safran aves; and family groups should report to Bloomfield and Amboy aves.

Costumed marchers who will have numbers will be judged at the reviewing stand at Hoover Junior High. Other entries will be judged at the stand on Amboy ave. in front of the Raritan Valley Bank.

Judges for bands, twirlers and floats, include Andrew

Fogas, Joan Latham, Jackie Vincent, Danny Romano, Nicholas Neff, Joan Goldberg, Aurora Bacon.

Judges for costumes are Chris Hassel, William Bohn, Mary Turner and Iclida Fields.

Parade entries include- Bands- Bay City Band, U.S. Army 78th Division, Herbert Hoover Junior High School, Tin Whistle Band, American Irish Association, Inc., Sacred Heart Crusaders of Manville, Corvettes Jr. Drum & Bugle Corps of North Haledon, Sayreville High School, Monarchs Jr. Drum & Bugle Corps of Wayne, South Plainfield High School, East Brunswick High School, Islinette Baton & Drum Corps, Dunellen High School, Edison High School, Metuchen High School, Morris County Militia Jr. Fife & Drum Corps of Chatham, St. Peters High School, Rahway High School and Franklin High School.

Junior Twirling Units- The Sequinettes of Piscataway, Spotswood Sparklers, The Edison Recreation Twirlers, The Laurenettes of Iselin, Honey's Honey Bees of Colonia.

Non-organization floats- Mary Vongas, Edison, Cub Pack #25, Mrs. Gerlach, and Robin Kurowski.

Drill team and twirlers- The Flagettes of Edison, The Rifle-ettes of East Brunswick, The Imperial Queens of South Bound Brook, Marionettes of Edison, St. Thomas High School Little Orchid Drill Team, The Queens Guard of Rutgers, The State University, West End Strutters of Plainfield, The Strutters of Plainfield, and The Super Sonic Steppers of Plainfield.

Color Guard- Memorial Color Guard of North Haledon, Hopelawn Youth Color Guard, American Legion Father & Son Post #435 of Edison, and the U.S. Marine Color Guard.

Organization Floats- Edison Recreation Department, Edison Senior Citizens, Hi-Woods Civic Association, Clara Barton First Aid Squad, Carteret Bank and Trust Company of Carteret, and the P.A.L. of Carteret.

Also, Country Promenaders Square Dancers, Edison Fire Department, Antique cars, Central Jersey Chapter of CARTH of North Brunswick, Edison First Aid Squad #1, Trophy Display Car, Girl Scout Troop #1274, Girl Scout Troop #1236, Girls Scout Troop #70, Girl Scout Troop #1558, A. Sattlarlo, Dancing Bells, Edison Library Mobile Unit, Clara Barton First Aid Squad, Cub Pack #78, Oak Tree Volunteer Fire Company, and Cub Pack #78, Den #3.

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Halloween Is: parade theme

More than 30,000 spectators are expected to view Edison Township's tenth annual Halloween parade scheduled October 27 at 1:15 p.m.

The line of march will be along Amboy ave. from King George rd. with bands, floats, costumed marchers, twirlers and marching units participating in the parade.

This year's theme will be "Halloween Is" and the men and women marshalls will be costumed as scarecrows.

Interested persons or groups are asked to contact Andrew G. Lipnick, general chairman at 201-287-0900 or write to the Edison Recreation Department, 2965 Woodbridge ave., Edison, 08817, for full details about entering.

Trophies will be awarded in each category. Fraternal, civic, veterans and social organizations will serve on the parade committee.

Library branches out with yule activities

November 27, 1971

Children in Edison Township will have an opportunity to make holiday ornaments and calendars, decorate the library and participate in cookie decorating workshops through programs sponsored by the township library. These activities are limited to children from five to 12 years of age.

On Dec. 7 at 1 p.m., children are invited to help decorate the main library for the holiday season. Registrations will be accepted this week. Ornament making craft workshops are scheduled at the Clara Barton branch, Dec. 13 at 3:30 p.m.; at the Main Library, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m.; and at the North Edison Branch Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. Registration begins Dec. 2. Christmas films will be shown at the Clara Barton Branch Dec. 17 at 3:30 p.m. and at the Main Library Dec. 19 at 3:30 p.m. Tickets will be available beginning Dec. 9.

Winners of the annual how-much-candy-in-the-jar contest will be announced Dec. 18. Candy jars are on exhibit and entry blanks may be obtained at each branch circulation desk. The contest winners will receive the candy in the jars.

The whole family is invited to a viewing of the film "J.T." on Dec. 27 at 10 a.m. at the Clara Barton Branch or at 2 p.m. on the same day at the main library. Tickets will be available beginning Dec. 16.

A calendar-making program is planned Dec. 28, 1 p.m. at the main library. On Dec. 30, children are invited to decorate cookies at

10 a.m. at Clara Barton and 2 p.m. at both main library and North Edison. Registrations for both the

calendar and cookie decorating programs will be accepted beginning Dec. 16. Registration may be in

person or by telephone. For additional information, contact any branch of the Edison library.

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Library sponsors adult programs

EDISON — The Edison Public Library will sponsor several programs for adults during the month.

On Wednesday, a rug hooking demonstration will be presented at the North Edison Branch at 8 p.m. On March 11 at the Main Library and on March 18 at the Clara Barton Branch there will be gourmet cooking demonstrations at 8 p.m.

A lecture on sex education books for children will be held March 27 at 8 p.m. at the North Edison Branch, and on March 28, a lecture on the procedure of drying flowers will be held at the Clara Barton Branch.

Disabled enjoy special library at rehabilitation facility

EDISON — With the help of the Edison Free Public Library, patients at the Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Rehabilitation Institute now have their own library complete with hundreds of books for adults and children, magazines, and a variety of reading aids for the handicapped.

Mrs. Barbara Bruskin, library services chairman for the Women's Auxiliary of the John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison, of which the rehabilitation institute is a part, credits the new patient library to the efforts of Mrs. Aurora Bacon, director of the Edison library.

"Mrs. Bacon," she said,

"was anxious to see the funds budgeted for public service put to the best possible use. She originated the idea of creating a specialized library for handicapped patients in addition to the four-year-old library already maintained at Kennedy Medical Center by the Woodbridge library.

Special shelves built

Medical center personnel provided the necessary shelves, built to proper height for wheelchair patients and set up for reading at various locations throughout the rehabilitation section. The library has already delivered some 2,000 books and promises more as patients request new titles.

"Mrs. Bacon has been exceptionally responsive to patient needs," Mrs. Bruskin said. "When one man asked if there were any Hungarian language books in the collection, she immediately purchased books for him in that language — they are on the shelves now."

In addition to regular books and magazines, the new collection includes large-print books, a large-print subscription to Reader's Digest, and several kinds of special items for handicapped patients.

Special glasses

These include magnifying lenses, prism glasses which allow a patient to read a book while lying flat on his back in

bed and book holders. There is also a book cart for transporting books to non-ambulatory patients.

Mrs. Bruskin added that the Edison library has also provided a cassette player and cassettes of books on tape for patient use at the rehabilitation center.

tation center.

The medical center already enjoys the use of "Talking Books" and a record player provided by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and kept in the general medical library.

The Edison library will con-

tinue to provide additional services to rehabilitation institute patients, Mrs. Bruskin added.

"We have been told that if we wish, the library will establish story hours and other programs for children here, plus programs like book review discussions, for adults

as we request them."

"Members of the Edison library staff plan to visit periodically to determine what additional services they can provide, and to take special requests for books from patients and hospital staff members," she said.



PERSONALIZED LIBRARY SERVICE—Mrs. Aurora Bacon, left, director of the Edison Free Public Library, keeps in touch with rehabilitation patients such as Dorothea Furman, in wheelchair, to discuss their reading preferences and needs before donating additional books. At right is Mrs. Barbara Bruskin, library services chairman for the Women's Auxiliary of the John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

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Library to offer free crochet classes

EDISON — Free crochet main library on Wednesdays classes will be offered to town-ship residents at two branches of the public library. Classes will be held in the

beginning Jan. 3 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Evening classes will be offered Tuesdays beginning Jan. 7 in the North Edison Branch from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Edison library to survey needs of township residents

EDISON — Township residents will be surveyed by the public library for comments and suggestions on the library's adult evening program activities, which this winter will include lectures and demonstrations on cars, crafts, cooking and astrology.

Clifford Briggs, an adult education teacher in the township, will tell "All About Your Car" from 8 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the North Edison branch of the library. The lecture will include information on how cars work, what can go wrong with them and the cost of repairs.

Papier Tole, a three-dimensional art from utilizing paper cutouts, will be demonstrated on Jan. 31, by Mrs. Maiya Furgason, a member of the

Suburban Artist Guild of Middlesex County and a teacher of decoupage at the Metuchen Adult Evening School. The demonstration will be held at the Clara Barton branch from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

On Feb. 13, Mrs. Barbara Sewitch of Astrology for Beginners, Inc., will lecture on "An Introduction to Astrology" at 8 p.m. in the main library. Mrs. Sewitch is a member of the American Federation of Astrologers and a certificate holder in the Astrologers Guild of America.

Quilling, the art of rolling narrow strips of paper to produce intricate designs, will be demonstrated by Mrs. Furgason at the Clara Barton branch library on Feb. 28 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

A rug-hooking demonstration and instruction will be presented on March 6, gourmet cooking demonstrations on March 11 and 18, and a demonstration on dried flowers on March 28.

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Astrology lecture set in Edison

EDISON — An "Introduction to Astrology" will be sponsored by the Edison Township Public Library at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.

The lecture, one of a series of adult evening programs being presented by the library system, will be given by Mrs. Barbara Sewitch, a member of the American Federation of Astrologers, a certificate holder in the Astrologers Guild of America and a graduate of Ohio State University.

Mrs. Sewitch, who began studying astrology at the age of eight, has her own school, Astrology for Beginners, Inc., which is a member of the Edison Chamber of Commerce.

Residents interested in attending the lecture may pre-register at the main library.

Borrowers put on notice by libraries in Edison

EDISON—Local residents who fail to return overdue books to township libraries will be banned from taking books out.

According to new rules established by the Edison Free Public Library regarding overdue books, borrowers who do not return volumes after receiving two notices, "will be refused service" by the three local libraries and the bookmobile.

"If they (borrowers) do not clear their records, a member of the staff or police department will visit their homes," a library spokesman warned.

Those who return overdue books between March 18 to 29 will not be fined, according to a statement released by the library.

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Edison library receives papers

EDISON — A collection of documents representing American history has been donated by the Edison Exchange Club to the Edison Public Library.

It is comprised of 29 authentic reproductions of many historic writings including the Declaration of Independence.

The collection will be exhibited beginning in February at the North Edison Branch Library, Grove Avenue and Library Place.

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Lectures for adults

Adults should find the Edison Township Public Library a welcome haven during the next five weeks.

On February 28 at the Clara Barton Branch 7:30-9:30 p.m. the second in a series of three demonstrations will be given by Mrs. Maiya Furgason on the art of quilling, which is the rolling of narrow strips of paper to produce intricate designs. Mrs. Furgason is well known in this area as a teacher of decoupage and papier tole.

On March 6 at the North Edison Branch at 8 p.m., there will be a rug hooking demonstration by Mrs. Roz Price. She will give an introduction to the craft of rug hooking and provide instruction in performing the basic latch hook knot.

On March 11 at the Main Library at 8 p.m. and March 18 at the Clara Barton Branch at 8 p.m. there will be gourmet cooking demonstrations by Mrs. Carol DeMicco, instructor of adult education in Edison. She will prepare several party foods, such as canapes, punch and desserts.

A lecture on sex education books for children will be offered by Mrs. Susan Firestein, branch librarian, on March 27 at the North Edison Branch at 8 p.m.

A lecture on the procedure of drying flowers will be delivered by Mrs. Maiya Furgason on March 28 at the Clara Barton Branch at 7:30 p.m.

All programs are presented free of charge as a community service by the library. Pre-registration is required. This may be done in person or by telephoning the appropriate branch library.

Library displays children's art

EDISON — An exhibit of children's art from the James Madison Intermediate School in Edison is on display in the children's section of the Edison Public Library, Stelton Branch.

The show of selected drawings, water-colors and pastels by students in the third through sixth grades was coordinated by art teacher Joseph Tangolics and will be on display through Wednesday.

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Library plans three programs

EDISON — The public library, will mark national library week with a performance by O. T. Zappo, singer and guitarist on April 22 at the main library, April 23 at the Clara Barton branch, and April 25 in North Edison.

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Library activities

EDISON — Public Library, Lecture on house plants by Warner Thuriow, county agricultural agent, 8 p.m., Main Library.

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Library activities

EDISON — Public Library, films for children, ages 3 to 7, 11 a.m. to noon, North Edison branch. Films: "Happy Owls," and "Rosie's Walk."

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Welcome mat out for kids

Edison

Vera Stillman, an elementary school teacher, will conduct two children's crafts programs for six weeks beginning July 8 under the sponsorship of the Edison Township Public Library.

The first class, for children entering grade one through three, will meet at the main library on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; at the North Edison branch, Mondays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; and at the Clara Barton branch, Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

The second class, for children entering grade four through six, will meet on the same days at the main library from 11 a.m. to 12 noon; at the North Edison branch from 11 a.m. to 12 noon; and at the Clara Barton branch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Crafts for younger children will include hole pictures, rock sculpture, firecracker banks, toy caterpillars, flowers and vases, and vegetable printing. Crafts for older children will include graph paper summer designs, straw patterns, people in motion, gravel pictures, and masks using a variety of mediums.

During the same six weeks, the library will also sponsor a reading club for ages seven to 11. The theme will be a book trip across the United States, and children will read their way from New Jersey to California.

The reading club will meet weekly at the main library on Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m.; at the North Edison branch, Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m.; and at the Clara Barton branch on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Pre-registration, in person or by telephoning the appropriate branch, will be necessary since class size for these programs will be limited. All library programs are presented free of charge.

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beginning July 5, 10:15- 11:15 a.m.

On September 7, a talent show will be held in conjunction with the play, "Go and Shut the Door." The Vacation Reading Club, called "Book Bingo," is open to all children who like to read for fun and who will be going into grades 2-6. A record is kept on personalized bingo cards and a button is awarded to children who complete a "line."

The program is arranged by Mrs. Jean Shao, children's librarian. She will be assisted by Mrs. Diane Olson, Mrs. Barbara Jobin, Mrs. Lee Symonds, Mrs. Ruth Terwilliger, Miss Kathy Doubles, Miss Louise Farrow and Mrs. Celeste Zogarela.

Advanced registration, in person or by phone, is required for all programs except the Friday films. There is no charge for participating. For additional information call Mrs. Shao at the library, 548-1526.

Edison OKs library wing contracts

EDISON — Contracts totaling \$121,887 for general construction, plumbing and steel for a new wing to the main library were awarded last night by the Township Council.

A \$96,460 contract was awarded to Albert S. Donato, Inc. of Scotch Plains for general construction on the new library wing. The wing will be constructed at the rear of the present library building on Plainfield Road.

Park Steel and Iron Co., of Bradley Beach was awarded a structural steel contract for its low bid of \$16,949. Also, a plumbing contract was awarded to Farneski Plumbing and Heating Co., Edison, for \$8,478.

The date to begin construction on the new addition was not determined last night.

In other business, the council authorized \$475,000 in bonds or notes for general improvements at Central Avenue Park.

The improvements are expected to be made at the park's ball fields, tennis courts, playground equipment, storage facilities, parking facilities and roadways.

The total cost of the project is not expected to exceed \$500,000. The additional \$25,000 for the project had been included in the township's 1974 budget.

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Library plans TM lectures

Two lectures on transcendental meditation have been scheduled at the Edison Public Library on July 15 and July 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the main library.

The first lecture will explore the value of transcendental meditation in light of recent scientific experimentation and the benefits that may be gained from regular practice. The second will deal with comparisons between TM and other techniques of self-development, and will provide deeper insight into the actual process of meditation.

Both sessions are free and open to the public. To register, visit or call the main library, 287-2298.

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Fall hours put into effect by Edison library system

EDISON — The Edison Free Public Library has announced its schedule of hours for the fall season.

The main library adult section is now open five nights a week until 9 p.m. and all day Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The children's room at the main library is open three nights a week and Saturday afternoons as well as during regular weekday hours. The schedule is as follows: Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.

The hours at the Clara Barton branch are noon to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday

and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Friday; and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The North Edison branch schedule is Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The public library bookmobile will make the following stops:

Monday: 10 to 11:15 a.m., end of North Eighth Ave. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Latonia and Orange streets; 2:30 to 4:15 p.m., Idlewild Road; 6 to 7 p.m. Joseph and Clipper avenues; and 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.,

Brian Road and Karen Place.

Tuesday: 10:15 a.m., Edison Nursing Home; 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. Cerebral Palsy School; 2:45 to 4:15 p.m., Wayne and Walton streets; 6 to 7 p.m. Harmon and Merker roads; 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., Calvert Avenue East.

Wednesday: 10:15 to 11:30 a.m., West Grand Avenue and Beatrice Parkway; 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Edison Gardens; 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Jefferson Boulevard; 6 to 7 p.m., Philo Boulevard; and 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., Julius Engel Apartments.

Thursday: 2:30 to 4:15 p.m., Old Post Road and Garden Place; 6 to 7 p.m., Annette Drive and Butler Road; 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., Trafalgar Apartments.

Friday: 2:30 to 4:15 p.m. at Clausen Road and Western Avenue.

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Delaware-Raritan Girl Scouts of Stelton Neighborhood are saving Betty Crocker Coupons for camping equipment. Coupons may be deposited at the Public Library, main branch, Plainfield ave.

For additional information, call Mrs. Enrico Priante, chairman, 985-7762.

An exhibit on dried flowers by Mrs. Frank Hall, a member of the Edison Garden Club, was displayed at the main library, Plainfield ave.

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Library plans special events

The Edison Public Library has planned several programs to mark Children's Book Week, Nov. 11-16.

Craft programs for children ages 5-12 will be offered Nov. 7 at the North Edison Branch from 10-11 a.m., Nov. 8 at main library from 1-2 p.m. and Clara Barton branch from 1-2 p.m.

During the same two day period, a Disney/Seuss film-strip festival for ages 5-12 will be shown according to the following schedule: Nov. 7, main library, 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m., Clara Barton, 10-11:30 a.m.; Nov. 8, North Edison, 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m.

For children 5 to 15 years of age the main library talent show for patrons of the main library and Clara Barton is scheduled Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m., and the North Edison talent show Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be held at the main library, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. and Nov. 11 from 3:30-5 p.m., and at North Edison on Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.

Storyhour registration for pre-schoolers, ages 3-1/2 to 5, will be held the week of Nov. 11. Parents must come to the library to register. Storyhour is scheduled Nov. 18 through Dec. 16, as follows: main library, Tuesdays or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., Clara Barton, Fridays at 10:30 a.m., and North Edison, Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

The film "Stuart Little" will be shown at the main library, Nov. 14 from 4-5 p.m. Another film festival is planned Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. at the main library. Tickets will be available beginning Nov. 18.

A chess exhibition will be held Nov. 16 at North Edison starting at 10:30 a.m. Chess sets will be provided.

For adults, the Community Counseling Center of Middlesex County College will present a career decision-making seminar at North Edison, Nov. 6, 13 and 20 from 7-9 p.m. and a credit-by-exam and CLEP seminar Nov. 21 at the main library.

For additional information contact Harriett Rashap, program librarian, at the main library.

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Edison library lists programs

EDISON — Several special programs for children will be offered by the public library beginning this Thursday.

The next story hour series, a program of stories, crafts and movies for children from 3½ to five years old, will begin the week of Jan. 13.

It will be held at the Main Library on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., at the Clara Barton branch on Fridays at 10:30 a.m., and at the North Edison branch on Wednesdays at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Registration for the story hour will begin on January 6, and parents must come to the library to register their youngsters.

A new weekly program for children in kindergarten through second grade will be called the Thursday Club and will offer stories, crafts and movies. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. at the main library. Registration will be taken beginning Monday and parents must accompany

their children to sign up.

Families are invited to Saturday Filmfests to be held at the Main Library. Rabbit Hill will be shown at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and tickets will be available at the children's circulation desk in advance. The "Lorax" and "Sneetches," two popular Dr. Seuss films, will be screened on Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. and tickets will be available from Sunday.

Puppetry workshops for children between the ages of five and 12 have been planned for Jan. 11. These workshops will be at the Main Library at 1 p.m. and at the North Edison branch at 2 p.m., and registration, by telephone or in person, will begin Thursday.

The library will provide craft programs for youngsters between five and 12 at all three branches on Jan. 15. The groups will meet at 10 a.m. at the Clara Barton branch, 1:30 p.m. at the main library, and 2:30 p.m. at the North Edison branch.

Library puts out welcome mat for kids

The Edison public library will offer a variety of programs in February, for children ages five-12 unless otherwise indicated.

On February 1, the film "The Red Balloon" will be shown at the main library at 1 p.m. Valentine crafts will be held at the Clara Barton library on February 7 at 3:30 p.m., at the main library on February 8 at 1 p.m. and at the North Edison Library on February 8 at 2 p.m. Registration begins February 3.

Two films "The Doughnuts" and "Lentil" will be shown at the main library on February 15 at 1 p.m. Registration begins February 3.

To commemorate George Washington's birthday, children are invited to participate in a colonial crafts program to be held at the Clara Barton library on February 21 at 3:30 p.m., at the main library on February 22 at 1 p.m. and at the North Edison library on February 22 at 2 p.m. Registration begins February 10.

On February 24, registration begins for the next storyhour session for children three and a half to five, for the Thursday Club (for children attending kindergarten through grade two) and for the Tuesday

Club (for children attending grades three through six). The Thursday Club will be held at the Main and North Edison libraries, the Tuesday Club at the Main library only. These programs will run for six

weeks.

Every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m., films are shown at the North Edison library.

Beginning February 1, the children's room at the main

library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All three libraries will be closed February 12 and 17.

For further information about children's programs, contact Cathy Comer or Lee Bell at the main library.

Library to hold teen workshop

EDISON — A Valentine love bead workshop for junior and senior high school students will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Edison Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.

The clay love beads will be provided by the library. Students must register for the session by calling or visiting the library.

A Thursday evening tinsel painting workshop will be held at the Clara Barton branch library, on March 6, and 13 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Interested persons should contact the branch to pre-register. Students should bring a quill pen and a five by seven picture frame. All other materials will be supplied by the library. Maiya Furgason is the instructor.

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Edison library sets activities for kids

The children's department of the Edison Township Public Library announces its programs for March.

The film "Stuart Little" will be shown to children and parents at the main library on Plainfield avenue on Saturday, at 1 p.m. Registration is required.

A new six-week Tuesday afternoon club for children in grades three through six begins Tuesday at the main library from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Children can register this week.

The Thursday Club, for children in kindergarten through grade two, will be held at both the main library and the North Edison branch from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. for six consecutive Thursdays. Children can be registered by parents this week and the first session will begin March 6.

A kite-making craft will be scheduled at the Clara Barton branch on March 7,

at 3:30 p.m. at the main library, March 8, at 1 p.m. at the North Edison branch, March 8 at 2 p.m. Registration for children ages 7-12 begins March 1.

For horse lovers, the film "White Mane" will be shown at the main library March 15, at 1 p.m. Families are invited to register beginning March 3.

An egg craft is scheduled at 3:30 p.m. March 21, at the Clara Barton branch; at 1 p.m. March 22, main library; and at 2 p.m. March 22, at the North Edison branch. Children ages 5-12 can register at each library beginning March 10.

The library will be closed on March 28 in observance of Good Friday.

The North Edison branch will be showing films for children every Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. during March. No registration is required.

Library beckons to adult bookworms

Book discussions for adults are part of the Edison Public Library's special programs during March. These activities will be held the second Wednesday of each

month at the North Edison Branch from 8 to 9:30 p.m. On March 12, "The Children's Hour" by Lillian Hellman will be reviewed and on April 9, "Fear of

Flying," by Erica Jong.

A rug hooking workshop for both adults and young adults will take place March 17, at the main library from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. All materials will be supplied by the library.

A lecture on early American crafts will be given on March 20 at the main library, at 8 p.m. Roberta Edrington will be guest speaker. Samples of early crafts will be

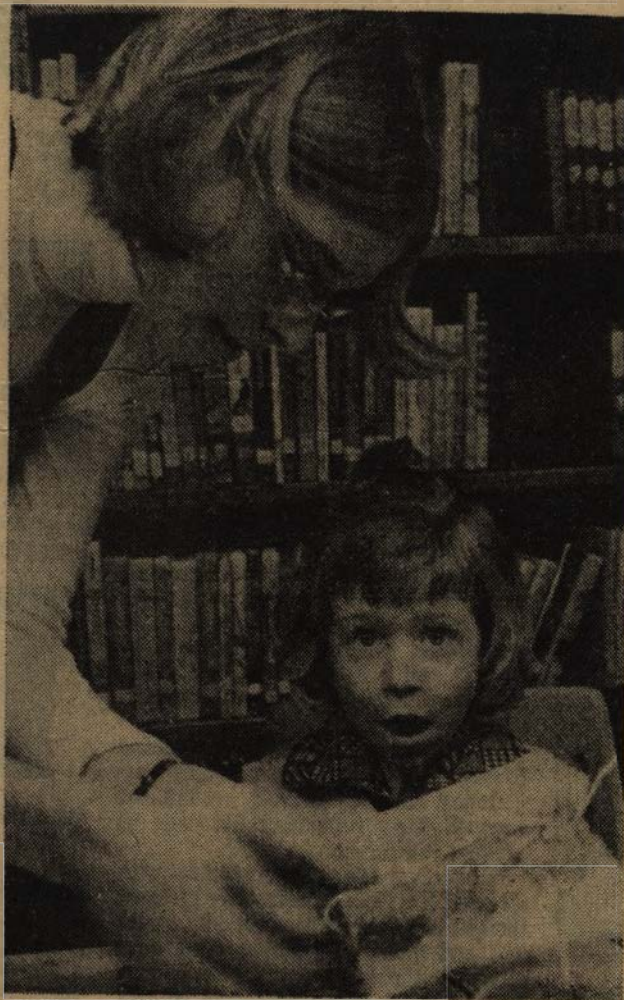
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Robert Appleby, a member of the Metuchen Bicycle Touring Society, will speak on bicycle maintenance, riding techniques and safety, on March 25, at the main library, at 7:30 p.m.

Pre-registration is necessary for these programs. This maybe done in person or by calling the library. All programs are free of charge.

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KITE READIED — Four-year-old Denise Hakler watches library worker Lee Bell put the finishing touches on a kite during a work session at the Clara Barton Branch, Pleasant and Hoover avenues, Edison.

Edison library events slated

EDISON — A birthday party for Eeyore, Winnie-the-Pooh's droopy-eared friend, will be held at the North Edison branch of the Edison Public Library on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through grade six are invited to attend, and pre-registration is required.

Families are invited to register for films to be shown at the Main Library. "Andy and the Lion" and "Elsa and Her Cubs," a film featuring the lions from Born Free, will be shown on Saturday at 1 p.m. Registration for this showing will be held this week.

"Phantom Creeps" will be shown at 1 p.m. the following Saturday, May 17, and registration will begin Saturday.

A patriotic craft workshop

in honor of Memorial Day will be held on May 23 at 3:30 p.m. at the Clara Barton branch; and on May 24 at 1 p.m. at the Main Library and 2 p.m. at the North Edison branch. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade may register beginning Monday.

Films for children are held every Wednesday at 4 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. at the North Edison branch library.

The library will be closed on Monday, May 26.

Quilting craft to be shown

EDISON — The craft of quilting will be demonstrated at the main Edison Free Public Library on Wednesday, May 7, from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Mrs. Isabel Liteplo, an instructor in the East Brunswick Adult School, will be the

guest speaker. Mrs. Liteplo will discuss several different methods of quilting. Samples will be on display during the evening.

Pre-registration in person or by telephone is required.

Edison library events set

EDISON — Home canning and freezing procedures, the preparation of fruit preserves and flower drying techniques will be on the menu at the Edison Public Library during June.

Mrs. Carol Kaiser, Middlesex County home economist, will lecture on home canning and freezing procedures in a two-part program to be held at the main library on June 3 and June 10 from 1 to 2 p.m.

A film show for pre-schoolers four and five years old will be shown at the same time to allow mothers to attend these programs. However, no child under the age of four will be admitted to the film presentations. Registration may be made in person or by telephoning the main library adult circulation desk.

Mrs. Barbara Toth will demonstrate how to prepare fruit preserves on Thursday, June 12, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The program will be held at the main library and pre-registration will be necessary.

An evening program on flower drying techniques is scheduled at the main library on Tuesday, June 3, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The program will consist of both lecture and workshop. Mrs. Maiya Furgason, a craft teacher and mem-

ber of the Suburban Artist Guild of Middlesex County, will discuss flower drying techniques.

Following her lecture, participants who bring a 5x7 picture frame will have the opportunity to make a framed dried flower arrangement. All other craft materials will be supplied by the library, and samples of dried flower arrangements will be on display during the evening.

Pre-registration in person or by telephoning the main library will be necessary for this program.

Bicycling to be library program

EDISON — The North Edison branch library will present a program on bicycling May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Robert Appleby, a member of the Metuchen Bicycle Touring Society, will speak on bicycle maintenance techniques of rid-

ing and bicycle safety. Appleby rides 15 miles each day to work, when conditions permit, and averages 6,000 miles a year on bicycle.

Registration starts Monday and can be handled by calling the library.



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