

Bridle Paths Near Completion From Mt'side to Watchung Reservation

Horseback Riders May Now Have Opportunity for Pleasure Seeking Through Beautiful Wooded Park of County— Echo Lake Park to Be Soon Connected to Mountain

STABLES IN PARK TO BE ENLARGED TO FIFTY STALLS

In order to make the bridle trails available to residents of Westfield and vicinity, the Union County Park Commission has been at work the past several weeks in cutting through and grading a bridle path starting at the corner of New Providence road and the improved highway leading from Springfield to Scotch Plains, generally known as Springfield road or Mountain avenue. This trail leads up to the main body of the 1800-acre Reservation, following parallel to New Providence road for approximately half a mile, then bears off to the left following an old trail for a distance and climbs the mountain side on a gradual grade, coming out and again crossing New Providence road in the vicinity of the Pearsall Castle. It then winds up to the top of the mountain connecting with the various bridle paths and log roads of which at present cover more than twenty miles. It is possible, by following these various trails, to reach the Lookout known as "Peckham's Tower" at the high point on First Mountain, also the well-known Lake Surprise, over a mile in length, lying in the Blue Brook Valley, between the First and Second Mountains, also the Boy Scout Camp just north of the Lake, the half-mile riding ring located just south of Glenside avenue and north of the dam at Lake Surprise. Other trails lead also to the Deserted Village, known also as Glenside Park, and on down to the lake at Seely's Mills, etc.

Condemnation proceedings are underway, hearings being scheduled for this week, for the acquisition of the two remaining properties in the Echo Lake-Watchung Connection, lying between Mountain avenue, coming from

State Forest Being Beautifully Developed

Expert care on the part of the Forestry division, of the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Development, is gradually transforming the Stokes State Forest, located in the northwestern part of Sussex County, from a useless, tangled mass of trees and underbrush to a productive forest of unsurpassed beauty, and a paradise for the sportsman and out-of-door pleasure seeker, as well as laying industrial foundations which will eventually be a valuable asset to the community.

When the State first purchased the Stokes Forest about twenty years ago, a large part of the region consisted of a diseased and an inferior growth of trees and trash, with a considerable area of old, abandoned fields. Much of the timber land had been culled over time and again, the best trees taken out each time, with little or no regard for future growth or proper thinning to allow the young shoots to mature.

The State foresters began their task of transforming the abused and neglected woodland by gradually making improvement cuttings. This necessitated removing the diseased and inferior growth and trash, and then letting nature restore the area. A considerable portion of the old, abandoned fields in different parts of the Forest have been planted with various species of evergreen trees to determine just what kind will grow best under the existing conditions. Over 75,000 trees have been planted in various parts of the forest within the last few years.

In some places, there is still so little timber of value on the ground, that practically a clear cutting is necessary in order to salvage the dead and inferior timber and insure future growth of the small shoots. Fortunately this condition exists on a relatively small area. Cutting is being done very carefully along roads and streams to preserve the natural beauty and to conserve the water resources. Only dead, dying and inferior trees are cut in such locations. Many hundreds of hunters, fishermen and campers now use the forest for their recreation. Flat brook and its tributaries are stocked each year with trout secured through the State Fish and Game Commission. Both hunting and fishing conditions are improving. A large quantity of small game and quite a number of deer were taken last year. Camp sites for short time use are provided for the public free of charge upon application, and permanent camps may be leased for a nominal sum by applying to the forest officer, in charge.

An artificial lake of twenty acres, on which is located the camp of the Montclair Girl Scouts, has been constructed near the head waters of Stony Brook. Similar projects are being contemplated elsewhere to add to the beauty and recreational facilities of the forest. Roads have been improved and several thousand dollars are earned on the forest annually and put back into the property for general development.

The development of the forest is playing no small part in the industrial life of the community. At the present time a number of residents of the vicinity are employed by the operator who has purchased the rights from the State to salvage the timber which is being removed for the improvement of the woodland. As the work of development expands this industry will grow, and eventually become a valuable asset to the community.

Situated on the slope of the Kittatinny Mountains, near Culvers Gap, the Stokes State Forest lies in one of the most beautiful spots in New Jersey. As its 8,500 acres grow in area and are developed it will rank among the most beautiful natural parks in the country and be an object of pride and credit to the State.

Realtors Turn Down Special Membership Amendment

An amendment to the constitution of the Westfield Board of Realtors whereby members of the various building crafts would be eligible to membership in the local Board was presented at the special meeting held in the Realtor Restaurant, Thursday evening.

After a prolonged discussion, the amendment was voted down. The matter of securing better train service over the C. R. R. was also discussed and Theodore B. Reynolds, Herbert C. McVoy and H. L. Becker were named as a committee to represent the Board in co-operation with the railroad officials.

According to a report made by the multiple listing committee, this method is becoming more popular with Realtors and their clients. Alfred O. Booth, of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. gave an address in which he praised the progressive spirit shown by the Westfield people. He predicted success to the drive for funds which is now well under way.

The regular meeting of the Board will be held on the evening of Tuesday, April 5.

FACTS OF THE CASE

Reporter: "Were you and Murphy cool and collected after the explosion yesterday?"
Flaherty: "Well, you see it was this way. I was cool, but Murphy was collected."

The Robin's Song

In the early flush of spring
Oft I hear a robin sing,
Overflowing with emotion
In a rapture of devotion,
Loud and clear;
How I love to hear the flow
Of the song that well I know—
Hark the joy that now is welling
As he o'er and o'er is telling
Spring is here!

In the budding maple tree,—
Gloomy weather though it be,—
Caring not for clouds that lower
Robin sings throughout a shower
Sweet and strong;
Then the sun bursts through the gray
Of the rain-washed April day,
And from ruddy breast, untroubled,
Pours his energy redoubled
In his song.

Chill the morning? Robin, bold,
Flirts his feathers at the cold,
Stout of heart, undaunted, cheery,
Trilling forth his never-weary
Little tune;
Blithely, gladly, spirits high,
On a bough close to the sky,
Heaven's blue alone above him,
Sings he still (ah, how we love him!)
When it's noon.

As I hear him chant in glee
In the tall old maple tree,
Through my lifted heart goes ringing
Song responsive to his singing—
Oh its cheer!
"Find a song in every day,"
Is the theme of Robin's lay;
"Sing, forget you have a sorrow,
Sing, the buds will burst tomorrow—
Spring is here!"

—Arthur Price in "Moments of Being" Published by Four Seas Publishing Co.

Dates and Places Announced for Rutgers Scholarship Tests

Competitive examinations for State Scholarships to Rutgers University will be held on Thursday, June 2, and Friday, June 3, in approximately fifty cities throughout the State, according to announcement made by the Registrar's office. Sixty scholarships, valued at from \$200 to \$250 a year, will be awarded to those candidates who pass highest in the competitive examinations. Tests will be given in English, and in three other subjects chosen from Latin, modern foreign languages, mathematics, history, and science.

It is expected that several boys from the local high school will take advantage of the opportunity offered them and will try the examinations next June. The tests, according to the Registrar's announcement, will be held in the following schools of Union County—Battin, Plainfield, Rahway, Summit and Westfield.

INNOCENT BYSTANDER

The Boy Friend—Say, who's the dumb-looking guy that drives your car around, and works in the garden. I notice he always gives me a nasty look when I come in.
The Girl Friend—Oh don't mind him. That's just father.—The Pointer.

Real Estate Transfers

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds in the court house at Elizabeth.

Charles J. Ehmeling and others to Ehmeling Holding Company, Inc., premises at the corner of Central and Lenox avenues, Westfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Pietro Sarullo to Michael P. Marullo, 50 feet in Second avenue, 50 feet from Nile street.

Hattie C. Lane to Frank Beers, 85.5 feet in Lawrence avenue, 76 feet from Sylvania place, Westfield.

Catherine Johnston to Ellen Dubar and Charles Dubar, her husband, premises situated 100 feet from the north side of Central Railroad and lands formerly of John Phillips, Westfield.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Orr to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meiss, premises in Westfield avenue, 185 feet from Park street, Westfield.

Jessie B. Edwards to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Webster, premises in Tuttle Parkway, 25.66 feet from westerly corner of lot 9 and northerly corner of lot 10, map of Clark Lands Holding Company, Westfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ruh to Henrietta M. Van Wagner and Albert E. Storr, premises in Chestnut street, 100 feet from Kimball avenue, Westfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Giuseppe Cucciniello to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio D'Agostaro, premises in North street, 100 feet from Park place, Westfield.

Shackamaxon Corporation to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Blackburn, lots 216 and 217, block 6, map of Glenwood Estates situated at Westfield and Scotch Plains.

Among Realty Developing Company, Inc., to Blanche W. Kriebel, premises in Beechwood road, 242.23 feet from Euclid avenue, Westfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Ruh to H. L. Becker, Inc., premises situated 100 feet from Central Railroad of New Jersey near lands of Robert Woodruff, Westfield.

H. L. Becker, Inc., to Harry J. Ruh, one tract in Carleton road, 350.46 feet from Grove street, and one tract at the corner of Park street and Rahway road, Westfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans L. Petersen to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Honecker, lots 10 and 11, map No. 1 of Mountain-side Manor, near Westfield, Mountain-side.

Carl H. Döschler to Margaret R. Döschler, one tract in Hazel avenue, and one tract in Hyslop avenue, Westfield.

Shackamaxon Corporation to Elmer E. Stewart, lots 122 and 123, block 5, map of Glenwood Estates, Westfield and Scotch Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weep to Edward Honecker, lot 24, plot 3, map of Harrison property at Westfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus W. Washburn and others to A. D. Washburn Brothers, Inc., two tracts in Elmer street, Westfield.

H. C. Lockwood Company to Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Cook, lot 314, supplementary map of Park Slope, Westfield.

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