

Vacation's Busy Time In Schools

Lots of Painting And Repairs to Be Done This Summer

Maybe you kids think there's a lot of Summer vacation still ahead of you but that's not the way James P. Regan, superintendent of buildings and grounds for the Trenton public school system, looks at it.

As far as Regan is concerned, before you youngsters can say "I love to go to school" 10 times, vacation days will be over and you kids will be trooping back to your classrooms.

And maybe that's why the building superintendent has just a bit of a worried look these days. Because between now and September there's a lot of repair work to be done at all 24 schools in Trenton so that everything will be fresh and clean when classes are resumed.

That's why Regan and his aides are thinking these days in terms of painters, carpenters, plumbers, roofers, electricians, masons and right down through the list of building artisans.

Painting Under Way

Right now painting operations are on in a big way. In fact, 22 painters are on the job and before they're through they will have applied thousands of gallons of paint to various schools. Just to give you an idea of the magnitude of the job, at least seven tons of white lead alone are used annually in the school painting operations.

This Summer the exteriors of the Columbus, Franklin, Harrison, Central High, Junior No. 3, Monument, Mott and Carroll Robbins Schools will be painted.

There'll be interior painting, too, at the Franklin, Gregory, Harrison, Central High, Jefferson, McKinley and Lincoln Schools. In order to paint the tower at Junior No. 3 carpenters will first have to build a scaffold. There's scaffolding work to be done also in the painting of other school auditoriums.

New Boilers
At Gregory School, two new boilers are being installed in the heating system. There will be boiler repairs at other schools, too, and steam lines, valves, grates and many other items will be checked over and replaced where necessary.

In a number of schools many of the tables and desks are being sanded and revarnished. Instead of being stained in an oak or walnut finish, Regan reports, the desks will be left a natural wood color. This is in the nature of an experiment in sight-saving for pupils.

All desks and tables, of course, are thoroughly washed by the school janitorial forces. In addition the floors are scrubbed and more than 11,000 yards of linoleum are washed and finished with two coats of wax.

But that's not all in the way of school renovations. Sidewalks must be repaired as well as play areas. Broken window glass must be replaced, telephones, cabinets, extra chairs, etc., must be installed. Electric lines also are frequently replaced.

Requisition Filed

At the end of each school year the various principals send their requisition for repairs to Regan's office. The requisition lists the repairs which the principal would like to have done during the Summer. Some want a closet built, the teachers' room painted, more baskets installed in the gymnasium, a telephone installed on the stage of the auditorium.

This work, of course, is in addition to the major jobs such as painting and new boiler installations.

"We go as far as we can in completing the work the school principals request," said Regan. "Many times we can only handle those jobs which Dr. Loser, the school superintendent, considers most urgent."

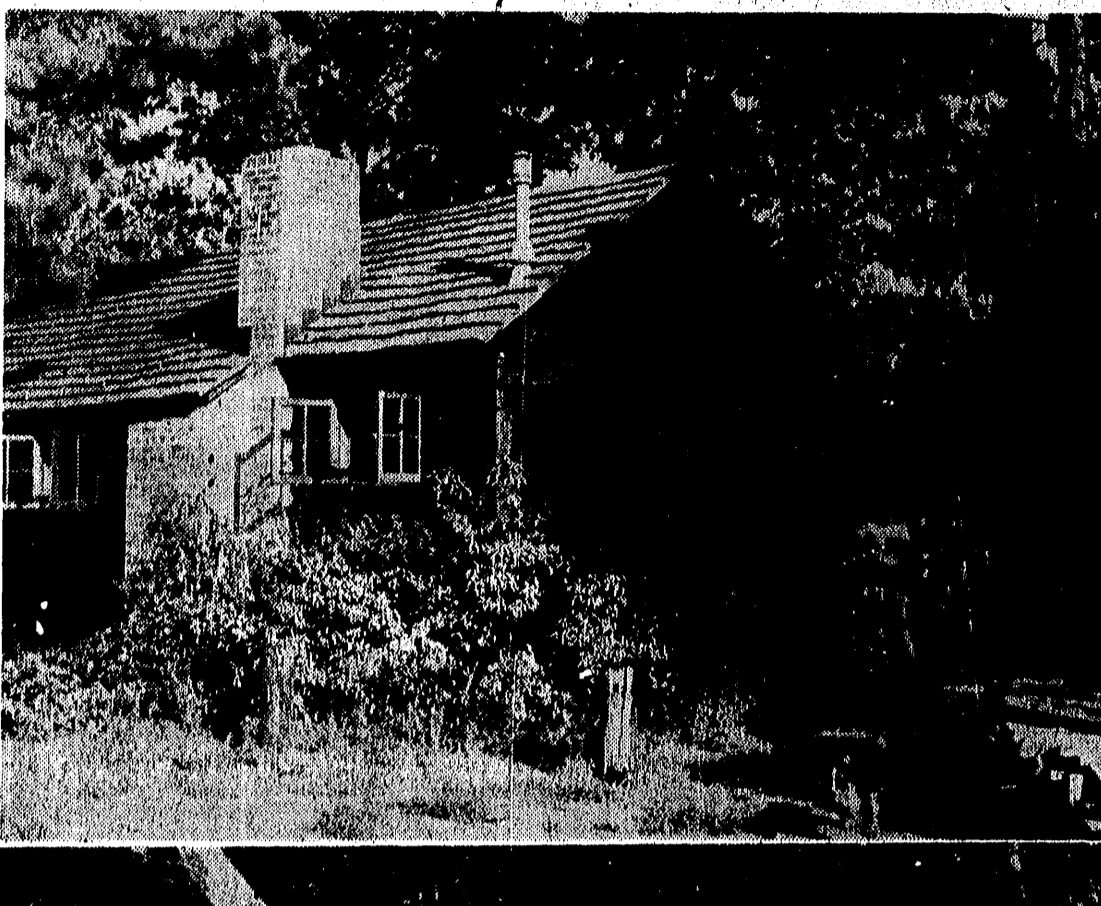
Big Business

Actually, the job of keeping Trenton's schools in good condition runs into the big business class. Regan's department for the 1947-48 school year has a budget of \$207,803. Interior painting alone is budgeted for \$30,500. And another item you wouldn't care for if you had to foot the bill is \$8,075 for broken windows which are replaced in one year. Central High School and Junior No. 2 have the worst record for breaking windows. It costs the city's taxpayers \$1,000 a year each to make good the broken window damage.

A regular schedule is maintained for the school painting jobs. Outside paint usually lasts about six years. The difficulty at the moment is that Regan's office can't get enough painters to handle the work which has to be done. The work is supervised directly by Regan and skilled workmen are supplied by the various building trades unions.

So maybe now you kids will understand why vacation time seems all too short to the building superintendent and his staff. Because between now and the time you go back to learn more of the facts that grownups have to know these days, there's just lead and loads of work to be done.

A Few Vacation Spots in New Jersey's State Parks and Forests



Big Week for Playgrounds

'Brotherhood' Theme Will Be Observed at All 20 Of Trenton's Recreation Centers; Track And Field Meet on Tuesday

This is Brotherhood Week at Trenton's playgrounds. The tournament will take place in the Hetzel Pool, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Girls will be permitted to play, also. In case of rain, the tournament will be held on July 18.

Bugs Attack Park Trees

The European sawfly, a parasite which has been especially active in the past few years, is raising havoc with the fine grove of red pine trees at Green's Grove in Washington Crossing State Park. The State Department of Agriculture is making every effort to combat the pest and hopes to save the fine stand from total destruction.

The parasite attacks the trees in worm form and eats all previous years' growth of needles. It doesn't touch the new growth of needles until the following year.

However, loss of the old needles so weakens the tree that within a few years it dies unless the parasite is checked.

The trees at Green's Grove are entirely defoliated save for the past Spring's growth of new needles. Their appearance has done much to mar the beauty of that section of the State Park.

Harold B. Girib, State parasitologist with the Japanese Beetle control station at White Horse, has been directing the fight on the European sawfly. A DDT spray is being used and it is hoped by this means to bring the pest under control.

Trenton Births Again Hit an All-time High

2,810 Babies Born in City During First Six Months, 714 More than During Same Period in 1946—March High Month with 536

Trenton experienced its most prolific half year in history during the six months ending June 30. Records of the city health bureau show that more babies were born in Trenton during the first half of 1947 than were born here in the same period of 1946. And 1946 was an all-time high, according to Howard H. Ely, city registrar of vital statistics.

From January through June, Ely reported, 2,810 babies were born in this city. This was 714 more than the record for the first half of 1946. If the pace continues, Ely predicted, the year-long record of 5,050 births will be easily surpassed.

The births were almost evenly distributed among residents of Trenton and out-of-town couples. Of the new arrivals, 1,422 are natives of this city and 1,388 live elsewhere.

Ely said he expects no noticeable let-up in the number of births. He said marriage license applications have been running well ahead of normal for the past two years so that the birth rate should hold up for some time.

To date, March has been the big month for births this year with 536 recorded. The month-by-month totals are as follows: January, 511; February, 416; March, 536; April, 404; May, 438; and June, 445.

Hearnen Sets Rotary Attendance Mark

Hasn't Missed Weekly Club Meeting for Past 16½ Years

As a Rotarian, J. Harry Hearnen is doing quite well, thank you. Mr. Hearnen, Trenton Rotary records show, has had a perfect attendance record for 16½ years. That's not bad, no matter how you look at it. There are churches who can boast of members not having missed a Sunday service for 30 or more years but not many Rotary Clubs have members with an attendance which equals Hearnen's.

Hearnen hasn't attended Trenton Rotary meetings exclusively in all that time. Rotarians get attendance credit if they attend meetings of other clubs as well. On his frequent business trips out of the city, Hearnen attends the Rotary meeting wherever he happens to be. Sometimes, he attends two or three a week in different localities.

Hearnen's business is that of a safe expert. He is one of the small group of men in the country who can open a safe without knowing the combination. Once,



J. Harry Hearnen

Jersey Politics Casts Eye On Future Events

What About U. S. Senatorial Election Next Year, or Gubernatorial Contest in 1949? Legislator Reviews Current Speculation

Between sessions of the Constitutional Convention, which currently holds top interest for some long-distance speculation. It has to do with such matters as the election of a U. S. Senator next year, a new governor in 1949, the make-up and control of the Jersey delegation to the Republican National Convention next June. And while it might seem of no particular importance at the moment, organization of the 1948 legislative session is another topic.

The difference in thinking by Governor Driscoll and former Governor Edge on several points of the new State Constitution has raised a number of questions. Driscoll has come through as winner of the revision tilt, or so it appears at this juncture. All of his major suggestions are conceded a good chance of convention adoption.

Query No. 1 is what part Edge will play in the campaign to sell the new charter to the voters, if it contains ideas with which he disagrees. Linked with this is the extent county leaders will stand with him. While he has been unable thus far to swing the convention, his influence with certain of the county groups is considerable.

Presidential Talk
Query No. 2 is whether Edge will bow to Driscoll's leadership on the candidate Jersey will back for the Republican Presidential nomination. There has been no talking of position, all hands agreeing it is much too early, but the probability is hinted they may not see alike on a choice.

Both will be convention delegates-at-large, if the usual order of events is followed. Edge has valuable contacts with leaders in other States, which will give him power at the session. Driscoll is steadily making out-of-State contacts and is coming to be favorably known at Washington. He will not be an inconspicuous figure in the party deliberations.

The report persists, without confirmation, that Edge would consider running for U. S. Senator, if the auspices are favorable. Senator Hawkes is expected to seek reelection, but there is little disposition to give him an unopposed nomination. The name of State Treasurer Hendrickson is invariably mentioned when the talk gets around to the Senate. On the Democratic side, trial balloons have been sent aloft for Colonel Hugh A. Kelly, who was secretary to former Governor Moore.

Gubernatorial Aspirants
The speculative list of candidates for governor is even longer. If he doesn't run for the Senate, Hendrickson is rated a strong possibility. Senator Van Alstyne and State Labor Commissioner Harper, both of Bergen, are in the picture. Major General Clifford R. Powell is a recent addition to the guessing, although he declares the boom without his authorization. His main interests at present he asserts, are building the new National Guard, which he commands, and recouping his law

practice he left to go to war. Much will depend on Governor Driscoll's support in determining both the Senate and gubernatorial nominations. Bergen leaders are counting on John Dickerson, who managed Driscoll's campaign and is one of his advisers, being helpful to their bid for the gubernatorial candidacy. Other quarters point out, however, the friendship of Driscoll and Hendrickson, antedates the Driscoll-Dickerson relationship.

Church Picnic
The annual picnic for members of the Hamilton Square Baptist Church and their friends will be held Wednesday at Washington Crossing Park, Jersey side. Those desiring transportation are requested to be at the church at 1:30 p. m.

Flashlight Bulb Diet Leaves Tot Unharm'd
A 2-year-old child who had chewed and eaten a flashlight bulb in Mercer Hospital where physicians are anxiously noting whether the glass is doing any serious damage.

The victim is Claudia, daughter of Mrs. Claud Lowell, West Trenton Avenue, Morrisville. Mrs. Lowell, while engaged in housework, heard a crunching noise and then saw the child chewing up the bulb. The child showed no ill effects, but is being held for observation.

107 This Fall, He Starts to Take Life Easy
James Wesley Reid, Full-blooded Mohawk Indian, Makes His Home Now At Donnelly Hospitals; Was with Union Army in Civil War

For the first time in his life, James Wesley Reid is not working this Summer. What makes that fact noteworthy is that Reid, a full-blooded Mohawk Indian, claims he will be 107 years old in the Fall.

Instead of scouting around for odd jobs and helping farmers harvest their crops, Reid is taking life easy at the Donnelly Memorial Hospital's Home for the Aged. There he chats with other patients, walks around the grounds and listens to the radio.

"A man's got to call it quits sometime," he explained. "Many people are skeptical of Reid's age, mainly because he has no birth certificate. He insists, however, that he was born on October 13, 1840, in Philadelphia. City social workers who investigated his case could find nothing to disprove this claim."

Cabins in State Forests Draw Many Vacationers

But Demand Is So Great You Can't Reserve One Now Before 1948—Cost Is \$20 a Week; Many Campsites Available Also

Want to spend a week in one of those fine State-owned cabins in various New Jersey parks and forests?

If you have the Summer of 1947 in mind you're out of luck. But you might possibly get a reservation in for 1948. So many families, it seems, want to use the handful of cabins which the State has available that there's never any danger of a cabin remaining vacant during Summer.

The cabins have all been reserved for this Summer right through September. Of course, if you want a Fall vacation or possibly use a cabin for a Winter stay, you can probably get a reservation without any difficulty.

Cabins are available only in the Lebanon State Forest at New Lisbon in Burlington County; Stokes State Forest in Sussex County, and the Parvin State Park near Elmer in Salem County.

Rent \$20 Week
Stokes Forest has 14 cabins; Parvin 17 and Lebanon but three. Each is designed to accommodate four persons. Rental rates are \$20 a week and cabins may not be occupied for more than a week.

If you want to reserve a cabin for 1948 you must pay the full money in held in escrow and will be refunded in full if cancellation is received up to 48 hours before the scheduled date of occupancy. Reservations must be made with the superintendent of the park or forest where the cabin is desired but information concerning the various parks and forests may be obtained through the Division of Forestry of the Department of Conservation at the State House here.

Persons who occupy a cabin this Summer are ineligible to reserve a cabin for 1948 until after next April 15. This rule was invoked to prevent the same people from using the facilities year after year.

Cabin rental rates cover these facilities: Four bunks with springs and mattresses; table, benches, chairs; kitchen with sink, running water, refrigeration and stove for cooking; light and fuel; sanitary and refuse disposal facilities; fireplaces or stoves to provide heat when needed, and some cabins are equipped with showers.

Vacationists who like their outdoor life a bit more rugged will find plenty of campsites available in the State parks and forests, also. In addition to Stokes, Lebanon and Parvin, the campsites are available at High Point State Park and at Jenny Jump State Forest. Camp shelters also are available at Jenny Jump.

Campsites rent for \$3.50 a week or 50 to 75 cents a day for two persons. Campers provide their own tents but the wood tent platform is provided along with a fireplace and grate, picnic table, water and sanitary facilities and wood for fuel.

A camp shelter at Jenny Jump consists of a weather-light screen building. It has four bunks with springs and heavy canvas pads; closets, tables and benches, fireplace type stove for heat, outside picnic table, wood in long lengths, latrine, etc. The shelter rents for \$9 a week.

Stokes Forest also has Adirondack shelters and trailer sites available. The Adirondack shelter, renting for \$6.50 a week, is an open front lean-to with wooden floor and is otherwise similar to the campsite. The trailer sites have individual parking spurs, outdoor fireplace with grate, picnic table, water nearby, latrine, and wood furnished in long lengths. Trailer sites rent for \$3.50 a week.

All told, about 70,000 acres are open to vacationists in New Jersey's State parks and forests, exclusive of the Palisades Park which is an interstate enterprise.

Picnic sites are available in all parks and forests and many of them have bathing facilities. Many, too, are open to the fisherman and hunter.

Of all the parks and forests, Stokes Forest is the largest with 12,428 acres. High Point Park adjoining is next with 10,935. Both are in Sussex County and are the best known of the State's recreation areas.

Scenic Beauties
High Point is located in the extreme northwest corner of the State along the crest of the Kittatinny Mountains. It was a gift to New Jersey in 1923 by the late Colonel and Mrs. Anthony R. Kuser of Bernardsville. Extending from the New York State line southwesterly along the mountain for a distance of eight miles where it joins Stokes State Forest, the park is north and west of the town of Sussex.

Beautiful scenery abounds in the area and dominating the summit of the mountain is High Point Monument, rising 220 feet and visible in three States. It was built through the generosity of the Kusers and is dedicated to the memory of America's war dead.

A feature of High Point is the lodge where rooms may be rented and the inn where meals are again being served after a wartime lapse.

Other State parks are as follows: Cheesecake in Middlesex County; Hacklebarney in Morris; Hopatcong in Morris and Sussex; Ringwood Manor in Passaic; Swartswood in Sussex; Stephens in Morris and Warren; Voorhees in Hunterdon; Washington Crossing in Mercer and Washington Rock in Somerset.

State forests, in addition to Stokes, Lebanon and Jenny Jump, are: Bass River in Burlington and Ocean; Belleplain in Cumberland and Cape May; Green Bank in Burlington and Atlantic; and Penn Forest in Burlington County.

James Wesley Reid

hat down over his eyes because he was afraid to die," Reid complained. "That's not the truth. I was with him, and I want to tell the world that he died like a soldier."

Reid finally attained the rank of corporal after following the