







Van Saun Park Sets May 28 To Open Zoo And Duck Pond

Work In Progress On Tennis Courts; Equipment Co. of Newark was Park Commissioners Let Contracts

The antics of a raccoon, peacock, deer, pheasant, and other wild animals can be observed beginning May 28 at Van Saun County Park in Paramus.

Van Saun County Park in Paramus.

DATE ANNOUNCED
The County Park Commission announced the date for the formal opening of the children's small animal zoo last night.

Park Commission President Handelmand Hollenbeck pald special animal zoo last night.

Park Commission President Handelmann, staff director, and James A. McFaul, executive director, who have handled the operation.

Construction of the zoo began last year. It features an artificial lake for swans and ducks.

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Commissioner Alvin G. Yhlen
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golf course, A \$325 contract was
awarded to Rinbrand Well Drüling Co. Inc. of Glen Rock, Yhlen
reported the tank will reduce the
electric bill for a deep-well

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Tennis Center For County Is Dedicated

Freeholder Alfred S. Walden, speaking vestered at the dedication of the Bergen County Tennis Center at Van Saum Park, Paramus, told listeners the new facelity was "but a forerunner of county park expansion that will have to come in the years directly ahead."

The 12 all-weather courts on Forest Avenue will be open to the public through Nov. 30, and the new season, will begin April 1. The center also includes a clubbouse with a prospect of the public through Nov. 30, and the appropriate of the public through Nov. 30, and the new season, will begin April 1. The center also includes a clubbouse with a prospect of the public through Nov. 30, and the locker-shower facilities, and will also conduct free clinics for grade and high school pupils.

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pupils. We shall soon be obliged to decide just how fast we intend to run in what has been correctly described as a race for open park space. Walden said. "It think we ought to have a referendum next year and decide whether or not we want to acquire the land we shall need in our park system," he said. Crew Starts Preliminary

Recreational Facilities For Citizens Over 60 Set For County Parks

Special recreational facilities designed primarily for senior citizens will be installed in several Bergen County parks during 1961, Freeholder Alfred S. Walden yes-terday told members of the Teaterday told members of the Tea-neck Allegro Club, an organization of citizens over sixty years of age who meet weekly at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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Commission to **Provide Speakers** On Park System

On Park System

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Harold J. Hollenbeck, president, said that the commission will provide illustrated lectures to any organization about the county park system and about proposed expansion plans.

"We are particularly anxious to tell the story of our county parks system to service clubs, nature and conservation groups, woman's clubs, church societies and traternal organizations," he said.

"All members of the commission and key staff members will handle speaking assignments. Each speaker will show color sildes of activities at various park areas while. We also will disclose plan for future expansion and will welcome questions."

James McFaul, executive administrator of the Park Commission, asked that organizations address requests for speaker him at the Administrati.

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Applications For Tennis Being Taken

The Bergen County Park Commission announced today that it is now accepting applications for registration to play tennis at the new tennis center in Van Saun County Park, Paramus.

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Executive Director James McPaul said that the 12 court center is scheduled to open on Sept. 17 unless adverse weather delays the work schedule.

The Park Commission announced that the tennis registration fee for Bergen County residents for the remainder of the 1960 season will be 50 cents on weekdays and 75 cents on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Season memers for the 1961 season will be available at \$25 per family with hourly rates for registrants of 25 cents on weekdays and 50 cents on Saturdays, Sunday and holidays. Mon-residents will be charged at the hourly rate of \$1 on weekdays and \$2 on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Mof-sulf said that free tennis clinics for students in grade or high schools will be held during the remainder of this season, the dates to be announced soon.

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Applications for registration may be obtained at the Park Commission office, Administrative Building, Hackensack.

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bi-partisan advisory committee has been appointed by the Bergen County Park Commission to study the present and future golf needs of the County.

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Members of the advisory committee are Miss Matthea Orcutt of Engle-Clarence J. Mathe Jr. of Wood. Passa. Edwin Emrich, of Haworth, Jersey.

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A member of the Bergen County Planning Board, Mr. Emrich also serves as chairman of the Northern Valley Planning Association. He is a former chairman of the Hawageth former chairman of the Haworth

Work at Campgaw Park

Planning Board.

Mr. Little, a member of Arcola
County Cub, is vice-president in
Charge of sales and marketing at the
Becton Dickinson Company, East
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vice-president of the Harvard Business School Club of Northern ness School Club of Northern

Initial Plans For New Park Set By County

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Bergen County Park Commission.

Harold J. Hollenbeck, president, said that the first stage of development will include the construction of an entrance and drive from Campgaw Road to a parking lot, a distance of about 3,000 feet. The Commission also will develop and construct picni' fire "

Park Commission Expands Public Relations Program

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Jail Inmates To Help Build Picnic Tables

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Picnic tables for the Bergen County park system will be built by volunteer inmates from the Bergen County Jall working in cooperation with emplyoes of the Park Commission. Herbert Handelmann, staff director of the Park Commission, said that the tables are needed to meet the great demand for additional picnicking facilities in various county parks.

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Sheriff Martin J. Frber said that the jall immates who will be assigned on a voluntary basis to this project beginning next week are all serving light sentences for minor offenses. They will work in county shops opposite the Administrative Building. The program calls for building six picnic tables daily.

Christmas Display at Van Saun Park

The annual Christmas display The annual Christmas display at Van Saun County Park, Paramus, will be officially opened to the public at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 17, by Harold J. Hollenbeck, president of the Bergen County Park Commission. Features of the Van Saun park Yuletide display will be a 40-foot tree lighted with 750 colored bulbs the Nativity scene with a

bulbs, the Nativity scene with a 9-foot star overhead, Santa Claus in his sleigh, and fairyland scenes including Uncle Remus and the three little pigs.

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Board of Chosen Freeholders Administrative Building Hackensack, New Jersey

Aware of the responsibility to its residents, the Bergen County Park Commission is actively engaged in keeping Gentlemen: pace with the County's growing need for recreational

Land acquisition and the expansion of its present facilareas and facilities. ities are major factors in the minds of the Commission.

Provision must be and is being made for the efficient administration of all operating facilities for a growing population and minimizing the destruction of the natural growth and beauty throughout the park system.

The Commission is grateful to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for its support in giving recreation a priority position on its agenda during the year.

Harold J. Hollenbeck

President

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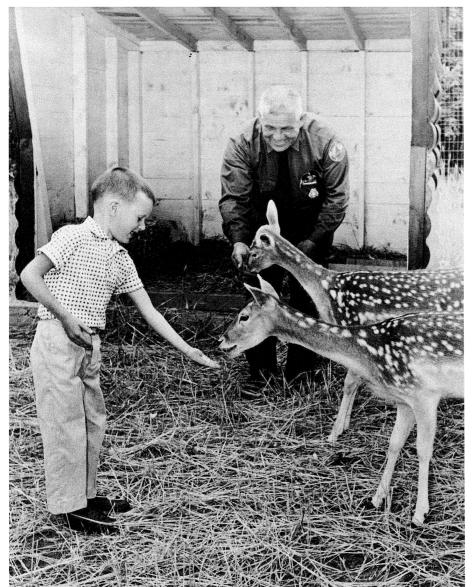
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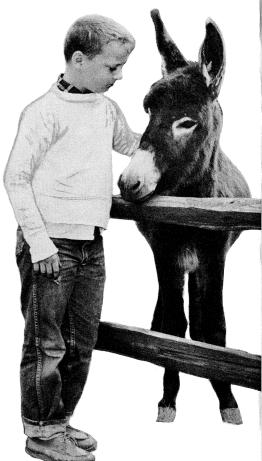
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Little John Mac Master feeds the European fallow deer at the children's zoo in Van Saun Park.

The Record Photograph



Growing To

Bergen County, first settled in the 17th Century, covers an area of 246.98 square miles with elevations ranging to 800 feet above sea level.

There are 150,000 acres in the County with approximately 10,000 acres devoted to farms and farmlands.

Geographically, Bergen County's location is outstanding. It is within reasonable commuting time from the important employment center of Manhattan; also its proximity to the central areas of Hudson, Essex, and Passaic counties and its location adjacent to the New York State boundary to the north offer further advantages. Bergen County also has a thriving industrial base of its own.

These advantages are proven by the popula-

tion growth in the County during the past decade, which broken down gives a clear vision of the progress we must maintain to fulfill the needs of the County in recreational facilities.

POPULATION GROWTH

1940	 409,646
1950	 539,139
1960	 794,120

To meet the needs of this increase in population your Park Commission acquired about 300 acres of desirable park lands during the year. Land owned by the County for recreational purposes now totals about 3,591 acres, or about one-half of the goal set by the Commission as



Meet A Great Need

Access road under construction at Campgaw Mountain Reservation.

The Record Photograph

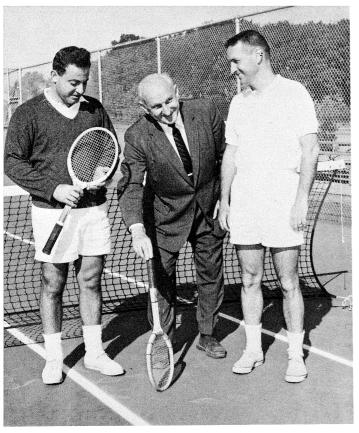
necessary to meet the presently anticipated requirements of our population.

Unfortunately, after acquiring properties available for a park system, public agencies, in their efforts to provide highways for the transportation of our growing population, greatly retard our progress and disassemble park lands to the disadvantage of the Commission's original intent. The Bergen-Passaic Expressway now under construction, will take approximately 190 acres of park land in the Overpeck Creek Area.

Soon after the Act creating the Commission in 1946, a land acquisition program started. This program was our main concern during the early years and continues as a major effort. However, larger parcels of land suitable for County Park

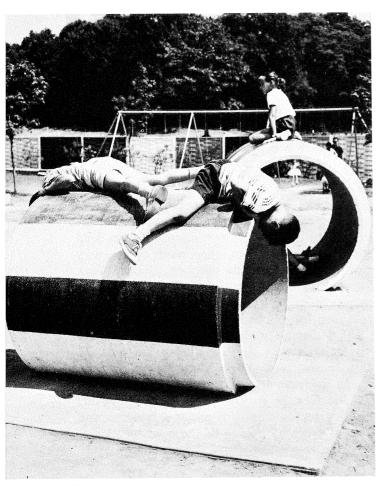
purposes are becoming increasingly difficult to find. Dedicated to the preservation of open space and mindful of its great responsibility to help satisfy the park and recreation needs of a rapidly growing population, the Bergen County Park Commission will continue to judiciously and actively acquire land for parks and to bring these areas into full public use as rapidly as possible.

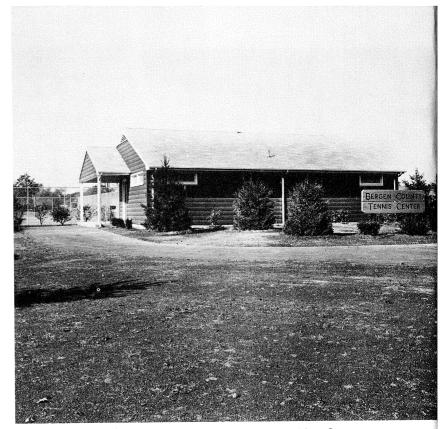
The demands for all types of parks and recreation facilities will increase during the next 25 years in the New York Metropolitan Region. During the year approximately 650,000 visitors used the County Parks—ample evidence of the need for periodic relief from the pressure and strain of everyday living and the need for recreation—the re-creating of mind and body.



Two tennis stars, Ronald W. Kerdasha (left) and Calvin D. Mc-Cracken tell Commission President Harold J. Hollenbeck some fine points at dedication of center.

The Record Photograph





Field House at Tennis center in Van Saun Park. Twelve courts are in the background.

County Tennis Center

Recognizing the requests of many County residents, the Commission appointed an impartial committee of four citizens to make a survey of the possible need of public tennis court facilities. Subsequently in a report submitted to the Commission, the committee recommended that 12 courts of all-weather asphalt material be constructed in centrally located Van Saun Park in River Edge and Paramus.

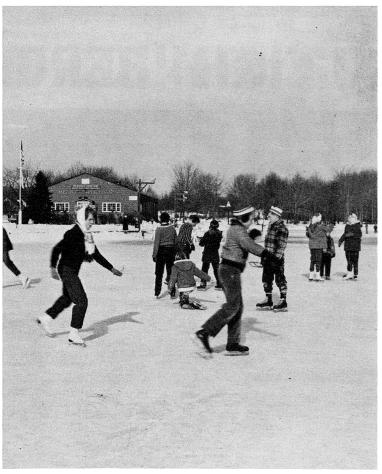
As a result of this report, work was initiated in April 1960 for the Bergen County Tennis Center, which was officially dedicated and opened to the public in October.

Twelve courts of all weather asphalt construction with a complete field house are now available for use by the tennis-minded public during the playing season.

The area has been landscaped with our own cultivated nursery stock adding much to the attractiveness of the courts and building.

A new parking lot is conveniently located for those interested in using the courts.

Children's playground at Van Saun Park is always popular.



Ice skating at Wild Duck Pond, County Park, Ridgewood.

Wild Duck Pond In Ridgewood

Reconstructing the shore line and dredging the lake increased the depth of water to four feet with a six-foot channel. Fish life is encouraged by the depth of the channel during the ice skating season when the water is lowered for safe skating. A faster flow of water is now permitted to enter the lake thus eliminating the stagnant water pockets and potential insect breeding.

The storehouse building has taken on a new appearance with the green shingle siding and white trim which blends with the general land-scaping.

A new parking lot was added and the east drive was completed for 2200 feet, and now connects with the west drive.

The new comfort station is now open to the public.

A children's playground was installed north of the comfort station and will be further developed.

Ice skating is the main attraction in the park during the winter season with flood and path lights provided for safety.

The annual small fry pan fishing contest sponsored by the local service clubs was again held

at the park. Application has been made to the State to stock the lake with trout to encourage those entering the contest. Last year 462 fish were caught and registered.

The Girl Scouts have again taken advantage of the day camping area which the Commission plans to extend to meet the demands for this type of recreation. The "Klondike Derby," another annual event in this park, attracts many visitors who witness this novel contest of dog sled maneuvering.

An added attraction to the area is the number of Canadian geese seen at the lake each morning and leaving after sunset. The wild duck feeding station, constructed of flagstone at the west park entrance, is popular with both the adult and the children who enjoy the actions of the wild life.

Children's Zoo And Playground

The children's zoo and playground in Van Saun Park were completed and opened to the public in May.

Educational and amusing, the animals and birds, including raccoons, deer, a burro, lambs, ducks, turkeys, squirrels, etc., exhibited in their colorful shelters are appreciated by both the young and their seniors. No fee is charged for entry to the zoo, which is open daily with ample parking and scenic picnic areas nearby for those who enjoy cooking out. Zoo attendance is highest over holidays and weekends with slides, seesaws, swings, climbers and sand boxes in constant use. Uniformed attendants are on duty to assist the public.

Riverside Park, Lyndhurst

The North Area of Riverside Park was host to over 129,000 residents, excluding those visiting from neighboring Counties.

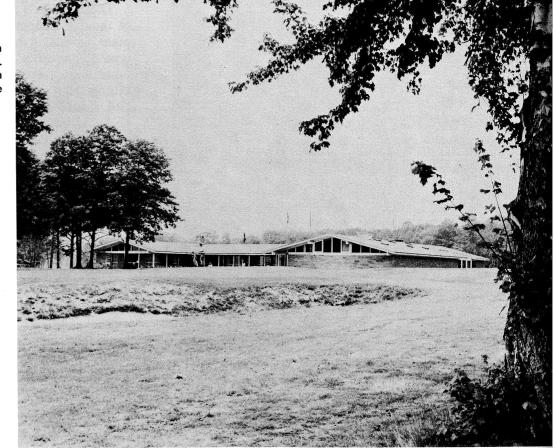
This park is also used by organized civic, religious and social groups throughout the County who apply annually to the Commission for use of its picnic areas, rest rooms, children's playground, baseball field and parking facilities.

The area abutting the shore line is desirable for picnicking and is encouraged by placing tables and fireplaces for the visitors' convenience. Running water is available.

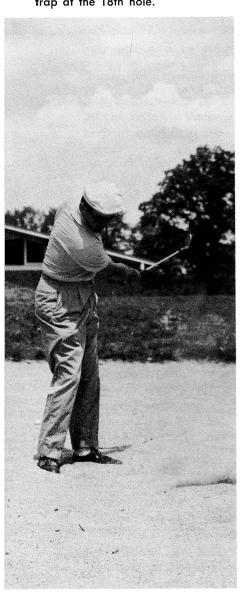
New playground equipment was installed and the park drive and parking lot were resurfaced after 8 years of use and are now in excellent condition.

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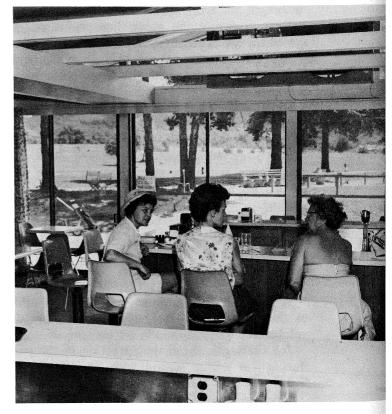
Clubhouse at Rockleigh County Golf Course. Over 9,000 Bergen County residents are members of this club.



Playing out of a sandtrap at the 18th hole.



The 19th hole—snack bar at the clubhouse.



N COUNTY GOLF COURSE

Campgaw Mountain County Reservation

This area now comprises approximately 1,204 acres with over 3,000 foot frontage on Campgaw Road and Ramapo Valley Road (Route 202). Plans call for dividing the area into two sections.

Approximately 930 acres of this virgin and heavily wooded land, which is becoming a rarity in Bergen County, is reserved for a natural wild life reservation.

Nature trails, bird watching, camping, tree and plant identification are some of the attractions planned for this section.

Each year more people show an interest in this mountain area. Late in 1960, the Commission started land clearing for an access road and parking lot. Fresh drinking water and added picnic facilities, campsites and labeled nature trails will be ready in 1961. The Commission's 10 acre plant nursery is located here with all nursery stock identified for the visiting gardener and horticulturist.

The recently acquired land, comprising approximately 274 acres abutting the Ramapo Valley Road (Route 202), is being studied for future development and is not to be included as part of the wildlife reservation.

Garfield Area

This area is composed of several parks located throughout the City.

The most picturesque is Dahnerts Lake Park, which consists of a $3\frac{1}{2}$ acre lake surrounded by flowering shrubs and shade trees giving the park setting a restful atmosphere.

Foot paths, benches and a landscaped stonewalled island add to the peaceful environment of this park.

Ice skating is enjoyed during the winter season, when the red ball flag is displayed. It is estimated that upwards of 2,000 skaters enjoy this recreation daily. Future plans call for the expansion of facilities in this area to the east.

Belmont Hill Park, an area of 9-1/5 acres, is ideally located at the highest elevation in the City. An unobstructed view to the west overlooks the City to the Watchung Mountains. An asphalt park drive leading to the parking area at the highest point is supplemented by park benches and a children's playground, where safety from traffic was exercised by installing a chain link fence adorned by climbing roses of various colors.

The Rose Garden, admired by all visitors, consists of a circularly prepared bed where 42 varieties of ever-blooming roses are maintained by the Commission and present a maze of colors during the flowering season.

Shade trees and the installation of split-rail fencing add to the beautification of the park design.

Belmont Oval and 20th Century Field are used for athletic activities. Baseball, soccer and football are the main sports in these areas which are booked to capacity during the seasons. Regulation baseball backstops are provided by the Commission with player benches for those participating in the games.

In Memorial Field located in the northeast section of the City, the Commission maintains a park area of 6½ acres on which a hard ball field was constructed and, upon popular demand, a second field for softball with backstop. Memorial Day services are held at the park annually.

A path system, supplemented by park benches, flowering shrubs, shade trees and colorful plantings add to the landscape.

Saddle Brook Park

This park is located along the westerly and easterly banks of the Saddle River in the Townships of Saddle Brook and Rochelle Park, and was created by the Commission from a vast swamp and flood water area, mostly with fill from the relocated Saddle River.

With the cooperation and assistance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the improvement of this area, together with the flood control basin, has eliminated the serious flood damage previously suffered by the abutting property owners.

During the year several new installations were added, including a modern comfort station and playground equipment. A 30 foot wide park drive and a series of paths with plantings lead to the various facilities and spacious parking lot.

Fishing and model boat enthusiasts use the lake area daily. Annual fishing contests are held by organized groups in the stocked waters and sizable pan fish are caught by the contestants.

The athletic field and picnic area of tables with fireplaces are constantly in demand, and the open fields are annually requested by national youth organizations for camping purposes.

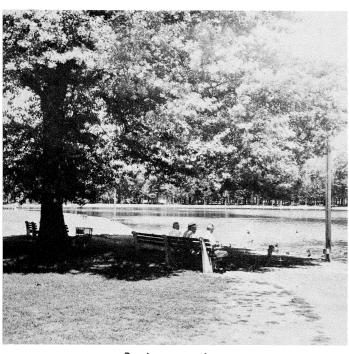
Ice skating is also enjoyed on the Commission semi-artificial 100' x 200' ice rink which is floodlighted for night skating.



Picnic facilities have been expanded at all parks.



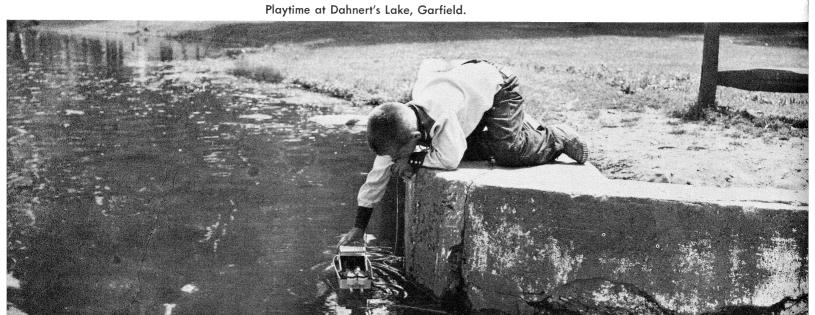
Entrance to Leonia area of Overpeck Park.



Passive recreation.



Picnic area and playfield in North Arlington Park.



Riverside Park North Arlington

The attendance in this area has about doubled this year.

Ice skating was enjoyed during the season and the baseball fields were used by various organized groups to their capacity.

A football and soccer field was made available in this area by popular demand and was in active use during the fall season.

Realizing the increasing number of visitors and the limited parking facilities the Commission during the year constructed a new entrance road and parking lot at the North end of the park. The newly constructed road will serve as a section of the planned park drive adjacent to the Passaic River.

30 picnic tables and 8 fireplaces were added to the picnic groves. An extended water line and drinking fountain were installed by the Commission's maintenance crew as a facility for those desiring to picnic at the North portion of the park.

Overpeck Park

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Small filled-in park sites in 4 areas feature ice

skating, picnicking, ballfields and open play areas.

During 1960 the Overpeck was the source of much activity as work started for the construction of the Bergen-Passaic Expressway. This super highway lamentably cuts the park into several small sections; however, the Commission. aware of the great recreational needs of the residents in this part of the County, has taken steps for the redesign of this vast park site.

As a by-product of the Expressway construction, the Commission negotiated for the stock piling of 1,500,000 yards of fill excavated by contractors from the road-bed for future park construction.

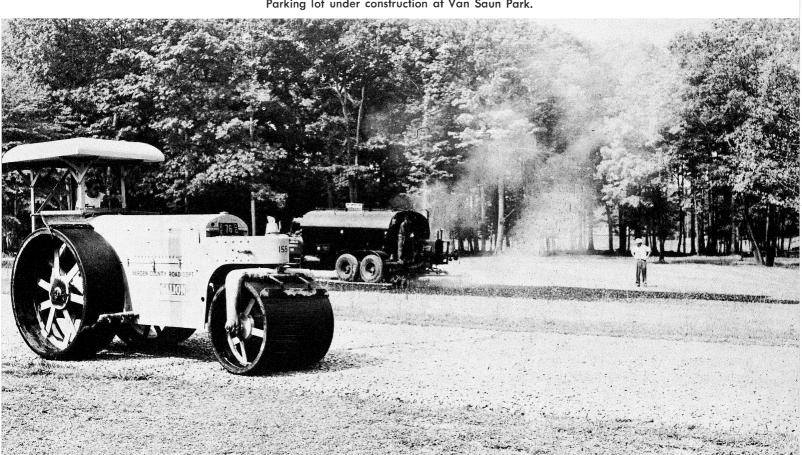
Roadway And Parking Lot Construction

The Commission realizes that if parks are to be enjoyed, access is as important as acquiring park lands.

The Commission's engineering staff is constantly planning park drives, scenic paths, trails and ample parking facilities, keeping in mind, the attractiveness of the particular area and preserving what natural landscaping is present.

Park drives and parking areas were added at Wild Duck Pond Park, Ridgewood; Van Saun Park, Paramus and River Edge; Riverside Park, North Arlington. The park drive in Riverside Park, Lyndhurst was resurfaced.

Parking lot under construction at Van Saun Park.



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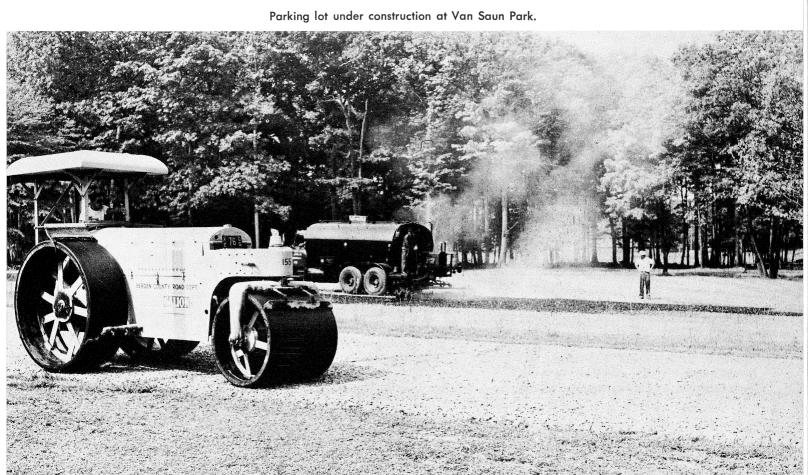
As a by-product of the Expressway construction, the Commission negotiated for the stock piling of 1,500,000 yards of fill excavated by contractors from the road-bed for future park construction.

Roadway And Parking Lot Construction

The Commission realizes that if parks are to be enjoyed, access is as important as acquiring park lands.

The Commission's engineering staff is constantly planning park drives, scenic paths, trails and ample parking facilities, keeping in mind, the attractiveness of the particular area and preserving what natural landscaping is present.

Park drives and parking areas were added at Wild Duck Pond Park, Ridgewood; Van Saun Park, Paramus and River Edge; Riverside Park, North Arlington. The park drive in Riverside Park, Lyndhurst was resurfaced.



BERGEN COUNTY PARK COMMISSION CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROPERTIES COMMITTED OR ACQUIRED FOR PARK PURPOSES

BOND AND BUDGET ACCOUNTS

Close December 31, 1960

Areas		B-TOTALS	Totals	
. Addition	ACREAGE	Costs	ACREAGE	Costs
OVERPECK CREEK				
Purchased or Committed Municipal Properties donated	125.79 957.06	\$180,874.00 —0—		
Riparian Rts. Committed	0	45,311.19		
Discuss De			1,082.85	\$ 226,185.1
Passaic River Purchased or Committed	40.00		1,002.05	Ψ 220,103.1
Municipal Properties donated or Committed	49.93 81.06	121,321.00 —0—		
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ADDLE RIVER			130.99	121,321.0
Purchased or Committed Municipal Properties donated or Committed	495.65 46.31	532,830.00		
Private Properties donated	7.87	1.00		
			549.83	532,831.00
OUTHWEST BERGEN			5 15.05	332,031.00
Purchased or Committed Municipal Properties donated	0.12 87.53	2,200.00 2,00		
			0.5.4.5	
/an Saun			87.65	2,202.00
Purchased or Committed	138.09	194,561.73		
Trivate Properties donated	1.25	0		
Jorthwest Bergen			139.34	194,561.73
Purchased or Committed	1,201.58	635,313.71		
Municipal Properties donated	2.33	_0_		
John D. D.		A Martin Control of the Control of t	1,203.91	635,313.71
ORTHEAST BERGEN Purchased or Committed	160.65	127 907 75		
Municipal Properties donated	160.65 0.32	127,806.75 —0—		
Private Properties donated	13.08	0		
ASCACK BROOK			174.05	127,806.75
Purchased or Committed	15.41	44,986.88		
Municipal Properties donated	110.00	44,960.66 —0—		
	* 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		125.41	44,986.88
ASCACK VALLEY				11,200.00
Purchased or Committed			96.88	208,486.00
ACKENSACK RIVER				
Purchased or Committed			0.08	10.00
			2.500.00	
		=	3,590.99	\$2,093,704.26
SUMMARY OF LAN	D ACOUISIT	ION		
rivate properties purchased or committed		* 2.284.18		\$2,048,390.07
rivate properties donated		22.20		1.00
unicipal properties donated or committed		1,284.61 —0—		2.00 45,311.19
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		3,590.99		\$2,093,704.26

^{*} The above total of private properties purchased or committed comprising 2,284.18 Acres at a cost of \$2,048,390.07 averages \$896.77 per acre.

ERGEN COUNTY PARK COMMISSION LAND ACQUISITION PROPERTIES COMMITTED OR ACQUIRED BOND AND BUDGET ACCOUNTS

Close December 31, 1960

	Sub-Totals		Totals	
DESCRIPTION	ACREAGE	Costs	ACREAGE	Costs
PRIVATE PROPERTIES COMMITTED OR ACQUIRED Reported close of Dec. 31, 1959 Cost of adjustments 1960 Acreage adjustments 1960	2,001.14 + 9.07	\$1,552,381.07 + 1,725.00		
PRIVATE PROPERTIES COMMITTED OR ACQUIRED 1960			2,010.21	\$ 1,554,106.07
22 Additional parcels of land with appurtenances were committed or acquired in four areas			296.17	\$ 494,285.00
MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES COMMITTED OR ACQUIRED Reported close of Dec. 31, 1959	1,288.53 — 3.92	2.00		
	1,284.61	2.00		
Municipal Properties Committed Or Acquired 1960 None	0	0		
RIPARIAN RIGHTS COMMITTED Reported close of 12/31/59—45,311.19 Linear Feet			1,284.61 —0—	\$ 2.00 45,311.19
			** 3,590.99	\$2,093,704.26

Note:

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Bergen County Park Commission Administrative Building Hackensack, New Jersey February 14, 1961

Gentlemen:

I have examined the financial records of the Commission for the year ending December 31, 1960 and, as a result of this examination, I submit the following:

1 submit the following:		
BUDGET FUNDS		
Surplus, January 1, 1960		\$ 40,778.62 2,421.70
Adjusted Surplus, January 1, 1960 Budget Appropriation—1960		\$ 43,200.32 679,225.00
EXPENDITURES: Salaries and Wages Office Operating Expenses Engineering and Drafting Land Acquisition Legal Expenses Field Operating Expenses New Field Equipment Park Maintenance Materials	27,839.56 3,475.04 1,848.99 12,000.00 33,989.26 25,215.62	\$722,425.32
Less: Appropriation Reserves—1960		711,843.99 \$ 10,581.33 6,107.26 \$ 4,474.07
BOND ISSUES		
Balance Available, January 1, 1960 County Park Bonds Issued — 1960		\$393,560.20 580,000.00
Less: Disbursed and Committed for Land Acquisition and Improvements		\$973,560.20 680,097.01
Balance Available, December 31, 1960		\$293,463.19

All vouchers were examined and found to be properly approved. Checks issued in payment of these vouchers were compared with both the voucher and the entry in the financial records. These were found to be correct.

Cash in banks was reconciled with the book figures.

Respectfully submitted,

Certified Public Accountant (N. J. & N. Y.)

^{**} Approximately 190.00 acres of park lands in the Overpeck Creek Area are being taken by the State of New Jersey for the Bergen-Passaic Expressway. The exact acreage taken will be deducted after the State definitely establishes the line of the taking.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS — 1960

Acquired 300 Acres Additional Park Land
Completed County Tennis Center
Completed Children's Zoo
Constructed Two Large Comfort Stations
Added New Park Drive and Parking Facilities in three Areas
More Picnic Areas For All Parks
Extensive Tree Planting Program Completed
Erected Building for Heavy Equipment
Began Initial Development Of Two New Parks