

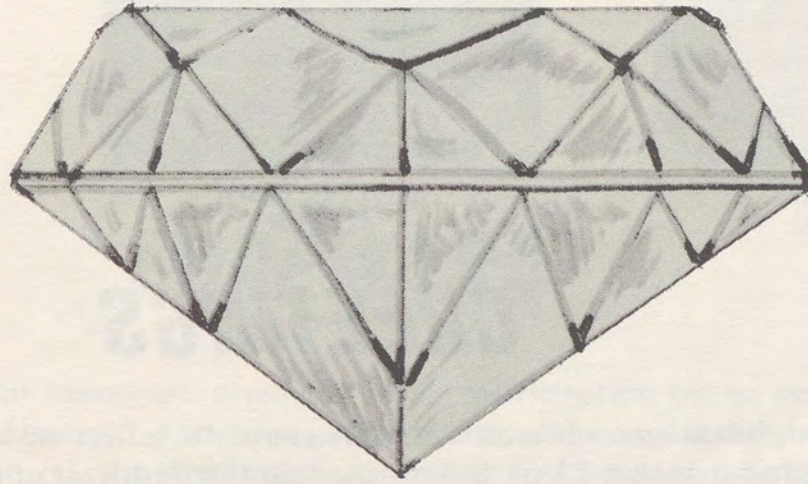
**NORTH
HALEDON 75th
ANNIVERSARY
1976**

NORTH HALEDON, NEW JERSEY.

INVITATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE QUILT



All North Haledon residents were invited to design a family-identification square, a segment of this distinctive anniversary quilt.



North Haledon

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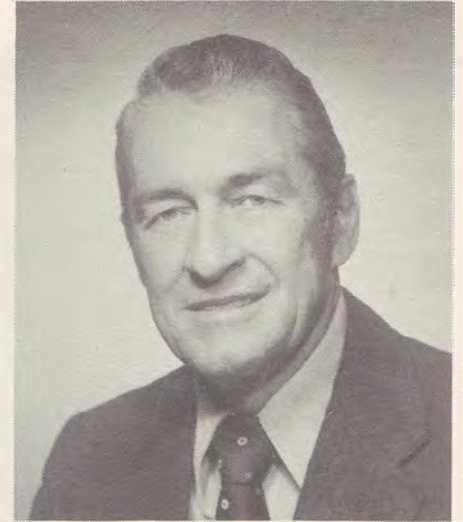
Anniversary Book



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MAYOR



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CO-CHAIRMAN

GREETINGS

It is only normal, when one observes an anniversary, to reflect upon the nature and spirit of the preceding years. And so it is that I look in retrospect, in this 75th year of its development, to the progress of the Borough of North Haledon. Flashing first across my mind are the goals, trials, and achievements of our predecessors. I would be remiss, indeed, if I failed to acknowledge the good foundation provided by the previous administrations, upon which we were able to build.

Since 1951, when we observed our 50th anniversary, our population has increased by almost 2,000 residents. In an age of technology and wide-spread communications systems, life styles have changed more drastically than in any other quarter of a century, and a whole new social and physical environment has been created. Like the rest of the world, North Haledon has been affected by the rapid growth and changes in our modern civilization, and many adjustments have been necessary. Existing services for the optimum welfare of the community proved inadequate or totally lacking under the circumstances. Civic, educational, and recreational departments have been expanded, new bureaus and commissions have been instituted, and facilities in general have been implemented in order to accommodate the new needs.

Since progress is a continual process, co-operative efforts to keep pace with it have contributed to the success of our undertakings, and, judging from my experience in office, these efforts will be sustained in the future. For this I am thankful. Just as the family is the basic unit in a stable society, so is the community in the nation.

As our 75th anniversary coincides with the national bicentennial, I must express my appreciation to the many borough organizations and individuals who have made our celebration an outstanding success. Special thanks are offered to former Mayor Earl Kearns for his services as general chairman, and to James Halloran, co-chairman. Many others did much to guarantee the happy ending of this venture, but they are too numerous to mention without the risk of inadvertently overlooking someone.

To all of you, I am grateful. It has been a privilege to serve North Haledon, "The Friendly Community."

Sincerely,

FOREWORD

In an effort to encourage community-wide participation on so notable an occasion as the Diamond Anniversary of our borough, coincidentally with the National Bicentennial, the Anniversary Committee invited representatives of all agencies, departments, and organizations to meet at the Buehler Cultural Center for the dual purpose of exchanging ideas and co-ordinating ceremonies and activities. One of the first suggestions voiced and approved by the entire group was the publication of an Anniversary Book as the culminating highlight commemorating the event. This suggestion was accompanied by a unanimous plea to preserve the distinctive format of the Golden Anniversary Book, retaining the historical section intact.

This was done, with the exception of minor changes and additions necessary to bring the narrative up to date. In order to maintain the unity of the historical theme in dealing with the more recent phases of the borough's progress, brief chronological accounts of organizations and events are included. As before, limitations imposed by the nature of this book and the amount of available space were the determining factors governing the selection of material submitted for publication.

The kindness and willing co-operation of local residents who contributed information, pictures, and records, have made this book possible. Valuable aid was also rendered by the organizations and individuals who provided the essential data, and the photographers who volunteered their services. Again, it would be impracticable to list the names of all the individuals to whom the writers are indebted, but their assistance is gratefully acknowledged.

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William Paterson College

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Garden Club

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Garden Club

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North Haledon Sports and Recreation Association

NORTH HALEDON SCHOOL PAGEANT

Elementary Schools

NORTH JERSEY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S PARADE AND PICNIC

North Haledon Volunteer Firemen's Association

HARMONY SINGERS and MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS GLEE CLUB OUTDOOR CONCERT

Cultural Committee

AMERICAN LEGION PARADE AND PICNIC

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Memorial Day Committee

PEDDLERS' FAIR and PICNIC

American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary

FOURTH OF JULY COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITY DAY at Buehler Cultural Center

Anniversary Committee

OPEN HOUSE EXHIBIT of NORTH HALEDON MEMORABILIA at Buehler's

Anniversary Committee

DEDICATION OF PERMANENT HOME FOR 19th CENTURY "OLD SCHOOL BELL"

Ceremony and Installation on grounds of the High Mountain School by UNICO

ITALIAN FEAST AND CARNIVAL AT THE RECREATIONAL FIELD

UNICO

EASTERN CHRISTIAN BELL RINGERS' CONCERT at Buehler Cultural Center

Cultural Committee

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IN THE BEGINNING

Can you imagine a more suitable spot for a settlement than a fertile green valley protected by two time-seasoned mountain ranges? Such is the location of North Haledon which lies between the northern extremities of the First and Second Watchung Mountains. The advantages of this region were fully appreciated by the earliest settlers, who were Indians of the Minsi (Munsee) tribe. They were the "people of the stone country," a sub-tribe of the Lenni Lenapes, or "original people" who roamed all over New Jersey. They established camps on the flat land at the southern slope of the mountain, above the ravine where a brook flows east along Gionti Place. (Recently, the course of the brook was re-directed and piped to flow underground as far as Belmont Avenue, so this portion is no longer visible above ground.) Directly west from there, another ravine known as the "Clove" leading to Franklin Lake, contains rock shelters and caves used by the Minsi during the hunting season. Since hunting and fishing opportunities were abundant, these Indians led a free and happy sort of existence for many years. Then in the course of time, their lands were sold, and the remaining members of the Minsi and Pompton tribes drifted away from New Jersey. This was around 1737.

In appearance, these people were broad-shouldered, medium in height, and dark brown in complexion. So friendly and hospitable were they, that the war-like Iroquois regarded them as complete sissies; however, once aroused, they would fight to a finish for revenge. They also possessed a high degree of individuality, as revealed by the numerous relics unearthed in the vicinity by many local residents. Among these relics are arrowheads of various types, blades, spears, and corncrushers. The old Sage property yielded one of these corncrushers; and at the foot of High Mountain, the late Otto Benz, a noted local artist-naturalist, discovered a large stone with carvings of birds and fish. This he later presented to the Passaic County Museum.

It is said that when Henry Hudson, in the service of the Dutch East India Company, sailed into New York Harbor in 1609, the first point of land

spotted by his men was High Mountain (879 ft.). It is also said that ships approaching from the southeast as they followed the Africa-West Indies route, were directed in their course by this mountain, for it is indeed the highest point within twenty miles of the coast from Maine to Florida.

Another distinguishing feature is the magnificent, almost uninterrupted view from the top. Beyond the Haledon Reservoir in the valley below, toward the east, rise the Palisades, Hook Mountain, and High Tor with its airplane beacon. On a clear day, Taconic Mountain in Connecticut is visible a little to the left of the George Washington Bridge and the New York skyline. Continuing clockwise, Staten Island may be discerned on the horizon to the left of Garret Mountain, then the Second Watchung Range and the Cedar Grove Reservoir. The Great Piece Meadows, a thirty mile stretch of bottomland of ancient Lake Passaic, lie to the west, as well as a number of mountain peaks and ranges. Toward the north are Federal Hill in Pompton, the Wanaque (Wynokie) Plateau, High Point, Windbeam Mountain, and the Ramapo Mountains ranging from Pompton beyond Suffern. To complete the picture, Franklin Lake, called the "Crystal Eye" by the Indians, appears close at hand, like a turquoise in a green setting.

Soon after Hudson's discovery, Dutch settlements were made in New Netherlands which included parts of New York and the eastern part of New Jersey. In 1664, the British, under the Duke of York, demanded the surrender of the Dutch colony. New Jersey was then divided into East and West New Jersey, with the division line beginning at Little Egg Harbor and extending to the northwestern tip of the state. East New Jersey, which included the present County of Passaic, was allotted to Sir George Carteret. After his death in 1680, the trustees of his estate conveyed proprietary interests to William Penn and his associates. They, in turn, organized the "Board of Proprietors of East New Jersey," an organization which today would be termed a corporation. This association still exists, with headquarters in Perth Amboy, and all of the property east of the dividing line can be traced to these twenty-four original proprietors.

Here is an interesting note in connection with the transfer of these properties. In this area particularly, the proprietors conveyed their land to the Westervelts, Ryersons, Van Houtens, and others, who in turn gave an assortment of blankets, kettles, knives, wampum, and rum to the Indians to quiet their claims.

When the Proprietors of East New Jersey assumed control in 1682, Bergen County was formed. However, proprietary rule caused so much dissatisfaction, that the Proprietors surrendered their right of government to the Crown in 1702. East and West New Jersey were then united into one colony. In 1794 Saddle River was organized as an independent township, and in 1837 Passaic County was formed. The new county included those parts of Saddle River Township which are now Hawthorne, Prospect Park, Totowa, Wayne, Haledon, and North Haledon. Thus we became part of Manchester Township in the County of Passaic, and so we remained until March 20, 1901, when North Haledon was incorporated as a borough.

PART II

A VARIED HERITAGE

Let us look back to the early 1700's and picture a Dutch settler riding on horseback through here to the Pond's Church in Oakland. This church, founded in 1710, the sixth in the colony, was then situated at the corner of the present Franklin Lakes Road and Route 202. Our churchgoer must have come by way of High Mountain Road, known at the time as the "Road to the Ponds," in order to arrive at his destination. This road veered off along Squaw Brook Road, probably following Romaine Road straight across the Lindbergh Park property to Rip Van Winkle Avenue which is now Belmont Avenue. (Lindbergh Park was, for years, the popular picnic ground used by organizations and families whose members enjoyed many happy hours of recreation there. Formerly owned by the Fedyshyn family, this property has now been developed into an area of beautiful home sites.) The road continued past Crystal Pool (Franklin Lake) and Crooked Pond (the former duck sanctuary.) where the Berdans and about ten other Dutch families had already settled.

To our traveler, the Oldham Brook running along his path was known as Krakeel Val, a Dutch translation of the Indian name for a troublesome or noisy stream. The Goffle Ridge he knew as Wagaraw Mountain, from the Indian word meaning

"country at the bend of the river" (Passaic River). If he had written home about it, he probably would have spelled it "Weghrayw," as shown on Erskine's map which was made for General Washington in 1778. Although he would have known that the Dutch word "gaffel" meant "fork," it was not until much later that the name "Goffle" was identified with the ridge. The high land to the west of Krakeel Val, terminating at High Mountain, was called "Harteberg," presumably a translation of "Deer Hill," as it was known to the Indians.

He must have noticed Squaw Brook which fed the Krakeel Val, and he may have wondered about the two legends concerning the origin of its name. Was it true, as some said, that the stream became known as Squaw Brook after a jilted Indian maid had drowned herself there when she could no longer bear her lot? Or, should he discard this romantic version and accept the more prosaic explanation? For there were others who maintained that the name was derived simply and naturally from the fact that Indian squaws used the brook for domestic purposes.

As he continued his journey, he might also have noticed the old Indian trail, now Sicomac Road, which led to Sicomac, "a tribal burial place." These names, familiar to him, were still in use more than a hundred years ago, and most of them are known today.

III

WASHINGTON DID NOT SLEEP HERE

Some of us may be disappointed to learn that North Haledon was not immediately affected by Revolutionary War activities. We must bear in mind that we were then part of Bergen County, not even identified as Saddle River Township. Before the actual outbreak of hostilities, our area was represented in the Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1774 and 1775 by Theunis Dey. He was one of the members of the Bergen County Committee which sent delegates to this Congress to emphasize our grievances against England. A record of this time also contains the name of a certain Jacobus Post who owned a large tract of land around Oldham Pond. This he had obtained from the East New Jersey Proprietors. Although we find little else about him, we do know that he became major of a light horse regiment in 1776.

Legend of Squaw Brook

The Squaw Brook flows with rhythmic rill,
Down westward slope of Goffle Hill.

And murm'ring in their melody,
The waters lisp, ah me, ah me.

'Twas in that time when land was free,
And red men roamed at liberty.

They built their huts and hunted game,
With none to question whence they came.

But in their wand'ring forest life,
The red men were not free from strife.

And discontent and tribal feuds,
Disturbed the woodland solitudes.

The Goffle Chief, named Crooked Toes,
Had taken scalps from many foes.

His wigwam stood beside the rills,
That flow so rhythmic down the hills.

His only child had all the grace,
That gives the charm to maiden face

She bore the name of Laurel Star,
And suitors came from near and far.

They brought her gifts of beads and game,
And some had prestige of great fame.

Far down the vale there shone the gleam,
That lingers on Passaic's stream.

And on its banks in feathery gear,
There dwelt a buck who knew no fear.

And to and fro to hill and vale,
He journeyed with a lover's tale.

And pressed his suit and waited long,
For rivals came in a great throng.

But in the end the Goffle squaw,
Gave heart to buck named Wagaraw.

Far up the hill on beaten track,
The braves all met at Sycomack.

Wren all the braves' round council fire,
To quench forever all their ire;

The beaded drum sent forth its sound,
And pipe of peace was passed around.

Each one brought present, and with pride,
Wished joy to Wagaraw and bride.

Then all engaged in game of chance,
Or joined with those in wedding dance.

But sweetest moments of content,
Are very often pridily rent.

And in the game so nobly fought,
Arrows flow as quick as thought.

But friendly tests where heated fray,
Oft sees an arrow go astray.

And one through flaw, deflecting far,
Pierced through the heart of Laurel Star.

All joy gave way to that of gloom,
And mountain maid was borne to tomb.

Tears fell as rain, and since that day,
The brook has sung its mournful lay.

At wind of brook far up the hill,
The waters formed a speaking rill.

And who so will may hear the strain,
Ah me, ah me, in sad refrain.

Year in and out through lapse of time,
The brook has sung this mystic rhyme.

And in their journey to the sea,
The waters lisp, ah me; ah me.

Mrs. Julia P. Maynard Clipped the above
from a newspaper in 1885.
Author and date of origin unknown.



BOGERT HOMESTEAD

It is also a matter of record that Washington made his headquarters in Preakness, at Theunis Dey's home, which is now a historic shrine. This was during July, October, and November of 1780 while the army was encamped along the eastern base of Preakness Mountain from the Goffle to Little Falls. In this formation, while Major Arthur St. Clair held a position near the present Lincoln Bridge in Totowa, Lafayette's light infantry corps occupied the territory just below Goffle Ridge in present day Hawthorne. In the marches to and from Pompton, Preakness, and Paramus, the American troops came close to the North Haledon area, but there is no concrete evidence that they ever passed through it. Very likely, there were picket posts along Goffle Ridge, since part of the Old Road to the Ponds is found on the original Erskine map. It is conceivable, too, that an interested spectator of this period, standing on the top of High Mountain, might have watched the campfires of Washington's men from his vantage point; or, taking his position on the Goffle Ridge, he might even more easily view those of Lafayette's troops.

FROM SETTLEMENT TO BOROUGH

The first resident of whom we have some record was Anthony Van Blarcom, who lived "between Wagaraw Mountain and High Mountain" as early as 1745. In all probability, there were settlers prior to that date, but there is no definite proof. This may be due to the fact that the filing of deeds involved both expense and effort; therefore these thrifty, hard-working pioneers often considered it superfluous, or neglected it entirely. Along the Road to the Ponds, south of the intersection of Squaw Brook and Romaine, on the east side of the road, stands a homestead that is presumed to be one of the oldest in North Haledon. It may have been built by either Anthony Van Blarcom or John Romyn, both of whom bought large tracts of land in that vicinity around 1745-1750. The Bogerts (Van den Boogardt) came there more than a century later, in 1865; and just this year, another century later, this lovely landmark was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent A. Perneti, who very shortly expect to call it home.



GRAHAM HOME



ELLIS HOME (FROM DRAWING)



RIDING IN STYLE (1890)
FRANK BERRY AND DAUGHTER CARRIE
Berry Homestead and High Mountain in Background



MAYNARD HOME (Late 1800's)

The property which now constitutes the Maynard, Street, Shepherd, Barrow, and school property, together with what was once all of Squaw Lake, was known as the "Saw Mill Lot" or "Squaw Brook Farm" as early as 1802 when it belonged to Daniel Heddon. (Squaw Lake was subsequently drained, and the land was developed for housing.) Here, at the corner of Squaw Brook and High Mountain Roads, next to Memorial School, stands another of the time-honored homesteads of the borough. This is the Maynard House, which originally consisted only of the stone portion nearest to the road intersection. Prior to 1832, it was a wayside tavern which also served as a convenient stopping place for the old stage coaches passing through this area. In 1861, John Jacob Messerve, maternal grandfather of W. J. Maynard, bought and developed this land and property. Under his ownership, the farm land was cultivated and a main barn was erected where the Shepherd barn is now located; the Squaw Lake area was converted into a magnificent apple orchard; and the middle frame section and rear stone portion of the house were added. Although the present owners are Helen and Harry Carnine, it is still known as the "Maynard house."

The Maynard place was already there when John Berry (Burri, from Switzerland), in 1836, built his home on a narrow dirt road beyond. This road later became an extension of High Mountain Road where the Berry Home still stands. In the main, this house with its hand-hewn timbers, has kept its original form; and for many years, Mrs. Darrow, the granddaughter of John Berry, lived there. Since her death, it has been occupied by the present owners, Robert and Donna Ralston.

Records of this time show that much of North Haledon was in the hands of the Van Houtens, the Ryersons, and the Garretsons. The main Ryerson tract, which was the largest tract surveyed in this area, extended from the Lotz property all the way past High Mountain. It was confiscated as Tory property after the Revolutionary War because John Ryerson had enlisted in the British army. A deed of 1790 refers to a log house somewhere near the intersection of Manchester and North Haledon Avenues, on a tract of land belonging to Martin F. Ryerson. Also, it was he who opened the first quarry in this locality behind Dean's Sport Center (formerly Bingler's Garage) during the Revolutionary War period.

Another old sandstone house on Graham Avenue, where the Grahams now live, has the date 1802 carved above the door. Among other things, nails were forged at this homestead in the early days. When, during the following year, another house was built on the corner of Graham Avenue and Squaw Brook Road, nails from this very forge were used. In 1867 the Briggs family acquired this second building. It was a tavern in the early nineteenth century; and in 1882, when the late William Ellis, our third mayor, bought the place and enlarged the cellar foundation, he found dishes and cutlery from the old inn. Miss Barbara Ellis, a daughter, lived there until her recent demise.

In 1832, Ralph Shorrock, grandfather of Mrs. Charles Ballentine, purchased land along the Road to the Ponds where the Kuiken farm property now stands. Then in 1887, George Torbett bought the house and part of the property and continued to farm it for years.



An interesting landmark, built in 1836 but long since burned down, can be traced at the ruins of the old ice houses at Oldham Pond. Here William Thompson maintained a hotel, and here taxes could be paid as late as 1871. This hotel was the center for the popular curling matches and public gatherings of all kinds. Mr. Thompson, the grandfather of the late Mrs. Darrow (Carrie Berry) and Frank Berry, was the father of thirteen children and the stepfather of five more. He was a leader of the Oldham Wakes, which were traditional English festivals consisting of games,

greased pig contests, outdoor cooking, and merry-making of all kinds. Since he was also a vociferous patriot, he maintained on his premises a public cannon which had been forged right there, and which was fired on every possible occasion for each of the states of the Union. One can readily imagine how loudly it boomed in April, 1865, hailing the end of the Civil War.

Upon Thompson's death, the hotel was converted into a private home, and the cannon was transferred to Bridge's Pond in Haledon where it was fired on patriotic holidays. At one of these celebrations — it may have been for the election of McKinley,—the old cannon came to a violent end by exploding spectacularly. Pieces of it are still cherished by the Berry, Thompson, and Street families.

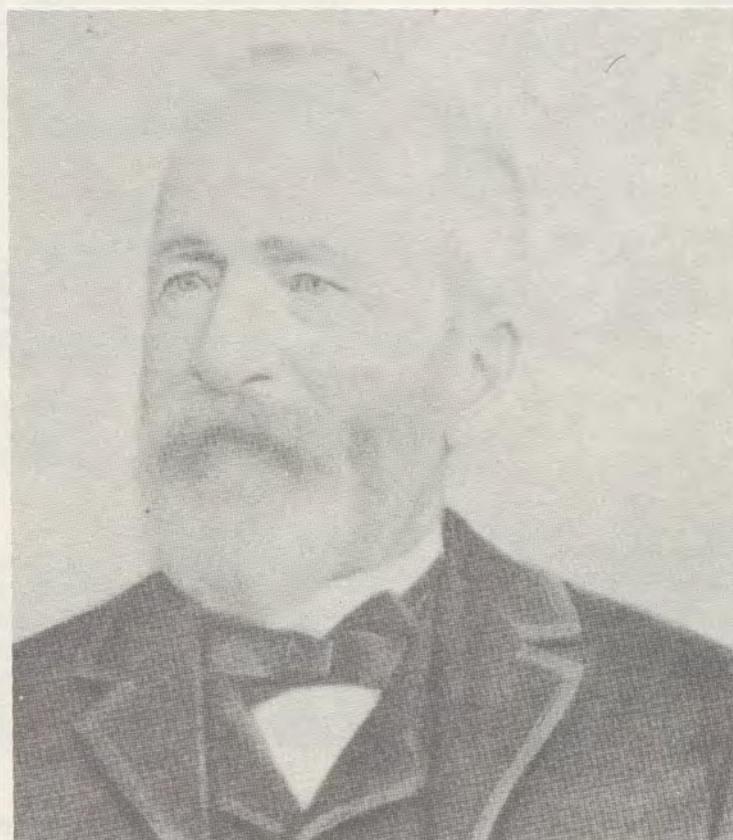
In these early records, the name "Oldham" appears as far back as 1816, but it is only after 1850 that we read of "Haledon, formerly known as Oldham." In connection with this change of name, another lively anecdote is told of Bill Thompson's attitude. He very actively resisted this proposed change which would affect the section of Oldham from a point at the corner of Haledon Avenue and Church Street up to the pond. Taking his stand on the bank of Oldham Pond, he pointed the cannon at the Hodges factory and threatened to blow up the place if the change were made. Apparently he won, since that part of the village retained the name of Oldham for many years afterward. Finally, however, the Hodges did succeed in changing the name of the village to Haledon, probably in memory of Halidon Hill, a historic spot near Brunswick, England, on the Scottish border. Both Oldham and Manchester, in Lancashire County, England, are manufacturing cities from which this section and the township of Manchester derived the names.

RAPID EXPANSION AFTER 1850

The foregoing account would seem to indicate that most of the homes erected before the middle of the nineteenth century were located on or near the lower road (Road to the Ponds), and that the settlers were primarily of Dutch and English ancestry.

Sometime in the mid-century, William Duncan, grandfather of Barbara Ellis, built his home on the corner of High Mountain Road and Overlook Avenue. This was later known as the Campbell

homestead, after John Campbell, who came here in 1873, acquired it. The new owner soon became one of the largest land-holders in the region; he bought property in the Saw Mill area, in the central part of the borough around the recreation field, and toward Oldham Pond.

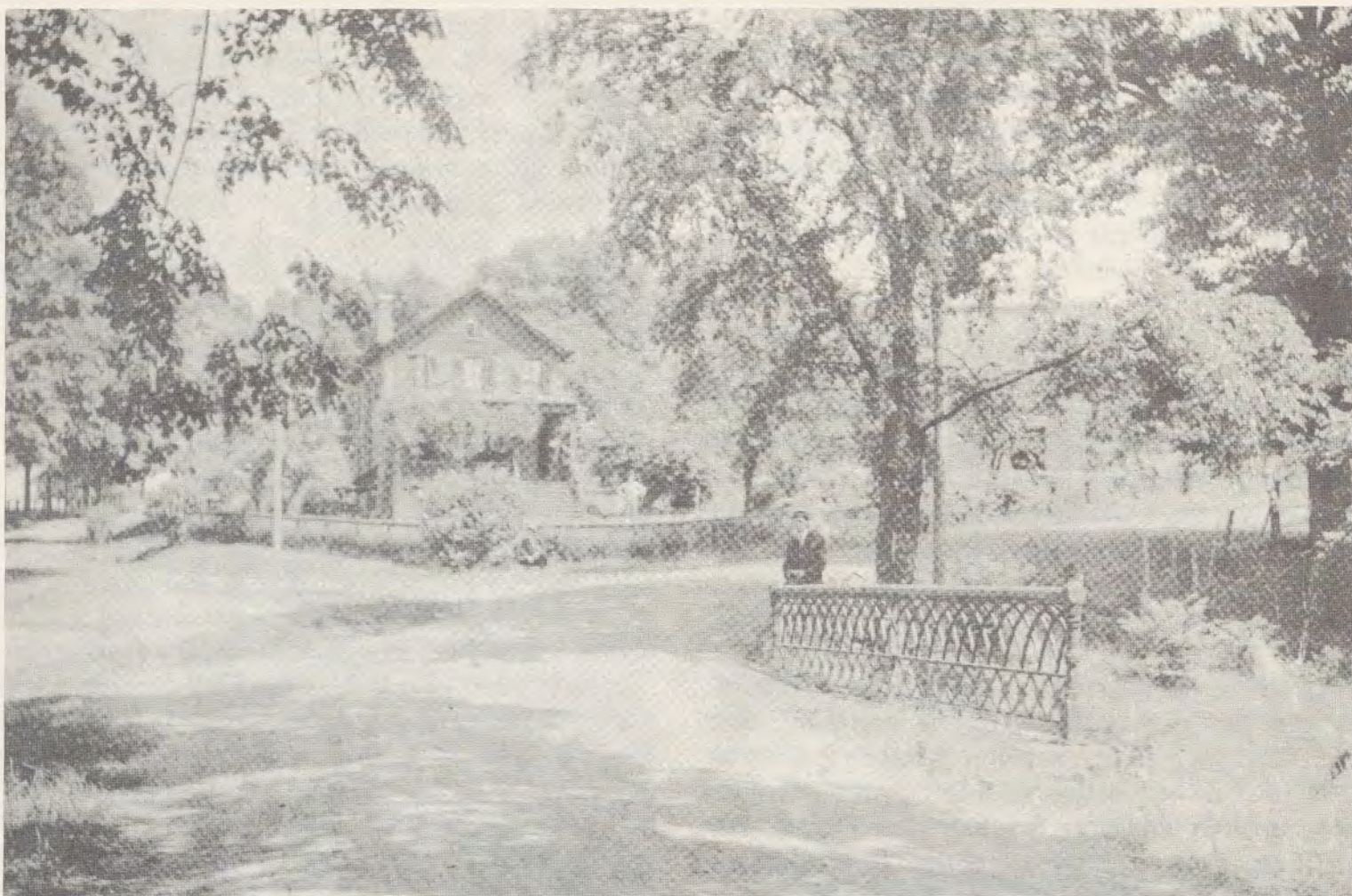


HENRY SMITH

In 1856 Henry Smith purchased the first of his land holdings, and on the east side of Manchester Avenue, erected a large brick house known as "The Mansion," where he kept a slave named Gin (Virginia). This stately dwelling later became the home of William Clowes, the second mayor of North Haledon, and today it is owned by the Levine family.



"THE MANSION"
ERECTED IN 1856 BY HENRY SMITH



CORNER SQUAW BROOK ROAD AND HIGH
MOUNTAIN ROAD (Early 1900's)

In addition to his property on Manchester Avenue, which was then referred to as Smith's Lane, Mr. Smith held other interests. He operated a sandstone quarry at the end of what is now Peters' Lane. It was located north of the Oldham Quarry, and although now abandoned, can still be seen.

A colorful personality, Henry Smith was employed as a painter-decorator at the Rogers Locomotive Works, where it was then the custom to paint fanciful western scenes and other pictures on the locomotives. He was a sort of English dude who had many heated arguments with Bill Thompson and others, especially around election time. On these occasions, he would invariably start out in high spirits, with a tall silk hat on his head; and invariably he would return with the hat mashed, but his spirit undaunted.

After his remarriage, he built a smaller home on the corner of Terrace and Manchester Avenues, and called it Rose Cottage. This is the former Van Iderstine house, and appropriately enough, it is now the property of Robert and Margaret Florio. An adjacent windmill, the last in the borough,

furnished water to the bathroom, the first of such conveniences to be found around here. One day, while demonstrating the operation of the mill to some guests from New York, Mr. Smith was stung by a yellow-jacket and died almost instantly.

In 1856, the artist, Donald Alexander, built a small stone house which was later purchased by the Secors who came there in 1867. Now this is Ross Begg's home on Squaw Brook Road just below Graham Avenue. An interesting detail of the house is the fireplace made of composition to simulate marble, and featuring two cherubs in the center. It was designed by Mr. Alexander himself, in neo-classic style. His portraits, too, may be found today in many homes in the Paterson vicinity. Mrs. Fouchaux has one, and Mrs. White of Ridgewood, the granddaughter of Henry Smith, also has one of her mother.

During the decade of 1860-1870, settlements increased rapidly. The accompanying map of 1877 may help to identify these, most of which remain today. In 1860, James W. Graham of Newburgh, N.Y., moved into the 1802 house. The Ellis,

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Adams, and Street families came here during the same year from the village of Coytesville in the township of Hackensack. The Ellis home on Squaw Brook Road was occupied by a daughter, Mrs. Alice Fouchaux, mother of Mr. Julien, until her recent demise; the Adams place is on Graham Avenue where the Dykstra Landscape and Nursery business was located until a few years ago; the home of Joseph R. Street, father of the late Harry Street, can be seen along the east side of the reservoir; and a very picturesque home built some time later by son Harry, is situated across from the Maynard house, and at present, is occupied by the new owners, Karl and Barbara Meyer.

The High Mountain section of the borough began to attract settlers more than one hundred years ago. In 1854, Peter Sturr built a saw and grist mill, the remains of which can still be seen just south of the bridge, at the corner of Belmont Avenue and Sicomac Road, and he lived in a home where the Belmont Inn formerly stood. Later, together with Andrew Christopher, he bought from William Duncan a large tract of land opposite the reservoir, along the northern and eastern slopes of the mountain. Through this purchase, he became known as "King of the Mountain." The oldest landmark in this area is the Dollberry (Delberghe) house which was built in 1853, and nearly a century later was purchased by Walter Weiss, who repaired and remodeled it in a fashion more suitable to modern living. Adjoining this property, the present Hockenberry home rests on the foundation of a dwelling built in 1867 by Adrian Post, who was once the tax assessor for Manchester Township.

The foundation of the present Heusser homestead on Roosevelt Avenue, southeast of the mountain, marks the spot where Richard Sauerbutt originally erected a house in 1863. He was the grandfather of the recent owner of the Sowerbutt Quarry in Haledon. Twelve years later, Philip Orr became his neighbor. Subsequent owners of the Orr property were William Buschmann and Arthur A. V. Gionti.

About this time, the Jute Print Works operated on the site of the present Harmon Color Factory in Haledon. This mill was run by Henry L. Butler, whose son, Nicholas Murray Butler, was the late president of Columbia University. Since both Sauerbutt and Orr worked in the mill, they might have seen this famous educator working in the office there during his summer vacations.

THE BOOMING NINETIES

Just before the turn of the century, from about 1880 on, there was an influx of settlers, mostly of German and Swiss origin. Much of this movement received its impetus from the building boom launched by William Buschmann who came to Haledon in the 1880's to satisfy a desire to buy the first point of land which he had spotted upon his arrival from Europe. This proved to be High Mountain with its panoramic view from the top and its relatively wild hinterland. Belmont Avenue was still a dirt road then, but it followed the same general course as it does today. In 1878 the "New Road to High Mountain" had been open to the public and was called Rip Van Winkle Avenue. It was an extension of the avenue by the same name which ran through the Village of Haledon.

Along this road, opposite Stutz's Tavern (now occupied by two neighborhood stores), Buschmann laid out a large tract of land into streets and lots. He called this section "Wilhelmshöhe" (William's Heights) after a place which he admired in his native country. Soon he owned most of the High Mountain section, including the Sturr dwelling which he converted into a hotel known as the "High Mountain House." He continued to lumber the slopes, and to run the saw and grist mill as his predecessor had done. Also, in the hope of finding minerals, Buschmann dug some test mines, one of which can be located today on the road along the eastern slope of the mountain.

Among the recorded deeds of this period, the following names appear: Schreiber, Wolf, Fiedler, Uker, Scherer, and Buser. In 1896, Sam Buser bought part of the old Smith property and ran a general store which also served as Squaw Lake Hotel after 1900 until it was converted into a home where his daughter Lucy now lives. It was on the back porch of his home that the original plans for the formation of the borough were laid.

Other deeds record the names of Rauer, Schwander, Scheren, Suter, Schmids, Loebell, Louis Ahnert for whom Ahnert Lane is named; Marie Weber, Bohly, Wimmers, Hunziker, Borsdorf, who was the first fire chief; Fugmann, Sieber, and Carl Hennig. It was Mr. Hennig who invented and patented a type of airship for which he gained recognition in the Parisian Inventors' Academy of France. As a mark of respect for his ability in solving the problems of aerial navigation, he was

awarded a diploma of honorable membership in that distinguished group. He also invented various kinds of cycles, including one for four or five passengers.

While Mr. Buschmann was engaged in these activities, he was also visualizing the development of the entire High Mountain area, which for years had been a favorite spot for May Day picnickers. In fact, he himself, had enjoyed countless trips there with his horse and buggy. His plans included the construction of a good road leading to the top of the mountain where a club house would be erected. Very soon, he reasoned, this would become an ideal health resort with natural attractions appealing to lovers of the outdoors during any season of the year. Unfortunately, this scheme failed to materialize because of the unsettled financial conditions of the time. However, the dream was partially realized in the 1920's, when Arthur A. V. Gionti created a beautiful residential area at the base of the mountain.

THEN CAME INDUSTRY

From the outset, the fertility of our valley and its sheltered location fulfilled every need of the settlers in their mode of life during the 1700's. Their farms were almost complete units within themselves, and the people prospered. With the dawn of the new century, they gradually became aware of the advantages of specialization, particularly in dairying. In this new phase of enterprise, the Ballentines, Torbetts, Campbells, Ellises, and Bogerts were among the pioneers hereabouts.

Soon it became apparent that the abundance of timber and water power were valuable assets in the development of a community, and thus manufacturing was launched. The Oldham Brook

(Krakeel Val) was an excellent starting point for initial activities in this industry; indeed it proved to be the center around which the village first grew. Around 1800, Daniel Hedden operated a tannery there, and in 1806 a hat factory was located just south of the Oldham dam. At the same time, Hedden, who had purchased the Saw Mill Lot, also ran a grist mill at the corner of High Mountain and Squaw Brook Roads on the late Harry W. Street's property. The foundation of this mill can still be seen just south of the Street house, as well as the raised mound leading from Squaw Brook Road to the house. This mound, including the present dam, constituted the original dam for the mill. On another part of this property, just north of the bridge on Jackson Hill, Hedden operated a sawmill, the raceway of which can also be seen today, running parallel to the brook on the mountain side.

In 1832, Benjamin Brundred bought the Hedden bark mill, turning it into a foundry and machine shop for which he enlarged the Oldham Pond. This entailed moving the Road to the Ponds east of Thompson's Hotel, as the original road in front of the hotel became part of the pond. The Charles and William Hodges expanded this industrial site into a woolen and hosiery mill, and maintained it from 1857 until they met with reverses after the Civil War. In 1865, after the Hodges' interest in this mill property was terminated by a sheriff's sale, it became the Oldham Manufacturing Company, and in 1876, Garnetti and Gazzara established a silk throwing plant there. When the Hoxey family, which also was active in the affairs of Manchester Township, acquired interest in the property, it became known as the Hoxey Mills. Then, in the 1880's the Jute Print Works was located there, and in the early 1900's velvets were manufactured.

While the Hodges were at the peak of their prosperity, they also delved in real estate nearby.



CUTTING ICE ON OLDHAM POND — EARLY 1900's

They erected several substantial buildings including "The Castle," the Goodbody and Muhs homes, the Hudson and Haywood houses, and the old "muslin" house, which was so named because of its muslin partitions, and which was used as a boarding house for the factory workers. "The Castle" was the home of the Hodges; it later became part of Saul's Park (Belmont Park) where the decision to form the borough was finally made. The former Goodbody and Muhs homes are today Catholic institutions, but only the latter remains within the boundary of North Haledon.

Water power from a brook called Williams Brook ("Val-etje", in early deeds) may have influenced Theodore Leonhard to move his wax bleachery from Hastings, New York to its present location, in 1856. At one time, the entrance to the Leonhard property through which this brook flows, was marked by beautiful iron gates bearing the inscription "San Souci" (without care). When the Borough of North Haledon was formed in 1901, this entire manufacturing district became identified with Haledon, since when the industry has played little or no part in our borough.

An advertisement in the *Paterson Intelligencer* of April 26, 1826, reads:

OLDHAM QUARRY

The Subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public that his Quarry is now in excellent order and that he has two good Stone Cutters at work and will be able to furnish those who please to favor him with their business in a first-rate manner and at moderate prices, viz:

Jam Stones, always on hand;
Hearths, cut to order;
Head Stones, cut and lettered to order;
Sills; Arches; Platforms; Steps;
Coping; Flagging, etc.

John Smith, Oldham

This quarry, which had been operating since the time of the Revolution, was the original 1775 Ryerson Quarry behind Bingler's Garage, but it has also been variously called the Oldham or St. Lawrence Quarry. The sandstone hauled from here was used for many buildings in Paterson and vicinity, including the Paterson Armory and the first Haledon School. In 1895, George Jackson became its last owner.

A smaller quarry run by Henry Smith in the latter part of the century was located next to the property of Gus Peters, whose father had settled there in 1875. Samuel Pope was the last owner of this quarry, which was afterward taken by the borough for non-payment of taxes.

The abundance of water supply proved to be the source of another lucrative industry, the ice business. This was started at Oldham Pond by Lee Garside who was followed by Hockenberry and Snyder. Peter Hopper bought out the latter and ran the ice-houses under the name of Passaic Ice Company. When the original ice-houses burned down, he rebuilt them on the east side of the pond, which was then called Hopper's Pond. Still later in the early 1900's, his company was incorporated with the one operating on Squaw Lake, and the merger became known as the Pure Ice Company.

The Manchester Ice Company, owned by John Lotz, came into existence around 1890, and continued for fifty years. Originally in the milk business, Lotz needed the ice to cool the milk. Soon he found it very profitable to sell the excess ice, so eventually he enlarged Lotz's Pond, for which purpose he had to buy the right of way to the old quarry road.

Max Weber's ice-house on Oakwood Avenue (Bohly Lane) was built about 1905 and operated for about twenty years.

At the northern end of Oldham Brook, Peter Sturr ran his saw and grist mill during the time that the Hodges factory was flourishing. A little below his place, at Christopher Pond which was near the intersection of Belmont and High Mountain Road, were the remains of a mill where quills and bobbins were made by a Mr. Coombs around 1875. Severe floods in 1878 and 1882 washed away the dams, after which Christopher Pond was no longer used.

Available accounts yield rather meager information about other industrial activities in this area. A silk mill run by H. Slater and J. Lotz stood near the corner of Ballentine Lane and High Mountain Road. At the southern end of Manchester Avenue, horses were shod at Watson's Blacksmith Shop around 1895.

Aside from the lumber cut from the High Mountain tract by Peter Sturr and later by William Buschmann, much cedar, chestnut, and oak was



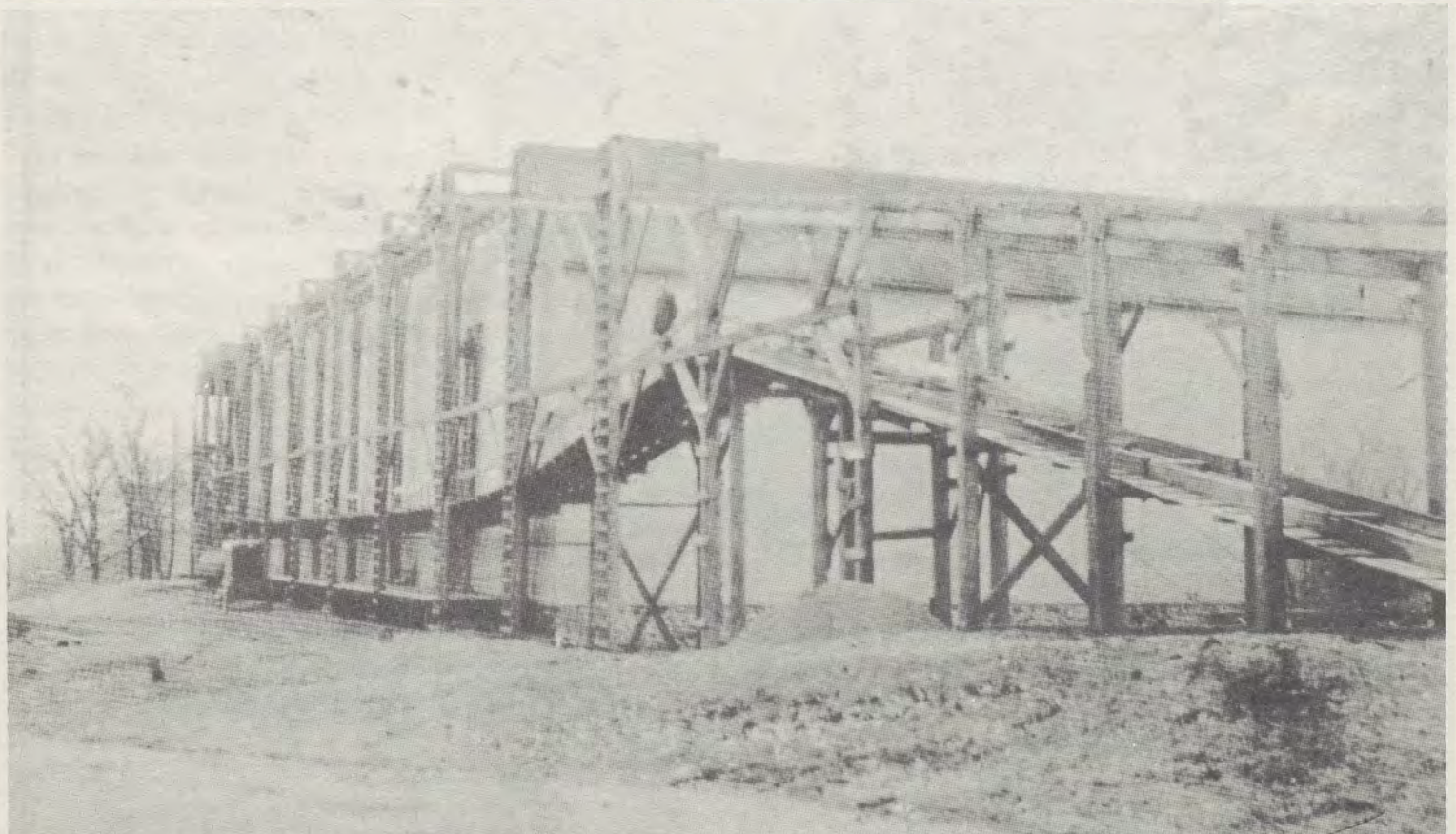
CURLING MATCH ON OLDHAM POND (1878)

"Curling" was an old Scotch game, played on the ice with "stones" which had two sides. One side was so curved that it ran as on a pivot, and was greatly polished for use on dull ice. The other side, less polished, gave the stone a better catch on slick ice. Many had handles of gold, silver, bone, or ebony.

The teams were composed of four players who took their positions around the crampet, or iron foothold, set on the ice. Each player then propelled his stone as near to the tee, thirty-eight yards off, as he could. The players of the two teams alternated, all attempting to get nearest to

the tee, so as to get the highest possible score when the "head" was counted. An important feature of the game was the sweeping of the ice under the direction of one player, called the "skip," from each team. The player's party could sweep the ice along the way in order to govern the speed of the stone.

Oldham Pond was the scene of many of these lively curling matches. Thousands of gay spectators, some of whom came all the way from New York, congregated at the pond during the contests, and enthusiasm for this sport ran high among players and spectators alike.



SQUAW LAKE ICE HOUSES



SUNCREST TERRACE — 1927



LOTZ'S POND and ICE HOUSES (Old Manchester Lake) 1928

cut around the Saw Mill Road by portable, steam-driven sawmills. Most of the timber was used for building docks and making railroad ties. The last timber cut on a large scale was around 1900.

TWENTIETH CENTURY TRENDS

Before the turn of the century, it became obvious that progress was directed toward a residential, rather than an industrial community. The two outstanding business enterprises, Ideal Farms and Beacon Hatchery which remained in our borough, were natural outgrowths of farming, the earliest means of livelihood. They are excellent illustrations of the modern trend toward specialization in business procedures. Although some of the early settlers had already restricted their farming activities to dairying or poultry breeding, these were further narrowed down to particular aspects of those branches of farming.

Ideal Farms, Inc., long a successful dairy and creamery business on Belmont Avenue, had the "World's Largest Herd of Pure-Bred Guernsey Cattle" at its farm in Augusta, New Jersey. Approximately two hundred farmers delivered more than fifty thousand quarts of milk daily to three receiving centers in the state, at Lafayette, Sussex, and Washington. The Belmont Avenue plant employed more than one hundred and twenty-five people who bottled or delivered about eighty thousand quarts of milk daily. Under the ownership of Jacob Tanis who started the business, it became one of the largest independently owned bottling plants in New Jersey. Less than a year ago, however, the company discontinued its operations in North Haledon, and the premises have been sub-let to various other business enterprises.

The Beacon Hatchery, now owned by James and Janice Botbyl, is another example of the new trend. Breeding flocks are maintained in four states, and eggs are shipped to the hatchery on Belmont Avenue. There the baby chicks are produced with the aid of the most up-to-date equipment and methods, and then they are speedily transported to all parts of the world. During World War II, an important new phase of the industry was undertaken to meet a critical situation. The Beacon Hatcheries rose to the occasion by supplying pharmaceutical laboratories with live embryo eggs for the manufacture of urgently needed vaccines to combat such diseases as typhus and influenza, and at the present time, this continues to be a major part of the business.

Throughout the borough, a number of profitable occupations have been pursued on a smaller scale. Although some of these no longer figure actively in the community, it may be interesting to review their history together with the progress of those that are still in existence.



The ice industry continued to flourish at Hopper's, Squaw Lake, Lotz's, and Weber's until the 1930's. During the ice-cutting season the larger ponds employed about a hundred men at the rate of a dollar per day, while the plowers and markers were paid two dollars per day. (That was 75 years ago!)

Fruit growing reached its peak around 1907. Apples, and more particularly, peaches were grown in abundance. William Ballentine and Albin Neukirck, the "peach king," had the largest peach orchards in the borough.

From about 1910 to the 1930's, the poultry business, which attained its greatest height during the war-time period, was an important source of income. Fred Yahn's White Egg Farm was the largest at that time. There he also raised pheasants, turkeys, and wild ducks for the state. Today, a few people in the area still raise chickens and sell eggs, supplying them to individuals and to local stores, but this is more or less a side-line.

The North Haledon Feed Exchange on Manchester Avenue, which was organized around 1919, supplied grain to the poultry and dairy farms until about 1930. It started with about ninety shareholders, and today it is owned by Ralph Falkena, who has installed a hardware department on the premises.

Around 1900, groceries were sold at Sam Buser's store and at Fetzner's on High Mountain Road. At the present time, several stores (drug stores and delicatessens, dress shops and tailoring-cleaning establishments, supermarkets, beauty salons, boutiques, etc., and even a Five and Ten), service stations, garages, and inns flourish in the expanded business zones and serve the needs of the community.

The nursery and florist business established its place in the economic picture. Alexander Hay on Oakwood Avenue produced vegetable plants and flowers for wholesale trade; Charles Miller raised flowers for his Island Market store in Paterson; and the Dykstra Nursery on Graham Avenue specialized in landscaping. Since the death of Frank Dykstra, this nursery has been discontinued, and approximately three acres of the property have been sold to the Holland Christian Home.

Manufacturing has been a negative factor in the development of North Haledon. Around the 1920's, two weaving plants were established, but they were short-lived. One was a silk weaving mill located on Lake Street and run by the late Robert Brauch, Sr.; this was later converted into a home. The other was a tapestry weaving plant built by Arthur Vervet on the property now owned by the Beacon Hatchery. For a time, individual homes set up looms for weaving on a small scale, but gradually this activity also disappeared from the scene. Some area residents continue to work in textile plants, however, in Haledon, Paterson, and vicinity.

Thus, while the borough is changing by degrees with the inevitable progress of time, it remains primarily a residential suburb, ideally situated near large cities to which people can commute easily to their work. Up to the present time, it has escaped the "mushroom development" so often found in other suburban communities. A master plan with its zoning ordinances, upheld by the County Court, was devised to prevent the disorderly growth of the borough, and this way of life has proved a source of satisfaction to our residents.

OUR FIRST OFFICIAL FAMILY

The first organization meeting of the Council of the new Borough of North Haledon was held in the school house on April 22, 1901, with Mayor William Robinson in the chair. Seated at the

council table were the following councilmen: Fred Kaiser, Ernest Fugman, Samuel Berry, Ralph Torbet, Richard Watson, and Clarence Smith. Mr. Watson was unanimously elected president of the council.

Among the first appointments were the following: Adolph Kramer, clerk; Samuel Buser, Sr., tax collector; Joseph H. Nolan, tax assessor; August Wolf, marshal; Philip Mauer, poormaster; Dr. Albert A. Lydecker, health inspector; Ernest Shaw, borough attorney; and Alexander Gaiz, "pound keeper."

At the outset, four committees,—Roads, Finance, Township, and Ordinance, were organized and shortly afterward, a school committee was added. The first election board consisted of Robert Torbet, August Wolf, Henry Wimmer, and George Bilson. Thus the pattern of government for the new borough was set in motion.



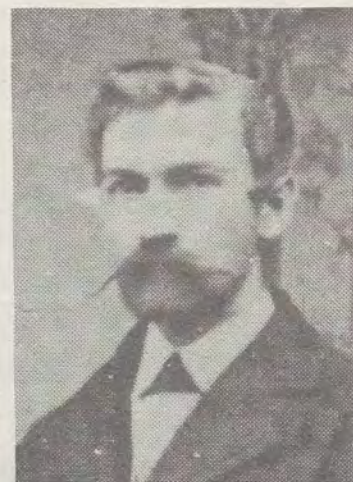
FRANK BERRY,
COUNCILMAN OF 1901



SAMUEL BUSER,
FIRST TAX COLLECTOR



CHARLES SCHMITZ,
COUNCILMAN OF 1901



AUGUST WOLF, FIRST MARSHAL OF
NORTH HALEDON — 1901

Birth Certificate

Borough of North Haledon

LAWS, SESSION OF 1901.

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CHAPTER 66.

An Act to incorporate the borough of North Haledon,
in the county of Passaic.

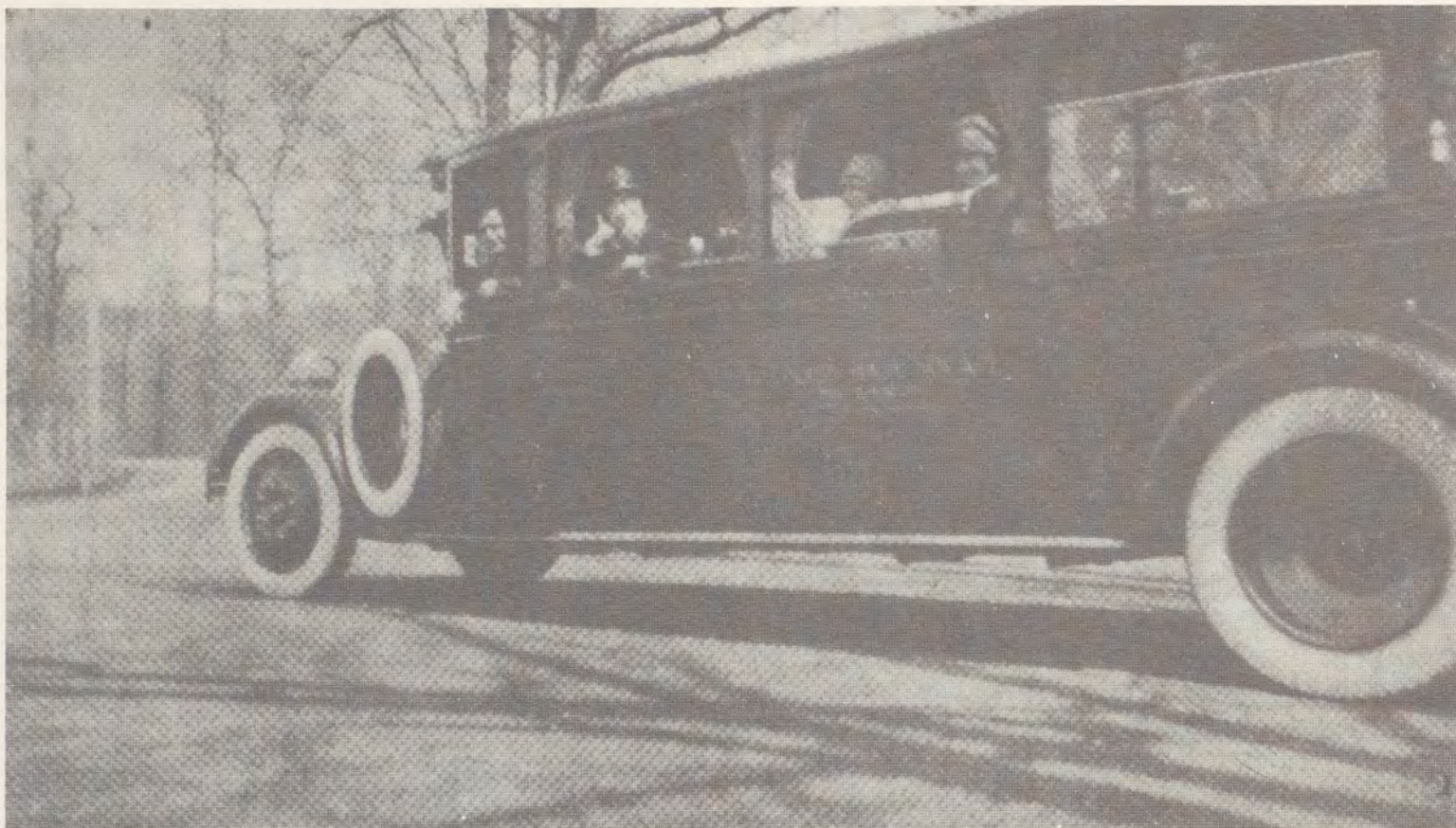
BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly
of the State of New Jersey:

1. The inhabitants of that portion of the township of Manchester, in the county of Passaic and state of New Jersey, hereinafter set forth and described, are hereby constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Borough of North Haledon," and shall be governed by the general laws of this state relating to boroughs. Corporate name.

2. The boundaries of said borough shall be as follows: Beginning at a point in the southeasterly corner of lands of Carl Dietrich where his southerly line intersects the westerly line of the borough of Hawthorne, and running thence (1) westerly along said southerly line of Dietrich to the easterly line of William E. Westervelt; thence (2) northwesterly along the westerly line of said Carl Dietrich to the southerly line of C. W. Thompson; thence (3) southwesterly to the most southerly point of lands of Mrs. Maria Weber, at the junction of the Squaw Brook road and a private road leading northeasterly to the lands of Joseph Bohly; thence (4) northwesterly to the northeasterly corner of lands of Robert Goodbody; thence (5) northwesterly along the northerly line of Robert Goodbody to lands of R. F. Tysen; thence (6) along said northerly line of Robert Goodbody produced, to the easterly line of Wayne township; thence (7) northerly along said easterly line of Wayne township to the Bergen county line; thence (8) easterly along said Bergen county line to the westerly line of the borough of Hawthorne in the county of Passaic; thence (9) southerly along the said westerly line of the borough of Hawthorne to the place of beginning. Boundaries.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved March 20, 1901.



A BUS TO PATERSON — 1920

ROADS

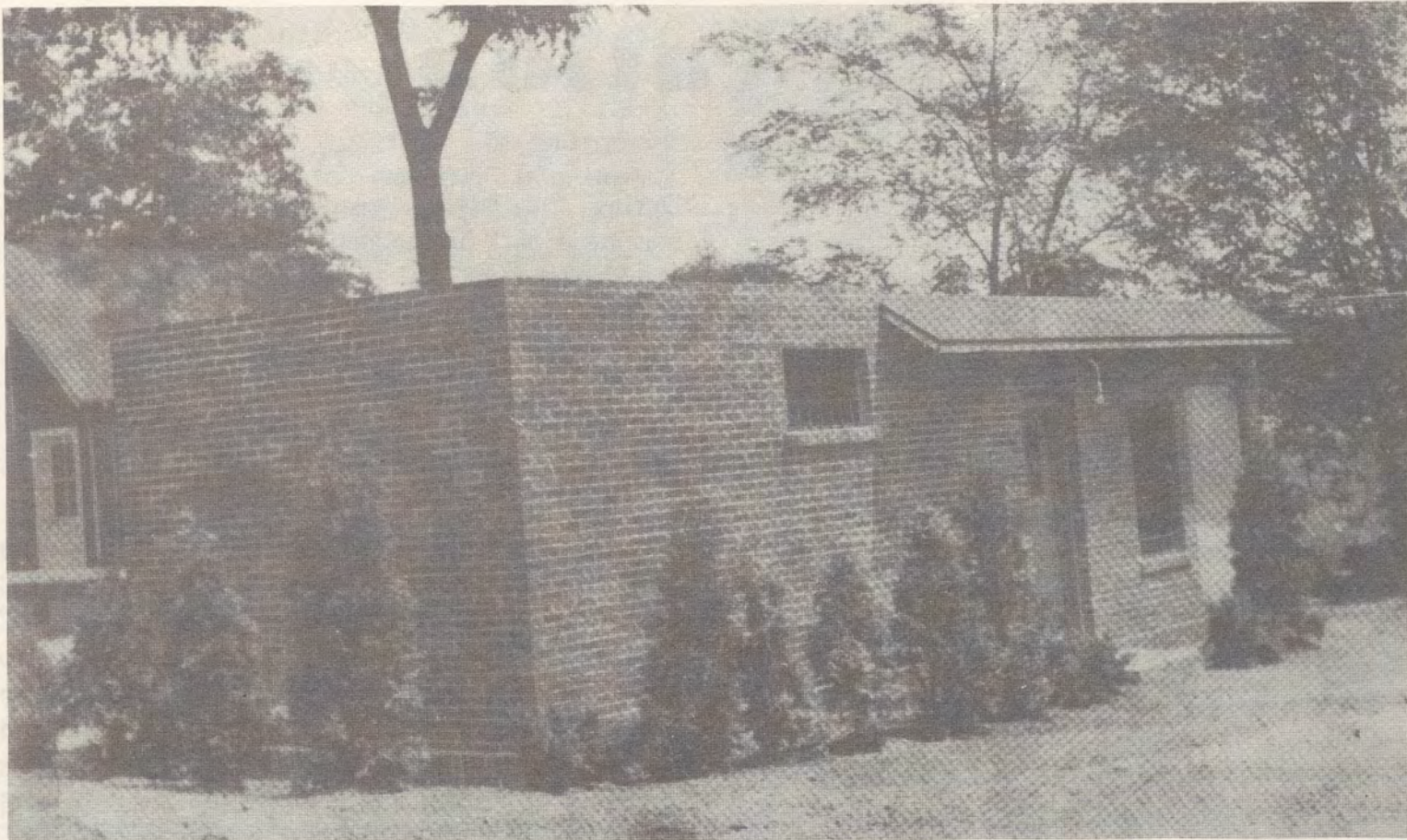
North Haledon Avenue, which had been opened in 1918 almost to the end of the borough line, was connected with the Rea Avenue Extension in 1933-1934 and paved with concrete. To mark the formal opening of this important link between the two boroughs, the mayors of Hawthorne and North Haledon officiated in appropriate ceremonies held in October of 1934.

New roads were constructed and many old ones were modernized during the 1930's. High Mountain Road was macadamized in 1930-1931, and five years later, Squaw Brook Road with its new addition of Jackson Street was also paved. By this time, the need for another thoroughfare between the eastern and western parts of the borough became urgent, particularly so in case of fire. Thus, mainly because of the pressure brought to bear by the fire department, Overlook Avenue was constructed in 1938-1939. This avenue follows the course of the old quarry road except that the older road veered off to the right, across Lotz's property. Next, Ballentine Drive (Ballentine Lane), formerly Mad Brook Avenue, was extended to a width of fifty feet, and an important connection between High Mountain Road and Oakwood Avenue was established.

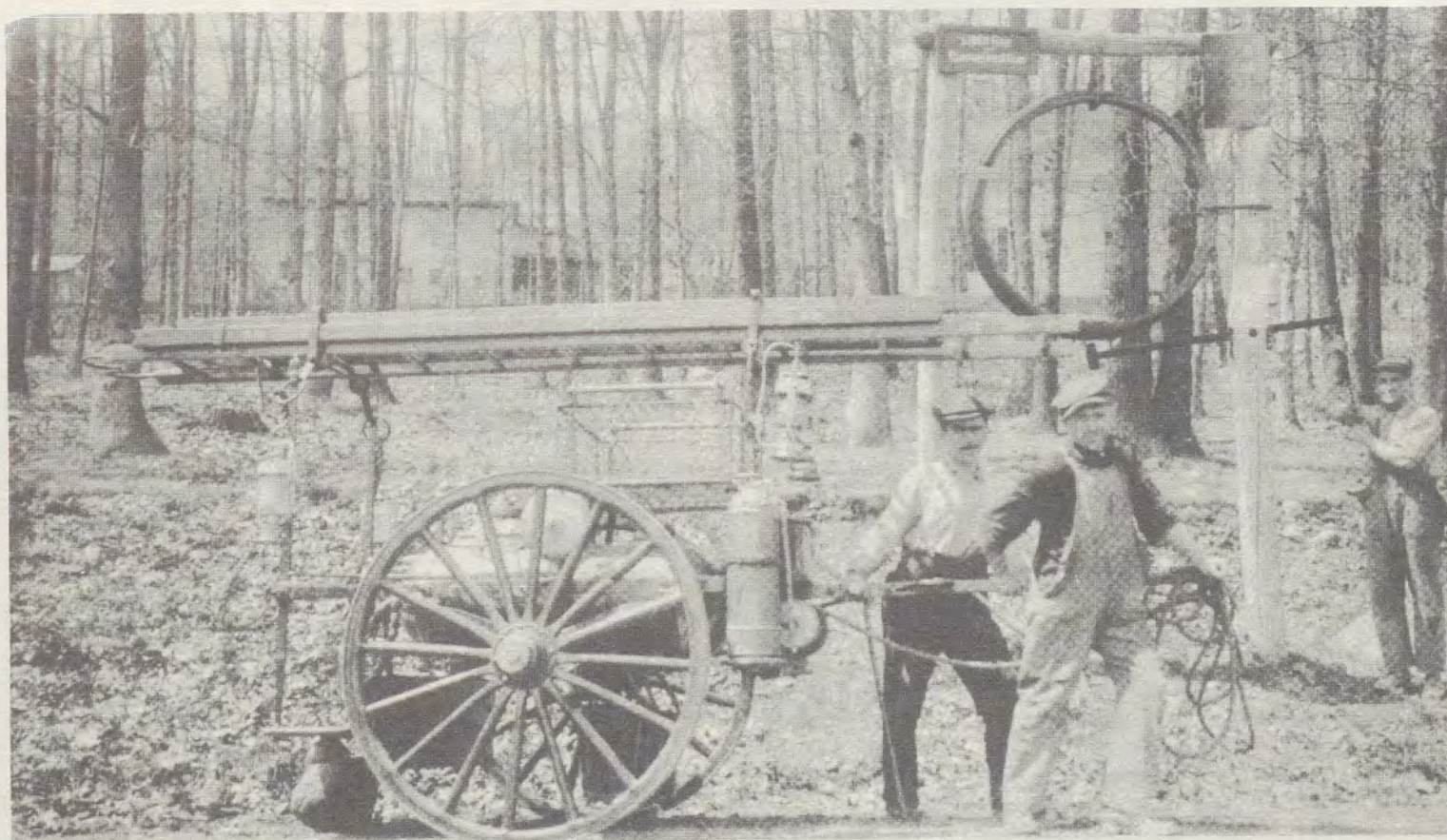
For many years, road repairs were maintained by means of a road scraper pulled by horses. Bill Zimmer, chairman of the Road Committee in 1927, ordered the first power-driven mixer for stone and tar. Today we have our own borough trucks and, of course, we buy the stone and tar already mixed.

In the early days, John and Gus Peters removed snow from the roads with a team of horses dragging the plows; then in 1920, the first mechanical snow-plow was hitched to Soder's truck. In 1926, and for twelve years thereafter, Ernest Hartwig plowed the roads with a tractor, and during the next six years, the late Gus Bingler supplied three buses and plows. By degrees, as funds became available, the borough assumed all responsibility, and at the present time, the most efficient modern equipment is purchased and maintained entirely by the borough.

Mr. Philip Zofrea is the chairman of the Road Committee which superintends the construction, maintenance, clearing, and lighting of more than twenty miles of borough roads; and the Public Works Department, headed by Mr. Ben Caggiano, has been expanded to provide sufficient man-power for all the necessary work.



OLD MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND JAIL—1936



HAND-DRAWN CHEMICAL AND LADDER WAGON
1916 — FIRST FIRE ALARM

Left to Right—William Berger, Frank Gurrell, Camille Koch.

Education

SCHOLARSHIP RECORD

This history of organized education in our borough follows the familiar, almost universal pattern of development from private individual instruction to free public education. When the New Jersey State Legislative passed "An Act to Establish a System of Public Instruction" in 1820, provisions had to be made to fulfill the requirements of the law. Since North Haledon at that time was part of Saddle River Township and later of Manchester Township, the earliest accounts of its schools begin with records pertaining to the entire area.

In this region, the first school on record was established in 1822 in Haledon (then part of Saddle River Township), by John W. House who conducted classes there for four years. Succeeding him was his son, who was only seventeen years old when he assumed the duties of schoolmaster, a position which he held for the next fifty years.

During the latter's years of service, Haledon became a part of the newly-created Township of Manchester (1837) along with Hawthorne, Wayne, Totowa, Prospect Park, and North Haledon. By 1840, the new township boasted an academy with twenty-four students, and six schools with an enrollment of two hundred and sixty-five scholars from within its boundaries.

The first township public schoolhouse stood on the Hamburg Turnpike, opposite Fire House No. 2 in Haledon, and was called the "Oldham School." At this time Manchester Township was divided into four school districts, Totowa No. 9; Hawthorne (Morrow's Mill) No. 10; Goffle No. 11; and Haledon No. 4. The North Haledon area was included in District No. 4 which was later changed to No. 12.

In this district, on the Lotz property just north of Oldham Pond, the first public school actually



SCHOOL GROUP OF 1896

First Row, Left to Right—Andrew Christopher, Carrie Kaser, Rose Robinson, Wynfield Maynard, Lizzie Kaser.

Middle Row—Louise Ahnert, Sophia Ellis, Mary Robinson, Julia Butterworth.

Third Row—George Courter, Lizzie Bogert, Anna Sackerman, Mary Butterworth, Fred Wenzel.

within the boundaries of North Haledon was erected. It was named the "Oldham Institute of Learning" when it was incorporated on July 3, 1854. Incorporation was then the customary procedure required to establish free public education where formerly private teaching was the only form of instruction. A certificate of incorporation, signed by the trustees, was thereby issued, and it defined the boundaries of the school district in the following interesting manner:

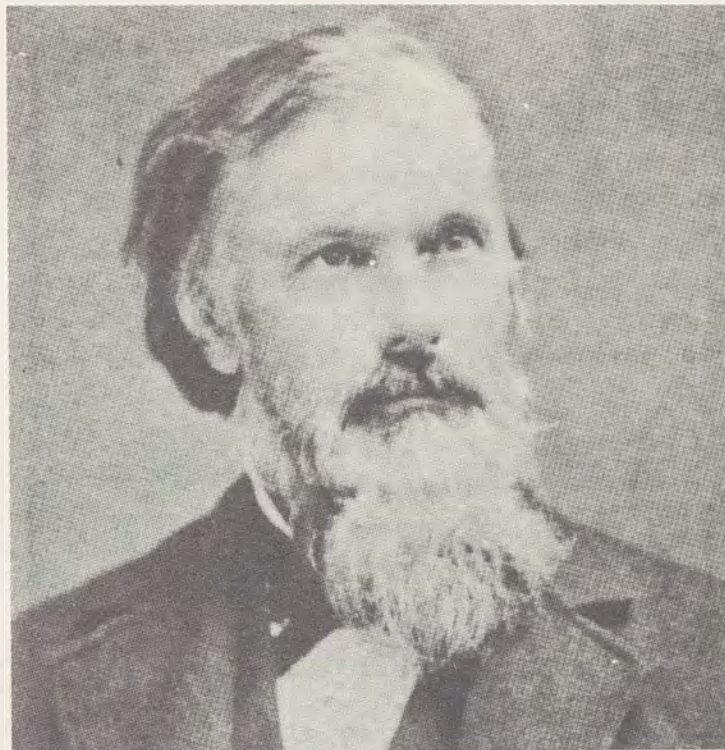
"Beginning at the Hamburg Turnpike near the house of John Burhans and running thence:

1. Northerly along Burhans Lane to the Oldham Road
2. Thence in the same direction along the top of the ridge to a point a little east of the house of Benjamin Kinid
3. Thence in a northwesterly direction to the line of Wayne Township
4. Thence southwesterly along said line to the Hamburg Turnpike
5. Thence down said Turnpike southeasterly to the place of beginning."

The trustees were Thomas Neill, one of the earliest residents, who lived in the vicinity of Nassau Street and owned considerable land around the Oldham; Charles FitzGeorge, who had settled just above Lotz's Pond around 1850; and Henry Hawley.

It was Charles FitzGeorge who built the school, which is described as a "one story frame, shingle roof, building in Oldham." He also built the schoolroom furniture which consisted of benches butted against the wall with double desks. Additional benches without desks were arranged down the center of the room, and the teacher's desk stood on a platform in front. Unfortunately, the earliest school records which can be found are dated 1868; and in 1869, the annual report of the district showed a greater number of children enrolled in the school from this area than from Haledon. Alice Ellis (Mrs. Fouchaux) and three of her brothers were on the register that year.

As the township grew, the school population increased, and traveling conditions were difficult for the children living in the northern part of the district, particularly during the winter months. These circumstances drew attention to the advisability of holding school sessions in different sections of the town. Accordingly, a meeting was called by District Clerk Samuel Berry for May 5,



JOHN J. MESSERVE
DISTRICT CLERK AND SCHOOL TRUSTEE IN THE 1870'S



NORTH HALEDON SCHOOL IN 1884
A. J. VANDEWATER, TEACHER

First Row, Left to Right — Willie Ellis, Gussie Lotz, (Next two girls lived in the old Johnny Romaine house) Lizzie Lotz, Maggie Nolan, Annie Ballentine, Retta Ellis, Unknown (Also lived in old Romaine house), Willie Lotz.

Standing — Will Dolberry, Charles Ballentine, Scott Merritt, Charles Berry, Eva Ellis, Katie N. Nolan, Bertha Orr, Katie J. Nolan, Carrie Berry, Emma Berry, Jean Campbell, Annie Orr.



SCHOOL HOUSE #4
MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP—1896
(ORIGINAL UNIT OF THE BOROUGH HALL)

1870, for the purpose of voting on a division of the district in order to ease the situation. Then and there the voters arrived at a satisfactory solution to their problem by the following decision: Youngsters living in the southern part of the district were assigned to the old schoolhouse, and the children from the northern part of the district took up their studies at the residence of John J. Messerve (W. J. Maynard's house) from 1870 to 1875.

In 1873, the Village of Haledon submitted a petition for the creation of a separate school district extending up to the Oldham Dam. John J. Messerve, who was the district clerk, thereupon wrote to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that this would be an unfair division, for it would deprive District No. 12 of its most valuable tax property — namely, the Hoxey Mill area below the Oldham Dam; that the petition was signed by “irresponsible people, many of them of intemperate habits, seven of whom could neither read nor write”; that what was left of the old district was “wild, mountainous farm land occupied by thirty-four resident owners at a low assessed valuation”, and that Haledon Village “would soon be absorbed into Paterson, anyway.” Despite the somber picture painted by the district clerk, the petition was accepted and School District No. 36 was created in Haledon. It extended to the Oldham Dam, thus setting up a division line which was later to be adopted as our borough's southern boundary line.

Before resuming the narrative of events leading to our present modern school system, it may be both profitable and enlightening to reflect upon the activities and problems of education in previous generations. Some of the incidents, in a lighter vein, may prove entertaining, while others will emphasize the sincerity and perseverance of those citizens who were genuinely interested in the welfare of children and the advancement of educational opportunities.

In 1870, for instance, when Mrs. John J. Messerve conducted classes at the Messerve home, her plans books and records disclose a full schedule for both teacher and pupils. In addition to the subjects taught today, there were activities which have long since disappeared from the curriculum. Also required within and around the school, were daily “chores” which, of necessity in those days, were the responsibility of teacher and pupil. Moreover, a record of scholarship and deportment was entered for each child at the close of the day. The following table of rating illustrates the attention given to details at that time:

Diary, complete for the week	— 10 merits extra
Diary, but incomplete	— 5 merits extra
Monitorship—good order	— 5 merits extra
Composition or letter	— 10 merits extra
1 merit forfeited for each $\frac{1}{4}$ hour late	
1 merit forfeited for every admonition for leaving seat without permission, speaking without leave, untidiness, idleness, disorderly or noisy walking.	
1 merit forfeited for one question unanswered	
2 merits forfeited for two questions unanswered	
5 merits forfeited for three or more questions unanswered	
1 merit forfeited for unexcused blot on copy book	
1 merit forfeited for careless writing.	

At the end of the school year the children were examined by the Board of Trustees and prizes were awarded to the winners. On one occasion, the highest prize was given to a child who wrote 7,776 words!

Students of all grades met in one room, under one teacher, until the 1890's when the upper grade scholars made the long trip to Haledon every day to attend their classes. Books were a rarity in those days, and the scarcity of paper made slates the chief writing material.

It is true that, during the course of the school year, school was closed much more often than it is



ABSALOM GRUNDY, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
(1889 - 1893)

today, but this was due to a number of valid reasons. In the winter, for example, after a heavy snowfall, the roads were impassable, for there was no mechanical equipment to keep them clear. Again, no classes were held for a time during the spring planting and fall harvesting seasons, since every member of the family, old or young, had to do his share of work.

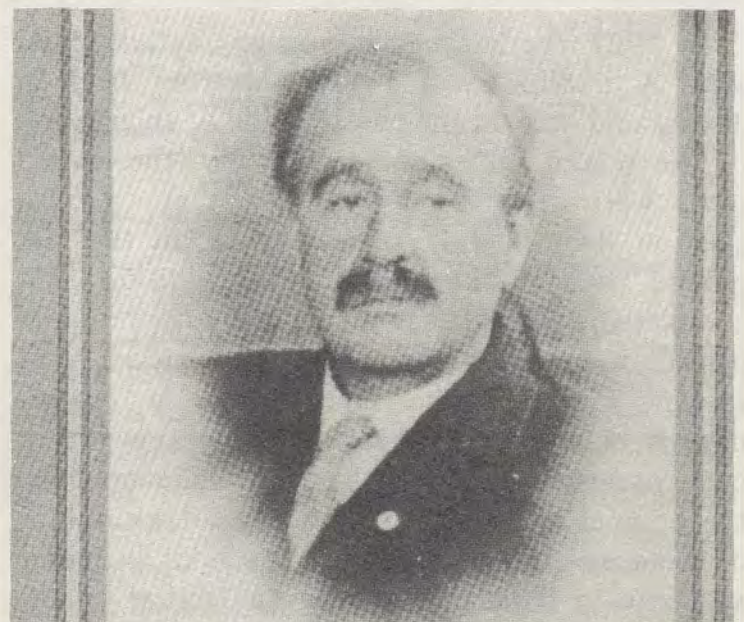
About this time the school bell had a habit of being stuck in an upright position, particularly when it was being rung by the boys who had mastered the art of creating this condition. The same boys always found that the school well had gone dry, thus necessitating time off from studies for a trip to the Berry spring to fill the school drinking pail. In spite of these interruptions, the teacher and pupils consistently put forth their best efforts to fulfill their tasks to the satisfaction of the examiners.

Ever alert and eager to expand and improve educational facilities, the leaders of the community moved to establish a new, more centrally located school. For this purpose, the voters of School District No. 12 met at the Oldham School on April 21, 1874, to authorize the trustees to exchange the old schoolhouse and lot in part payment for a more adequate building, and to provide \$1500 for additional expenditures. Most of the present Memorial School property was then purchased from Thomas Butterworth, and the remaining portion was donated by John J. Messerve. A new school, often referred to as the "White School

House," was erected and by 1899, another room was added.

Within this span of years, some of the teachers in the school included Miss Hancock, Mr. Broderick, Mr. Strong, Julia C. Messerve, and Mr. E. A. Reed. The late Absalom Grundy began his teaching career here in 1889 when the school enrollment numbered eighteen pupils. Astride a bicycle, coat tails flying to the rear, he was a familiar figure as he made the daily trip between his home and the school. After four years in this district, he went to Haledon where he became the educational leader of that community until his retirement in 1931. Although he worked here for a comparatively short time, some borough residents remember that he was their teacher in the 1890's when they attended the upper grades in the Haledon School. Mr. Grundy was succeeded by Mr. J. D. Ryerson in 1893, and a number of others followed them.

The local school remained under the supervision of Manchester Township until June, 1904, when a separate school district was set up. William Orr was named as first president of the Board of Education, with William H. Robinson as district clerk. Soon the two-room schoolhouse became inadequate, so a new six-room school was built in 1906 while William H. Ballentine was president of the Board of Education and William D. Darrow, district clerk. The new brick building, which cost approximately \$15,000, was dedicated on September 3, 1906, and from that date, the old white schoolhouse became known as the Borough Hall. At the first



WALTER M. SAGE
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL (1906 - 1919)



OLD SCHOOLHOUSE (*left*) AND THE
FIRST UNIT OF PRESENT SCHOOL — 1906

commencement exercises ever held in North Haledon, the first pupils to be graduated from the new school were Ruth Van Iderstine and Anna Orr. Walter Sage, who served from 1906 to 1919, was the first principal. After Mr. Sage, the principalship was held successively by Carl A. Marsden (1919-1923), Katherine C. Van Alen (1923-1929), Frederick H. Brunswick (1929-1934), Miss Harriet Fairclough (Mrs. Bocker), and Harold Richie.

By 1927, the borough had outgrown this school also. A public meeting was therefore held to discuss and vote on the construction of an addition to the school. After some difficulty, the revised plans were approved by the voters at a special election held in July of that year. In the fall, ground was broken, and the addition was completed during the next year. Among the items placed in a metal box in the cornerstone, were several coins of the latest issue; a current newspaper and several accounts of local events of civic interest; pictures of the old frame school and the original unit of the present school; an outline of the stages in the growth of the school, including a tribute to William Ellis who had served on the Board of Education for thirty years; a list of names of those holding public office in the borough, members of the School Board and school faculty;

and the signature of each child in the school at the time. On January 18, 1929, the building was re-dedicated as the "North Haledon Memorial School" in honor of the residents who had served our country during World War I.

Since then the steadily increasing school enrollment experienced an even greater impetus, mainly by reason of two phenomena common to most of the country. Whatever the motivation, one was the much publicized "population explosion" (now abated) following World War II, and the other, the preference for suburban living, which remains undiminished. To meet the housing demands, hitherto comparatively undeveloped acreage in North Haledon was subdivided into building plots, and new homes were rapidly bought and occupied. Naturally, the school population increased proportionately.

By 1951, the school library and the sewing room were transferred to the Borough Hall in order to make the rooms originally used for those purposes available as classrooms for the elementary school children. Two or three years later, this adjustment was no longer sufficient, so a second addition to the school was completed by 1954. This solution was satisfactory, but only temporarily; the



THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES—1910

problem of providing for the educational needs of more and more children became progressively acute. Furthermore, modern educational practices include co-curricular activities and studies in addition to the standard basics, and art, music, domestic science, manual training, physical training, and "special help" teachers all require appropriate facilities.

A third addition to the existing school was not feasible, so, after due consideration, the "High Mountain School" was erected just off High Mountain Road in the recreation field area in September of 1961. It was at this time that Mrs.



SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

WALTER M. SAGE, TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL—1915

First Row, Left to Right—Minnie Krug, Frances Gurrell, Margaret Shermann, Ruth Urweider.

Second Row—Minnie Kehrle, Anna Thornley, Mary Bilstein, Grace Ottens, Elsa Haefeli.

Third Row—George Schmitz, Charles Ballentine, Howard Lescheck, Robert Brauch.

Fourth Row—Charles Brautigam, Ernest Thelen, Charles Pruden, Ernest Hartwig.

Regina C. Romanelli, long a valued member of the teaching staff, was appointed principal of the Memorial School, and Dr. Joseph Kutner was named Superintendent of Schools, with offices in the new building. Shortly thereafter, an addition to this school, too, became necessary, and a new wing was ready for occupancy by September, 1964. Currently, Dr. Robert A. Kiamie is superintendent, and Dr. Leonard Feroletto is principal of the High Mountain School.

Meanwhile, our high school students were registered at Hawthorne High School, which, during the middle 1950's, was having its own problems of overcrowded conditions. Accordingly, the North Haledon Board of Education was advised that Hawthorne could no longer accept our students, and a cut-off date was announced. To meet this crisis, a thorough study of possible solutions was undertaken by our Board with the assistance of the late Dr. J. Harold Straub, Superintendent of Schools in Passaic County.

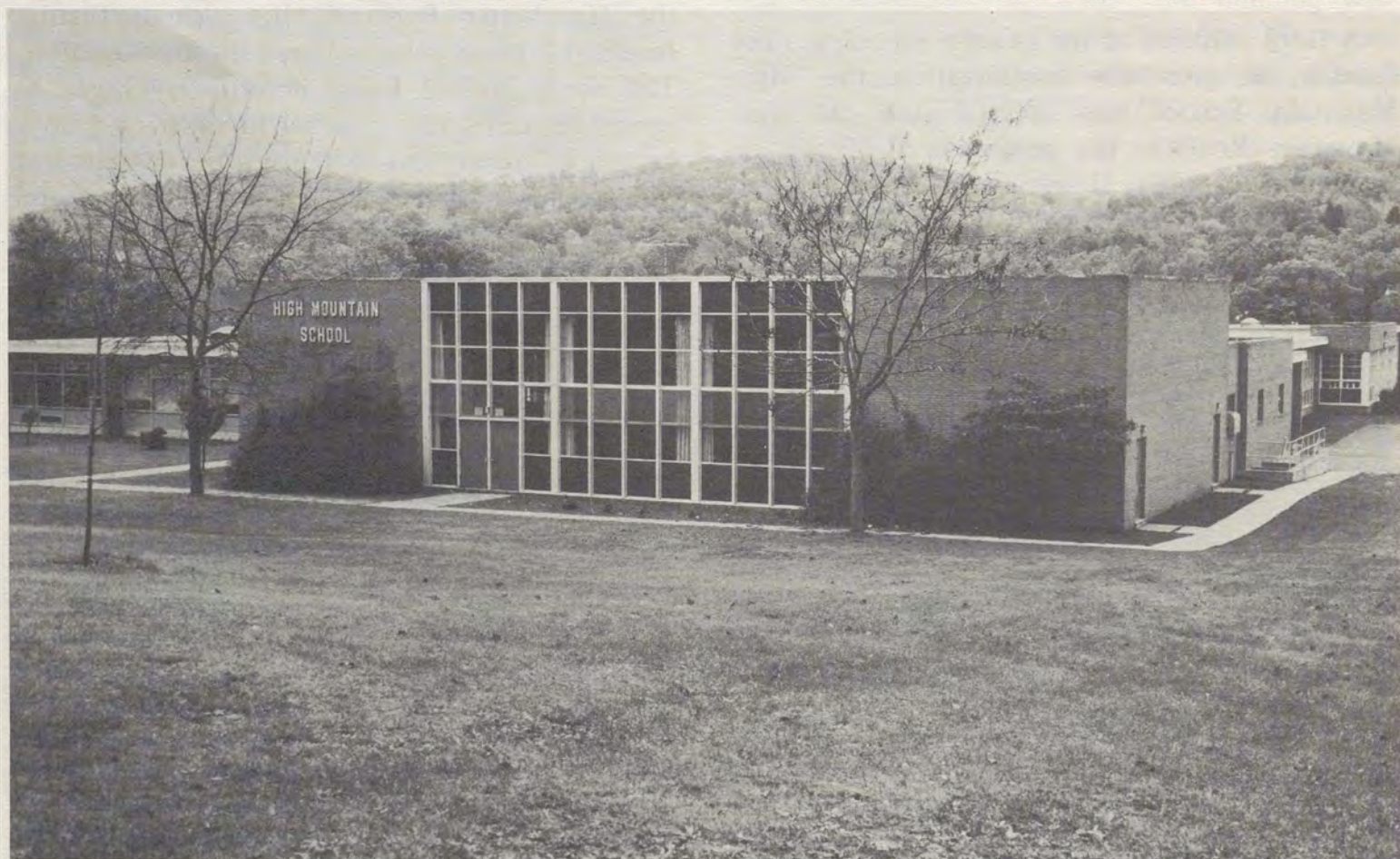
The final decision involved the participation of Haledon, North Haledon, and Prospect Park, for a regional high school would offer the best possible educational advantages with the least stress upon the taxpayers. At a referendum held on April 12, 1957, the voters of the three boroughs approved the establishment of a regional school district, and the Manchester Regional High School District Board of Education was selected shortly thereafter. The newly created Board immediately began to formulate plans for a school to be erected on a beautiful 25-acre plot in the northeast section of Haledon, adjacent to both North Haledon and Prospect Park, a generous grant of 5½ acres of this property having been pledged by Food Fair Stores, Inc. On September 30, 1958, a deed for this portion of the tract was presented by the branch manager, Mr. Leon Finklestein, to Herman Gionti, who had unanimously been chosen district board president by virtue of his professional background and administrative ability, so often demonstrated throughout his years of experience as president of the North Haledon Board of Education.

The target date of September, 1960, was set for the opening of the school, and in spite of such obstacles as a steel strike, the "Manchester Regional High School" did open its doors to more than 700 students on that date. Enrollments continued to increase, but at the present time, this trend appears to be leveling off.

Thus, tremendous strides have been made from the one room white school house to our present complex system of education, all within the memory of some of our local residents.



OLD SCHOOLHOUSE (left) and first unit of Memorial School - 1906



HIGH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL - 1961 - Grades 5-8



**FIRST MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Standing, L.toR. — George De Ritter of Prospect Park; James Grayson, Haledon; Neil Groendyk, Prospect Park; John Van Gundel, North Haledon; Arthur Hardt, Haledon
Seated — Jacob Struck, Prospect Park; Joseph Gorab, Superintendent; Herman Gionti, North Haledon, President of the Board; Emil Bonesio, Vice-President, Haledon; and Margaret Ulrich, Haledon.



Left to Right: Antoinette Ravo, Recording Secretary; Mary-Sue Perconti, President; Dr. Robert Kiamie, Superintendent of Schools; Freda Allen, Treasurer; Mary Ann Rutkowski, Corresponding Secretary
Absent from picture: Eugenia Turczan, Vice-President

NORTH HALEDON PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Recognizing the hardships experienced by some school children and by the educational system during the depression era, a group of concerned ladies met in one another's home to help those children in need of essentials such as eye glasses, clothing, or whatever. This activity was the forerunner of the present Parent Teachers Association which was officially organized in 1930 when Mrs. Estelle Hobeler became the first president.

For the past 46 years, all members have participated in various activities; educational field trips and lectures have been provided; library books have been donated; and recently, by means

of diverse fund raisers, an outdoor classroom at Memorial School was added. A book sale each year hopefully encourages a greater appreciation of literature and aids in increasing knowledge in the wide field of learning.

The PTA is a self-governing unit with a total paid membership of 387 at the present time. Officers are elected by the members, the President presiding at monthly meetings with the Superintendent of the school system as Honorary Vice-President. Naturally, the membership changes, but the ultimate goal of working with our school system to secure programs and materials for the benefit of the school children remains firm.



A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE "OLD SCHOOL BELL" — Gift of UNICO

Vincent Carleglio, Principal of High Mountain School; Mayor Alvin G. Blau; Superintendent Dr. Robert Kiamie; Oscar Iacobelli, President of UNICO Local; Paul Alonzi, National President of UNICO; and Robert Fontane, President of Board of Education.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ACADEMY



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ACADEMY
(ORIGINAL HOME — MUHS ESTATE)

Mary Help of Christians Academy, formerly known as St. Michael's Orphanage, dates its origin in November, 1921 with the purchase of the beautiful Muhs estate on Belmont Avenue. In the beginning, it served the purpose of housing needy children who were overcrowded in their convent on Ward Street in Paterson. Complete grammar school classes were conducted in the former Harris bungalow on the estate, and another little bungalow served as a chapel. When these buildings became inadequate, Don Bosco Hall was erected in 1929, followed by the Mary Help of Christians Chapel in 1932.

Gradually there evolved a resident and day student elementary and high school for girls. Until 1940, only girls who had been deprived of the care and happiness of home life were accepted; however, since many other parents asked that their daughters be accepted as resident pupils, soon girls from many parts of the United States, as well as girls from Mexico, Puerto Rico, South and Central America, were enrolled. Accordingly, ground was

broken for a new school with both elementary and high school departments. The new high school became affiliated with the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and in 1943, the Department of Secondary Education of the State of New Jersey placed the high school on the list of accredited private schools. The first high school graduation in this environment took place in June, 1944, with Sister Mary Palatini, FMA, as principal.

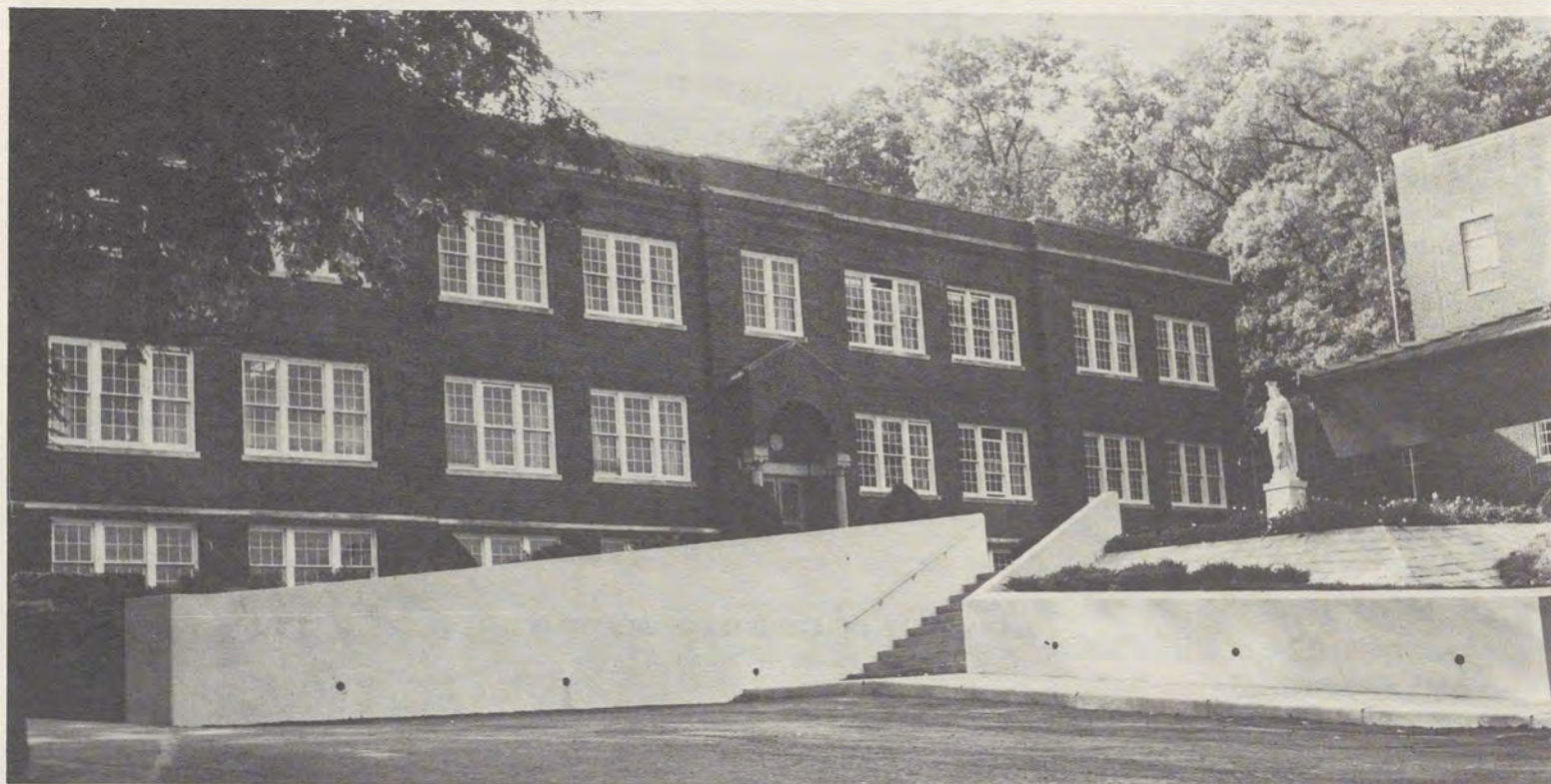
The increasing enrollment of high school students brought about a further change in the academy's educational trends, so that since 1968, Mary Help of Christians Academy serves the community entirely as a high school. To date, the enrollment is 260 girls. The school continues to be staffed by the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco (also known as the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians) under the direction of Sister Rosalie Di Peri, FMA, principal.

The academy is a value-oriented school based on Don Bosco's system of education, providing educational opportunities in both the academic and business fields. Together with the training of the intellect and body, the academy also provides for the enhancement of each girl's growth in the spiritual life and in social awareness.

The campus grounds also have marked permanently the gradual growth in the educational apostolate of the Salesian Sisters in North Haledon. The years 1952, 1965, and 1976 chronicle the completion of three new buildings in use as part of

classroom facilities and a brand new campus chapel.

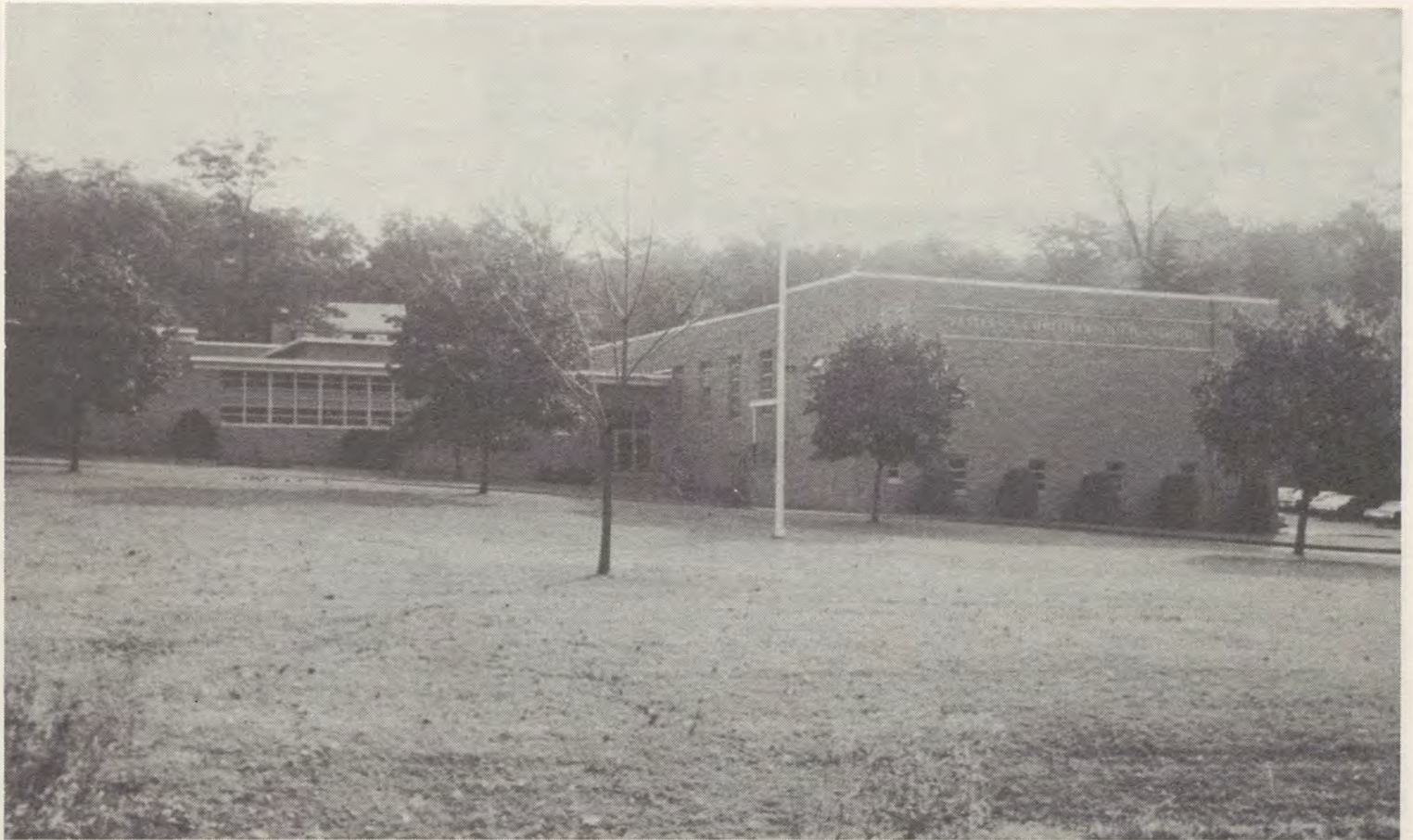
Our facilities are not restricted to use by regular students exclusively; the academy opens its doors to possible educational and recreational activities during the summer months. Further service to the community is gladly rendered through its summer Day and Resident Camps. Also, various handicapped and inner-city children are welcomed, to use and enjoy the extensive grounds and facilities. Helping howsoever we can by sharing our advantages is both our mission and our pleasure.



Present School



Going to Class



EASTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS entered the educational community in northern New Jersey with the opening of the Amity Street Christian School in Paterson in 1892. In rapid succession, this school was followed by the North Fourth Street Christian School, the Passaic Christian School, and the Riverside Christian School in Paterson. The Midland Park Christian School was constructed in 1912; and in 1919, the first Christian high school known as the Eastern Academy, opened its doors. All these schools were separate educational facilities, each with its own board of directors and financial structure.

When, in the early 1950's, it became apparent that this individualized method was growing unwieldy, a plan for consolidation into one large school system was initiated. It was this move that also resulted in the decision to build a new high school on a 26-acre tract purchased from the

Leonhard family, on Oakwood Avenue, in North Haledon. Groundbreaking took place on Thanksgiving Day, 1953, and on opening day the following September, 400 students were enrolled in the new "Eastern Christian High School." In 1966, a \$160,000 addition which houses the library and several classrooms was constructed, funds for this purpose having been contributed by a North Haledon resident, now deceased, who preferred to remain anonymous.

Fully accredited by the Middle States Association, Eastern Christian High School is considered one of the finest private high schools in New Jersey. Students, now approximately 500 in number, come from a hundred different churches, bringing a variety of cultures and ethnic backgrounds, but all with one purpose in mind,—to obtain an education centered squarely on the truths of the Bible.



Left to Right: Joyce Delaney, Louise Jacobsen, Judy Kohldyk, Ila Fisher, Havva Idriss, Gail Shiffman, Phyllis Stratton, Jackie Hill (seated), Claire Scialla and Bette Hofer.

North Haledon Co-operative Nursery School, Inc.

A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The North Haledon Co-operative Nursery School, incorporated and licensed by the State of New Jersey as a non-profit, non-sectarian educational organization, was founded in 1966 by a group of parents actively interested in working and learning along with their preschool children. It has evolved into a partnership between parents and a staff of professionally trained, certified teachers all working together to help children to grow socially and as individuals.

The nursery school experience provides a helpful transition from the exclusiveness of the home environment to the more complete separation from the mother when the child enters kindergarten. The children learn and play in a friendly, supportive atmosphere fulfilling their need for guided

play and social education. They are presented with art, music, books, and creative projects geared to their age level; and as they work and play together, they learn to accept and respect the rights of others. These concepts are definite assets in their preparation for the larger school experience.

Parents, too, derive certain advantages. The mother keeps in close touch with the child's activities while she also gains a little free time for herself. As she assists the teacher in the classroom, she gains a new appreciation of her own child as an individual and as a group participant. Membership meetings and informal discussion groups help parents to understand the varying patterns of normal child development, thereby benefiting both parent and child.

NORTH HALEDON ASSOCIATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

This association was formed to provide a recreation program for the handicapped. To date, a Saturday morning program and a UNICO-sponsored summer program have been organized. Throughout the year, parties are planned for the

children, and trips to many places of interest are provided.

Mary Roca is President; Walter Clarkson, Vice-President; Mary Anne Rutkowski, Secretary; and Martha Biro, Treasurer.



Kneeling: Left to Right - Rande Roca, Dawn Childs (standing, Susan De Prenda, James Dunkerly, Director;) Jeanette Capizzi
Standing: Left to Right - Tommy Vander Groef, Peggy Epper, Mazie Fahsbender, Wendy Roca, Wilemina Wright, Pat Ricciardi, Director; Joey Rutkowski, Mary Kate Heacock, Amelia Wright, Jennifer Biro, and Kim Robinson.



SURPRISE GAMES AT HIGH MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS

Government



GOVERNING BODY: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

First Row, L. to R. — Paul Fischer, David William Azar, Mayor Alvin G. Balu, Herbert Maas, Frank Fischer, Borough Clerk.
Second Row — Frank Canete, Philip Zofrea, and Roy Lampe.
Deputy Clerk Caroline De Franz was absent when the picture was taken.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

L. to R. — Neil La Fleur, Tax Assessor; Regina Hartley, Treasurer; Peter Borduin, Plumbing Inspector; Renata Lampe, Tax Collector; and Anthony Scialla, Building Official.





JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

L. to R. — Ronald Marmo, Prosecutor; Ervan Kushner, Judge; George Berger, Court Clerk; Ethel Hawryschuk, Deputy Court Clerk.



L. to R. — Patrick C. De Marco, Board Attorney; Biagio Lembo, Joseph Medici, Vincent Lombardo, Robert Fontane, President; Mrs. Josephine Parsons, Secretary; Dr. Robert Kiamie, Superintendent of Schools; Andrew Krupa, Joseph Sasso, Vice-President; Robert G. Weiss, and Joseph A. Perconti.
Absent when picture was taken — Ronald Casson.

BOARD OF EDUCATION



PLANNING BOARD

L. to R. — Anthony Scialla, Robert Fousse, Neil Greydanus, Stuart Keiller, Roger Mahieu, Chairman; John Carbone, Attorney; Mayor Blau, Oscar Iacobelli, and Rudy Brillante.
Seated: Peter Sloomaker, Clerk.



BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

L. to R. — George Van Dyk, Joseph Perconti, James McDowell, Frank Fischer (Clerk to the Board), Anthony Scialla, Stuart Keiller, John Carbone, Harry Stanley, William Tanis, Jr.



CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER CONTROL ORGANIZATION

Seated, L. to R. — Director Dennis Scalzitti, Chief Radio Operator Edward Earnshaw, Mayor Alvin G. Blau, and Police Commissioner Herbert Maas.

Standing — Edna Davis, Bruce Iacobelli, Kathryn De Block, Linda Hartley, Peter Teichmann, Elvin Kugel, Peter Giordano, Henry Tanski, Michael Feger, Richard Kling, James Pabian, William Fieldhouse, James Deichmeister, Barbara Schein, Philip Blau, Frank Scherer, Marguerite Govin, William Spear, and Edwin Hill.



BOARD OF HEALTH

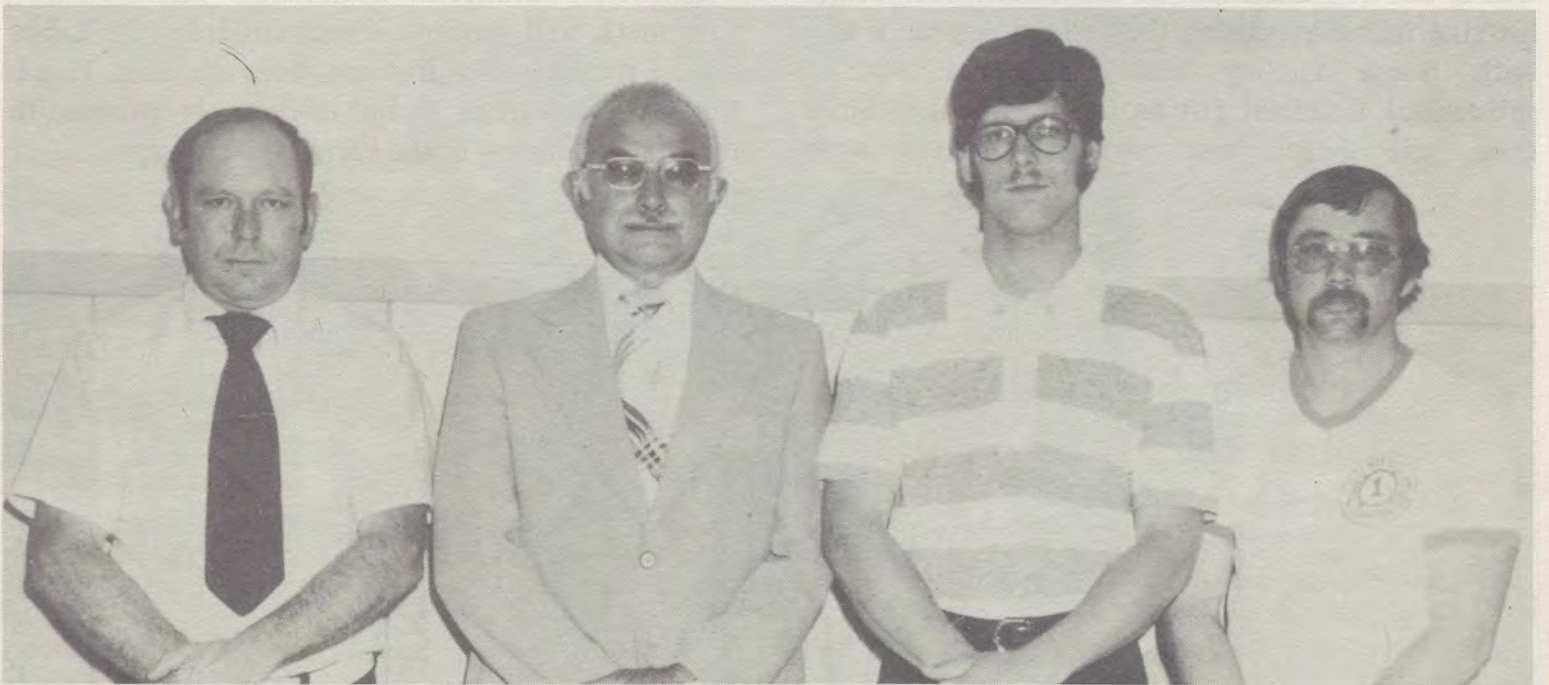
L. to R. — Sanitary Inspector Edward Feldman, Board Member Richard Fleischmann, Secretary and Registrar Agatha Barrow, Plumbing Inspector Peter Borduin, Vice-President Martha Post, President Peter Borduin, Board Member George Belanus, Nurse Amy Bertelloni, and Board Member Bruce Iacobelli.

Deputy Registrar Caroline Defranz was absent when the picture was taken.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Standing, L. to R. — Benjamin Caggiano, Superintendent; Chester Marino, mechanic; John Douma, Sewer operator; Joseph Padula, Assistant foreman; Harry Seng and William De Young.
Kneeling — Richard De Jong, William Drexler, Anthony Padula, Sr.



Left to right — Edward Leber, Andrew Hofer, John Bleeker, Raymond Kleiwerda.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

With the emphasis on “prevention,” this bureau labors to do just that. Buildings are inspected for the purpose of eliminating potential fire hazards, and new buildings, both residential and business, in

the planning stage, are closely scrutinized with this view in mind. “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”



Seated Left to Right — Henry Wilde, Jessie Stewart, George V. Sawey, Chairman; Rita Baker, Rita Krupa.
Standing: Rudy Billante, Ben Caggiano, Judy Teitsma, Renata Lampe, Thomas Ploch, Bob Scialla, Al Van Eerde.

NORTH HALEDON MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

Through the efforts of Mayor Blau, a lease was arranged with Mr. Emil Buehler to obtain the swimming pool on the Buehler Estate for the residents of North Haledon. A pool committee was organized and Harold V. Peters was appointed first swimming pool chairman. By opening day in June, 1964, a chlorinated filter plant had been completed. Since 1969, Mr. George V. Sawey has served as water analyst manager, and in 1974 he was appointed chairman of the committee. Under his chairmanship, during the following year, a new bath house facility was constructed with a substantial financial gift from Mr. Buehler. Since then, the beach and swimming areas were

expanded, the two main filter beds were reconstructed, and a new auxiliary filter bed was added, so that all was ready for opening day in 1976.

Officially, the pool opens on the last weekend in June and serves the residents seven days a week through Labor Day. Red Cross water safety courses are conducted by the lifeguard staff. The instructional program includes lessons for beginners, advanced beginners, intermediates, swimmers, and nursery school children. On Labor Day, a picnic and swimming races are held. This is the day when trophies and ribbons are awarded to the best swimmers in the various age groups.

LIFEGUARDS



L. to R. — Kevin McKim, Judy Teitsma, Albert Van Eerde, Jill Brillante, Thomas Ploch.



BAORD OF RECREATION

L. to R. — Joe Manno, Carole Scialla, Financial Secretary; Roy Ambrogio, President; Jackie Mendillo, Vice-President; Robert Messineo, and Tony Lalley, Secretary. Absent when picture was taken: Jack Pollitt.



LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Center Front: Elva Iacobelli, Secretary.

L. to R. — Rita Krupa, Caroline De Franz, Chairman; Councilman Frank Canete, Liaison; Frances Mainardi, Welfare Director; and Earl Kearns.

BOARD OF RECREATION

A group of citizens interested in providing the children of the borough with play space large enough to include a baseball diamond and a football field, met and formed the North Haledon Recreation Association on May 12, 1934. In 1947 Mayor Spinnler appointed a Recreation Commission to provide and promote recreational activities for both children and adults of the community.

Participation during the last few years has spiraled to encompass nearly 750 residents registered in various programs which include archery, bowling, basketball, baseball, baton-twirling, cheer-leading, football, softball, tennis, weight lifting, and special programs for exceptional children. Within the past two seasons, the tennis facilities have been increased from two to five courts; there are five baseball/softball playing fields, and each one has had a second protection fence installed around the backstop this year for greater safety.

The members of the Board of Recreation have worked, and will continue to work diligently for all who are interested in recreational activities, and to take all possible measures to insure the safety and pleasure of participants and spectators alike.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Thirty-four years ago, each North Haledon public official volunteered a personal contribution of \$3.00 per month to aid residents in need of food, supplies, clothing, or emergency assistance. Alfred Ahnert assumed the title and duties of "Overseer of the Poor" from 1942 to 1947. In 1943 the first Local Assistance Board was formed, and in 1947 it applied for and obtained State Aid. David Walker was officially named Welfare Director and held that post for 18 years.

The North Haledon Local Assistance Board is a member of the Passaic County Municipal Welfare Association and the American Public Welfare Association. It serves qualified residents in temporary need with job assistance, financial State-controlled monthly grant, emergency lodging, food baskets, and clothing; it also acts as a referral agency for various types of State and County Welfare Programs, such as the Food Stamp Program, ADC, SSI, etc.

Presently serving in the Director's post is Frances Mainardi. After an extensive interview and examination by Trenton officials, she was approved Welfare Director by the State of New Jersey. She attends the monthly meetings and participates in the Director Training Courses, Regional Conferences, District Con-Fabs, and State Programs.



ICE SKATING AT BUEHLER'S



NORTH HALEDON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Over the years the North Haledon Library has been the object of devoted service on the part of many persons. It was started in 1929 by a group of civic-minded citizens who felt it would be an important contribution to the cultural and educational achievements of the borough. Originally, space was provided in Memorial School by the Board of Education. It operated on a part-time basis until 1934 when WPA funds were allocated and the library was then open five days a week. This arrangement continued until 1944 when this support was concluded.

Aided by financial support from the Borough Council and the Board of Education, the Library Association worked tirelessly to provide money to meet increasing demands. In 1951, the library moved into the old school house on the Memorial

School property. Finally, after careful study by a special committee, municipalization of the library was recommended. The recommendation was approved by the voters in 1960, and the North Haledon Free Public Library was born. Our new home was built in 1964 and officially dedicated in May of 1967. Nine years later, an additional 1,400 square feet provided space for the present audio-equipped listening room.

In addition to the books, magazines, pamphlets, records, and cassettes, special services, such as inter-library loans, film services, and services for the blind and physically handicapped, may be arranged upon inquiry. An outside bookdrop has been provided for the convenience of patrons. In short, we strive always to provide materials and services to promote educational, civic, and cultural activities in the community.

FRIENDS OF THE NORTH HALEDON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The primary goal of this non-profit, volunteer group is the enrichment of library facilities, programs, and services; we do not subsidize the regular budget nor those basic services which are the responsibility of the local government.

The FRIENDS sponsor educational and recreational programs for both children and adults. Among these are films and the Vacation Media

Program for children; and for adults, demonstrations on such topics as gardening, gourmet cooking, and arts and crafts. This sponsorship is made possible with the help of annual membership dues and such fund-raising events as book sales. In just two short years of existence, the FRIENDS have purchased a 16 mm projector, audio-visual accessories, and furniture for the library. Everyone is invited to join the FRIENDS.



LIBRARY STAFF

Front Row, L. to R. - Josephine Beversluis, C.E.T.A. part time; Shirley De Groot, Secretary, part time; June E. Dougherty, Director, full time; Susan Serico, Librarian, full time; Bea Brandeal, Sr. Lib. Asst., part time.
Second Row - Elizabeth Beversluis, C.E.T.A., part time; Mildred Lee, Sr. Lib. Asst., full time; Marion Memmelaar, clerk-typist, part time; and Martha Wester, Sr. Lib. Asst., part time.



LIBRARY BOARD

Seated: Anita Weiss, Vice-President; Sandra Salway, President; Betty Klein, Treasurer; Frances Diebler, Secretary.
Standing: Dr. Joseph Kutner, June Dougherty, Director; Mayor Alvin C. Blau, and Dr. Robert Kiamie.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Seated: Mrs. Thomas Sturn, Treasurer; Mrs. William Tanis, President; Mrs. Robert Vander Meulen, Vice-President.
Standing: Mrs. Robert Weiss, Hospitality; Mrs. Arthur Scialla, Secretary; Mrs. Daniel Fodi, Director; Mrs. Kenneth Hofer, Director.
Missing from photograph: Mrs. Joseph Perconti, Director

NORTH HALEDON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Seated, L. to R. — Mayor Alvin G. Blau, Lt. Joseph G. Rutkowski, Chief Frank Von Atzingen, Capt. John C. Peene, Lt. Edward B. Lotz, Police Commissioner Herbert Maas.
 Standing: Ptl. Joseph Ferrante, Ptl. Peter K. Botbyl, Ptl. Richard Kincaid, Ptl. Richard Kuipers, Sgt. Edward V. Dombrowski, Ptl. William Moran, Ptl. Jack D. Vervaet, Ptl. Randall De Jong, Ptl. Anthony Padula.

The first system of police protection in North Haledon was put into effect on May 13, 1901 with the appointment of August Wolf as the first marshal. He patrolled the borough on foot, was subject to call at any hour of the day or night, and received twenty cents per hour while he was on duty. Several other marshals, all on a part-time basis, were appointed to assist him.

This marshal system continued until 1926, when the North Haledon Police Department was created by ordinance. Albert Stemmer, who had served as marshal since 1921, was then named Chief of Police; Louis Koert, Captain; and Camille Koch, Sergeant. These officers, together with several patrolmen, all of whom were on a part-time schedule but still subject to twenty-four hour call, comprised the first police department.

In 1937, Chief Stemmer was granted a fixed salary when he was assigned to full time duty, that is, eight hours a day and subject to call at any time. Five years later, Louis Stutz was assigned to full time duty as captain, and when Chief Stemmer resigned in 1946, Captain Stutz was appointed to succeed him. In January of 1947, William Fieldhouse was appointed as the first full time patrolman of the borough. As the population of the community increased, so did the number of patrolmen, and in due time, promotions are systematically bestowed upon the appointees.

Then something new was added to the organization in 1969 — a full time desk on a 24 hour basis. At first it was manned by some full-time and some part-time policemen. It rapidly developed into a very efficient working unit of law enforcement, and at present is operated by three women dispatchers and one full time officer.

More recently, in 1975, the Borough Council agreed to establish a Detective Bureau under the jurisdiction of Detective Captain John Peene. This bureau is very well equipped to handle any problems within its province.

Another asset of the department is a complete photography section which not only manages all police photography, but also, in many cases, performs invaluable services for other community organizations. Thus, from a very modest beginning, the Police Department has made considerable progress in extending its services and expanding its personnel. At the present time the department is staffed by a chief, a captain, two lieutenants, a sergeant, eight full time patrolmen, and three dispatchers in addition to a part-time staff which has continued to serve throughout the years. Today the regulars patrol the area in modern cars equipped with the latest communications system, thus insuring prompt and efficient response to calls from any point in the borough.

SPECIAL POLICE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH HALEDON



Seated: Kathryn De Block, Corresponding Secretary; Elvin Kugel, Treasurer; Peter Giordano, Sgt.-at-Arms; Herbert Maas, Police Commissioner; Alvin G. Blau, Mayor; Dennis Scalzitti, President; Edwin Hill, Vice-President; Edna Davis, Recording Secretary.
 Standing: Frank Scherer, Barbara Schein, Bruce Iacobelli, Henry Tanski, Michael Feger, William Fieldhouse, Philip Blau, Richard Kling, William Spear, Peter Teichmann, James Deichmeister, Linda Hartley, James Pabian, Marguerite Govin.

All groups of Special Police were invited to attend a meeting scheduled in March of 1968 for the dual purpose of securing unity of action in Special Police matters, and of improving the efficiency and training of individual members. In so doing, the association strengthened its competence to attain the primary goal of promoting the welfare of the residents of North Haledon. Other aims include the greater benefits derived from co-operative social activities, and the cultivation of closer personal relationships among Special Police Officers. Auxiliary Police and Special Police serving as crossing guards. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Municipal Building.

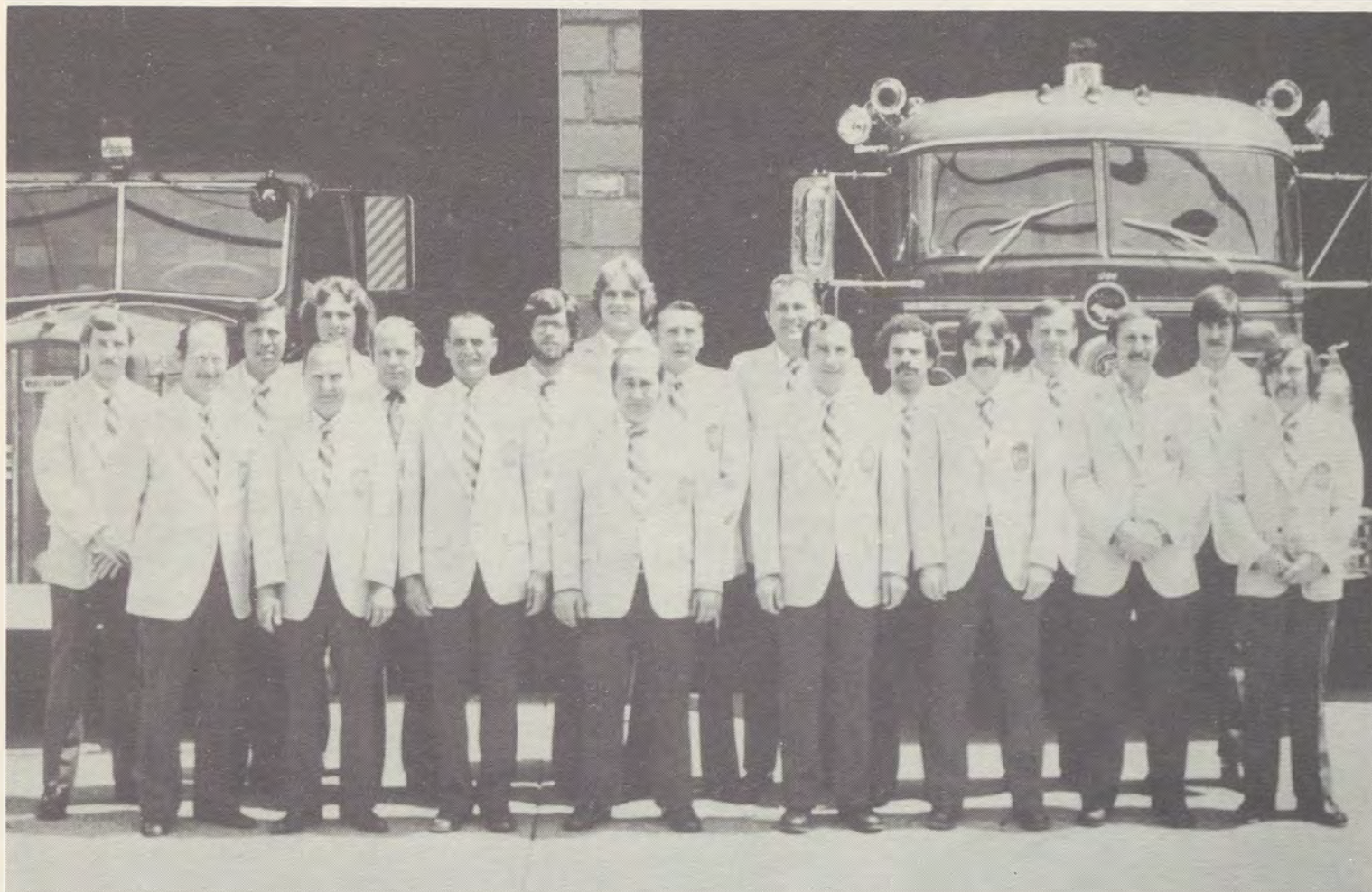
From the very beginning, this organization has contributed to many worthwhile causes, such as the Heart Fund, PAL, memorial funds, etc., and it was the first to present a contribution to the local Bicentennial Committee. Funds are raised twice a year by a Ham Shoot in the spring and a Turkey Shoot in the fall, both events being held at the Police Pistol Range off Manor Road; this Range, incidentally, was built by the Special Police in 1967 with the able assistance and direction of Police Chief Frank Von Atzingen and Captain John Peene.

NEW JERSEY STATE SPECIAL POLICE ASSOCIATION, CHAPTER NO. 13

New Jersey State Special Police Association is a statewide organization; North Haledon's Local No. 13 was chartered in June of 1971. Since only appointed Special Police are permitted to hold membership, this is an "association within an association." Meetings are held at the Municipal Building on the third Thursday of the month.



ALBERT STEMMER, FIRST POLICE CHIEF
 OF NORTH HALEDON



Front Row, L.toR. — Roy Lampe, Fire Commissioner; Carl Hochrein, Roger Giacini, Asst. Engineer; Carmen Jacene, Peter Gado, First Lt.; Timothy Scott, Capt.; Ronald Paliaga, Second Lt.; Raymond Kleiwerda, Chief.

Second Row: Gerald Gado, Joseph Perconti, Thomas Wolfe, Edward Leber, President; John Bleeker, James Berry, Edward Stutz, Engineer; Peter Spalt, Robert Bracco, John De Korte, Harold Price.

NORTH HALEDON FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

Shortly after North Haledon was incorporated as a borough, a group of men met at Stutz's North Pole Inn on Belmont Avenue to discuss ways and means of providing protection against fire disasters. They organized a bucket brigade and bought leather buckets which were filled with water, in case of fire, and passed from hand to hand. A little later, the buckets were replaced by a hand-drawn, two-wheeled, copper chemical wagon which was pulled by 20-25 men. Equipment was stored in Mr. Kreamer's stable on Belmont Avenue. Two hoops made from a railroad track were set up in different parts of the borough; these constituted the first fire alarm system. Such was the beginning of the Fire Department of North Haledon.

When the company was incorporated under its present name of Fire Company No. 1, Otto Borsdorf was selected as the first fire chief, and Henry Van Dyke, Sr. as the first president. A

building was erected on the site of the present firehouse on Belmont Avenue by the volunteers of the company during their spare time. In 1918 the chemical wagon was mounted on the body of a Ford truck. To augment this "new piece" of equipment, the men obtained used fire hose from the Paterson Fire Department which was then headed by Fire Chief Coyle.

All the firemen volunteer their services. Besides the help and protection which they give to the residents of the borough, they work ceaselessly to improve their organizations. As the need arises, the buildings are expanded and modernized; the latest, most efficient fire-fighting methods are pursued; and newer, highly mechanized apparatus supplements or replaces the older units in order to meet any contingency. Certainly today's fire department presents quite a contrast to the quaint organization of yesteryear.



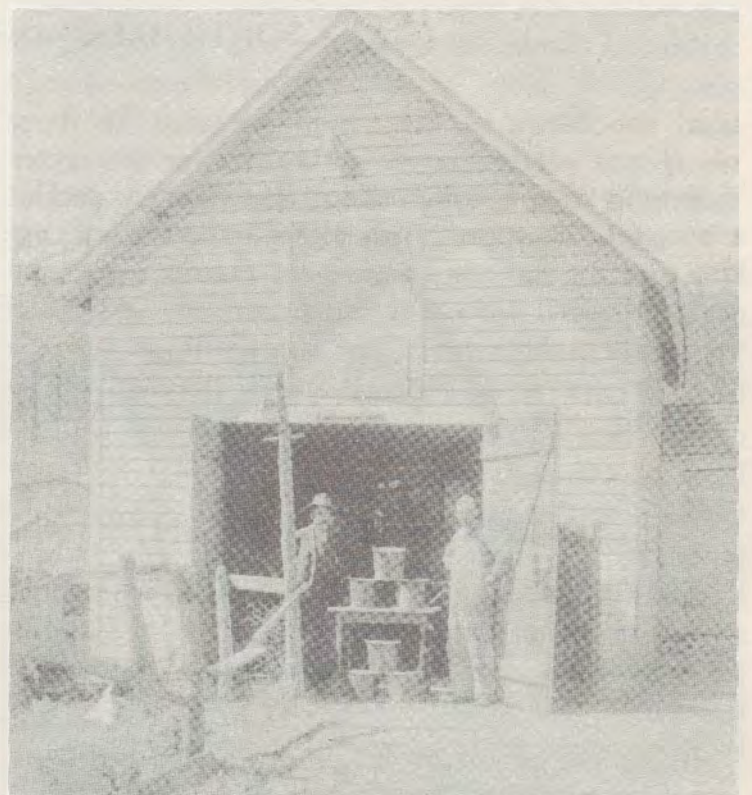
First Row, L.toR. — Harriet Taylor, Treasurer; June Berry, Recording Secretary; Helen Hock, Financial Secretary.
 Second Row: Gwen Giacin, President; Ann Klein, First Vice-President.
 Third Row: Jean Buser, Sergeant-at-arms.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

In 1917, the Ladies Auxiliary of Fire Company No. 1 was organized to help raise money to build the borough's first firehouse. To assist the firemen financially and socially is our prime purpose; of equal importance is the performance of whatever work may be needed in case of a fire emergency.

Several times a year we visit the New Jersey State Firemen's Home in Boonton, to play Bingo with the retired heroes, and after the game we serve refreshments. Our organization is a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Passaic Firemen's Association. As members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen of the State of New Jersey, ten life members, three delegates, and three alternates represent us twice a year at the meetings. We have won many laurels in competitive contests and are very proud of our trophies.

Membership varies; at the present time there are twenty of us and one honorary member, Mrs. Ina Babcock. Anyone who is interested may attend the meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, except July and August, at the firehouse, 792 Belmont Avenue.



NORTH HALEDON FIREMEN'S
 BUCKET BRIGADE OF 1912

Left to Right — August Stutz, Henry Wolf.
 Building still standing at corner of Belmont Ave. and Clara St.



L.toR. — Standing on truck: John Vitz, Charles Vitz, Ronald Vander Ploeg.

L.toR. — Standing on ground: Roy Lampe, Andrew Hofer, Ephrem Ormezzano, William Graham, Jr., Robert La Salle, Kenneth Hofer, Dale De Preker, Robert Vander Meulen, Carmen La Salle, Ronald Casson, Stuart Brown, Edward Dinkfeld, Ernest Becker, Henry Wester, Raymond Favocci, Bernard Vander Valk, Fred Rege, Gilbert De Groot, Frank Kishbaugh.

NORTH HALEDON FIRE COMPANY NO. 2

In March of 1921 a group of 30 men decided that a second fire company was desirable in North Haledon because of the growth of the community. Ground was purchased and the members, entirely by themselves, constructed their first firehouse during weekends and evenings, completing the job in 1922. Richard Brautigam served as first Fire Chief of Company No. 2, and Samuel Stussi as first President. The volunteers constantly engaged in raising funds for the clearance of all debts, for newer and better fire-fighting equipment, and for building improvements. In the early years a pool table and two bowling alleys were installed, and the money collected from these amusements was used for these purposes. On November 5, 1934, when the final mortgage payment was made the entire membership celebrated the event.

Then began an era of extensive renovations and improvements. The heating system from the Gaede Mansion (now a part of William Paterson State

College) was purchased and installed, rooms remodeled and modernized, lavatory facilities improved, aluminum siding, aluminum windows, and automatic doors installed, and plans for continued improvements, inside and outside, are now in progress.

A Day-Elder truck purchased by the company in 1923 was the first piece of fire-fighting equipment. It remained in use until 1942. In September of that year, the Borough purchased a new G.M.C. fire truck, and since then, has added or replaced equipment as needed, so that at the present time, firemen can more efficiently combat fires even in places where there may not be a water main, or in places which were previously inaccessible.

Typical annual events include a beefsteak dinner, a Christmas party for children and one for adults, a New Year's Eve party, and this year the first annual Pancake Breakfast was added to the list.

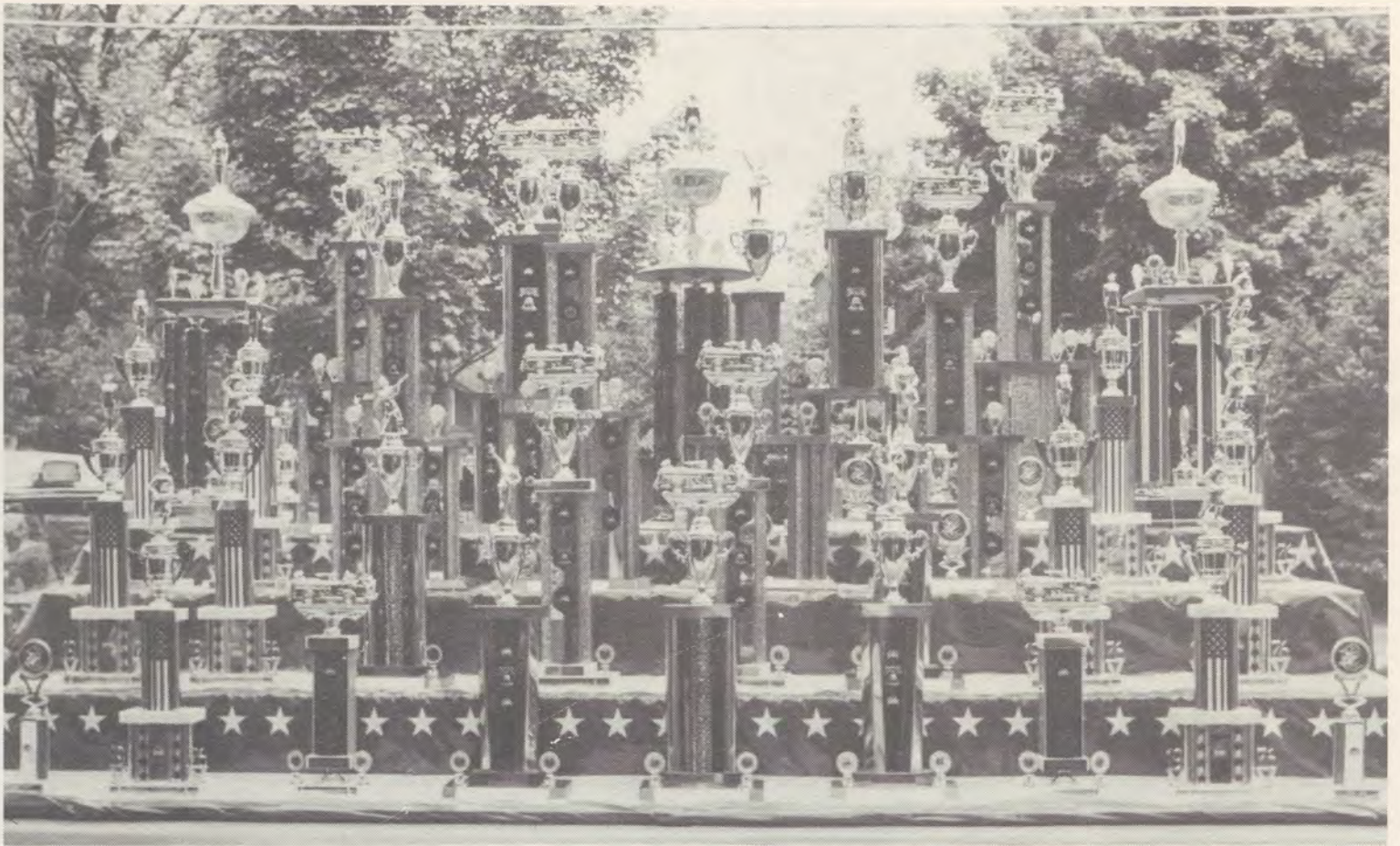


Exhibit of Trophies Awarded for the Best in Selected Catagories



NORTH JERSEY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S PARADE





Seated, L. to R. — John Parker, Bruce Iacobelli, Trustee; Dennis Garrabrant, 1st Captain; Evert Witte, President; Jacob Van Housen, Chief of Corps; Andrew Ter Waarbeck, Assistant Chief; William Boonstra, 1st Lieutenant; Eugene Bohny, Vice-President; Evelyn Frankenfield, Recording Secretary
 Second Row — Betty Ann Luraschi, Alyce Fitzsimmons, Mildred Gramp, Peter Botbyl, Frank Atherton, Patricia Van Dyk, Kathleen Lodema, David Hazen, Salvatore Militello, Marilyn Quant, Marylou Jockisch
 Third Row — Charles Van Dyk, Gladys Vitz, Irving Bosland, Edward Bosloper, James Lodema, Trustee, Sr. Squad; Steven Hazen, Treasurer, Youth Squad; Kevin McKim, Vice-President, Youth Squad; August Ploch, Gerhard Gramp

HALEDON EMERGENCY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

The idea of an ambulance service originated with Police Chief Albert Rountree of Haledon. A gratifying number of willing workers quickly responded to the suggestion, so the Haledon Emergency Ambulance Association was formed in 1933 with fourteen men in the original organization. The following year, the Association was joined by the Ladies' Auxiliary, also with fourteen members. Soon this humanitarian service was extended to include North Haledon, whose citizens had so generously contributed funds for equipment and a new building to house the ambulance. Later Prospect Park was included, and at the present time, the benefits and responsibilities are shared by the three boroughs.

The members receive no compensation, although they are on call day and night. All are qualified to render first aid treatment in emergencies, since one of the requirements for membership is a standard first aid certificate. In order to earn this, the men and women in the organization have been obliged to devote many hours to the study of first aid and in practical training for this work.

Beginning services with a Cadillac chassis on

which an ambulance body had been built, the Association has progressed to the maintenance of three Cadillacs and one Chevrolet Vanguard as ambulances. Also, there are now three buildings in convenient locations; one is on 411 Morrissee Avenue in Haledon, which is the main headquarters; another is on 42 Linda Vista Avenue in North Haledon; and the third is on 84 North 13th Street in Prospect Park.

In July of 1961, a Youth Squad was organized. These young people range in age from 16 to 21; they are fully trained and very capable. Upon turning 21, they are welcomed into the senior corps. Significantly, a number of them have pursued medical careers.

In addition to providing first aid and transportation to and from hospitals, the Ambulance Association is equipped to supply wheel chairs, crutches, beds, and a variety of patient needs, all free of charge. Their speedy response to calls and sympathetic handling of patients have earned the whole-hearted gratitude and support of every resident in the three boroughs.



NORTH HALEDON BLOOD BANK ASSOCIATION

First Row, Left to Right — Zita Tafuri, Director; Jean Monaco, Director; Mayor Alvin G. Blau, Chairman; Ottillie Meffert, Secretary; Ermina Benedetto, Vice-Chairlady
 Second Row — Henry Wester; Leonard Knapp, Director; Alfred Villopoto; Stuart Brown, Vice Chairman; August Ploch, Director; John Suter, Treasurer; and Fred Rege, Director

The organizational meeting of the North Haledon Blood Bank Association was held on June 10, 1958, thirteen members representing thirteen organizations in the borough. Mr. Alvin Blau was selected Chairman; Mrs. Ruth Dykstra, Secretary; and Mr. Steve Holly, Treasurer; six directors included Mr. Henry Addon, Mr. Frank Fischer, Mr. John Suter, Mrs. Louise Bimson, Mr. William Beversluis, and Mr. Carl Hochrein.

Originally, the Blood Bank was affiliated with the Bergen Community Blood Bank. In June, 1967, we joined the Passaic Valley Community Blood Bank and gradually tapered off activities

with the Bergen group. The Passaic Valley unit merged with the Essex County Blood Bank, forming the North Jersey Blood Center with which we are now affiliated.

The North Haledon Blood Bank serves member residents, persons belonging to a North Haledon organization who have signed pledge cards, and all residents who have reached the age of 60 and over. During the 17 years of our existence, blood has been donated by 803 persons and 704 pints have been released to members in need. Today we have 478 active members and 63 members covered by medical certificates.



Left to Right: Arthur Wemmell, Harold VanDer Wal, Walter Worrall, Daniel Vanderhook, Rev. Robert L. George, Marjorie Smith, Jean Riker, and Woodrow Spear.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The First Presbyterian Church of North Haledon traces its history back to the 1880's. During that time Isabella and Christine Duncan of the First Baptist Church of Paterson joined with Aunt Sarah Graham (Sarah Butterworth) to conduct a Sunday School in the old school house in North Haledon on Sunday afternoons, and prayer meetings in various local homes on Wednesday evenings. In 1897 the "Upper Haledon Union Sunday School" was formed, and more than \$1,000 was accumulated toward the establishment of a church which was officially organized on December 17, 1911. Major credit for this undertaking goes to the Christian Endeavor Society under the presidency of Mamie Clowes and the pastoral leadership of the Reverend Ralph Rowland. The building was completed and dedicated on March 14, 1915.

In 1919, an addition was constructed for Sunday School and club activities, and the first Pastor, the Reverend T. Layton Fraser, was called. For most of its history, First Church was the only church in the Borough; it has always taken its civic duty seriously. It hosts most of the Boy Scout units and all of the Girl Scout units in the community, as well as many other groups. No longer the only church in the borough, it is presently the focal point of ecumenical co-operation for Worship and Service.





CHURCH COUNCIL

Left to Right: Rev. Gerard R. Gaeta, Bill Herbst, Olga Steukle, August Ploch, Joyce Urban, Dorothy Eardley, John Gall, President; Mildred Quarry. Not in picture: Dieter Schmidt

THE LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lord of Life congregation, a new mission of the American Lutheran Church, was organized in April, 1963, under the leadership of Reverend David R. Nelson. Prior to formal organization, services were held for six months in the High Mountain School. One month after organization, our present building on a five-acre site at 374 Squaw Brook Road, was completed and dedicated. In November, 1966, the Reverend John R. Compton was called to become the second pastor,

and in 1972, Reverend Gerard R. Gaeta, our present pastor, was called.

Through servanthood, united in Christ, our aim is to spread God's love into the communities in which He placed us. We reach out into the community to care for those in need, and this care is extended to the Preakness Hospital, Holland Home, and Children's Shelter. We also sponsor a very active Scout Troop No. 123.



CHURCH WOMEN Left to Right: Frieda Schoonejongen, Treasurer; Charlotte Thomas, President; _____ Doris Ploch, Vice-President; Olga Steukle Not in picture: Ruth Mueller, Secretary



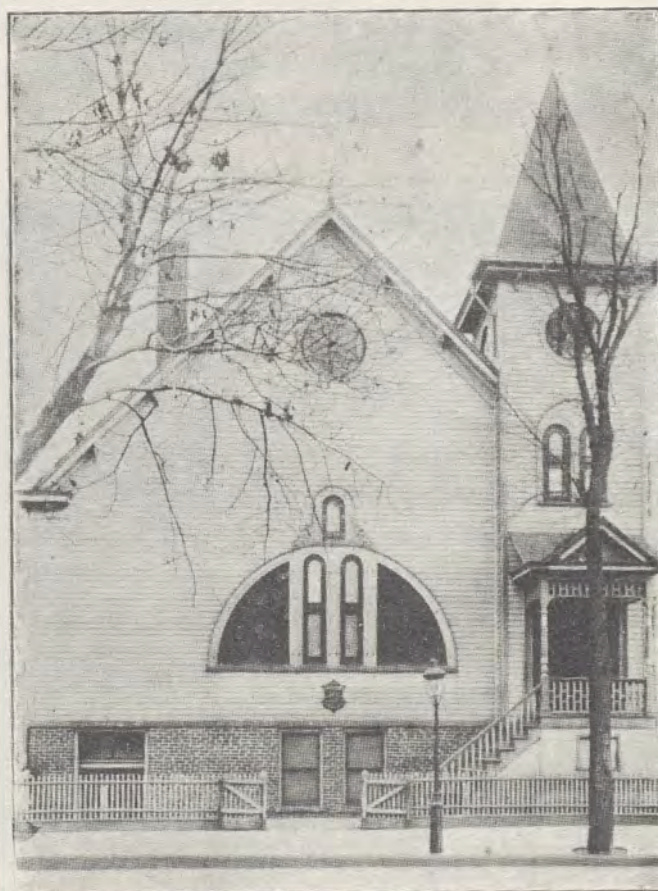
THE TRINITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

New in name and in place of worship, the Trinity Christian Reformed Church is old in years and in tradition. It has been known by three other names, has worshipped in three other church buildings, and has given birth to three new churches.

As early as 1897 religious services were conducted by different brethren of the Classis of Hackensack in the little Swedenborgian Church on Division Street, later Hamilton Avenue. Formal organization as the True Reformed Dutch Church of Paterson took place in 1882; consolidation with the True Reformed Dutch Church of Aquackanonk in 1887; and in 1896, reorganization and incorporation in the name of the Third Christian Reformed Church of Paterson. Through the years, the growth of the congregation and other considerations necessitated a number of moves, from North First Street to Haledon Avenue, to Paterson, to Wyckoff, and eventually to North Haledon.

On April 4, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. Hamstra offered to sell ten acres of their farm property situated along North Haledon Avenue, and a congregational meeting in May overwhelmingly approved the purchase. Ground was broken in 1970, and in less than a year, the first worship service was held in the new building. This was the second great change within the period of a few months, for, just a little earlier, the congregation unanimously approved a name change, voting for "Trinity Reformed Church of North Haledon."

A most attractive location on a knoll high above the valley, with a magnificent view extending even to the New York skyline, the beautiful building, the devoted leadership, and the educational and charitable activities of the various organizations are true sources of inspiration "to all who pass by or enter its doors."



Our first church building on North 1st Street
Dedicated May 18, 1890



SIXTH REFORMED CHURCH

As its name implies, our church is the sixth congregation of the Reformed Church in America, organized in Paterson, on January 2, 1867. The first building was located on Godwin Street; in 1919-1920, the congregation re-located on Hopper Street, and in 197-1975 moved to 21 Pleasant View Drive, North Haledon.

Services were originally held in the Dutch language, but English has been the language of all church activities for many years now. The Bible is the only and infallible rule of faith and practice in the Sixth Reformed Church, and the Standards of Unity of the Synod of Dort are accepted as setting forth the system of doctrine contained in the Bible. Morning and evening services are held throughout the year, as well as Sunday School and a midweek prayer meeting. In its 110-year history, fourteen pastors have served; and the present minister, Reverend Charles W. Krahe, has been serving a congregation numbering approximately 550 for seven and one half years.

Many church societies function, bringing the people together. Among these, Missions have been a special concern, and the full support of an extension project in the city of Paterson has been carried on for fifteen years with increasingly good results.



GROUND-BREAKING — 1975

Far Right - Pastor Krahe; center - Mayor Blau; left - Builder.



NORTH HALEDON CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

In 1955 a new church was organized; the members chose for its location the Borough of North Haledon, and for its name, "North Haledon Christian Reformed Church." In 1958 the church building was erected on High Mountain Road; it is a part of the Christian Reformed denomination which is comprised of more than 700 congregations in the United States and Canada. From a modest beginning, the membership in our church has more than doubled, and a number of our members participate in borough affairs.

Our purpose is to give the Word of God and to proclaim Jesus Christ to our community. Pastor

Philip C. Holtrop and the congregation offer their services to all who ask or need. We strive to give comfort and assurance to those who suffer in body, soul, or mind; we will try to give young people and others encouragement and direction in this troubled world; we will give solace and help in any way we can when death or other tragedies strike. In short, we aim to fulfill the law of Christ by being a neighbor to you.

We are pleased to have found a friendly reception in North Haledon, and we desire to reciprocate with friendliness and service to our fellow townsfolk.



NORTH HALEDON CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH COUNCIL

Left to Right: Arthur Van Hook, John Dyksen, Lambert Yskamp, Calvin Hekman, Rev. Philip C. Holtrop, Maynard Baker, James Vogel, Lawrence Kruithof. Absent when picture was taken: William La Fleur, Jan Lucas



"CHARTER" RESIDENTS

Seated, L.toR. — Rich Heusser, who was born on Squaw Brook Road near the Wyckoff line; Mary Sherman Beckert, born on Belmont Avenue at Peters Lane, behind Okun; Theresa Fugman Pierson, born on Clara Street at the corner of Lotz Street; Annabelle Graham Hay, born on Graham Avenue; and Charles Scheren, born at 752 Belmont Avenue.

Standing: Anna Suter Jacob, born on Belmont Avenue; Dot Kuhnert Macri, born on Karl Street which is now Harmon Place; Anna Kaser Scheren, born on Manchester Avenue; Lucy Buser, also born on Manchester Avenue; and Annie Fugman Soder, sister of Theresa, born on Clara Street at the corner of Lotz Street.

When North Haledon was incorporated as a borough, the distinguished personalities in this photograph were already in residence. At that time, of course, they were infants, toddlers, or very young children who had been born and were living

within the set boundaries where they have continued to reside ever since. Thus they may justly be designated as "charter members" of the newly-created borough, and honored members of our 75-year-old community.



HOLLAND CHRISTIAN HOME

The Holland Christian Home has been in existence since 1895. For many years, it was located on Iowa Avenue in the Peoples' Park district of Paterson, but when the plans for the construction of Route 80 affected this section of the city, relocation became necessary. A ten-acre plot of land on Graham Avenue in North Haldon was selected for the purpose, and since 1960, the Home has resumed its humanitarian work in the new and more spacious surroundings.

Although the idea of a home for the aged originated within the Christian Church, the Home itself operates independently. A Board of Directors consists of nineteen members; Ralph Falkena is

President of the Board, and Arthur Van Hook, Secretary.

The Home is fully equipped to care for the aged and aging members of the Church, seventy years old or older, who wish to avail themselves of this service. In addition to the recreational, social, and occupational facilities, there is a complete infirmary on the premises, staffed by qualified nurses. At the present, there are 115 residents, some of whom are confined in the infirmary. It is an interesting and happy confirmation of the quality care exercised by the staff to note that one resident, Mr. Weird Bruining, is 100 years old, and another Mrs. Elizabeth Rosendale, reaches that age in March.

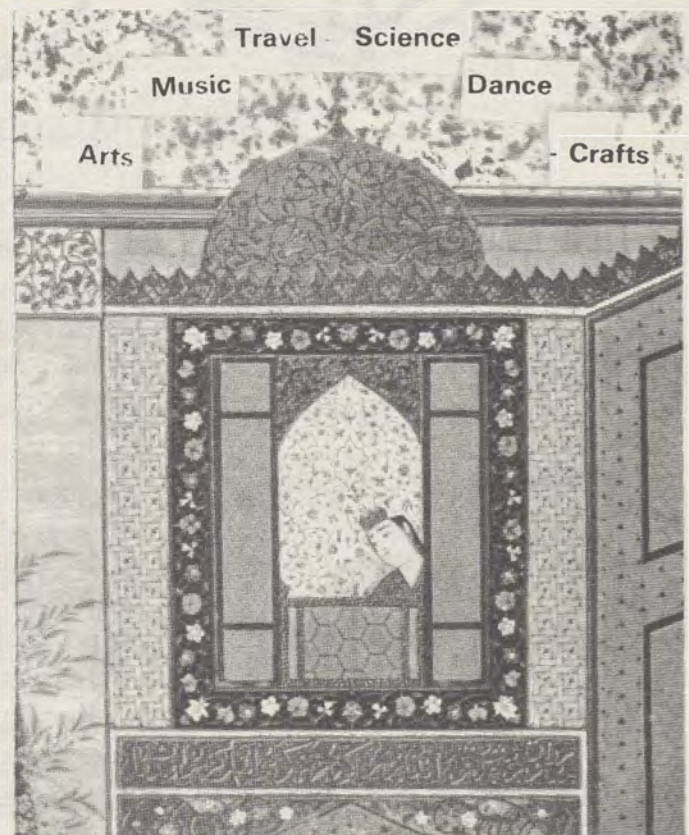


CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Seated, L.toR. — Mrs. Albanese, Mrs. Wester, Secretary; Mrs. Gionti, Mr. Halloran, President; and Mrs. Wagner
 Standing — Mr. Kushner, Mrs. Wiener, and Mr. Vitali

When the necessary formalities between the Buehler Foundation and the Borough of North Haledon were concluded, Mayor Blau, who had been instrumental in promoting the arrangement, appointed a committee to implement a continual program of activities in accordance with Mr. Buehler's wishes. Since 1965, this Cultural Advancement Committee has scheduled at least one program each month (except July and August) covering a wide range of interests, — from music of the local school bands to Scottish bagpipes to operatic concerts; from a view of the life of the mountain people in northern New Jersey to glimpses of life in such far-away places as Australia and the Saychelle Islands; from the wild flowers native to our state to the exotic blooms of other lands; from the art of modern commercial photography to the classic art of great European masters. Also included, via the audio-visual route, were armchair visits depicting the culture and life-style of foreign countries in different continents; demonstrations of jewelry-making and the cultivation and care of familiar and not-so-familiar houseplants; cultural dances of American Indian tribes and an assortment of other subjects of topical interest.

To all programs, the public is invited free of charge, and the number of out-of-town residents who regularly attend these functions is a source of great satisfaction to the committee.





NORTH HALEDON READERS GROUP

Left to right — Alice Creegan, Anna Elkland, Doris Ploch, Dorothy Gall, Caroline Appel, Charlotte Shouten, Otilie Meffert, Emily Van Gundel, Catherine McGraw, Josephine Hook, Elizabeth Fouchaux, Marion Poswencyk, Ella Just, and Ruth Wuensch.



NORTH HALEDON READERS GROUP

Born of a winter time idea conceived by the late Mrs. Arthur Guertin, the original object of the unit was to stimulate interest in the local library by promoting knowledge and appreciation of literature and art. Participating women first met on March 18, 1936, with ten prospective members.

As interest in the program increased, so did membership applications. In June, 1938, a constitution and by-laws were adopted along with the name "North Haledon Readers Group." Membership was limited to 35 in order that meetings might be held in the homes of members. The first officers elected were Mrs. Lila Guertin, President; Mrs. Arthur Rau, Vice-President; Mrs. Langendoen, Secretary; and Mrs. Ross Begg, Treasurer.

From time to time both money and books have been donated to the North Haledon Library. Still active after 38 years, the Readers Group points with pride to the success and achievement of the charter members' goals to expand reading activities, to pursue cultural values, and to keep free of political and religious issues. Also, it is interesting to note that several of our group are second generation members.

Officers for 1975-1976 are: Mrs. Alice Creegan, President; Mrs. Lillian More, Vice-President; Mrs. Tillie Meffert, Treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Gall, Secretary; Mrs. Marion Poswencyk, Historian; Mrs. Anna Elkland, Program Chairman; Mrs. Betty Klein, Books; Mrs. Emily Van Gundel and Mrs. Elsie Ross, Hospitality.



Seated L. to R. — Alex Pandurovitz, Frank Canete, Carmine Gallo, Robert Ventrella, Oscar Iacobelli, Michael Tesauro, William Tesauro, Nicholas Baldo, Domenic Tavoleta.
 Second Row — Emil Mondelli, William Gulino, Louis Johnson, Fred Rossi, John Giovatti, Matthew Ventrella, Robert Carbonelli, Vincent Parillo, Carmine La Salle, Louis Territo, Louis Liguori, Philip Ravese.
 Third Row: Louis Letizia, Edward Rapisardi, Andrew Blanchfield, Anthony De Franco, Vincent Lombardo, Rocco La Sala, Albert Portella, Joe Sasso, Anthony Ochiuzzi, Thomas Di Giacomo, Vincent Barrone, Father Anthony Franchino.

NORTH HALEDON CHAPTER of UNICO NATIONAL

“Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity,
 Charity, Opportunity”

Chartered in 1959 under the leadership of Mr. Vincent A. Perneti, the first president, this organization is composed of members from North Haledon, Haledon, and Prospect Park. It is non-political, non-sectarian, and restricted to male American citizens of Italian descent (or those who have married girls of Italian ancestry). The members are banded together in a national chain, but work separately as chapters on charitable and community activities. Delegates are sent each year to the national convention where national business is transacted, and they report to their respective units.

The organization meets monthly, and, guided by the meaning of its title, many diverse activities are planned and executed. This chapter initiated Law Day as it is known in the Borough of North Haledon; of all local chapters, it was the outstanding contributor to the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania flood disaster; it was the principal donor to the first summer program of the North Haledon Association for Exceptional Children, thus enabling the children to enjoy a summer of games, field trips, outings, overnight camping trips, swimming, and a variety of other activities. In

addition, the chapter has participated in Mental Health fund drives, contributed to many charitable causes, and sponsored various athletic programs.

Other notable achievements include the presentation of fifteen scholarships to date, the purchase of a new ambulance for the Haledon Ambulance Corps, and a pledge of \$10,000 to the Greater Paterson General Hospital for a monitoring system for cardiac patients in the Intensive Care Unit. On the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, the Borough was presented with a monument located on the grounds of the High Mountain School; this is now the permanent home of the “Old School Bell,” which is the only remaining memento of the original school system in North Haledon. The monument was designed by Thomas DiGiacomo, the masonry work was donated by Frank Cifarelli, the carpentry work by Joseph Sasso and Ronald Casson, and the plaque inscription is the handiwork of Carmine Gallo.

Aware of the needs of the community or of society in general in our rapidly changing environment, UNICO stands ready to assist in any project which will promote the welfare of the public or the individual.



Front, L. to R. — Joseph Autera, Treasurer; William Battagliese, President; Carmen La Salle, First Vice-President; Fred Iannacone, Second Vice-President.
Back, L. to R. — Frank Rizzo, Corresponding Secretary; Bruno E. Vivino, Director; John Savastano, Financial Secretary; John Galletta, Recording Secretary; Louis Buonforte, Historian.

FIDELIANTS OF AMERICA, INC.

The Fideliants were organized in the city of Paterson in April, 1940; all members are business or professional men. Throughout the years, this organization has contributed thousands of dollars to charity, the prime object of its existence.

Although the North Haledon branch of this society is the newest organization in the borough, its accomplishments are noteworthy. The Barbara Cook Camp was purchased from the Paterson

Missionary Society on November 18, 1975, and the site is presently undergoing extensive improvements. Nevertheless, the Fidelian Camp has already been established at 519 Manchester Avenue, and it was officially opened and ready to receive underprivileged children by the latter part of July. As a service group, the Fideliants are a very valuable addition to our rapidly expanding community.

HIGH MOUNTAIN SQUARE CLUB



Seated-Left to Right — William Meffert, Sergeant-at-Arms; Fred Rege, Secretary; George Kuhn, President; Fred Moore, Treasurer; Adolph Berchtold
Standing: Edward MacDonald, Arthur Arrighi, Gustave Weber, Charles Arienta, Chaplain; Roy Muse, August Ploch, Vice-President; Gilbert Swift

The High Mountain Square Club was founded by Mr. Abe Glassman for two main purposes: to promote good fellowship among members of the Masonic Lodge, and to support various charities. A charter was obtained by Mr. Sam Biber from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in 1956. Mr. Alex Weiner was elected to serve as the first President;

Mr. George Kearns, Treasurer; and Mr. Harold Henderson, Secretary. At first, meetings were held at Werner's Grove (now The Tides), in North Haledon; later, at the American Legion Hall in the borough; and at present, in the home of one of the members. The Club donated the first Holy Bible to the High Mountain School.

NORTH HALEDON GARDEN CLUB



Left of monument — Emily De Vos, Vice-President; Ethel Kauffman, President; Margaret Fonken, Anne Bauer, Winnie Sweetman, Lily Carlough Center — Ruth Wuensch, Treasurer; Joan Cinquino
Right of monument — Louise Crinklaw (Girlie), Marie Van Wingerden, Marie Van Dalinda, Hazel D. Stevens, Secretary; Marge Carso, Josephine Swift

The North Haledon Garden Club was formed through the North Haledon Grange in 1956.

Motto: Help Keep North Haledon a Beautiful Town

Activities include attending Grange functions, featuring flower shows, and doing community work. In recent years, the Club assumed the care of the Veterans' Monument on High Mountain Road,

and has planted trees and shrubs near the school and library. For the Bicentennial Celebration Year, the Garden Club planted an oak tree in the area of the Vet monument, and made a wreath of red, white, and blue pine cones which was placed there on Memorial Day. A successful flea market was held for the purpose of raising money to help pay the cost of the trees.

COIN AND STAMP CLUB



L.toR. — Recording Secretary Mrs. Marjorie Van Koot, President Garrit Zwolle, Vice-President John Lanting, Corresponding Secretary Jane Post. Missing from Photo: Treasurer Mrs. Margot Outslay

When Mayor Blau learned that a number of area residents shared his interest in studying and collecting coins and stamps, he brought them together in the spring of 1962 for the purpose of organizing the Stamp and Coin Club. It was decided that membership would not be restricted to local residents, but would be extended on a

regional basis. For a time, the group met at the office of the Mayor until the rapid increase in number could no longer be accommodated in a limited space. Since then, the club meets regularly at the Buehler Cultural Center where members share their enthusiasms and activities on the evening of the second Thursday of each month.



Seated, L. to R. — Thomas Heyn, Vice-President; Lillian Schoeffel, President; Ruth Kuhn, Treasurer; Erma Benedetto, Secretary
 Standing — George Kuhn, Sergeant-at-Arms; Amelia Wilde, 2nd Vice-President, Anna Schulze, Trustee; and Frieda Meyer, Trustee

THE NORTH HALEDON GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Credit for organizing the North Haledon Golden Age Club goes to Mrs. Olga Tweer, who called a meeting of 32 interested persons on Friday, June 10, 1960, in Firehouse No. 2. She introduced Mr. Robert Gaede, a member of "The Council on Aging of Bergen County"; he outlined a typical working plan of successful Senior Citizens' Clubs involving recreational, social, and cultural activities.

The first order of business was the selection of a name, and the present name was agreed upon; a temporary slate of officers was chosen to serve until election in October; and it was decided to charge \$1.00 for life membership and 25 cents per

person each meeting to cover the cost of refreshments served after the business discussions.

The Club meets every Friday at 1:00 P.M. For two years, meetings were held at the firehouse, then in the Grange Hall, and finally, as the membership increased impressively, in the Legion Hall which is still the meeting place. Sick members are remembered with cards. The second Friday of each month has been designated to celebrate the birthday anniversary of those members whose birthday falls on that particular month. Each member having a birthday during that month may donate one dollar; these "birthday dollars" are set aside for some special occasion to be enjoyed by all.



GOLDEN AGE Donation to Anniversary Fund. Left to Right: Amelia Wilde, Earl Kearns, Chairman of Anniversary Committee; Lillian Schoeffel



Top — Bob Scialla, President.
 2nd Row — Arlene Sturm, Treasurer; Carol Marks, Corresponding Secretary; and Bette Pellosie, Trustee.
 Front Row — Ron Debiak, Trustee; Gabe De Franco, Hon. Trustee and Past President; Frank Havlin, Trustee; Marilyn Ambrogio, Recording Secretary; and Dick Pellosie, Vice-President.

NORTH HALEDON SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Chartered and incorporated in 1972, the North Haledon Sports and Recreation Association subscribes to the following guidelines:

“We pledge ourselves to attain and preserve the highest level of sports and recreation activities for the children of our community. We pledge to provide intelligent supervision, give mature direction, prepare careful planning, and make sound decisions. Most of all, we pledge to display proper adult conduct and discipline, for the safety of the boys and girls entrusted to our care.”

To fulfill these pledges on a practical level, the Association subsidizes the Board of Recreation, solicits sponsors for baseball and softball programs, organizes and purchases baseball and softball uniforms, raises funds for recreational awards, and provides manpower whenever needed. In order to meet the financial obligations incurred, many

annual fund-raising activities are organized, — the Memorial Day Community Picnic, Fall Fashion Show, the sale of refreshments at all home football games and throughout the baseball-softball season, and various booster sales.

In the few years of its existence, a number of worthwhile projects have been undertaken and completed. The pavilion at the recreation field was built totally with voluntary help, the refreshment stand within the pavilion was constructed, and a massive and complex project lighting the baseball and football fields was made possible through the generosity of residents who gave so freely when solicited in 1974. In addition, the Association sponsors the yearly Baseball Picnic, Football Dinner, and the Association Installation Dinner.

We are proud of our efforts to serve the youth of our borough!

FIRST LITTLE LEAGUES



Standing, L.toR. — Paul Bonsignore, Nick Baldo, Donald De Muth, John Block (Coach), Joseph Renard (Assistant Coach), George Van Dyke, Joseph Leskowitz, Donald Van Eyk, Alan Keiller.
Kneeling: John Vitz, Steven Lind, Derek Lough, Dan Nigro, Mickey Renard, Stuart Brown, and Roger De Luca.

The team picture was taken on the occasion of the dedication of the first baseball diamond on the Municipal Field for Little League practice and

games. Local officials and members of the Old Timers' Association of Paterson attended the ceremony in 1954.



Seated, L.toR. — Stanley Clark, Bob Nemes, Ed Gemeinhardt, Ed Tangora, Russell Fieldhouse, Pete Spalt, Joel Bolton.
Standing: Joe Magaditsch, Ron Vander Ploeg, Don Lesko, Roger Toth, Bob Weiss, Eric Kirschner, Terry Langendoen, Aaron Cornwall.
Manager: Marvin Veenema



ROTARY CLUB

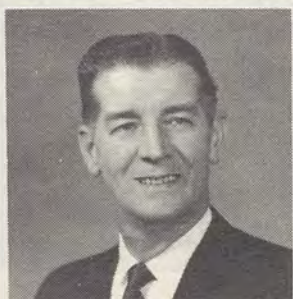
Sitting, L. to R. — Ralph Weiss, David Heerema, Mayor of Haledon; Chris Adams, Alvin Blau, Mayor of North Haledon; Steve Radics.

Standing — John Peene, David Azar, William Vander Plaat, William McKeon, Vincent Brosnan, Raymond Reid, Andrew Hofer, John Serafin, Fred Botting, Ray Regan, Peter Teichmann, William Fieldhouse, Sam Wiener, Al Keay, Phillip Ravese, Robert Adams, Bert Nawyn, Alan Weiss.

Members not in photo — Jack Carbone, Russ Frignoca, John King, Ed Morandi, Edward Naumann, Bill Tanis, Sr., Bill Tanis, Jr., Dick Wagner, Robert Weiss, Bert Yskamp.

Although the name "Rotary Club of Haledon" has been retained, this club has long extended membership to North Haledonites. The Rotary is primarily a service club which meets every Tuesday for lunch. Since to be of service is their purpose, Rotarians are prepared to render services for the

many needs of the community, to cultivate good will and fellowship, and to promote high ideals in business and the professions. One of the other outstanding achievements is the offer of four scholarships to college every year to assist needy young people. Of this, the club is justly proud.



J. Moezelaar



M. W. Monroe

NORTH HALEDON BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The North Haledon Businessmen's Association was organized at a meeting held on April 2, 1951 at the home of Mynert Borduin for the purpose of working and planning for the benefit of the Borough at large.

During the course of the monthly meetings, many projects were considered in cooperation with the members of the Borough Council. There was a genuine desire to help those residents of the community who were in need. Recommendations to improve recreational facilities, sidewalks, street lighting, and street signs were followed; Christmas decorations were placed annually on High

Mountain Road throughout the shopping area. For many years, the Association sponsored the annual "Girls' and Boys' State" when two boys and two girls were selected to attend the State Convention; and many other projects were undertaken as suggestions were made.

On the social side, many baseball games in New York were enjoyed by business men and their sons during the season, and annual dinners were held for the installation of officers.

Although interest in the association has dwindled, a number of businessmen continue to show a keen interest in keeping the group active. They feel that, rather than disband, the interests of the residents can best be served by the maintenance of some of the activities that make North Haledon a nice town.

Active members are: John Moezelaar, who has been President for the past fourteen years; Melvin Monroe, Treasurer; Ernest Becker, Mayor Alvin G. Blau, Mario Furnari, Garden State Stores, Andrew F. Hofer, Nicholas Maniaci, Peter Perrotta, William Tanis, and Gerald Van Sant.



MANCHESTER WOMAN'S CLUB

PRESIDENTS OF THE MANCHESTER WOMAN'S CLUB

Left to Right — Miss Selma L. Maskery (1964-1966) Founder; Mrs. Frederick Moore (1968-1970); Mrs. Arthur Wyckoff (1970-1972); Miss Evelyn Barton (1961-1964) and (1974-1975), Founder; Mrs. Anthony Jacovelli (1975-1976); Mrs. Joseph Thompson (1972-1974) and (1976-1977).

Insert: Mrs. Harold Stenchever (1966-1968), presently residing in Utah.

Coming together on November 2, 1961, fifty-five civic-minded women of Haledon, North Haledon, and Prospect Park formed the Manchester Woman's Club, and in turn became part of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. Under the leadership of Miss Evelyn M. Barton, the founding president, the very first undertaking was the sponsorship of the Manchester Junior Woman's Club, a move which generated a very special relationship resulting in the culmination of many successful projects and activities.

Because of space limitations, condensing the activities in which the club has been involved during the fourteen or fifteen years of its existence, necessitates the omission of many details. Nevertheless, by working together, the members have compiled an incredible record of accomplishment, and they take justifiable pride in their achievements.

Monetary contributions totalling thousands of dollars have been made to any number of worthy organizations and philanthropic causes, ranging from donations to local Scouts and the Greater Paterson General Hospital to sizable contributions given to state and national drives conducted by the Cancer and Heart Associations. Too numerous to list, all these are in addition to the financial

support given toward the maintenance of our State Federation Headquarters in New Brunswick and the various Federation-sponsored projects including the Pan-American Exchange Scholarship Fund as well as scholarships in Home Economics, Art, Music, and Drama. We also contribute funds to groups in special categories, such as the Veterans' Service Fund, Meals for Millions, and the Vineland Research Fund.

Our direct-service projects are equally diversified. We provide many comforts and conveniences for the patients in the Preakness Hospital and Hope Dell, from the preparation of hundreds of tray favors to the purchase of a television set. We also provide holiday food baskets for needy families and assist in the fund-raising drives of many charitable and research organizations.

We conduct a weekly story hour at the Haledon Library for pre-school children; a few years ago we instituted a safety course for second grade students and conducted a heart defect detection clinic for the children of the area grade schools. Students of the Manchester Regional High School receive our scholarships; United States Savings Bonds are presented for scholastic excellence, and the school organ was partially purchased by our club.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

To the residents of the three boroughs who become United States citizens, we present American flag pins in recognition of their new status, and we contributed toward the purchase of the parade flags of the Ambulance Corps Youth Squad.

Individually, two volumes of the original writings of club members have been published,

while other members have submitted entries in Federation contests covering the fields of art, photography, knitting, ceramics, etc.; and they have won many of the contests on both the district and state levels. For two consecutive years (1967 and 1968) the Manchester Woman's Club was named top club among the more than 300 clubs in the state.



Back Row, L. to R. — Mrs. Lisa Van Houten, Mrs. Jean Perrotta, First Vice-President; Mrs. Lorraine Medici, Mrs. Janice Casson, Mrs. Barbara Kowalski, Mrs. Judy Moncato, Mrs. Pat Steinginga, Mrs. Lynda Portela, Treasurer; Mrs. Fran Focacci, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Lynn Portsmore, Miss Selma Maskery, Junior Advisor.
Front Row — Mrs. Angie Lombardo, Mrs. Marie Du Brow, Mrs. Diane Pohlman, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Marilyn De Luccia, Mrs. Kathy Scrivens, and Mrs. Jacalyn Faber, President.

MANCHESTER JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Founded in September, 1961 by Marilyn Frignoca, and federated in 1962, the Manchester Junior Woman's Club is part of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. Our unit emphasizes friendliness, service, and the principles and practices of active citizenship. These goals are attained through the efforts of very active departments which include Art, Braille, Environment, Home Life, International Relations, Membership, Music, Newsletter, Public Affairs, Public Relations, Scrapbook, and Social Services.

In the three communities of Haledon, North Haledon, and Prospect Park, the Manchester Juniors conduct story hours, baby-sitting courses, charm courses, and a summer student placement bureau. We sponsor girls to College Day, Citizenship Institute, and Girls' State, all held at Douglass College. We award a general scholarship to a graduating Manchester High School student, and sponsor creative writing, sewing, poster, and door-decorating contests. Each year we publish original creative writings of local children in "Tri-Boro Treasures" and hold outdoor art shows. On a very practical level, we aid innumerable needy families.



▲ Seated: Robert Jansen, Treasurer; Frank J. Sciro, Jr., President; Joseph Lobosco, Vice-President; Joan Nazare, Secretary.
Standing: Democratic Leaders John Giovati and Nicholas De Nova.

HIGH MOUNTAIN DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The club was formed for the purpose of promoting good government by acquainting the citizens with local problems and their proposed solutions. Prior to the election date, meetings are

held, campaign issues are discussed, and the backgrounds of the various candidates are revealed. In this way, the club strives for an informed public to react meaningfully to the issues of the day.



▲ L.toR. — Audrey Berger, Corresponding Secretary; Roger Mahieu, Vice-President; Vincent A. Perneti, President; Robert Fousse, Treasurer. Missing from Photo: Betty Lotz, Secretary; Peter Sloomaker, Sgt.-at-Arms.

NORTH HALEDON REPUBLICAN CLUB

In June, 1931, while George Kearns was Mayor, the North Haledon Republican Club was organized for the all-important purpose of serving the interests of the residents by providing the best

possible facilities to promote the educational, recreational, and health needs of the community. By so doing, the club aims to ensure the future orderly development of our growing borough.



Commander Michael Wolfe, Sr. Vice-Commander Kenneth Bulmer, Junior Vice-Commander Michael Albert, Quartermaster James Cochrane, Adjutant Stanley Bojanowski, Chaplain Dennis Scalzitti.

MANCHESTER MEMORIAL POST 9782, V.F.W.

This Post was organized on March 29, 1967, by a group interested in having the veterans of foreign wars represented in the communities of North Haledon, Haledon, and Prospect Park jointly. There are 67 charter members.

The organization has assumed the responsibility of assisting worthy veterans or their widows and orphans. In addition, parties are provided for the

patients in the Veterans' Hospital, and poppy sales are held to aid disabled veterans. Activities are not restricted to veterans' affairs, however; members also participate in community affairs. They organize picnics and Christmas parties for Exceptional Children; and, by their contributions to both Little League and Manchester Sports and Recreation, they help support the activities sponsored by these groups.

LADIES AUXILIARY TO MANCHESTER MEMORIAL POST 9782 VFW



Seated, L. to R. — Elsie Wyman, Sr. Vice-President; Marie Bojanowski, President; Jean Cochrane, Jr. Vice-President. Standing — Louise Bulmer, Trustee; Betty Wolfe, Chaplain; Jeannette Bulmer, Trustee; Jean Monaco, Trustee; Dolores Scalzitti, Secretary; Ruth Lotz, Guard; Marie Moyer, Treasurer. Absent from the picture — Cheryl Sweetman, Conductress.

At a dinner held at "The Tides" on March 30, 1968, thirty-five women were installed as charter members of the Ladies Auxiliary to Manchester Memorial Post 9782 VFW. Their purpose was threefold: to assist the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to pledge their loyalty to our government and its Constitution, and to support the VFW National Home for Orphans and Dependent Children.

Members are urged to participate in the annual sale of Buddy Poppies, the proceeds of which are used to support the V.A. hospitals and to aid any veteran who may be in need. In addition to monetary gifts, members donate various books and periodicals when visits are made to the hospitals; on these occasions, Auxiliary members play Bingo

with the patients and serve refreshments.

Aside from the hospital activities, members render services to local hospitals and nursing homes. Each year, instead of a Christmas gift exchange among the members of the organization, gifts are presented to the patients in the Preakness Hospital. When the Auxiliary became aware of the need of a van for the handicapped children at the Eastern Christian Children's Retreat, members collected and donated Betty Crocker coupons which were being saved for the purpose of purchasing a vehicle. Then, in May of 1975, a 3' by 5' American flag was presented to the Holland Home as a patriotic activity. In brief, the Auxiliary is ready and willing to help wherever there is a need.



AMERICAN LEGION NORTH HALEDON MEMORIAL POST NO. 428

Edward J. Mitsch
Commander

John Mandara
Secretary

John De Robbio
Treasurer

John Heusser
Vice Commander



At the close of World War II, nearly four hundred boys and girls were "separated" from the Armed Services. Recognizing the need for assistance in various matters such as disability pensions and other veterans' problems, a movement toward organization was initiated in the spring of 1946. With the aid of World War I veterans George F. Kearns and Samuel T. Buser, several meetings were held during the summer months; formal application was made to the American Legion for membership; and on September 9, 1946, North Haledon Memorial Post No. 428 was granted its charter.

Meetings were held in the North Haledon firehouse of Company No. 2; then in the fall of 1948, the Mayor and Council presented the Post

with a parcel of land located opposite the recreation field on High Mountain Road. Plans to erect a Legion Home materialized slowly, and in 1963 the Legion Hall was completed, ready to serve both the Legion Post and the Auxiliary.

Dedicated to the service of the community as well as to that of veterans and their families, many Legionnaires participate in civic affairs. The Post has also initiated programs which have become annual events in North Haledon, such as the Memorial Day parade and Memorial Day services for deceased veterans. In addition, combining their efforts with those of the Auxiliary, the members plan social affairs to help pay for all expenses and to provide a Christmas party for the children of the borough.



**Officers:
1975--1976**

L.to R. — Julie Ackerman, Mary Ann Krause, Jessie Stewart, Margo Nearier, President Blanche Mandara, Barbara Von Atzingen, Carol Weiss, and Mickey Ruedt.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST NO. 428

This Auxiliary Post of North Haledon was organized in April, 1952, while Herman Kuiken was Legion Commander. The twenty-two original members elected Claire Hoelscher Cluss as first president. For a time, meetings were held in the homes of various members; later, in the meeting room of Fire Company No. 2, which was rented for that purpose; and since 1963 when the building was completed, in the Legion Home on High Mountain Road.

Among its major activities, the Auxiliary sends three girls to Douglass College for one week in June each year. These girls, sponsored also by Mayor Alvin G. Blau and the North Haledon P.T.A., are taught the forms of government, along

with other representatives from the state. During that week, one of the girls is chosen "Governor of New Jersey Girls State" and is rewarded with a scholarship. The auxiliary members also frequently visit with patients in Veterans' Hospitals.

In co-operation with the Legion, the Auxiliary is actively engaged in aiding the needy and the children of the borough. Together, the organizations run dances to help pay for all expenses and to give a Christmas party for the children, complete with Santa, toys, and refreshments. They also assume charge of the annual Memorial Day parade in which all borough organizations are invited to participate.



Fourth of July Celebration Committee

L.toR. — Mrs. Wester, Hon. Earl Kearns, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Gionti, Mrs. Robertshaw, Mr. Robertshaw (rear), Mrs. La Mont, Mrs. Petkus, and Mr. Halloran



BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 123

Front Row — Stephen Sorrento, Chuck Gleason, Chuck O'Brien
 Row 2 — Michael Lembo, Daniel Franco, Paul Ploch
 Row 3 — James Ormezzano, Gino Silvestri, David Kuhn, Jack Kuhn
 Back Row — Vincent Gleason, Robert Urban, Vincent Gleason (ASM), Robert Fousse (ASM), Eric Urban, Mortimer Ellis (SM), Stephen Holtrop.



BOY SCOUT TROOP COMMITTEE — TROOP NO. 123

Left to Right — Reverend Gaeta, Pastor, Lord of Life Lutheran Church; Robert Fousse, Asst. Scoutmaster; Vincent Gleason, Asst. Scoutmaster; James O'Brien, Committee Chairman; Doris Ploch, Secretary; Dorothy Kuhn, Treasurer; Mortimer Ellis, Scoutmaster; August Ploch, Joyce Urban, Kathy Gleason.



GIRL SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH HALEDON

Row 1 — Josephine Zangara, Laurie Price, MarySue Perconti, Gail Guido, Clara Hanjian, Judy Kuda
 Row 2 — Annette Bieber, Mildred Kelnhofer, JoAnn Fortunato, June Berry (Treasurer), Barbara Vanderploeg, Joan Laurie, Agatha Barrow, Evelyn Hewson, Linda Ciarfella
 Row 3 — Anita Weiss (Secretary), Hazel Stevens, Robert Fousse (President).

GIRL SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

The North Haledon Girl Scouts organized as Troop No. 6 in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. Marie Stoll as leader and Miss Edna Stemmer (Mrs. Nawyn) as assistant. At the time of North Haledon's 50th anniversary, there were 47 members under the direction of Mrs. Agatha Barrow and her assistants, Mrs. F. Rowland, Mrs. Beun, Mrs. Phillips, and Mrs. Hensel.

Girl Scouts work for badges which recognize

proficiency in scouting skills, community service, home-making, the arts, nature study, athletics, communication, and literature.

Today there is a Cadette Troop for girls who are in grades 7-9, and three Junior Troops for girls in grades 4-6. Together, the three scouting categories, Brownies, Junior Troops, and Cadettes, provide interesting learning activities and recreation for girls in the second grade through the ninth grade.



JUNIOR TROOP NO. 527 Leaders: Evelyn Hewson, Linda Ciarfella Row 1 — Regina Ciarfella, Kathy Ingwersen, Jan Spohn, Pamela Tipper
 Row 2 — Cindy Teichmann, Pam Hewson, Anna Valenti, Barbara Mutter

GIRL SCOUTS



JUNIOR TROOP NO. 528

Leaders: Clara Hanjian, Robert Fousse, Gail Guido

Row 1 — Patti Ramundo, Judy Lembo, Maureen Bosland, Nancy Lo Bue, Melissa Tsai, Tammi McClory

Row 2 — Sharon Fink, Karen Rutkowski, Lisa Franklin, Rosemary Weiss, Gina Silva, Gina Guido, Susan Reed



JUNIOR TROOP NO. 476 and CADETTE

Leaders — Anita Weiss, Junior Troop; Hazel Stevens, Cadette Troop; Mildred Kelnhofer, Cadette Troop; Agatha Barrow, Cadette Troop; Claire Scialla, Junior Troop

(Missing from picture — Dolores Naimoli, Junior Troop leader)

Row 1 — Francine Scanlon, Donna Sturm, Jennifer Tanis, Kim Kalutik, Lorraine Petkus, Julie Bowland

Row 2 — Julia Weiss, Suzanne Goerl, Michele Ruggiero, Jackie Nasso, Cadette Beth Fousse, Claire Scialla, Lisa Niamoli

BROWNIES

The Brownies began in March, 1946, as Troop 74, with Mrs. Agatha Barrow and Mrs. Ann Cochrane. The girls were taught to be good citizens and to get along with one another. They also received instructions in various handicrafts. Later, the program was expanded to include scout skills and nature study. The Brownies earn the

Friend-Maker, Ready-Helper, Discoverer, Outdoor Fun, and Bridging badges.

Today there are four troops which accept girls who are in the second and third grades. They meet at the First Presbyterian Church once a week from October to May.



BROWNIE TROOP NO. 174

Leaders — Annette Bieber, Josephine Zangara
 Row 1 — Laura Scledere, Christine Lo Bue, Tracy Ball, Susan Vandermeulen, Sheryl Weeder
 Row 2 — Michele Bieber, Ruth Lo Bue, Donna Slessor, Lisa Zangara, Kathy Leber
 Row 3 — Beth Ann Sless, Leah Vitz



BROWNIE TROOP NO. 370

Leaders — JoAnn Fortunato, Lori Price, Judy Kuda
 Row 1 — Janice Kuda, Maria Fortunato, Lisa Di Gamio, Arlene Cavill, Maria Ruggiero, Andrea De Blieck
 Row 2 — Gina Verrone, Michelle Perricilli, Kim Kowalski, Cindy Hanson, Mary Ann Verrone
 Row 3 — Lisa Price, Renee Lombardo, Joan Marino, Tracy Gould



BROWNIE TROOP NO. 374

Leaders — Joan Laurie, Ursula Grenzebach

Row 1 — Robin Blaschak, Monika Grenzebach, Beth Ann Sparano, Mary Beth Krupa, Mary Ellen Goerl

Row 2 — Judy George, Diane Laurie, Julie Mancato, Jill Holly, Tracy Medici, Melissa Chalice

Row 3 — Amy Wilson, Bonnie Wilson, Leann Appenzoller, Barbara Aker, Susan Grenzebach, Lisa Camarata



BROWNIE TROOP NO. 479

Leaders — MarySue Perconti, Barbara Vanderploeg

Row 1 — Lisa Notergiacomo, Benita Ciarfella, Linda Marino, Linda Pabian, Marie Grace

Row 2 — Renee Vanderploeg, Elizabeth Perconti, Bonnie Teichmann, Dana Baldo, Ronnie Casson

Row 3 — Patricia Sallon, Ann Weiss, Rebecca Wilkes, Lisa Corvo, Diane Naimoli



Back Row — Alma Ackerman, Assistant Den Leader; Phil Mevoglioni, Den Leader; Dave Van Hook, Cubmaster; Vince Ramundo, Pack Committee Chairman; Craig Verhasselt, Webelo Den Leader; Jack Vanderbok, Webelo Den Leader; Edward Easse, Webelo Den Leader; Doris Fleischmann, Den Leader Coach; and Kathy DeBlock, Assistant Den Leader.
 Third Row — Scott Patterson, Den Chief; Paul Valenti, Michael Smolinski, Mark Ramundo, Ronald Clark, Tom O'Brien, Leo Kaytes, John DePaola, Ron Vander Ploeg, Robert Sayah, Greg Golczewski, Glenn Ravese, Peter Worrall, and Edward Fleischmann, Den Chief.
 Second Row — Frank DiFerdinando, Norman Lefeler, Matthew Mariani, Paul Mevoglioni, Anthony Marmo, Robert Scialla, Brad Blaschak, Michael Antoci, Todd Norbe, Dave Van Hook, Michael Simone, Mark Riolla.
 Front — Nick Spignese, Thomas Bouse, Fred Grenzebach, Rudy Ciarfella, Andrew Ricciardi, Donald DeBlock, Robert LeRoux, Frank Oliver, Anthony Verrone, Thomas Fleischmann, Joseph Simone, Brian Ackerman.

CUB SCOUT PACK 70

The Cub Scout movement, sponsored by the North Haledon Presbyterian Church, was initiated in the 1930's, and under the energetic leadership of Stuart Brown, this group became an active and successful organization. In the course of time, however, because of the lack of leadership, the program dwindled.

In January, 1950, the Parent-Teachers' Association undertook sponsorship and Pack 70 was begun. Mr. Alvin G. Blau, our present mayor, volunteered his services as Cubmaster and continued in this capacity for ten years.

Cubbing is a program for boys between the ages of 8 and 11. Planned activities cover many areas, including sports, the environment, handicrafts, and

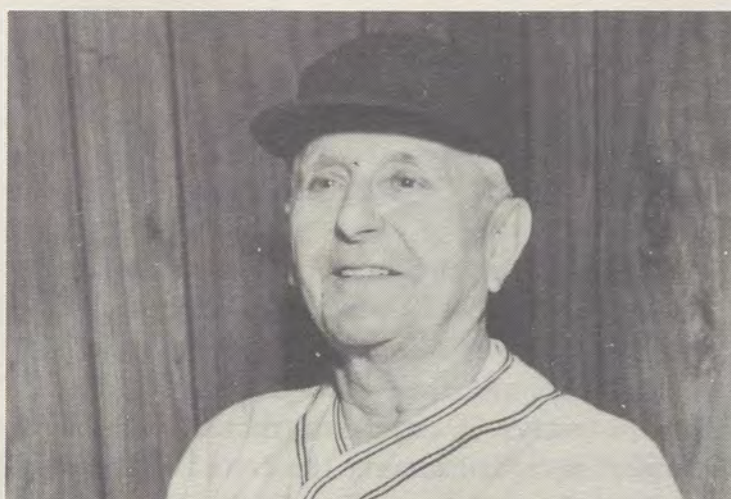
drama. For the first two years, the boys meet after school each week in the home of their den mother. During the third year, all boys enter a Webelos Den which meets one evening a week with a den leader.

Each month all the boys and their families attend a Pack meeting which always has a special theme. The cubs present skits, have parties, or see demonstrations. This is also the time for awarding badges to the boys who have earned them.

The average enrollment of the Pack in recent years has increased to 33 boys. The present Cubmaster, Dave Van Hook, and Committee Chairman Vince Ramundo encourage the parents of all enrolled boys to take an active part in the organization.

LITTLE LEAGUE

The history of the Little League began more than thirty years ago. From 1943-1945, the team consisted of Boy Scouts participating in the Development League; from 1946-1952, it was the Boys' Club competing in the International League; and in 1953, it officially became the Little League. All this was accomplished through the untiring efforts of John Block, whose dedication earned him the name of "Father of the Little League."





On March 5 of our Bicentennial-Anniversary year, friends and acquaintances gathered at The Tides Restaurant to honor Robert Mott, who retired from his civic duties last December.

One of the most dedicated workers our borough has ever known, "Bob" served North Haledon in many capacities since 1939. As a volunteer fireman, later exempt, he was Assistant Chief for four years and Chief for seven years. From 1951-1954, he was a member of the Council; from 1951-1973, Dog Warden; and also beginning in 1951, he joined the Special Police, continuing those duties until 1975. Also, Bob organized the Community Band, was past Director of the Civil Defense Council; and last, but not least, he served on the Department of Public Works since 1954, most of those years as chairman. Ever active, but never too busy to assist in numerous other projects for the welfare of the borough, Bob's motto seemed to be: "Ask, and it shall be done."

Now Bob lives in Sharon Springs, New York, and an appreciative borough says: "Happy Retirement, Bob!"

MR. EMIL BUEHLER

Mr. Emil Buehler has been a North Haledon resident since 1942 when he acquired from Petronella Wisniewski, the property on High Mountain Avenue, then known as the St. Mary's Lake property. A well-constructed log cabin, somewhat secluded among the trees off the road, was situated on the premises. With his knowledge

of construction and flair for beauty, Mr. Buehler designed the alterations and additions converting the cabin into a most attractive homestead which he named "Buehlerhof." Here he and Mrs. Buehler lived for many years.

Mr. Buehler is a versatile gentleman; he is a successful business man, an accomplished architect, and an inventor who received recognition for his efforts. He is also a qualified pilot who has flown his plane regularly to and from Florida in connection with his business. Yet he always found time to participate in civic activities. He was the architect who planned the original expansion and reconstruction of the present North Haledon Municipal Building; he served as chairman of the Planning Board and was a prime mover in the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan for the orderly growth of the community.



When Mr. Buehler decided to make his home in Florida for most of the year, he established the Emil Buehler Foundation, Inc. in which, along with other philanthropic provisions, he deeded to the Borough of North Haledon, his property (for the sum of one dollar) for "such activities as will result in the cultural and spiritual enrichment and enjoyment of the citizens, such as lectures, panel discussions, demonstrations and expositions, exhibitions of arts and sciences, concerts and recitals, and museum exhibits of all types."

This was in 1964; the property was renamed "Buehler Cultural Center," and ever since, a grateful community has reaped the benefits of his singular generosity.



Mr. Vitali standing before one of the mineral displays at the Center.

MR. GINO VITALI

Ever since he can remember, mineralogy, with its inseparable relationship to geology, has been Mr. Gino Vitali's serious hobby. Gem stones, in particular, fascinate him; he has searched for them, researched and studied them in depth, and labored with them. As a lapidary, he is both an artist and an authority on the subject. It was he, as committee chairman of the project, who organized and supervised the establishment of a mini-museum of selected mineral displays at the Buehler Cultural Center, complete with explanatory diagrams and special lights. Here visitors can trace, for example, a crystal specimen from its raw, rough, nondescript state, to the finished product, — a beautifully cut and polished gem artistically set in a creative piece of jewelry.

Mr. Vitali shares his tremendous knowledge and skills with students at Montclair High School, where he has been teaching for twelve years. He has been a delegate to the New Jersey Earth Science Association since its inception; he has been Past President of both the North Jersey and the

Newark Mineralogical societies, the latter being connected with the Newark Museum; he is also Honorary Curator of the Paterson Museum. In the summer of 1975, he was appointed to take complete charge of a comprehensive mineral display held at Seton Hall College where the mineral and gem collections of prominent exhibitors throughout the United States and Canada contributed to a most successful "Show."

As a member of the Cultural Committee, Gino has provided many instructive and entertaining programs scheduled at the Center, calling upon some of his noted colleagues to lecture, show slides, demonstrate, or display the various facets of their art and travels. He very willingly instructs classes of school children or other groups as he guides them on a "tour" of the mineral rooms at the Center. All visitors agree that this type of "field trip," right here at home, is an interesting and informative experience, and we are fortunate, indeed, to enjoy the advantages of Mr. Vitali's knowledge and services.



DEBBIE and LINDA MARKS

These two talented and attractive sisters are members of the National Baton Twirling Association, the United States Twirling Association, National Majorette Association, and the International Baton Twirling Association. They also belong to the Hawthorne Ranchettes Twirling Corps, in which Debbie is a Captain, and to the North Haledon Eaglettes, where Linda serves as Captain of the Flag Twirling Squad, and Debbie as instructor of the Twirling group. In addition, Debbie is a member of the Manchester Regional High School Majorette Squad.

Debbie, who is now fifteen years old, began twirling at the age of nine, and when she was twelve, she traveled to Costa del Sol in Spain with

the Hawthorne Sombreros. Linda, who is ten, began at the age of six.

As the photographs show, both girls have won numerous trophies, almost half of which represent first place honors, in various competitions in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Connecticut. Baton Twirling is only one of the many skills in which these girls excel; they have achieved honors in basic and military struts, group and solo work, hoop and flag maneuvers, majorette skills which include "best appearing" awards, and variations of all these themes. A combination of talent, enthusiasm, and hard work is the key to their success in a richly rewarding activity.



GINA DEBIAK

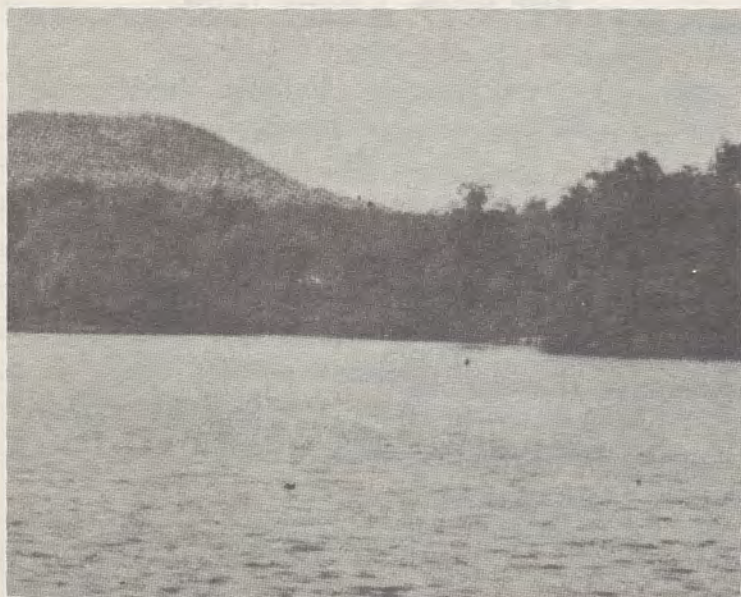
Gina started twirling only two short years ago at the age of seven. She is an active member of both the North Haledon Eaglettes and the Hawthorne Ranchettes. In May, 1975, she entered competition twirling, and from July of that year to April, 1976 — a span of less than one year — she has earned a total of 14 first place trophies for her excellence in a variety of twirling routines; among them are solo, duet, and trio performances in New Jersey and Connecticut competitions. Her instructor, Janice Merker, shares Gina's pride in this enviable record of achievement.

ARTIST OTTO BENZ IN "WHO'S WHO"

The late Otto Benz, who lived at 55 Gionti Place with his wife, the former Marie Urweider, achieved the distinction of being recognized by both "Who's Who in the East" and "Who's Who in American Art." Mr. Benz was a man of many talents; he was an outstanding textile designer, equally skilled in prints and in jacquards. Although he was self-educated, he possessed a great knowledge and rare appreciation of Nature; and he was so well-versed in botany, horticulture, mineralogy, Indian archaeology, and astronomy, that he was often consulted as an authority in these fields.

In the realm of art, Mr. Benz attained an enviable position. He was the recipient of two first prizes and a gold medal for his paintings; he was a regular exhibitor at the Montclair Museum; and on three occasions, held highly successful one-man exhibits of his work in Montclair, Glen Rock, and Pompton Falls.

As his background indicates, most of the themes of Mr. Benz's paintings were inspired by Nature. He was particularly fond of depicting scenes of historical value in this vicinity, some of which no longer exist, and many of which he portrayed in all seasons. In fact, Mr. Benz repeatedly declared that he could "spend a life-time putting North Haledon on canvas, with its variety of subjects and changing aspects."



HIGH MOUNTAIN . OVERLOOKING OLDHAM POND



SERGEANT THOMAS ACKERMAN

Sergeant Thomas A. Ackerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Ackerman, was the first and only Vietnam casualty of North Haledon. Sgt. Ackerman rose from the ranks and had been serving in the 4th Division in the Central Highlands of Dak To for eight months. On September 3, 1968, while his company was positioned in a defensive perimeter on Hill 851, the enemy attacked at midnight with heavy automatic weapons, small arms, and rifle grenade fire. During the initial burst, Sgt. Ackerman was injured. He disregarded his wounds, refused medical evacuation, and remained to direct his men throughout the night attacks. At dawn, during still another attack, Sgt. Ackerman was mortally wounded. He was twenty years old.

When Mayor Blau was informed of his death, he ordered the Municipal Building flag flown at half-mast for the remainder of the week.

By direction of the President, Sgt. Ackerman was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroism, for "His skillful leadership greatly aided and inspired his men in successfully repelling the prolonged assault. Sergeant Ackerman's personal bravery, determination and exemplary devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

Borough Headlines

ULSTER COUNTY GAZETTE.

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SATURDAY, January 4, 1800.

(Num. 88.)

WASHINGTON ENTOMBED.

George Washington, Dec. 20.

On Wednesday last, the mortal part of WASHINGTON the Great—the Father of his Country and the Friend of man, was consigned to the tomb, with solemn honors and funeral pomp.

A multitude of persons assembled, from many miles round, at Mount Vernon, the choice abode and last residence of the illustrious chief. There were the groves—the spacious avenues, the beautiful and sublime scenes, the noble mansion—but, alas! the august inhabitant was now no more. That great soul was gone. His mortal part was there indeed; but ah! how affecting! how awful the spectacle of such worth and greatness, thus, to mortal eyes, fallen!—Yes! fallen! fallen!

In the long and lofty Portico, where oft the Hero walked in all his glory, now lay the shrouded corpse. The countenance still composed and serene, seemed to denote the dignity of the spirit which lately dwelt in that lifeless form! There those who paid the last sad honours to the benefactor of his country, took an impressive farewell view.

On the ornament at the head of the coffin, was inscribed SUMER AD JUNCTUM—about the middle of the coffin, GLORIA DEC—and on the silver plate,

GENERAL
GEORGE WASHINGTON,

Departed this life, on the 14th December, 1799, Aet. 68.

Between three and four o'clock, the sound of artillery from a vessel in the river, firing minute guns, awoke afresh our solemn sorrow—the corpse was removed—a band of music with mournful melody melted the soul into all the tenderness of woe.

The procession was formed & moved on in the following order:

Cavalry, } With arms reversed.
Infantry, }
Guard, }
Music, }
Clergy, }

The General's horse with his saddle, holsters and pistols.

Colo,	Colo,		Colo,
Sims,	Pal Bearers,	CORPSE	Gilpin,
Ramsay,			Marshall,
Payne,			Little,

Mourners,
Masonic Brethren,
Citizens.

When the procession had arrived at the bottom of the elevated lawn, on the bank of the Potomac, where the family vault is placed, the cavalry halted, the infantry marched towards the Mount and formed their lines—the Clergy, the Masonic Brethren, and the Citizens, descended to the Vault, and the funeral service of the Church was performed.—The firing was repeated from the vessel in the river, and the sounds echoed from the woods and hills around.

LAST NOTICE.

ALL persons who have any demands or have any accounts unsettled with the estate of JOHANNIS JANSEN, of Kingston, deceased, are earnestly requested to settle the same without delay with the subscriber, to prevent any further trouble; as he intends to settle the Estate as soon as possible. All those that will not comply with this last request must expect trouble without any further notice.

JOHANNIS L. JANSEN, Executor.
January 4 1800.

AMERICAN CONGRESS.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

THE hour having arrived which the President appointed, Mr. SPEAKER, attended by the members present, proceeded to the President's house to present him their address in answer to his speech on the opening of the present session; and having returned the President's reply thereto was read as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:—Your very respectful address from the representatives of the people of the United States, at their first assembly of the fresh election, under the strong impression of the public opinion and national sense, at this interesting and singular crisis of our public affairs, has excited my sensibility and receives my sincere and grateful acknowledgements.

As long as we can maintain with harmony and affection the honor of our country, consistently with its peace, externally and internally, while that is attainable, or its war, when that becomes necessary, asserts its real independence and sovereignty, and support the constitutional energies and dignity of its government—we may be perfectly sure under the smiles of Divine Providence, that we shall effectually promote and extend our national interests and happiness.

The applause of the Senate and House of Representatives, so justly bestowed upon the volunteers and militia, for their valour and active co-operation with the judicial power, which has restored order and submission to the laws, as it comes with peculiar weight from the Legislature, cannot fail to have an extensive and permanent effect, for the support of government upon all those ingenious minds, who receive delight from the approving and animating voice of their country.

JOHN ADAMS.

United States.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

I receive with great respect and affection the condolence of the House of Representatives on the melancholy and afflicting event in the death of the most illustrious and beloved personage which this country ever produced— I sympathize with you—with the nation and with good men thro' the world, in this irreparable loss sustained by us all.

JOHN ADAMS.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that they had agreed to the appointment of a joint committee to consider a suitable manner of paying honor to the memory of the man first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his country, and that they had appointed seven members to join a committee for that purpose.

Add till Monday.

CASH given at the Printing-Office for

RAGS.

For Sale,

The one half of a

Saw Mill.

With a convenient place for BUILDING, lying in the town of Rochester. By the Mill is an "inexhaustible" quantity of INEWOOD.—And also.

A STOUT, HEALTHY, ACTIVE.

Negro Wench.

Any person inclined to purchase, may know the particulars by applying to JOHN CHOONMAKER, jun, at Rochester.
November 13, 1799.

DEATH OF GENERAL WASHINGTON

A copy of the "Ulster County Gazette", reporting the death of George Washington, is in the possession of William B. Maynard. This newspaper, dated January 4, 1800, was found in the attic of the Maynard home, but it may have been brought there at a later date.

ORIGIN OF A NAME

Prior to 1877, the part of Belmont Avenue in Haledon was called Rip Van Winkle Avenue; hence, when the North Haledon extension was opened in 1878, it, too, became known by the same name. This was a singularly appropriate name for two reasons. Much of the acreage in the borough and in neighboring areas was held by the Van Winkle (Van Winklen) family; and the name "Rip Van Winkle" had been popularized by Washington Irving, the famous American author who was a friend of the Totowa Van Winkles. He frequently visited at their home, and was particularly fond of the boy who was nicknamed "Rip" because of his unusually wide grin. Remembering this when he created the famous legendary figure who slept for twenty years, Washington Irving bestowed the name of "Rip Van Winkle" upon his hero. Thus it came about that the "new road to High Mountain" was named Rip Van Winkle Avenue when it was opened to the public.

AERIAL NAVIGATION PROBLEM SOLVED

Mr. Carl G. E. Hennig, one of the first residents of the Williams Heights section of Belmont Avenue, invented an airship which was expected "to solve the great problem of aerial navigation on a new principle, viz: by imitating as closely as possible the flight of a bird through the air." The ascent and descent of the ship was controlled by the discharge of ballast. It was propelled by sails, and the direction was controlled by "a four-winged rudder attached to the rear cone of the balloon and the frame pieces."

Mr. Hennig worked for years on this project. Almost any moonlight night found him on the summit of the mountains, testing the principles of his invention by dropping kite-like arrangements from the cliffs to the valley. His efforts were rewarded, as described elsewhere in these pages, and a patent was issued on June 17, 1890. He made several demonstrations locally, and planned to exhibit his airship at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1872, but ill health prevented his attendance.

The model is still in the possession of Mr. Hennig's granddaughter, Mrs. King, who lives in the old Hennig homestead on Clara Street.

RUFF FARM LEASED FOR MINING OPERATIONS

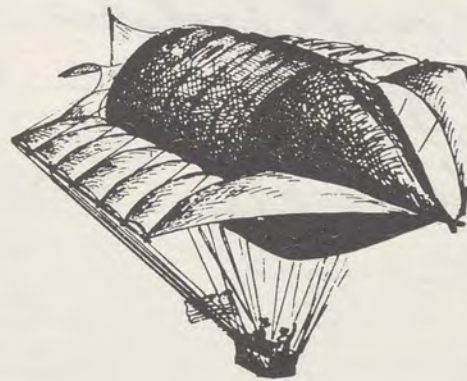
On September 11, 1908, Catherine Ruff and Reuben A. Ruff leased the property known as the Alexander Ruff Farm to William H. Search and Arthur W. Bishop. Under the terms of the lease, which was to be in force for fifty years, the following rights were granted:

1. "To mine and raise ores from the premises at a rental or royalty of twenty cents per ton for each ton of ore taken or raised and removed from the premises;
2. to pile coal and ores, but not to interfere with the crops;
3. to erect buildings on the premises."

The rental was to be paid once a month. The iron mine was worked for a short time, but soon was abandoned as an unprofitable venture.

HENNIG'S

NEW AIR SHIP.



INVENTED AND PATENTED BY

CARL G. E. HENNIG,

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY.

NEWS PRINTING CO.

To the Tax payers of School District No 12 (formerly known as School District No 14.) Manchester Township, Passaic Co. N.J.

Nov 20th 1871.

Inasmuch as the present School House in the upper part of the district is provided with writing desks for only 24 scholars & whereas the present attendance is between 40 & 50 scholars it is proposed by the trustees to procure an additional number of desks for 20 scholars provided the Tax payers will agree to stand by the trustees for the expenditure and attend the School meeting next Spring and vote for the necessary funds to meet the same.

Frederico Cott.

Frederic Cott.

Joseph Polen

Patrick Nolen

16 Sheet

Cyrus Ellis

George Adams

Richard Bagwell

Thomas Lord

Prof. J. J. Newman

Frank Dyer, Jr

Richard Smith-Sowerbutts

Samuel Perry

Joseph (2. in Herborn) 1791

Henry Smith

Samuel H. Erman

W. H. Hooper,

John Collier

Geo D Horsey
 Horsey & Beal
 J. Mangin
 William J. Coughlin
 George M Torbet
 Robert Bridge sen.
 Wm Ballentine
 Joseph Watson

School Notice

A meeting of the Legal Voters of School District No. 12, Manchester Township, Passaic Co. N. J. will be held on Saturday Evening, March 14th, 1874, at 8 o'clock, at Messer's House, to authorize the Trustees to ~~sell the school property~~ to select and purchase a site for a new School House, and also to vote for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, towards building a new School House & paying for the site.

March, 2nd 1874. Trustees. }
 E. J. Douglass
 George McKean

The following Entertainment will be given in the
PUBLIC SCHOOL AT UPPER HALEDON,
 On WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 3d, 1884.

ADMISSION, 25 Cents. CHILDREN, 15 Cents.
 DOORS OPEN AT 7:15. EXERCISES BEGIN AT 7:45.

PROGRAMME:

PART I.

SONG—Happy Greeting.	School.	SONG—Old Black Cat.	
RECITATION—The Robin.	Maggie Nolan.	RECITATION—Holiday.	Lizzie Lotz.
RECITATION—Pretty Star.	Retta Ellis.	RECITATION—Naughty Kitten.	Lizzie Suter.
SONG—Old Mountain Tree.	Chorus.	RECITATION—Little Willie.	Katie Nolan.
RECITATION—Sing, Robin Sing.	Annie Ballentine.	SONG—The Fountain.	With Chorus.
RECITATION—Be Careful.	Bertie Orr.	RECITATION—Work.	Eva Ellis.
RECITATION—Little Star.	Willie Dolberry.	RECITATION—Night and Morning.	Carrie Yennie.
DIALOGUE—Bery of I's.	Our Girls.	SONG—Cuckoo.	
DUET—Old Rustic Bridge.	Bertie Orr. Katie Nolan.	RECITATION—Prettiest Doll.	Maggie Nolan.
RECITATION—My Doll.	Eva Ellis.	RECITATION—Popping Corn.	Carrie Berry.
RECITATION—Frogs at School.	Katie Nolan.	SONG—The Commercial Drummer.	Mr. Graham.

PART II.

DIALOGUE—The Street Girl's Good Angel.	Carrie Berry, Bertie Orr. Katie Nolan, Katie N. Nolan.	DIALOGUE—Train to Mauro.	Charlie Berry, Jennie Street. A. G. Vandewater.
SONG—Buy My Flowers.	Chorus.	SONG—Little Eva.	Chorus.
DIALOGUE—The Bombers.	Josie Nolan, Charlie Ballentine.	DIALOGUE—Boy's Plot.	Jennie Harrison, Annie Adams, Frank Berry, Robert Ellis and others.
DIALOGUE—Pain in the Side.	Robert Ellis, Annie Hopper, Jennie Lofthouse.	SONG—Shadows of Angel's Wings.	Bella Hopper, with Chorus.
SOLO—Selected.	Miss Jennie Street.	CHEARADE	Jennie Lofthouse, Sarah Tor- bet, Frank Smith and others.

BREWERS & TANDY, Steam Print, Paterson, N. J.

ENTERTAINMENT

To be given under the auspices of
PUBLIC SCHOOL No. 12,
 UPPER HALEDON,
 On Wednesday Evening, June 10th, 1885.
 Admission 25 Cts. Children half price.

PROGRAMME

PART I.

SONG	Merry Bells	Chorus
RECITATION	Can I be an Angel	Carrie Yennie
RECITATION	Chatterbox	Lizzie Cott
RECITATION	Somebody's Mother	Katie Nolan
SONG	Little Eva	Duet
RECITATION	Little Beggar	Carrie Yennie
DIALOGUE	Little Scholar	Maggie Nolan, Emma Berry
RECITATION	Retribution	Bertha Orr
SOLO	The Old Home	Julia Miserve
RECITATION	Mamma's Little Darling	Maggie Nolan
RECITATION	Widder Green	Carrie Berry
SONG	Round World	Duet
RECITATION	Nonesay	Annie Ballentine
RECITATION	Purest Pearls	Chorus
SONG	Twilight	Chorus
DIALOGUE	All About Two Dolls	Maggie Nolan, Emma Berry
SONG	March Winds	Chorus
RECITATION	Don't Forget	Retta Ellis
RECITATION	Mamma's Housemaid	Emma Berry

PART II.

DUET	The Daisies Blossom	with Chorus
RECITATION	Canning Crow	Sussie Lotz
RECITATION	Hide and Seek	Eva Ellis
RECITATION	My Best Doll	Lizzie Lotz
SONG	Mouse Traps	Chorus
DIALOGUE	The Passenger Going to Mauro.	Julia Miserve, Charles Berry, A. G. Vandewater
DUET	A Boy is a Boy	with Chorus
DIALOGUE	Oh Dear,	Lizzie Lotz, Eva Ellis, Carrie Yennie
SOLO	Just as Well	Julia Miserve
DIALOGUE	School Marm	Katie N. Nolan, Carrie Berry, Retta Ellis, Josie Nolan, Charles Ballentine
DIALOGUE	Way to J. Smith's	Josie Nolan, Chas. Ballentine
SONG	Fairy Moonlight	Chorus
DIALOGUE	Keep Cool	Katie Nolan, Bertha Orr
SOLO	Twinkle Little Star	Julia Miserve
DIALOGUE	The Haunted House	Chas. Berry, A. G. Vandewater

Proceeds for the benefit of the Library.

E. J. Douglass, Steam Job Printer, 177 Market St., Paterson, N. J.



A Bit of Nostalgia



EPILOGUE

The Diamond Anniversary of our borough now takes its place in the pages of the past. Meditating upon the effect of the passing of the years, I wonder, "What has been accomplished?" Aside from the contingencies with which we deal on a day-to-day basis, an impressive list of enduring achievements can be compiled.

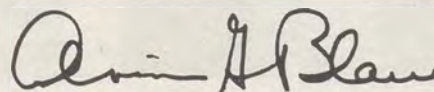
We have constructed a new library with the help of a Federal Grant; doubled the floor space of the Municipal Building and modernized it, including air-conditioning; established a new public works building on a five-acre tract off Willowbrook Court; removed the old Squaw Lake Dam and enlarged the recreation area, providing additional ball fields, tennis courts, basketball and handball courts. We succeeded in acquiring as a gift to the borough from Emil Buehler, the Cultural Center Building which bears his name; and in addition, we've had from him, successive leases totalling fifteen years, allowing us the uninterrupted use of our state-approved municipal swimming pool.

When Yahn's Pond on Indian Trail was about to be drained to be used for building plots, we purchased it and preserved it for fire protection. Now we also have there a mini-recreation area for children.

The regularly constituted Municipal Boards required by law have been enlarged and updated, as noted within the pages of this book. Recognizing the need for supplementing these Boards, the following committees were organized: Cultural Committee, Youth Guidance Council, Building Advisory Committee, Pollution Control Committee, and Swimming Pool Committee. Pursuing the same objective are groups such as Friends of the Library. Eighteen years ago, with the co-operation of local organizations, churches, and dedicated individuals, the North Haledon Blood Bank was organized, and since then it has served hundreds of local people who otherwise would not have known where to turn for emergency assistance.

On large housing sub-divisions, sewerage treatment plants have been installed by the developers, but these benefits are understandably limited. The implementation of a sanitary sewer program for the entire borough has been the problem of longest duration. Since 1964, we have been struggling with the complexities of constructing an adequate system. Involved were problems of engineering, of availability of funds, of complying with the changing regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency, of negotiations with the Sewer Commission, and all the detailed paper work necessary at each level of planning. However, at long last, we have fulfilled all requirements, and within a target date of five years, we may expect the completion of the project which will be undertaken section by section to keep road disruption at a minimum.

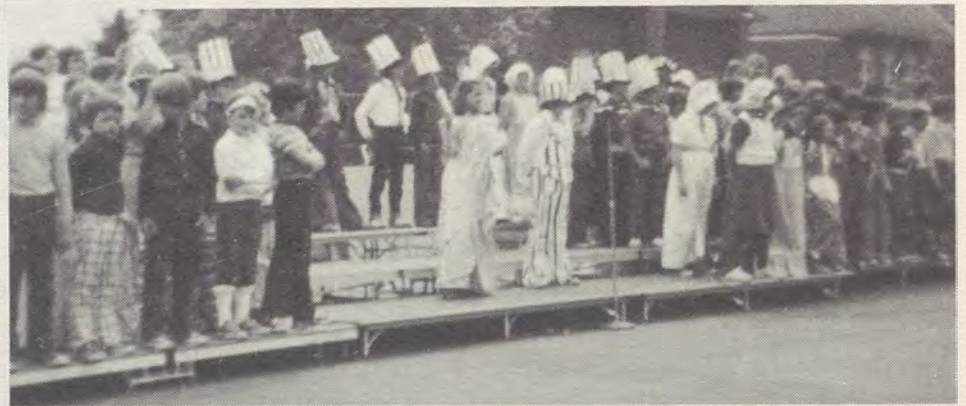
In review, then, the years have been marked by steady progress, sometimes seemingly slow, sometimes incredibly swift, but always supported by our loyal and earnest citizens. Therefore, as I speculate about the future, I am optimistic. North Haledon has been fortunate and we appreciate having within our borders an abundance of talent to draw upon for serving in the many capacities necessary for a smooth-running municipality. We equally value the fine, general spirit of co-operation among our residents who, in the final analysis, are the key to whatever progress is achieved in this, our "Friendly Community."

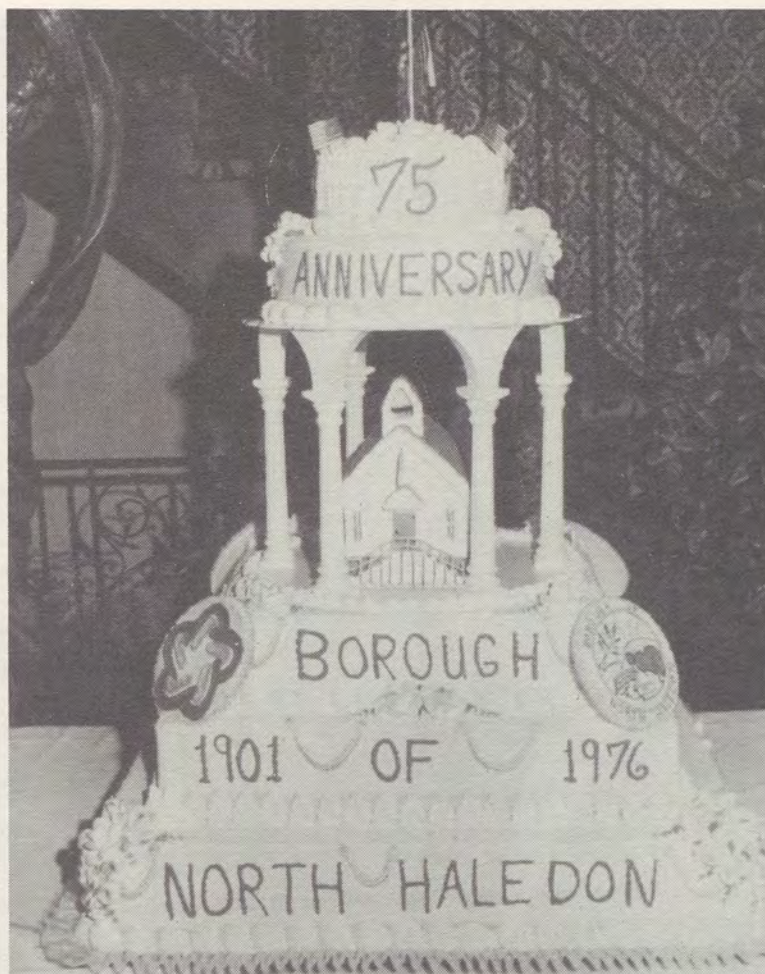




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**NORTH HALEDON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**





DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY DINNER

L.toR. — Dr. William McKeefrey, Guest Speaker; Mrs. McKeefrey, Hon. Alvin G. Blau, Father Anthony Franchino, Hon. Earl Kearns, General Chairman; Rev. Philip C. Holtrop, Mrs. Holtrop, and Agatha Barrow, Girl Scout Leader.



PRESENTATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOW, placed above the entrance to the Municipal Building on Overlook Avenue, in honor of the Canete Family
 Left: Mayor Blau — Right: Thomas Di Giacomo, Artisan and Donor



PRESENTATION OF CONGRATULATORY PLAQUE — Left: Anthony Stillo, Executive Director, New Jersey Conference of Mayors. Center: Frank Canete, President of Borough Council. Right: Honorable Alvin G. Blau, Mayor of North Haledon

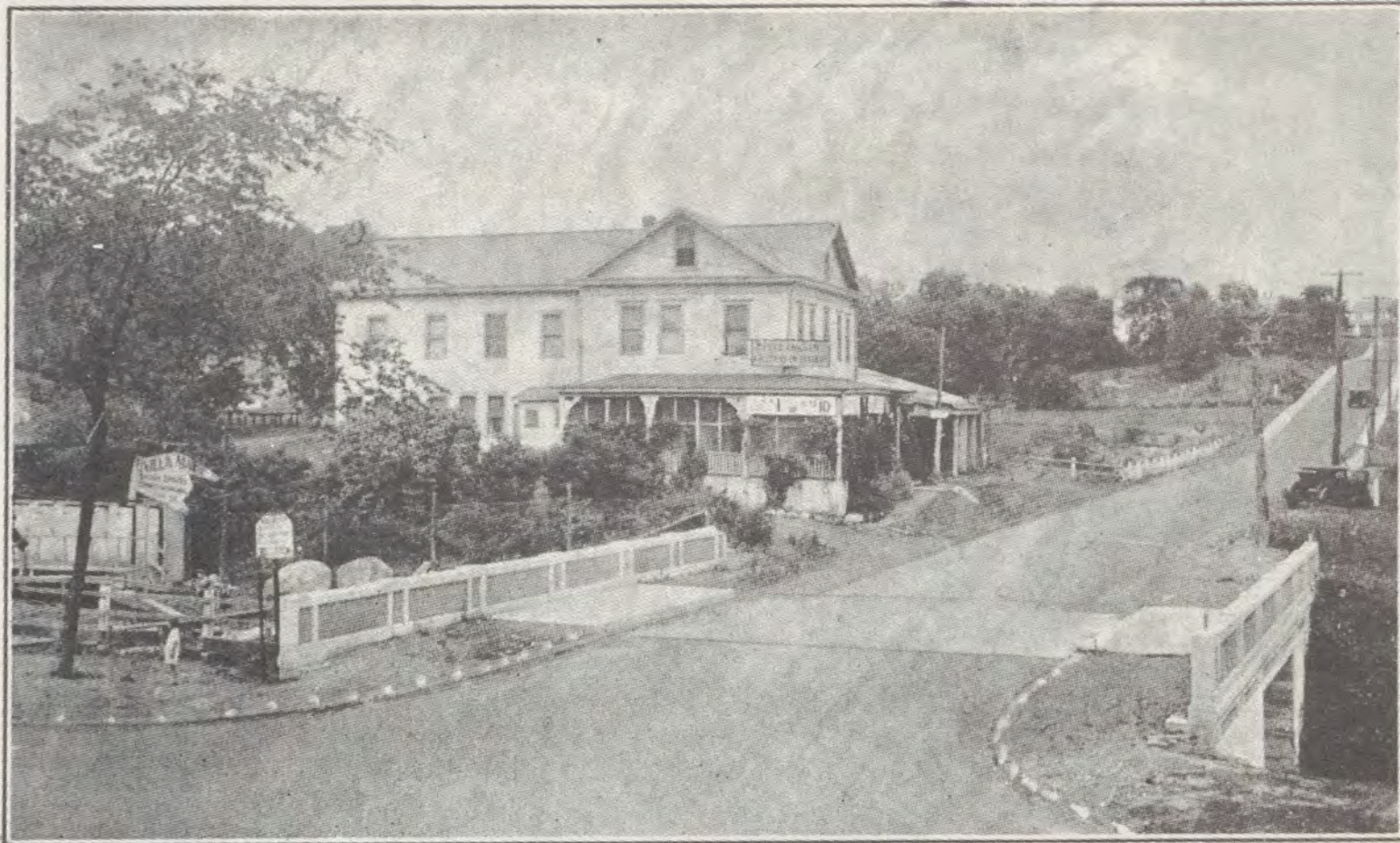


FIRST CHECK FOR ANNIVERSARY FUND Presented by Special Police. Left to Right: William Fieldhouse, President Dennis Scalzitti, Commissioner Herbert Maas, Mayor Alvin G. Blau, Earl Kearns, Chairman of Anniversary Committee; and North Haledon Police Chief Frank Von Atzingen



Passaic County Police Chiefs' Pistol Match

North Haledon Police Pistol Range off Manor Road



Then and Now Corner of Sicomac and High Mountain Roads



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Brian Ackerman
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Adams
Mr. and Mrs. D. Albamonte
Mrs. Joseph Albanese
Freda Hobeler Allen
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Victor Andrisani
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Angelillo
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Appenzoller
Connie and Tony Argenio
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Aten
Nick Aussems Family
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Avogardo
Dave, Jacki, and Anthony Azar

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Tom Baker
Baldo Family
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Mrs. Agatha Barrow
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Gerald and June Berry and Family
James Berry and Joanne Poterala
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bertsch
Henry and Barbara Beun and Sons
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and Children
Mr. and Mrs. L. Blanchfield
Mrs. Walter Blasberg
Alvin G. Blau
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Blau, Lisa
and Kristine
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Miss Ann Bokor
Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Bokor, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bongiorno
Frieda Bosland
Mrs. Margaret Bowman
Mr. and Mrs. John Brain
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brandeal
Mrs. Ruth Marek Brooks
Ethel Brown
Stuart Brown
William Brown
Mr. and Mrs. A. Buchanan
Bob Bulmer
Mr. and Mrs. George F. Bulmer, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Burrows and May

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and Family
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Family of Al and Louise Crinklaw

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Mr. and Mrs. Herman Diebler
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Helen Ida Di Giacomo
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Di Giacomo
Eleanor Donnelly
Linda Brown Downs

Vera and Jim Dunkerley
The Dupré Family
Mr. and Mrs. John Duxbury
and Family

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Claire A. Ellis
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and Family
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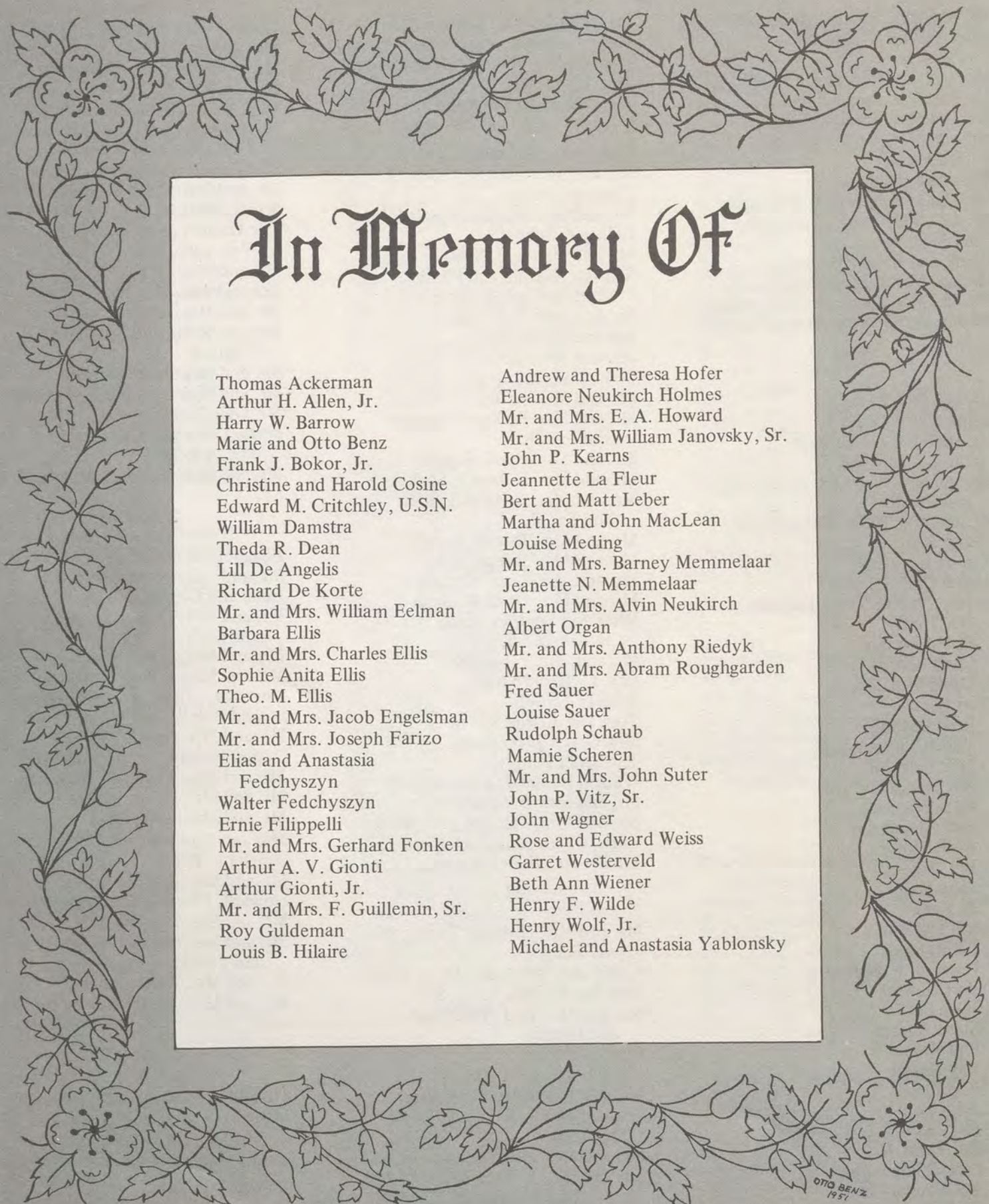
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