

50TH ANNIVERSARY
NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY



1902 - 1952

Greetings

To our townspeople and to all our friends and neighbors who have come to visit us during this, our Fiftieth Anniversary—Greetings!

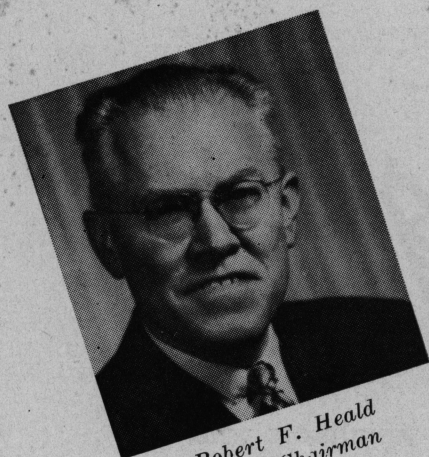
We are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the incorporation of Nutley as a Town and the changing of its name from Franklin to Nutley, which took place on March 5, 1902, by act of the State Legislature.

However, Nutley's history goes back to a much earlier date. It began, in fact, in the middle of the 17th century when hardy, God-fearing pioneers were just beginning to carve America's future from a desolate wilderness. It is that enviable inheritance, handed down to us from those early settlers, and enriched, through the years, by the loyalty and accomplishments of many generations, which makes our town such a fine place in which to live.

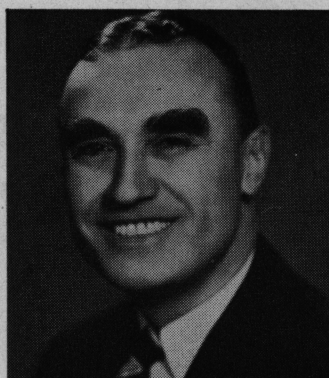
We are proud of Nutley. And we intend to show it in the many programs planned for our celebration from March 1 to July 4—programs designed by the various organizations and groups in town, to depict their own history and development. We hope that you who visit us will enjoy these programs. But, more important, we hope that you—and all who live in this fine town—will capture the true spirit and feeling of this celebration. For it is the spirit of a free and happy people—which is the priceless heritage not only of the Town of Nutley but of cities, towns and villages all over this great country.

William J. Gormick

NUTLEY'S FIFTIETH



*Robert F. Heald
General Chairman*

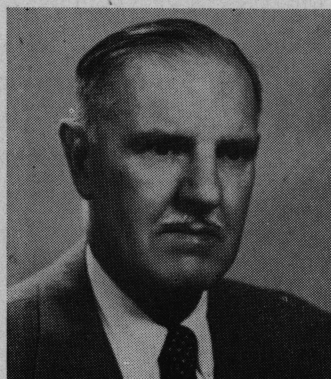


*Hon. Wm. J. Jernick, Mayor
Honorary Chairman*

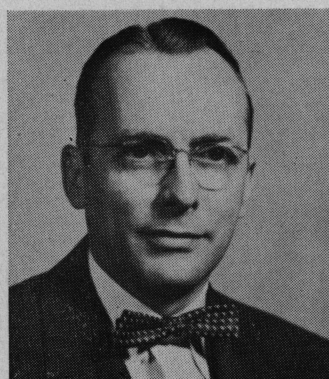


*Everett Zabriskie
Vice Chairman*

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*Richard Booth
Co-Chairman*



*William La Ducer
Co-Chairman*



*Bruce Lewis
Treasurer*



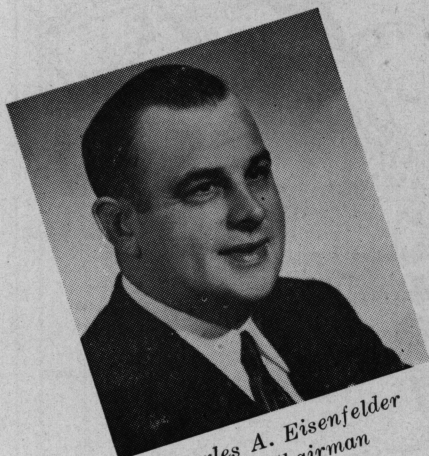
*Elizabeth Tuers
Secretary*



*Ralph E. Heinzen
Publicity Chairman*

ANNIVERSARY

Golden Jubilee Ball Chairmen



*Charles A. Eisenfelder
Vice Chairman*



*Florence Eccles Rutan
General Chairman*



*Flora Loudon
Vice Chairman*

Committee

Leo E. Lee

David Marshall

Helene Matt

Robert O'Loughlin

Abner D. Rutan

Charles G. Sherwood

Miriam Sims

Program

March 1, 1952, 9 P. M. - 1 A. M.

*International Telephone and Telegraph
Corporation Clubhouse (formerly
Yantacaw Club)*

Reception:

*Hon. and Mrs. William J. Jernick; Dr.
and Mrs. Robert F. Heald; Mr. and
Mrs. Abner D. Rutan; Mr. and Mrs.
Charles A. Eisenfelder; Miss Flora
Louden.*

Dancing and Entertainment:
Master of Ceremonies:

Professor Paul Brilliant

Gay 90's Quartet:

*Nostalgic songs and memories of yes-
ter-year.*

Kathy Harris:

*Taptoe on stairs, routine of old time
dances done in modern way.*

Professor Brilliant:

*Stories old and new and a bit on the
trombone.*

Collette Elsworth:

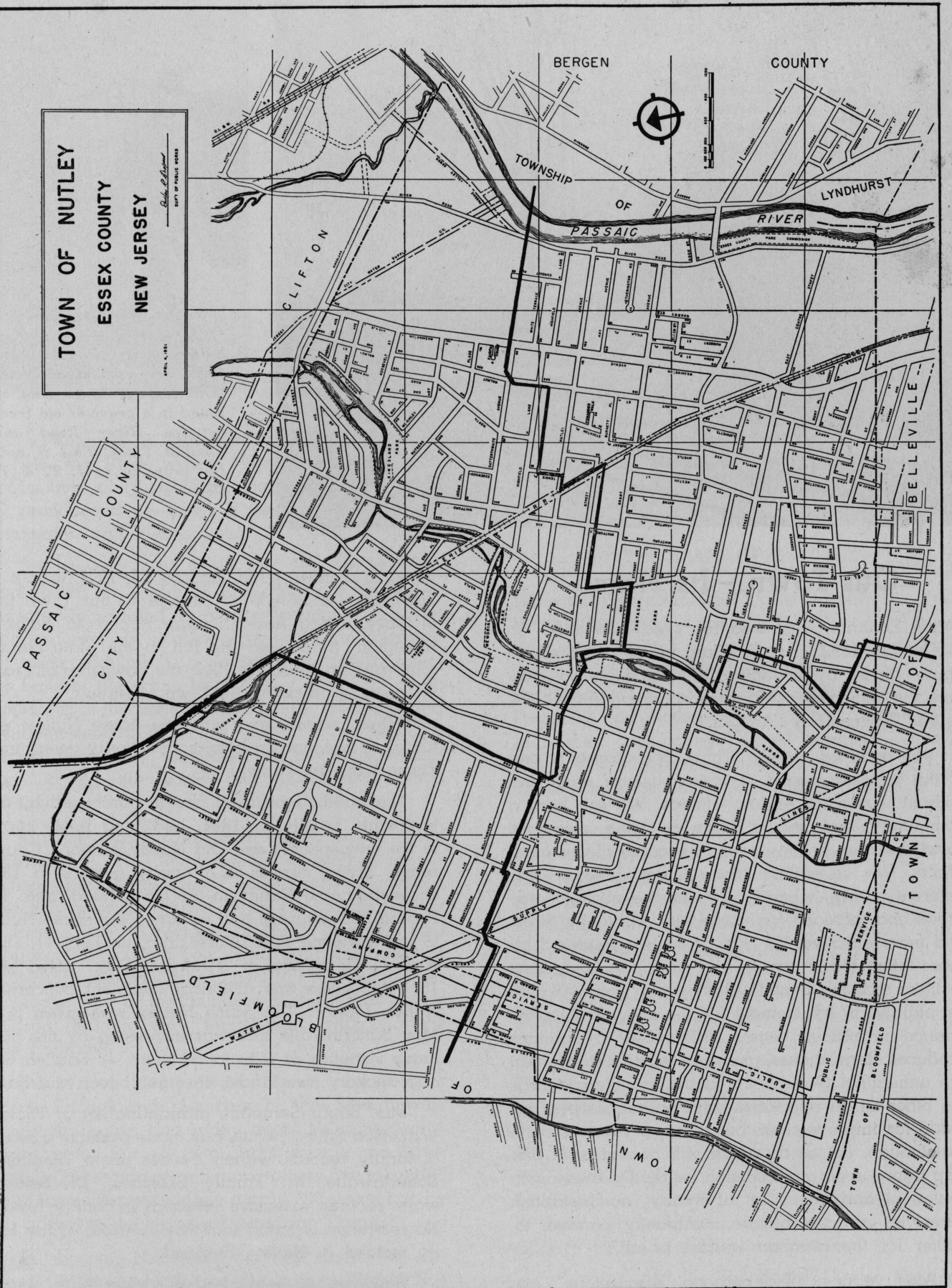
*Gorgeous accordionist and wandering
troubadour playing throughout the
evening.*

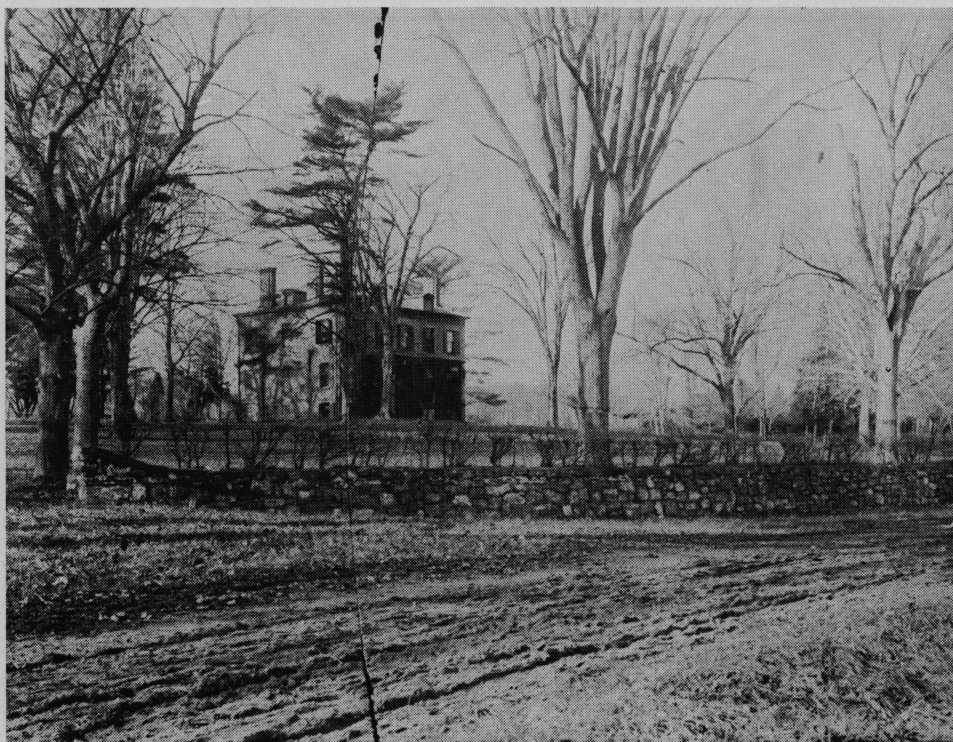
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TOWN OF NUTLEY
ESSEX COUNTY
NEW JERSEY

APRIL 6, 1931
Supt. of Public Works





Nutley Manor, built 1826-1828, occupied by members of Satterthwaite Family until 1922. The excavation where "Old Nutley" stood may be found in a grove of old trees between River Road and Conduit Place. This is now the property of I. T. & T. Corporation.

Our Town - Its Name

This Editorial, appeared in "The Franklinites," in October 1892. E. F. Bassford refers to the efforts being made by groups of townspeople to combine the settlements that were operating since 1874, as the "Township of Franklin."

Mr. Bassford writes: "Unity of purpose is one of the greatest means of accomplishing ends and without it success seldom attends. We are here a community that should have but one object in view, and that is the common success of our local affairs. We go sailing along under three or four different names, when under one the efforts to improve and increase our popularity would be three-fold more effective. Let this thing be considered by those interested in our welfare, and it will be patent to them that the benefits that would accrue would be plainly an inducement for the change. This difference in names begets differences in opinions produces clannishness, and establishes rivalries that are unhealthy. One portion of the township regards the other as an opposition, and no suggestions are made for improvements but that are received with that though. Let us do away with it and as a first step agree upon one common name. Do away with sentiment and this spirit of rivalry, and establish ourselves as one happy community banded together for the common welfare of all."

After years of neighborhood "discussions", citizens from Avondale, Franklin and Nutley, finally

voted at a meeting on January 17, 1902, to ask the Township Committee to change to the Town form of Government. Assemblyman Robert M. Boyd, of Montclair, introduced the Bill in the State Legislature, and, on March 5, 1902, the Township of Franklin became officially the Town of Nutley.

When, where, and why the name Nutley was first used has not yet been satisfactorily determined. These facts are known:

The building pictured above, purchased by Satterthwaite Family in 1844, had long been known to the townspeople as "Old Nutley Manor." County maps, giving names of property owners in 1859, show the name Nutley in the River Road area. The Federal Government had assigned the name Nutley to the township Post Office area, on Feb. 11, 1887. A Souvenir booklet of "Firemen's Day" dated May 16, 1906, gives this historical comment concerning Nutley Manor: The name Nutley was given it by Mrs. Satterthwaite and was suggested by the numerous varieties of nuts found there — English walnuts, hickory (two kinds), chestnut, beech and hazel.

Mrs. Edgar Sergeant, granddaughter of Thomas Wilkinson Satterthwaite, has made possible a search of family records written by her uncle Thomas E. Satterthwaite. In "Family Sketches" Dr. Satterthwaite records extensive research in family history. No reference is found that any member of the family resided in Nutley, England.

However, to help clear this possibility, correspondence has been carried on with the Vicar of



*Rev. and Mrs. Walkden in
Trafalgar Square, London.*

*Howard W. Stoddard visits
with H. P. Walkden at Nut-
ley Vicarage, Uckfield, Sus-
sex, England.*



Nutley, England. In letters to Dr. Floyd Harshman, in 1946, the Vicar writes: "Here Nutley probably means field of Nuts; its original form was Notley; ley pronounced lie, being a very common Sussex termination and means field."

This summer, 1951, Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Stoddard visited Mr. & Mrs. H. P. Walkden at the Nutley Vicarage in England. In a very hospitable visit, Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Walkden reviewed our efforts to determine whether (1) a Satterthwaite family member brought the name from Nutley, England, or (2) a member of the Satterthwaite family, after securing the homestead from James L. Morris in 1844, and having been duly impressed by the fields of nut trees, called the home and surrounding acres "Nutley" —

Another question has been asked, and is being investigated: "Was the name Nutley used by former owners of the Homestead?" To answer this question research must be carried on in the family records of Peter Crary, a resident of North Belleville and Mayor of New York City, who built the house in 1826-1828. His daughter Lucretia, married James L. Morris, one of the founders of the Paterson and Hudson Railroad (now the Newark Branch of the Erie Railroad).

On May 4, 1844 James L. Morris transferred to Sarah Schaefer and members of the Satterthwaite family the house and many acres belonging, originally, to the Rutgers, Van Dyks, Rikers, and Speer Estates. These names and many others live to remind us of the settlements made nearly 300 years ago by our ancestors seeking the "American Dream."

In choosing Nutley for our new name, the citizens in 1902 surely shared the appreciation of Nutley's author, Henry Bunner, who, looking at God's

Handiwork, wrote the well known poem, "What Does He Plant When He Plants a Tree?"

Researchers could end here!

THE HEART OF THE TREE

What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants a friend of sun and sky;
He plants the flag of breezes free;
The shaft of beauty, towering high;
He plants a home to heaven anigh
For song and mother—croon of bird
In hushed and happy twilight heard—
The treble of heaven's harmony—
These things he plants who plants a tree.

What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants cool shade and tender rain,
And seed and bud of days to be,
And years that fade and flush again;
He plants the glory of the plain;
He plants the forest's heritage;
The harvest of a coming age;
The joy that unborn eyes shall see—
These things he plants who plants a tree.

What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants, in sap and leaf and wood,
In love of home and loyalty
And far-cast thought of civic good—
His blessings on the neighborhood
Who in the hollow of his hand
Holds all the growth of all our land—
A nation's growth from sea to sea
Stirs in his heart who plants a tree.

By Henry Cuyler Bunner

Our Government

Today, the official headquarters of Nutley's government, the Town Hall of 1952 has served many purposes since the days when the land was sold by the Stagers to the Duncans.

From the Stagers to the Duncans to Arnold & Constable to the School Trustees of District No. 4 of Franklin, and thence to the Town of Nutley is the colorful history of the old mill.

John Stager, who married the eldest daughter of Captain Speer sold the land in 1835 to William Duncan. The original deed bears the names, Henry and Abram Stager, John Stager and wife to William Duncan, whose holdings in those days extended to Harrison Street. The woolen mills were flourishing in the early 1850's. Shawls, blankets and tablecloths were woven on hand looms. Pieces of this hand weaving have been offered to the Historical Society for preservation in the Museum.

T'was in 1860 that Will Duncan made his wife and sons, Livingston W. and Henry B., heirs to the lands and mill property. Following the troublesome days of the Civil War and the "recessions and depressions" of the 1870's and 1880's, Henry B. Duncan with his wife and mother sold the "Town Hall" property to Hicks Arnold and James and Frederick Constable of New York City. These gentlemen, merchants of well known "dry goods" store, used the Chestnut Street mills for the manufacture of articles to be sold in the big city.



Nutley Town Hall — 1952

In 1890 'twas known to the already expanding township of Franklin that Avondale School and the Church Street School could not accommodate the increased number of school children.

A hurried trip to New York by John Rusby, merchant, and William H. Boardman of the Board of Education, helped secure the valuable property. What was known in 1890 as the "School Park," twelve acres of land and buildings, was purchased for \$15,000. The Duncan home, on site of present Library, was included in the deal.

Several buildings were demolished and what is now the Town Hall was remodeled and used for the first High School.

With the opening of the Park School of eight rooms in 1894, the Board of Education leased the building to the Town government. Remodeled for town use, the building housed the Fire Department, Police, and other town offices.

Here, too, until 1915 was the "stolen" post office —perhaps the most exciting event next to the appearance of ex-President Grant on October 20th in 1880.

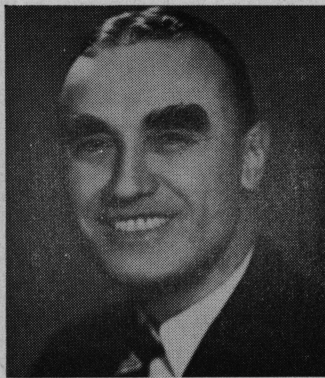
As Nutley grew and the need for town services increased, the Public Safety Building was erected, which today houses the Police and Fire Departments, the Court Room and office of Mayor William J. Jernick.

Meanwhile, the wheels of government turn busily each day in the old Duncan Mill where in 1952 are housed the offices of Department of Revenue and Finance, under Commissioner Robert Anderson, the Department of Public Affairs and Health under Commissioner Harry Chenoweth, the Department of Parks and Public Property under Commissioner Theodore DeMuro and the Department of Public Works under Commissioner John Lucy.

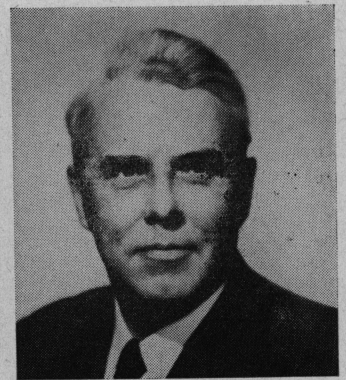
In 1948, the building leased to the Town by the Board of Education, was deeded to the Town. With the Town as legal owners, more improvements have been made.

Here, also, is the office of the Town Clerk, which position for many years was held by Simon Blum. With Mrs. Florence Eccles Rutan as his successor, the wheels of government turn smoothly as well as busily.

Its Community Officers



William J. Jernick, Mayor



Robert B. Anderson

Nutley citizens today may voice confidence in their government as did those of 1906 when it was written:

Following the incorporation of the town of Nutley by the State Legislature on March 5, 1902, a Council form of government was set up.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1902 the following Councilmen were elected:

James Gilmore, Councilman at large (Mayor)

First Ward: William H. De Vausney, Lester Kierstead

Second Ward: Wilson G. Kierstead, William F. Dittig

Third Ward: John J. Vossler, Phillip J. Young

The present Commission form of government was adopted by Nutley on March 26, 1912. Three commissioners were elected: Abram Blum, Mayor; Henry T. Lefferts and Arthur R. Carr.

Mayors who have served are listed with years of service:

Abram Blum, 1912-1916; Emil Diebitsch, 1916-1920; Ernest P. Cook, 1920-1924; Francis T. Stager 1924-1928; Charles A. Sherwood 1928-1932; Walter F. Reinheimer, 1932-1935; Raleigh S. Rife, 1935-1936; Fred H. Young, 1936-1940; Charles A. Sherwood, 1940-1944; William J. Jernick, 1944-1952.

Commissioners in office for the term 1948 to 1952 are:

Robert B. Anderson, Harry W. Chenoweth, A. Theodore De Muro, John H. Lucy, and William J. Jernick, Mayor

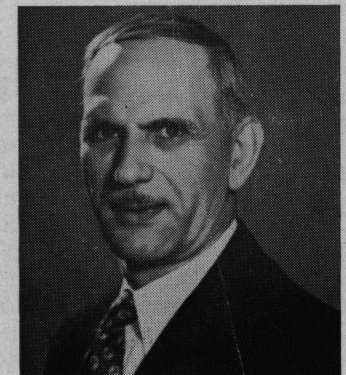
"Men of to-day are doing the work and are just as interested; men that are giving their energies and brains for the good of their fellows. We have them here; we see their work; we hear the criticisms; but the effect is just the same. We keep on growing and they grow with us and as the needs of the times present themselves we have men to meet the emergencies.

Nutley to-day is as you see it, bright in its spring verdure, fragrant with blossoms, prosperous as a community, and filled with happy citizens. We match our natural beauty against any town in the country. We claim for it, progress, success, and a future that will be second to none in its class. Our schools are our pride, in them we base our hope. Our fire department we boast of and claim for it efficiency and intelligence.

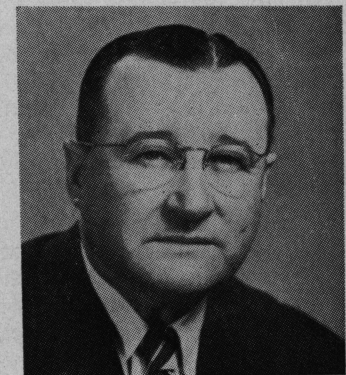
Nutley is open to our visitors and we want them to go away believing that they have been in the most hospitable, the most beautiful, and the best town in New Jersey, the best governed, the best endowed by nature, and the best all around progressive and pushing suburb of the metropolis of New Jersey, Newark, and the greatest city in the world, New York."



Harry N. Chenoweth



A. Theodore DeMuro



John H. Lucy



Organized in 1895 as the Avondale Hook and Ladder Company, but later known as Avondale Hose Company, the group shown above had 15 charter members. Left to right, as identified by Jacob Fitting of Center Street, they are: Thomas Furze, Samuel Lippencot, Edward Lilly, Jacob Fitting, John Faith, J. Harry Van Winkle, Charles Pistor, James Hemisley, James Breslin, John Frobose, John E. Cornell,

Robert Moffitt, Charles M. Hillyer, Bryan Carrol, Edward J. Segrell. The hose cart, purchased when Abram Blum was mayor, was kept in the carriage house of Charles M. Hillyer of Park Avenue, whose home is shown in the picture. The house now is on Weston Street. The house on the right, in the distance, was known as the Thorne house, and presently is the residence of Joseph N. Flannery.

Fire Department Grows With Town

A charter hanging in Fire Headquarters in the Public Safety Building in Chestnut Street marks the beginnings of Nutley's Fire Department. Dated March 5, 1894, the document bears the signatures of 30 men who organized the Yantacaw Chemical Company. A year later, April 5, 1895, the Avondale company was formed, and on March 14, 1906, the third volunteer fire company, known as the West Nutley Company, was organized, with headquarters in High Street near Bloomfield Avenue.

The first company had the following charter members: A. H. VanRiper, P. T. Guthrie, S. V. Bassford, Charles Smith, Henry A. Connolly, Frank M. Searles, David W. Sherwood, Abram Blum, S. S. Davis, Joseph Stirratt, W. G. Kierstead, E. F. Bassford, Joseph P. Dolan, P. T. Young, L. M. Thatcher, Joseph Searle, Charles Searle, R. W. Booth, A. M. Booth, John H. White, Robert H. Drake, W. O. Davis, E. S. Humphrey, J. E. Cronham, James Wylie, E. E. Faith, Jesse Kierstead, M. J. Freeman, John Taylor and C. B. Castle.

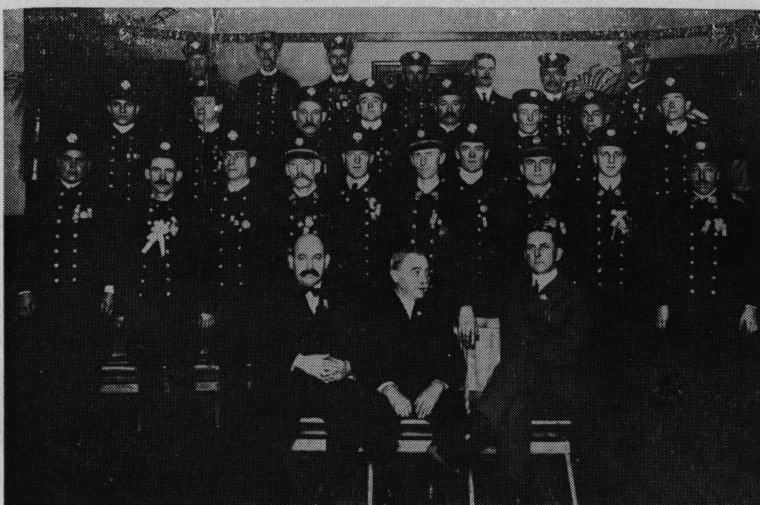
Dr. A. Harvey VanRiper, a descendant of one of Nutley's first settlers, was the first chief, and the department's fire fighting apparatus consisted of the used hand-drawn hose cart, shown in the picture of the Avondale Company. Those in the picture were identified by Frank Perkins, Irwin Moffitt, Jacob Fitting and John Frobose, whose fathers were active

in the Avondale Company. The hose cart has recently been restored and is being preserved for historical purposes.

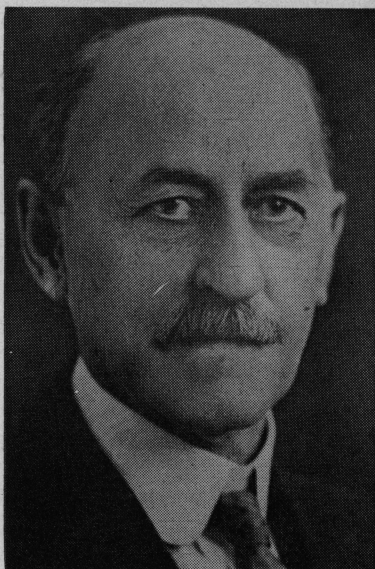
Just as the Yantacaw company was the first organized, so it was the first to be motorized. This occurred in 1910, and the move had a great influence on the type of motorized fire engines used throughout the country. When it was decided to motorize the company, one of the local firemen, Harry Stager, was sent to the Pope-Hartford Company, in Hartford, Conn., the only motor manufacturing company that made fire engines at that time, to tell the manufacturers what the town wanted in its fire apparatus, as up to that time the company had built only pumpers and had not manufactured any motor fire engines. Mr. Stager's designs were so enthusiastically received by the Pope-Hartford people that the company exhibited the apparatus at the Automobile Show in New York and used it in demonstrations in several cities and towns.

The Avondale and West Nutley companies were motorized in 1924, when these companies were assigned new hose wagons and the Yantacaw company was given a new pumper.

With a sudden growth in the town's population after World War I, moves were made to modernize the Fire Department by the appointment of paid firemen and the purchase of new apparatus. Three



Town Commissioners, 1914, Henry T. Lefferts, Abram Blum, Arthur Carr and Nutley firemen: Front row — Aaron Lawrence, George Speer, Jack Smith, Wilbur Garrabrant, Frank DeVausney, Milton Bross, Robert Parr, Lou Gehring, the late Albert Weischedel and the late former Chief William Jones. Second row—Hutch, Harry Cueman, Theodore Gillman, Thomas Murren, Frank Zimmerman, Ralph Newport, the late former Chief William Wallace and the late Charles Kinzel. Rear row—Jake Gillman, Dayton Kierstead, Fred Frobose, Joe Werner, Hugh Halliday, Jacob Fitting and George Hawkesworth.



Dr. A. H. VanRiper, 1st Chief (1895)



Andrew Hutch, Chief (1952)



1950—Latest Fire Truck with 85 Foot Aerial Hydraulic Ladder.

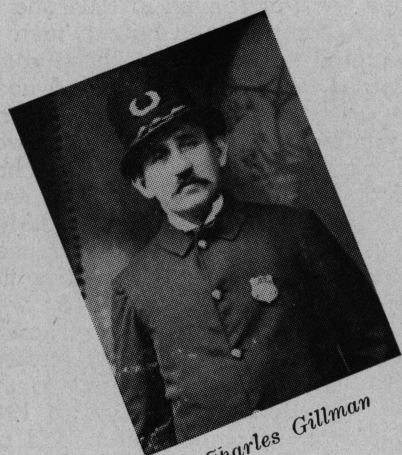
paid firemen were appointed in 1924 and in 1929 five more were named putting men in each of the three fire houses. In these years more apparatus was purchased also. A hook and ladder truck was bought in 1927 and in 1929 another and larger pumper was purchased. Since then other apparatus has been added. A used Ford chassis was bought in 1942 and the department added a body of its own design. The truck is used as an emergency vehicle and carries the light generator and smoke ejector, as well as salvage blankets for protection of household goods during a fire. In 1943 another pumper was bought and assigned to the Yantacaw Chemical Company and in 1946 a truck with a front mount pump and an aerial ladder was purchased from General Motors. The vehicle was designed by Andrew Hutch, chief of the Fire Department.

During both World Wars, the department was active in all plans for civilian defense, and both volunteers and paid men are prominent in other civic activities, especially the town celebrations on July 4 and at Christmas. The department has received state recognition by the recent election of Chief Hutch as president of the State Exempt Firemen's Association, and the recent choice of Nutley by the State Fire Prevention authorities for a test survey of fire hazards emphasized the department's efforts to cooperate in the latest fire prevention and safety methods.

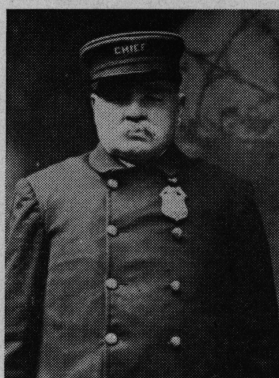
The Exempt Firemen's Association was organized May 22, 1902. Members of this organization, after seven years of service, are exempt from active fire duty. Honorary badges are presented after each seven-year period of service. The association had as its first officers the following: President, Henry A. Connolly; vice president, John E. Cornell; secretary, John H. Donaldson; treasurer, A. Harvey VanRiper. Louis Gehring, retired, and Hugh Halliday, still on the active list, have rolled up 48 years of service, respectively.

Under the general supervision of Mayor William J. Jernick, who is director of public safety, the present Fire Department has the following officers: Chief, Andrew Hutch; assistant chiefs, Walter B. Etting, who acts as secretary; Frank Frobose of Hose Company No. 1; Raymond Kane of Yantacaw Chemical Company No. 1, and Clifford Place of Hose Company No. 2. Department chaplains are Rev. Arthur Roosen-Raad of Franklin Reformed Church and Rev. Gerard Walsh of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

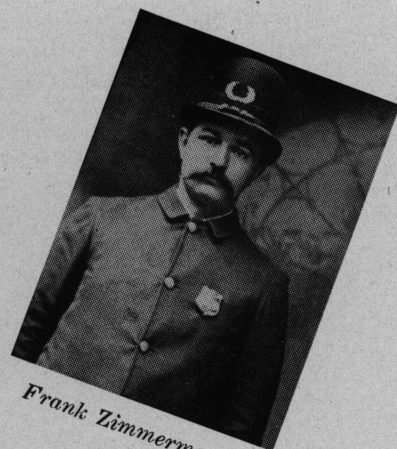
The town's paid firemen are Capt. Earl Manning, Thomas Wheatly, Walter Crabtree, Harry Jacques, Leslie Newport, Rolland Stanford, Albert Place, Lieut. John Frobose, Walter Sherwood, Arthur Sattler, Charles Kucinski, Joseph Fikentscher, Louis DeLorenzo, James Ippolito, Frank Stegner, John Corey and Charles Gross.



Charles Gillman

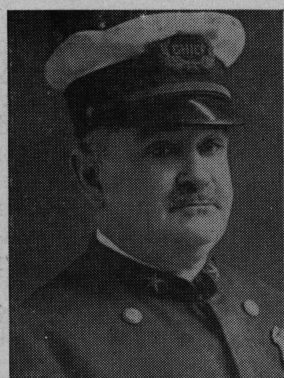


Henry Knabb, Chief



Frank Zimmermann

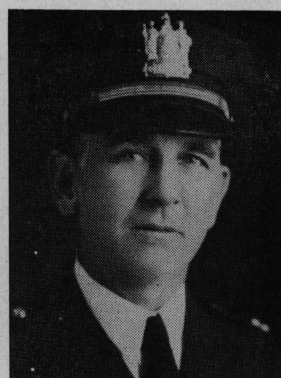
Constabulary 1898



Wright Sutcliffe
1910



William Brown
1925



John Jameson
1943



Charles Rummel
1944 - 1952

Police Department Chiefs 1910 - 1952



Councilmen and Police Officers 1912—Seated: Mayor Arthur Carr, Councilmen John Lux, Henry Libby and William Halsey — Standing: Police Officers Wilford Stager, John Jameson, Wright Sutcliffe, George Malizia and Dan Ford.

Police and School Officers—shown with Yantacaw School Patrols and Pupils—Supt. Floyd Harshman, Sister Anna, Principal St. Mary's Parochial School, Police Officer William Wallace, Louise Kurtz, Principal of Yantacaw School, Mrs. Mary Smith, School Patrol Advisor, Norman Risser, Director Physical Education and Health, Nutley Public Schools, Chief Charles Rummel.





1950 — 3 Way F. M. Radio Installed — *Sgt. William Johnson, Mayor William J. Jernick, Chief of Police Charles Rummel.*



Department of Public Affairs — *Child Health Service; Physician examining baby assisted by nurse in Health Department Baby Station.*



Department of Public Works—*Loader, sweeper and trucks used to keep town property in good condition.*



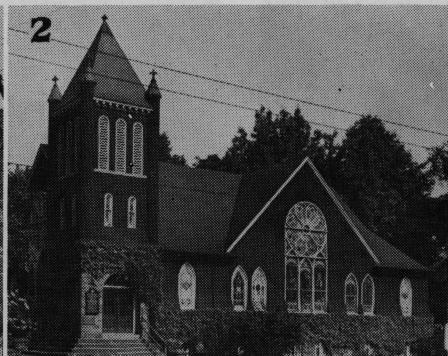
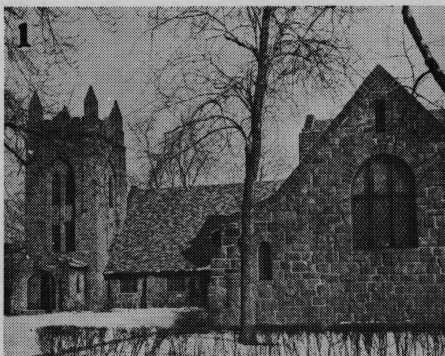
Department of Parks and Public Property — *Children enjoy water from town hydrants under direction of Recreation Council, made up of volunteer members. An extensive summer and winter recreation program is offered to adults and children of Nutley.*



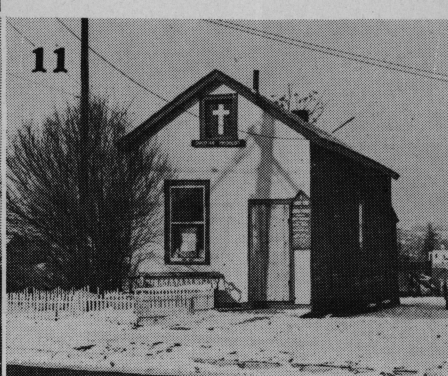
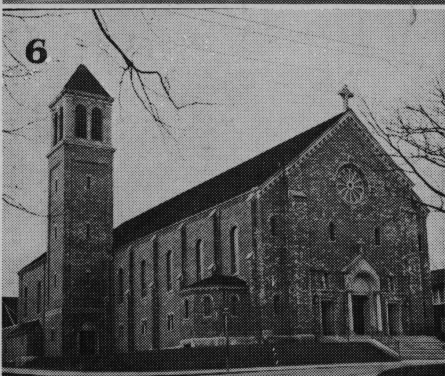
Pistol Team — *Adrian Jean Guenin, Instructor, Frank J. Maffee, Officer Wilbur Furlong, Lieutenant Chester Simpson, Officer Theodore Steinmeyer, Detective Eugene Davis, Officer John Paukstaitis and Police Chief Charles Rummel.*



Department of Revenue and Finance — *Business machines add to modern equipment of this department.*



1. Grace Episcopal Church
Rev. Welles R. Bliss
2. St. Paul's Congregational Church
Rev. John J. Elliott
3. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. Henry J. Berkobin
4. Franklin Ave. Gospel Chapel
Mr. John W. F. Young, Pres.
5. Holy Family R. C. Church
Msgr. Anthony DiLuca
6. St. Mary's R. C. Church
Msgr. James J. Owen
7. First Baptist Church
Rev. H. M. Napier
8. Christian & Missionary Alliance Gospel
Rev. Leonard R. Memmott
9. St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church
Rev. George H. Moon
10. Bethel Pentecost Assembly
Rev. Frank DiBello
11. Church of Christian Psychology
Rev. Jesse D. Ford
12. Temple B'Nai Isreal
Rabbi Hyman Danzig
13. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic Church
Rev. Francis Czechowski
14. Bethel Pentecostal Church
Rev. Louis Tarantino
15. Vincent Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. Raymond E. Neff
16. Franklin Reformed Church
Rev. Arthur Roosen-Raad



Where We Worship

Today, 1952, citizens of Nutley have designated sixteen buildings as their "Places of Worship". One other, at our Bloomfield gate, has many Nutley members.

Our forefathers forged their way through the wilderness from First River, (Newarke) to Second River (Belleville) and eventually in the seventeen and eighteen hundreds to Third River—now Nutley, to build their homes and mills. On their "day of rest", it is recorded, that many families traveled by carriage or boat and even on foot to join in worship and give thanks.

Parent churches in Newark, Bloomfield and Belleville record the names of many of our earliest settlers. Church records tell, too, of the meetings held in homes, barns, schools, stores and other buildings, while churches were being planned.

By 1866, our present Vincent Methodist and Franklin Reformed groups had built their own places of worship and many interesting activities are found in the well-kept records of these two Churches.

In the meantime, in 1844, the Satterthwaite Family had purchased the Manor and sought to establish a Church for the members of the Episcopal Faith. On Easter Sunday, April 13, 1873 the first service was held in a wooden church, now a residence at Grant and Whiford Avenues. The cornerstone of the present Church was laid in 1908.

In this decade, also, the oldest Roman Catholic Church was built. Brownstone, from the Joyce quarries, was donated for the old St. Mary's, still standing on St. Mary's Place. Plans for dedication of the newest "St. Mary's" are now being completed.

Before the turn of the century, St. Paul's Congregational Church was completed and first services were held in February 1898.

In this past 50 years, many other groups pioneered in setting up "Places of Worship". An attempt has been made to secure a picture of all groups who recognize a Divine Presence. Their progress may be found in the records of each Church.

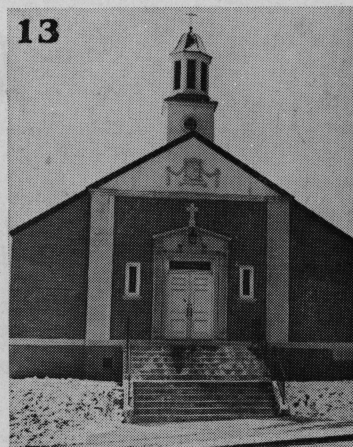
Many new church buildings have been completed within the past ten years. Those most recently constructed are the Franklin Avenue Gospel Chapel; the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church; the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic Church; the Bethel Pentecostal Assembly, New Street, a branch of the elder church on Milton Avenue.

St. Luke A.M.E. Zion is shown with foundation walls and basement under construction. St. Luke, the Church of Christian Psychology, and the First Baptist Church have been organized for many years and contribute much to the spiritual wealth of the community.

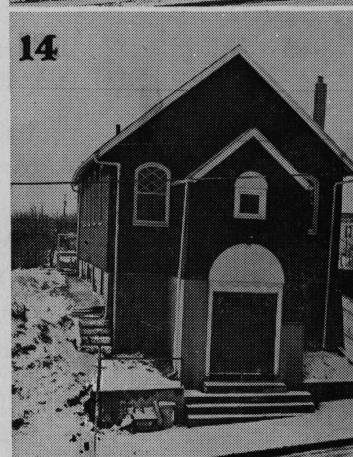
Building additions have been made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, completing Church and Sunday School rooms; other expansions are being contemplated by St. Paul's Congregational Church and by the Temple B'nai Israel.

(Numerical arrangement of churches has been determined by size and shape of "cuts".)

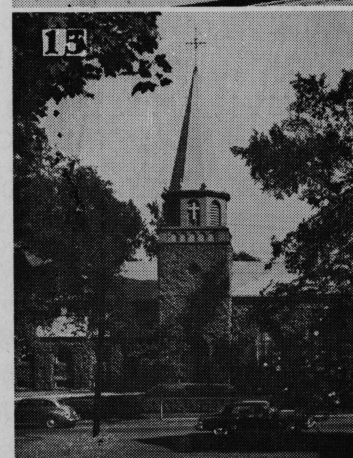
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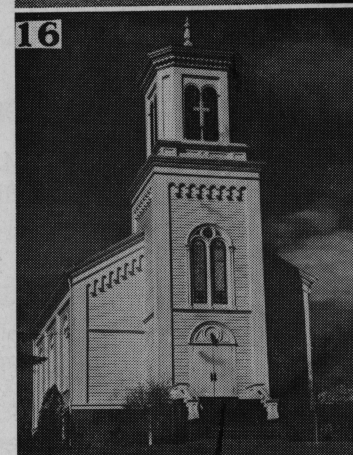
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PROGRAM

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- SATURDAY, MARCH 1 *FTR Clubhouse, River Road*
GOLDEN JUBILEE BALL—Floor Show and Exhibition Dancing.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 7:00 P. M. *Vincent Methodist Church*
ANNUAL DINNER. NUTLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY—(Speaker—Frederick L. Rath, Jr., director of the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings).
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 *Nutley Public Library*
NUTLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY ISSUES BOOKLET—Listed books and authors read in 1902.
- FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 7-8, 8:00 P. M. *Nutley High School Auditorium*
GOLDEN JUBILEE FROLICS—(Sponsored by the Nutley Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.)
- SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2:00 P. M. *Nutley High School*
SCOUTARAMA—(Girl Scouts and Brownies participating in pageant "A Growing Force for Freedom").
- TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1:30 P. M. *Vincent M. E. Church*
Women's Society of Christian Service of Vincent M. E. Church 50th Anniversary Program
- APRIL 13-19 *Franklin Community House*
OLD GUARD,— "Nutley Memories."
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 8:00 P. M. *Nutley High School Auditorium*
Nutley Symphony Concert
- SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 8:00 P. M. *Nutley-Belleville Buick Show Rooms*
GAY NINETIES PARTY, Optimist Club—
- SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2:00 P. M. *American Legion Rooms*
GOLDEN AGE CLUB—Songs, Pantomime, Witticisms, Skits of early days; History of club.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 9:00-5:00 P. M. *American Legion Rooms, Franklin Ave.*
HOBBY CLUB—Exhibits by Members and Families. Public Invited.
- MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2:00 P. M. *Woman's Club*
"I remember", Program: Woman's Club of Nutley—Literature Department—Chairman, Mrs. Calvin Sargent, Mrs. Argie Russell.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 8:00 P. M. *Elks Building*
LADIES AUXILIARY—B.P.O.E.
- WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 23-24-25 *Junior High School Gymnasium*
HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE—Special Exhibits of 50 years ago.
- SUNDAY, APRIL 27 *Individual Places of Worship*
CHURCH HISTORY—Sunday
- SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 8:00 P. M. *Vincent M. E. Church*
WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION HISTORICAL PROGRAM—Mrs. William Walz, Chairman.
- FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MAY 2-3, 8:30 P. M. *Nutley High School Auditorium*
LITTLE THEATRE PLAY—"Three's a Family" or "It Could Happen in Nutley".
- SATURDAY, MAY 3, 7:00-12:00 P. M. *Nutley Junior High School*
CRAFTSMEN'S CLUB MONTE CARLO—"Golden Chip" Party.
- SATURDAY, MAY 10, 8:00 P. M. *Franklin Church Community House*
AMERICAN LEGION PARTY—Post #70 and Auxiliary—Anniversary Dance.

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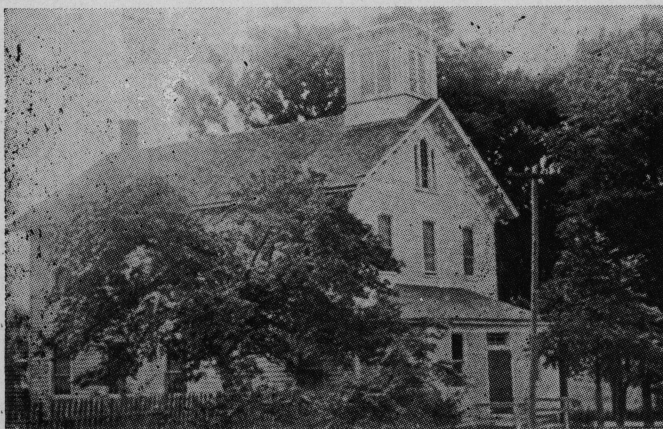
- FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2:00 P. M. Home of Mrs. John Rosengren
FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB—Club History, 1904-1952.
- TUESDAY, MAY 6, 7:30 P. M. Penguin Club
NUTLEY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION—Semi-Annual Dinner.
- FRIDAY, MAY 9 Vincent Methodist Church
VINCENT METHODIST CHURCH—Special Program
- MAY 12-17 (Inclusive) Nutley Merchants
NUTLEY RETAIL JUBILEE COMMITTEE—Special Sales and Other Features.
- THURSDAY, FRIDAY, MAY 16, 8:00 P.M. Nutley High School Auditorium
PUBLIC SCHOOLS HISTORICAL PAGEANT
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1:00 P. M. From Passaic (Acquackanonk) to Washington Ave., Nutley following Washington's route.
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION AND MOTHERS CLUB, WASHINGTON SCHOOL HISTORIC TOUR
- MAY 18-24 Yankee Stadium
THIRD HALF CLUB CELEBRATION—Nutley Day.
- FRIDAY, MAY 30 Services at War Memorials
MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM—Veterans' Organizations in Charge.
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 8:00 P. M. St. Mary's Church
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA—Court Gratia #751-30th Anniversary Program.
- MONDAY, JUNE 9 Masonic Hall
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNIVERSARY MEETING
- MONDAY, JUNE 16, 8:00 P.M. Masonic Hall
NUTLEY LODGE #167 F. & A.M. MASONS—Golden Jubilee Program.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2:00 P.M. Nutley Museum—65 Church St.
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SPECIAL PROGRAM AT MUSEUM—Visitation of Homes of Early Days.
- MONDAY, JUNE 23, 8:00 P. M. Park Oval
NUTLEY BOYS' BASEBALL LEAGUES, NIGHT BASEBALL EXHIBITION GAMES—Fife and Drum Corps; Sponsored by Town of Nutley Recreation Committee.
- FRIDAY, JULY 4
GOLDEN JUBILEE PROGRAM—Civic Celebration Committee (Incorporated May 12, 1934; First President, Walter Reinheimer).
- 9:00 A.M.—Gun Salute and Flag Raising Park Oval
10:00 A.M.—First Soap Box Derby Race Place to be Announced
2:00 P.M.—Baseball Game Park Oval
6:30-9:00 P.M.—Greetings—Mayor, Vaudeville and Fireworks Park Oval
- President—Walter Etling Vice-President—David Marshall
Secretary—Helene Matt Treasurer—Robert O'Loughlin

Trustees—

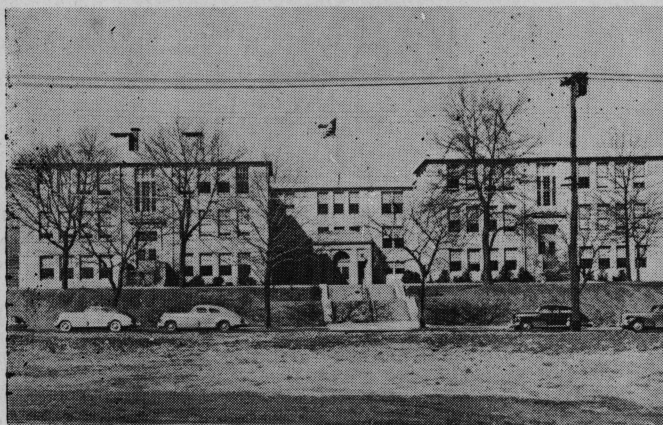
Mrs. Paul Harris

Allan Lyons

Clifford Place



Passaic Avenue School, 1850



Washington School, 1911 - 1927



Junior High School, 1894 - 1904 - 1922



Yantacaw School, 1902 - 1929



Church Street School, 1875



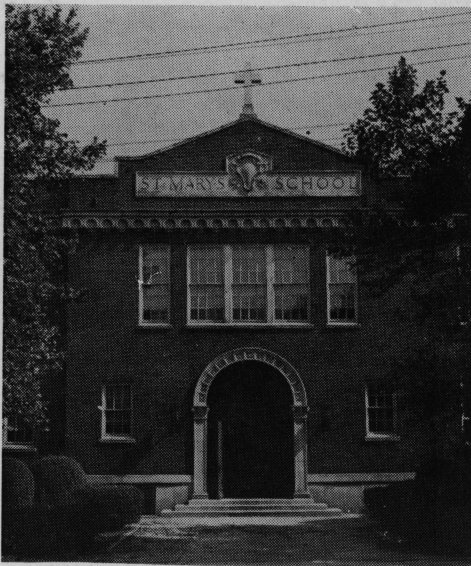
Schools and School Teachers

The Passaic Avenue School, built about 1850, known also as Avondale School and "Little White School", replaced a one-room building which stood on land given "for school purposes", about 1794, by John K. Spear. George Symonds, father of G. R. B. Symonds, was Principal from 1880 through 1887.

Preceding the Church Street School, built in 1875, were two schoolhouses in the Upper District. The first, built at Water Cress Patch, Bloomfield Avenue and Centre Street, is now a two-family house at 41 New Street, home of Patrick Piro. Albert Chappell taught in this school as early as 1825.

In 1856, Henry Stager donated land for a building at 65 Church Street. This burned and, in 1875, the present brick building was erected.

Teachers and Principals who are remembered to 1894, when Park School was built, were William H. Harris, Carrie Watts, Charles H. Fuller, Libby Ackerman, William Willert, Charles Barr, W. S. Applegate, Mary Cole, A. J. Whitney, Ida J. Alvord, Lucy M. Chase, Mabel J. Chase, Edith M. Arnold, Gertrude Broadbent, Mina Dexter, Lillian Hudson, William R. Wright, Peter J. Smith, Kate C. Lambert.



St. Mary's School, 1921 - 1926 - 1952

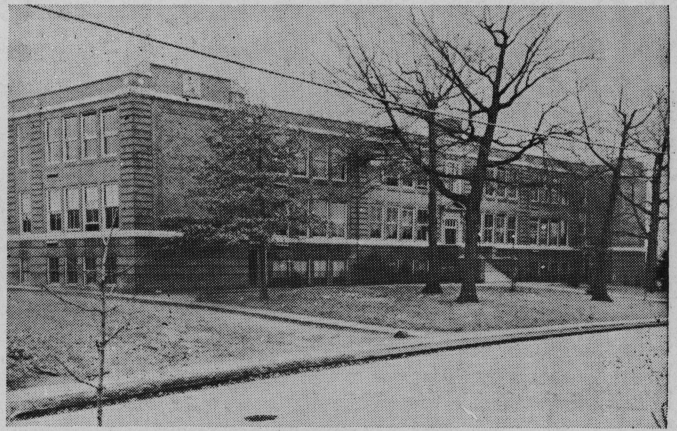


From 1910 on, the building housed overflow classes, manual training groups and, when school classes were discontinued, town organizations used the building. Ann A. Troy, Grace Abbott Cantel, Paul Swain, Arthur Giblin and Harry Bennett taught here during this time.

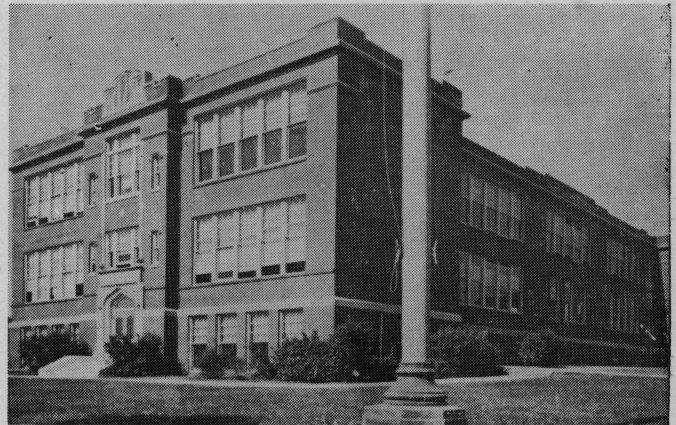
On December 9, 1946, the Board of Education leased the Church Street School to the Nutley Historical Society, with a one year renewal clause. Plans were set in motion to make this building a permanent Museum.

Nutley school buildings as developed to 1952 are shown with dates of original buildings. The second dates refer to the time of necessary additions. Junior High School-1894-1904-1922; Yantacaw School-1902-1929; Washington School - 1911 - 1927; Lincoln School-1915-1929 Spring Garden School-1917-1927; High School-1927; St. Mary's School-1921-1926-1952; Holy Family School-1950.

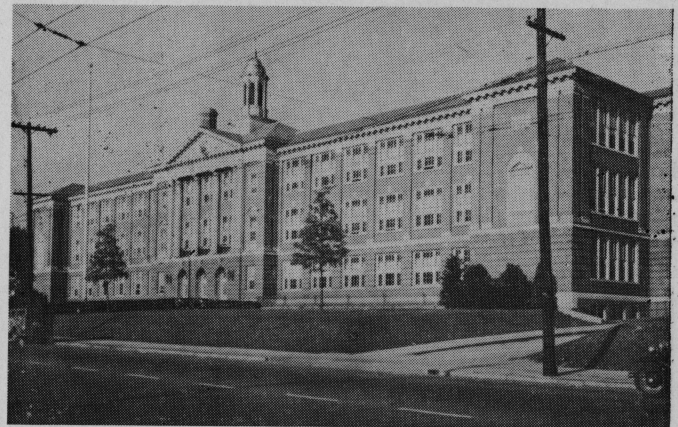
Floyd E. Harshman is now Superintendent of Schools; Principals of Schools are: Alexander Goldberg, Junior High School; Louise Kurtz, Yantacaw School; Ann A. Troy, Washington School; M. Agnes Kelly, Lincoln School; Eva P. Miller, Spring Garden School; Ehud Priestley, High School; Sister Anna Celeste, St. Mary's School; and Sister Magdalen Fantigroffi, Holy Family.



Lincoln, 1915 - 1929



Spring Garden, 1917 - 1927

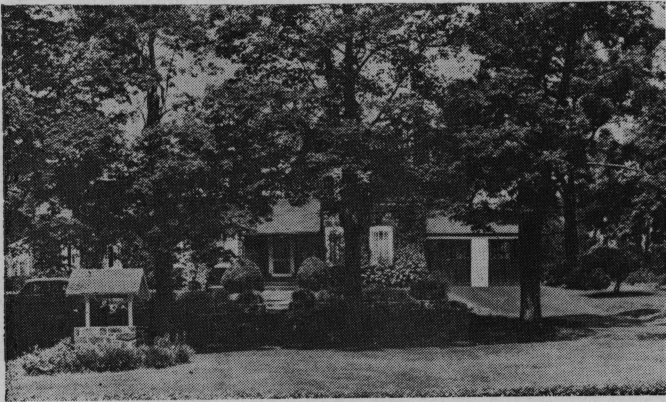


High School, 1927

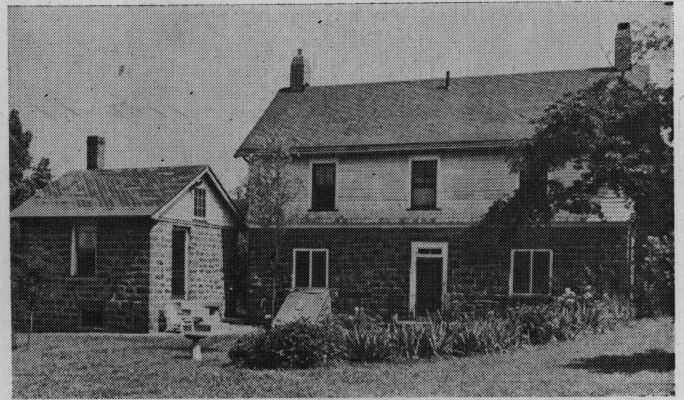


Holy Family School, 1950

Homes — Centuries Old



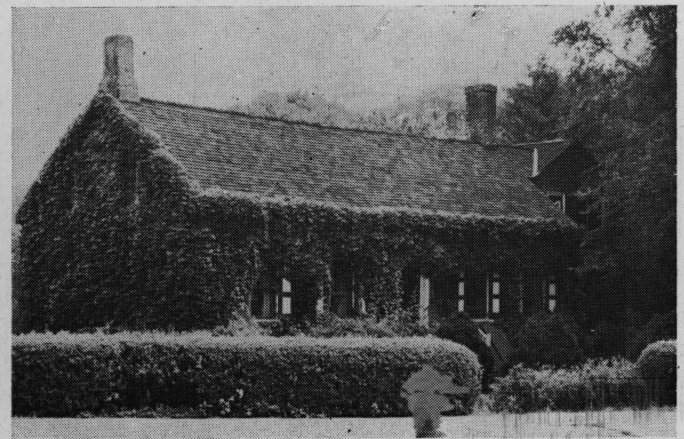
Van Riper House — on River Road, has long been known as the Van Riper House. A tablet in the house, bears the names of John Abraham Van Riper and Leah Winne under date of May 1, 1788.



Capt. Abram Speer House — Built 1760 — 149 Church Street. Tuers Family till 1929. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Tench.



Israel Simpson Homestead — 1800, thence to Eaton Stone — 1863 — 308 Kingsland Road. Owned by Hoffman La Roche Company. Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Monday.



John M. Vreeland Homestead — built 1702 — 226 Chestnut Street. Since 1912 it is the Nutley Woman's Club.



Vincent Methodist Old Stone Parsonage — built 1700's — 213 Passaic Avenue. Residence of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Moreland.



Schunck House 1853 — on Captain Speer Property — 319 Prospect Street. Restored 1923 by the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Mohr.



Abraham and Warren Vreeland House — Built 1838—
51 Enclosure. Moved in 1934 from site of Bank of Nut-
ley. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Blodgett.



John Mason House — Built 1812 — Calico Lane —
remembered for years as the James R. Hay Place.
Home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Schaefer.



Kingsland Manor—3 Kingsland Road, 1668. Home of
Mr. and Mrs. L. John Denny; now occupied by Rr.
Admiral and Mrs. Ellery W. Stone.



Dodd House — 1828 — 90 Vreeland Avenue. Well
known artists, Arthur J. Elder and Irwin Smith have
resided here. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Fletcher.

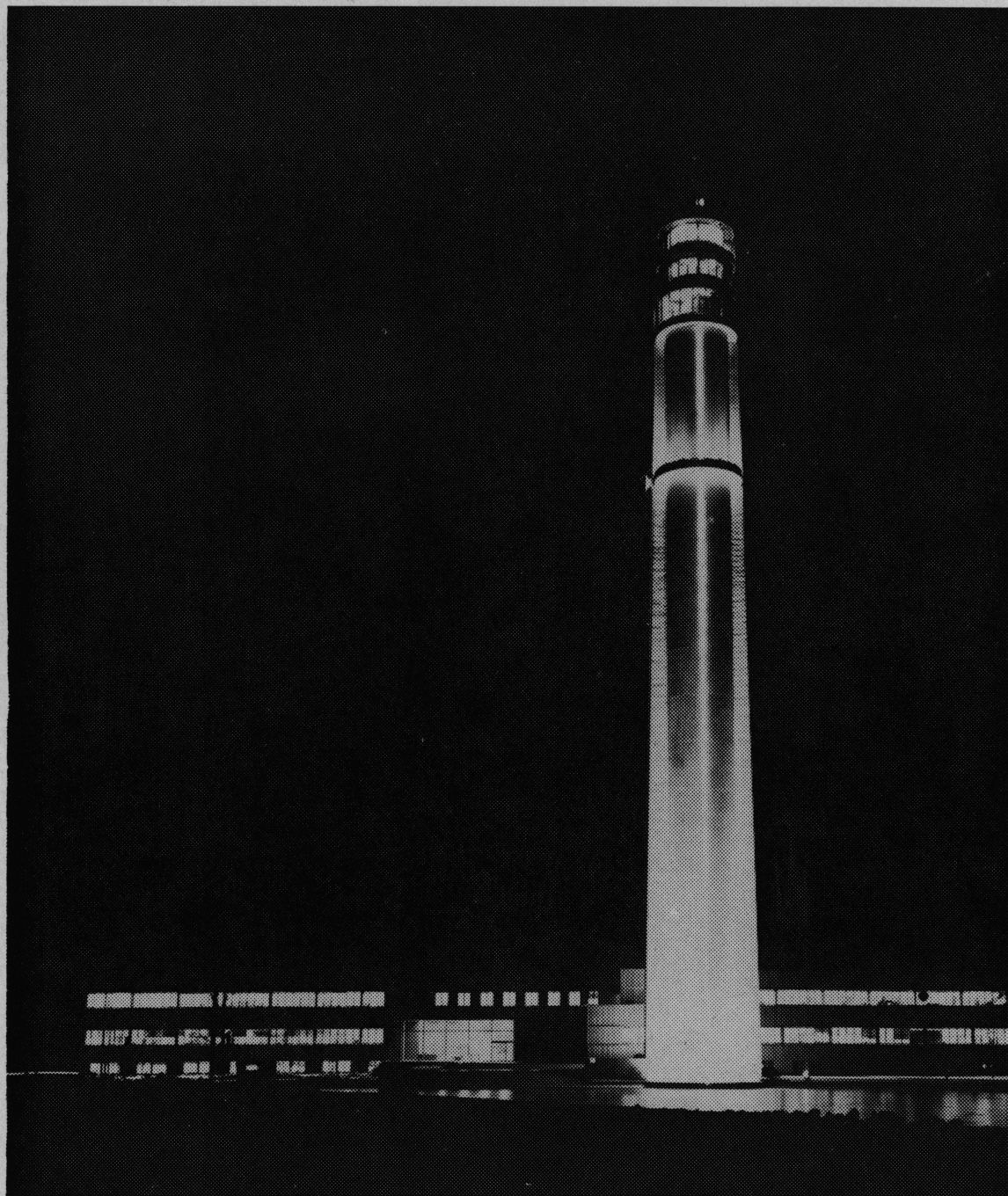


Rutan House — built late 1700's. Duncan Family to
Rutan Family in 1836. Secured by present owners, Mr.
and Mrs. John F. Meyer, Jr. in 1939.

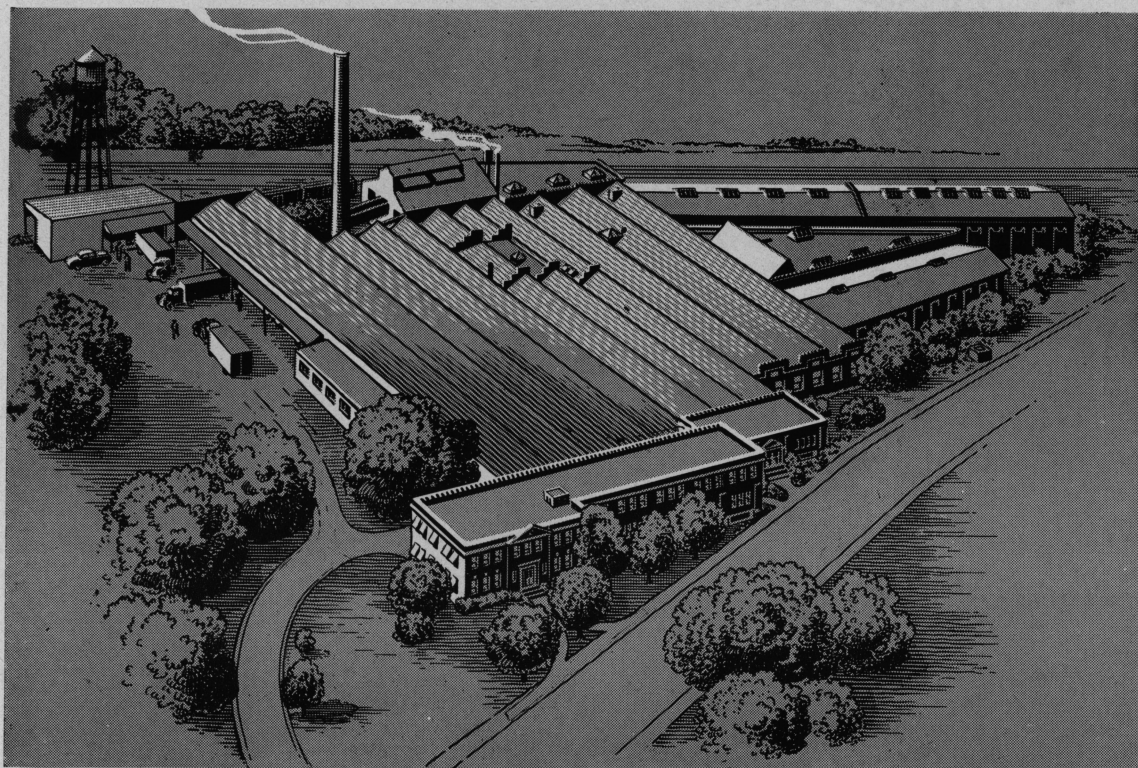


John K. Spear House — Built 1800 — 236 Park Avenue.
Recently restored by present owners, Mr. and Mrs.
William J. Clark.

INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES



Night view of 300 ft. tower and buildings of Federal Tele - Communication Laboratories Inc. Part of 120 acre site acquired by International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation on February 15, 1943.

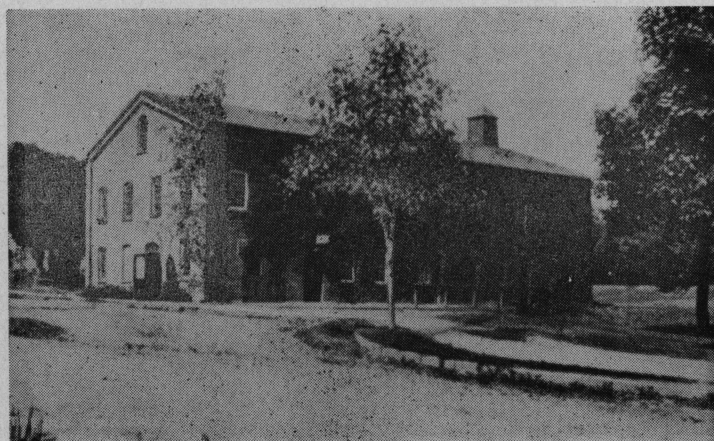


George La Monte and Son — Makers of Safety Paper since 1871



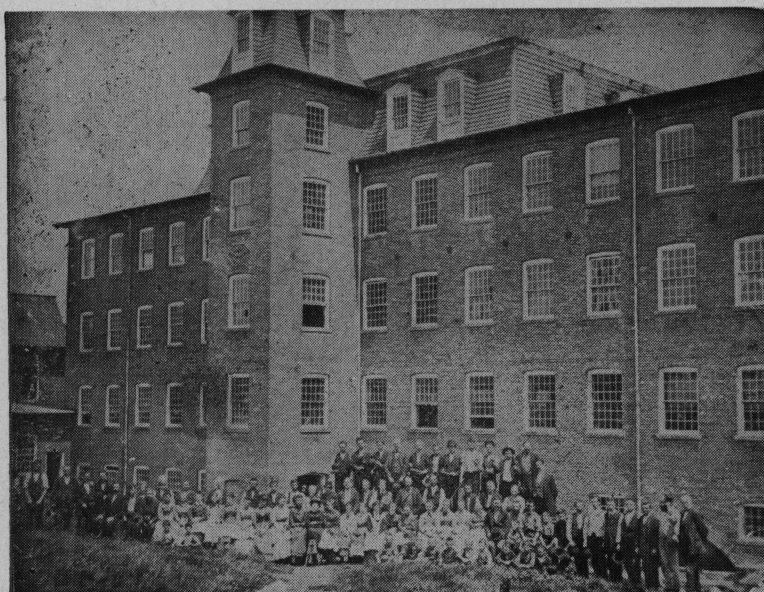
Hoffmann - LaRoche Inc., Pharmaceutical and Chemical Manufacturers; "ground broken"—Nov. 17, 1928

Old Town Hall, in 1890; previously part of Duncan Mills; land purchased from John Stager in 1835 by William Duncan.



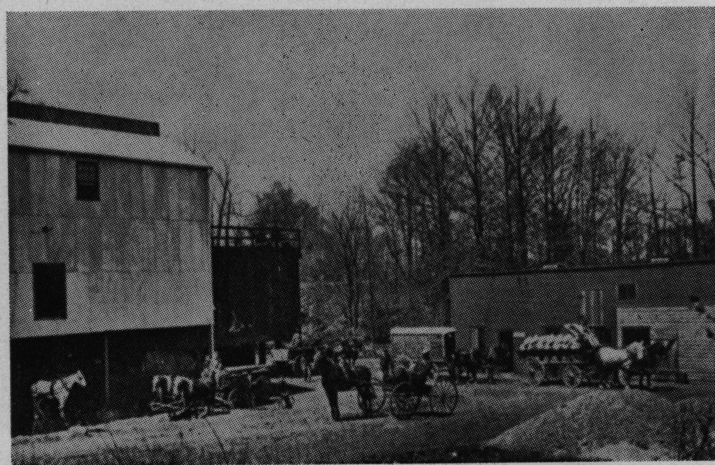
Stitt's Mill 1874; near Third River, where Vincent Methodist Church now stands.

John Stitt is mentioned in the history of Vincent Methodist and Franklin Reformed Churches. The Nutley Erie Station was at one time known as Stitt's station. The home of Mrs. John and the late Mr. Priestley at 308 Passaic Ave., was formerly the Stitt's residence located originally on the West side of Passaic Avenue. This picture is from the collection of the late John Eagleson.



Yards of the Nutley Coal and Supply Co. in 1896.

From May 1917 until 1942 mention of Nutley Coal and Supply and Nutley Lumber Company, brought to mind the name of Henry Loudon, their owner. His daughters, the Misses Mary and Flora Loudon, follow in their father's foot steps as well known civic leaders.



The Annie Oakley Story



Mural, painted on south wall of Nutley Post Office, in 1940 by Paul Chapman.



"Annie Oakley" and husband Frank Butler, with dog Jimmie, as remembered by Nutley neighbors.



Home in Nutley, New Jersey, formerly 300 Grant Ave.

Yes, "Little Miss Sure Shot" really lived in Nutley many years ago! The "Little Missy" who made Bill Cody's Wild West Circus famous in Europe and America at the turn of the century bought her "little acre of heaven" at 300 Grant Avenue in 1892, and it was to this home that she returned after receiving acclaim and medals from the crowned heads of Europe.

Although portrayed by Ethel Merman in the recent hit, "Annie Get Your Gun," as an aggressive teen-ager of the 1880's, Annie Oakley is remembered in Nutley as the quiet, reserved woman who with her husband, Frank Butler, entranced many of the neighborhood children with trick shooting.

It was during her residence here that the late John H. Donaldson of Highfield Lane was presented with Buffalo Bill's horse pistol, a patent Colt six-shooter, and leather pony collar trimmed with silver.

It is as neighbor and friend of later years that Mrs. William Longfelder of Highfield Lane takes pleasure in recalling the Butlers.

Deeds to the Grant Avenue property and town records show that the land on Grant Avenue was purchased from J. Fischer Satterthwaite by Frank and Annie Butler in 1892. The house, demolished about August 16, 1937, is said to have been built "without thought to closets because for years Mrs. Butler had traveled in trunks."

Friendly visits brought Annie Oakley and her husband to Nutley in the years after 1904. Days of World War I found soldier camps thrilled by the sight of the mature woman equalling her record of Chicago World's Fair days when in one day, loading the gun herself, she fired 5,000 rounds, hitting 4,772 of the flying balls.

Following two severe accidents, Annie Oakley returned to Dayton, Ohio, the state of her birth. The late Will Rogers visited her there and in 1927, a year after her death, wrote the following tribute:

"Annie Oakley, one of the finest and truest of American women was not only the greatest rifle shot for a woman that ever lived but I doubt if her character could be matched outside of some saint. She was a marvelous woman, kind hearted, most thoughtful and a wonderful Christian woman. Whenever I think of Annie Oakley, I stop and say to myself: 'It's what you are and not what you are in, that makes you.'"

Such was Annie Oakley's skill that the story is told of a baseball magnate who, disliking passes for free admission, came upon a card full of holes and said: "Huh! Looks like Annie Oakley'd shot at it." Thus a new name for free admission tickets was coined, and free passes to this day are known as Annie Oakleys.

In 1952, 2 homes of Colonial Brick occupy the site of the Annie Oakley house. They are the homes of Henry Finston at 302 Grant Avenue and of Arthur Horn at 306 Grant Avenue.

Church St. School Becomes Town Museum



Restoration active, 1946



Members prepare custodian's apartment



Robert F. Heald, Per Thelin, William Meseck lay brick walk.

"To you . . . we throw the torch. Be yours to hold it high!" These words of the poet John McCrae could well express the sentiments of Elizabeth Stow Brown, who, March 1, 1907, wrote in the preface of the "History of Nutley", "that a public place be appointed for the preservation of all historical material pertaining to the town. This should be not only for old documents of all sorts, but for the matter of the present day—for history in the making."

For many years these words inspired the writer and efforts have been made, to make Mrs. Brown's dream come true.

In 1938, a number of interested townspeople met as a part of the Nutley Adult School group; individual members began to collect items of interest which might be used for another chapter in the "History of Nutley". To these were added gifts of articles and mementos of old Nutley. Later, Mayor Charles Sherwood showed his personal interest and made it possible to have many pictures of town activities framed and hung.

When William J. Jernick became mayor in 1944 he called together a "Planning Committee"; on March 5, 1945 an organization meeting was held in the Nutley Public Library. At a later meeting permanent officers were elected with Robert F. Heald President. (The late Marion L. Lewis served as Honorary President.)

The need for a museum to serve the educational cultural and historical interests of the community was immediately recognized. On Dec. 9, 1946, Edgar W. Wright, then President of the Nutley Board of Education, presented to the Nutley Historical Society a short term lease for the old Church Street School, built in 1875. (This brick school replaced a wooden structure built in 1856 on land donated by Henry Stager.)

A Restoration Committee became active; early in 1950, a five room apartment was made ready for a building custodian. By September, 1951, the first floor only had been restored. The Nutley Art group meets weekly and many other town organizations find the building an attractive meeting place.

When, in March, 1952, the Nutley Board of Education approves a 20 year lease, the Nutley Historical Society will be able to carry out its program of providing a Town Museum to house historical items of interest, a Memorial in honor of all of our armed forces, and a place where Nutley citizens and their children may share in many cultural activities.

The Colonial Garden, made possible by the long term lease of the corner plot by the Board of Commissioners, provides appropriate surroundings for the "old school,"—"Memorial" gifts of trees and shrubbery have, during their first year of growth, added much to the beauty of the old fashioned roses and beds of iris, azalias, and other flowers.

Mrs. Brown's suggestions of 1907 have become a reality; with the members of the Nutley Historical Society continuing their Restoration program, and all citizens of Nutley, "accepting the torch" the Museum and Garden may be a living example of "American Dreams Come True."



Board of Education—Left to right: Ivor B. Watts, Kenneth F. Harris, Edward J. Lenihan, Mrs. S. R. Mountsier, Jr., Everett V. Zabriskie, District Clerk of Board of Education and Business Manager; Wayne K. Johnson,

President; Dr. Floyd E. Harshman, Superintendent of Schools; Marie Probert Bedell, Henry E. Baun, Stewart J. Fleming and Edgar W. Wright.

Presidents of the Board of Education

Since the Organization of the Town of Nutley, 1902

John F. ClarkFrom 1900 to 1902

John Vernon BouvierFrom 1902 to 1904

George B. PhilhowerFrom 1904 to 1906

Henry W. GoodrichFrom 1906 to 1909

George A. HillFrom 1909 to 1911

Horatio W. St. JohnFrom 1911 to 1912

Richard W. BoothFrom 1912 to 1931

(Member — 1896 to 1934)

Horace TantumFrom 1931 to 1933

Mary P. AmesFrom 1933 to 1935

John D. DeWittFrom 1935 to 1939

Frank G. SimmonsFrom 1939 to 1940

Ralph W. McClintockFrom 1940 to 1941

John H. LucyFrom 1941 to 1944

Wallace H. GibsonFrom 1944 to 1946

Edgar W. WrightFrom 1946 to 1949

Ivor B. WattsFrom 1949 to 1952

Wayne K. JohnsonFrom 1952 to present

Mrs. Goodrich, Born 1862, Writes of Early Days

Mrs. Henry Wicks Goodrich, now 90 years old, exhibits a picture of the Passaic River painted by Jacob Ward. One of the authors of the history of Nutley which was published in 1907, Mrs. Goodrich lives with her daughter, Miss Constance Goodrich, and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Goodrich. Another daughter, Frances, who lives in Hollywood, is well known as a member of the play and screen writing team of Frances and Albert Hackett, she and her husband being authors of the play "Up Pops the Devil" and numerous moving pictures, including "The Thin Man" series and "Easter Parade." Another, son, Lloyd Goodrich, a resident of New York City, is assistant director of the Whitney Museum of Art.

"This oil painting is called in the list of my grandfather's furniture 'A View of Belleville.' It was painted, according to a rough guess, no later than 1850, probably earlier. It shows a stretch of the Passaic River from the present Greenwood Lake railroad bridge spanning the river from North Arlington to North Newark, up to the Belleville bridge at the foot of Rutgers Street. (By the way, my son says that the little sailboat is all wrong, that it couldn't have sailed.) In spite of this criticism, the painting has been pronounced on good authority as an excellent one for that period. As to the artist, my recollection is that he was a Jacob Ward of Bloomfield, a close friend of my grandfather, and it seems that he was by no means without considerable reputation. Records in the New Jersey Historical Society give a full account of him and his work, and the Society owns one of his landscapes which has been engraved.

"When, as a child, I came out from New York to Belleville to visit my grandfather, one of my earliest impressions was of this picture which hung over the mahogany card table in the hallway of his house on Main Street. A vivid memory, too, is of the shining river, gleaming at the foot of his green lawns; the swish of the branches of the great weeping willows as they trailed and dipped into the stream; the 'plomp,' as old Morris Shelley threw a long rope into the water bringing up the pail dripping and sparkling, for the Passaic served every purpose except for drinking water. There are also memories of savage attacks of New Jersey mosquitoes on my fat New York legs. Toward evening as twilight settled down, I loved to hear the sturgeon leaping in the river, and the clip-clopping of horses' hoofs on the bridge near by. These are the things that a child remembers.

"Well, just as you see in this picture of 1850 was the town when I came for visits. A border of houses along the river banks, a few residences in a couple of streets behind Main. In the picture you see the Mansion House, considered to be a desirable hotel for New Yorkers to summer in, a glimpse of Christ Episcopal Church, and of the larger Dutch Reformed Church near the bridge.

"Stranger yet, when my father brought his family to live in Belleville in 1876, had another artist painted a second picture, 'A View of Belleville,' it would have differed very little from the 'view' of

1850. Not as yet a single building on Washington Avenue which was supposed to be only for stately homes; green fields; toward the north, Joralemon's Farm and dense woods running up to what is now Centre Street.

"By 1876 as a great concession to transportation—for as a child I had to reach my grandfather's on foot from Second River Bridge—we now had a horse-car running up Main Street from Second River for a few blocks ending at Holmes Street. It was a one track tiny car which tinkled its slow way occasionally through the middle of the street, drawn by one aged horse. This Toonerville Trolley continued its ministrations well into the 80's.



The painting of the river, shown on the wall, was painted about 1850 by the artist Jacob Ward of Bloomfield. Mrs. Goodrich, a granddaughter of John Crilley Lloyd, an early settler of Belleville, was born in New York City October, 1862.

"In the meantime the Erie had been built running from Jersey City to Paterson, the stock so well watered by Jim Fiske and Jay Gould that even with the best intentions in the world, which we hesitate to ascribe to the Erie, it could never be any good.

"I must say a word about our river. In my grandfather's time and long before, the Passaic was considered second only to the Hudson, as desirable for gentlemen's country seats. Its banks were lined with the homes of the old Dutch aristocracy. There were the mansions of the Schuylers, the Van Rensselaers, the Cortlandts, the Stuyvesants, the Morris, and these houses were still there when I was a young girl, but their owners were gone. But that was all the better for us young people. We were free to wander under the great trees at Fairlawn—the development Fairlawn keeps the old name—;

we enjoyed the old gardens, their box bordered paths and faded rose arbors, the nymphs, Venuses and Apollos fallen prostrate in the grass. The old glory was gone, but what was left had its loveliness.

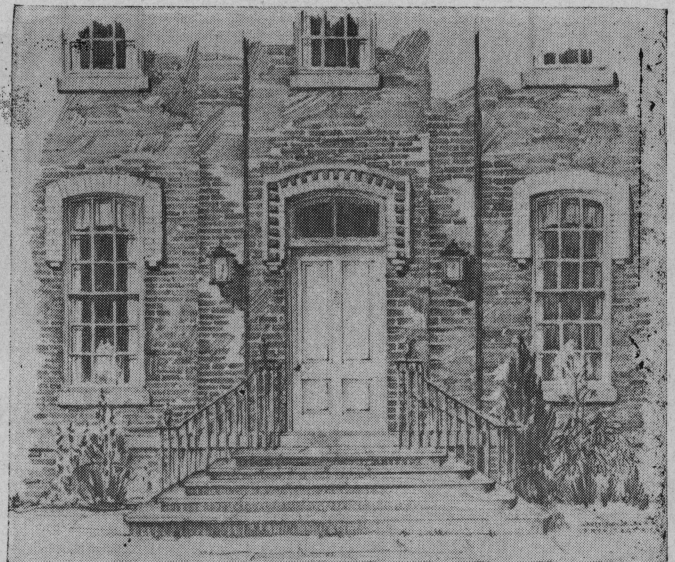
"When in 1892 the Henry Goodriches moved from Belleville to Nutley, there was still one of these beautiful homes but lived in by its family—'Nutley,' the home of Thomas W. Satterthwaite was charmingly placed where a bend in the river afforded a view up and down its course. The family, Mrs. Condit, Mrs. Nairn, still kept open its hospitable doors. I remember costume parties when old uniforms and dainty muslin dresses were dug out of its trunks in the attic. The chief event for our children in the Christmas holidays was the great tree at the James Satterthwaite house where the granddaughter, Mrs. Larkin, and her husband delighted the neighboring children with gifts, games and a magician.

"As I was much occupied at home, adding for one thing to the population of Nutley, my activities were naturally restricted in most cases to my immediate neighborhood and I did not see as much of the older part of our town as I would have liked. There were then around us green fields where now are houses. On Nutley Avenue from the Enclosure to the river there were possibly six houses; Highfield Lane one, Grant Avenue six, with the tiny Grace Church building on the corner of Whitford Avenue, Walnut Street with the Coe house, the Stockton house, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bucke, and two others.

"The Enclosure was the most thickly populated; as now, one looked down a tree-lined roadway to the lovely old house at the western end, now the home of Faris Feland, and just beyond the Stone house, now the home of the Schæfers. There was no West Nutley. Other homes were being built in small numbers, but no developments as yet for years to come.

"Our neighborhood had as a social center, the Field Club, where we had amateur theatricals, readings, teas, dances and children's parties. This club has now reverted to its early state as I first saw it—a vacant field, although there was even then a small building where the Archery Club, as it was then, could keep some equipment and cups for the out of doors teas.

"I am not one of those who think the old times were the only good times but naturally there was in Nutley because of its small numbers a more intimate feeling. Nutley is now a town very much alive and I am glad it is alive to the importance of reviving and preserving our past, linking it to our present and future—which is the aim of our Historical Society."



The proposed Restoration of the front of the Museum as sketched by James Henry Bailey, Nutley architect. This will be made possible by a gift from the late Grace McFarland, granddaughter of Warren Vreeland.



Interior of first floor of building as Restoration began.



First Floor, plastered, painted; with new folding chairs; rosewood mahogany square piano, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wright; cabinet, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schope; table desk from old Larkin home, near Nutley Manor.



Nutley Library—Built on the site of the Duncan Homestead; the present Library, with Helen Terry, Librarian since 1944, houses more than 50,000 books. The Nutley Free Public Library opened its doors August 15, 1914 with Miss Irene Phillips as Librarian. This Free Public Library was the result of the combined efforts of citizens interested in the old Public School Library and the privately endowed Nutley Library. The building at 381 Passaic Avenue, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Symonds, housed the Nutley Library until 1914.

NUTLEY—In Picture, Song and Story.

In her cover design Mrs. Fikus symbolizes, by use of tree, palette and book, the beauty of Nutley which brought artists and writers to seek inspiration near the banks of "the Avon of New Jersey".

Mrs. H. W. Goodrich, now living at 187 Nutley Avenue, in the 1907 History of Nutley, gives in detail the contributions of many famous Nutley writers.

The Memorial Book Shelf, to the left of the main entrance of the Public Library—arranged by Edgar Sergeant, with a design by William T. L. Armstrong, is inscribed with the names of Nutley artists well known in 1915. The Sketch Club, of 1920, meeting at the Field Club, lists newer arrivals. In 1952, we have the year-old Nutley Art Group, meeting weekly at the Historical Society building. Organized early in 1951, by Vivian Noyes Fikus and Eleanor Trautman, together with Andrew Hull, Bob Crozier, Santo Pezzutti, Sal Asaro, John Meyer, Evelyn Meyer, Dorothy Van Antwerp, Ann Cole, Gladys Pratt and Emmy Van Deven as a planning committee, the Nutley Art group is, in 1952, following in the footsteps of its illustrious predecessors.

In the lower floor of the Public Library, on the East wall of the Stockton room, is a mural depicting a scene from "Rudder Grange", the novel written by Frank Stockton while living in Nutley.

The Stockton Home, at 203 Walnut Street is now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bucke.

Described as the oldest active civic musical organization in town, the Nutley Choral Society of 1952 traces its beginnings to 1924 when the Music Department of the Woman's Club set up a group under Mrs. Harry C. Wing as Music Chairman. Directed by Bethridge Tucker, Leon Wood, and Frank Kasschau, and in 1952 by Howard Kasschau, the Nutley Choral Society, composed of men and women singers, carries on a high standard of choral achievement. Mrs. Abraham M. Siegel is the President.

The Nutley Symphony Society, organized in 1937, presents concerts and recitals for music lovers of Nutley under the direction of Nicos Cambourakis.

Ralph Bair served as first president of the Symphony Society. Grace McManus Smith appeared as solo artist at the Society's first concert on Dec. 9, 1937. William Oscar and Roy Armstrong cooperated in directing.

Frank W. Thober is President in 1952.

The Friday Afternoon Club, organized in 1904, claims the honor of being Nutley's oldest women's group. Mrs. William J. Kinsley served as first president from 1904-1906. Interested primarily in literature, the club continues to use as its motto: "How empty learning and how vain is art, be as it mends the life and guides the heart".

Mrs. Samuel E. Van Divort is President in 1952.

The Nutley Little Theatre, organized in October, 1934, was proposed by members of the Parish Players of Grace Church. Alfred Eville, Ivor Watts, Alfred Morse, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winternitz made up the group that called the first meeting to consider this popular community activity.

A comedy, "Up Pops The Devil", by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, was the first offering on Nov. 23, 1934 in the High School Auditorium. The first officers were Ivor B. Watts, President; Dr. Horace Tantum, Vice President; Robert O'Loughlin, Treasurer; Miss Jessie Feland, Secretary.

A barn on Erie Place was purchased from the Town of Nutley in 1939. "The Barn", as known to present day members, became the sole property of The Little Theatre group in 1943, and, is today, the center for social activities as well as a workshop and storage depot for scenery, stage sets and costumes.

President of Nutley Little Theatre in 1952 is Bernard Miller.



SPOTLIGHT YEAR 2002

In the "Spotlight" Column of our local paper, "The Nutley Sun", our high school students record the incidents that citizens of the year 2002 will review for a booklet honoring the one hundredth anniversary of the changing from the township of Franklin to the town of Nutley. We, too, turn to the files of our local paper for history "as it was".

'Twas while the town was legally Franklin that the 58 year old "Nutley Sun" appeared with William Taylor as Publisher. From 1900, this oldest weekly paper in Essex County, was owned and published by James D. Foy, and upon his death in 1915, by his wife, Eliza B. Foy and son Johnson B.. Agnes B. Teates, a relative of the Foy family, has been with the paper since 1918.

Russell D. Hay followed Johnson Foy, in 1938, and since October, 1947, Ralph E. Heinzen, foreign and war correspondent with the United Press in Europe for 25 years, has been the editor and publisher.

In the columns of our community newspaper the public finds recorded the activities which are enjoyed by the citizens of "Our Town U. S. A."—"Government of the people, by the people, and for the people", receives the headlines for all to read. Here, too, private business, under our system of "free enterprise" offers to the public its wares. In the editorial page, is reserved the space for the editor to state his own private views. This "freedom of the press" in our U. S. A. is a cherished privilege.

As events of 1952 are spotlighted in 2002, Nutley will stand out as a town of great civic pride and accomplishments. This phase of our days has been ably recorded in the "Know Your Town", (1949) booklet of the League of Women Voters.

But it is in the hearts and souls of our citizens that the moral and spiritual values of our town are imprinted. 'Tis the free will offerings of our many organizations that make our town great.

Such volunteer service has been noted by Nutley Lions Club in its first citizens awards to

Flora Loudon, Mrs. Emil Miller, Mrs. Beatrice Perry, and Mrs. Charles Fruehan and to the Nutley Symphony under the direction of Nicos Cambourakis.

Were the keynote of volunteer organizations to be struck, there would resound a melody of service groups, cooperating and emphasizing much help to our youth in their seeking for high moral and spiritual values.

So the Lions Club is joined by Rotary and Optimist and Elks, in their efforts to help our young citizens to become useful members of our community.

Church groups of all denominations devote much time to youth activities. Young Adult groups, Catholic Youth Organization, Fife and Drum Corps, are guided by volunteers.

Recreation Council activities, inter-school games, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth Baseball Leagues, Reinheimer Club, Parent-Teacher sponsored groups, tend toward developing and enriching the lives of our young citizens.

Adding greatly to the picture, are the offerings of our Nutley Woman's Club, the American Association of University Women, and many other organizations.

Standing by in time of need are other groups which seek no spotlight; here we may turn at all times to our Family Service Bureau, the Youth Guidance Council, our American Legion, Veterans and Amvets, our Civilian Defense Council, the American Red Cross, the Tuberculosis Association and the United Drive group which provides the funds wherewith to operate.

With all united for citizenship at its best, we realize that volunteer workers and the teachers in our schools may say with William Lyons Phelps: "teaching is an art—an art so great that a man or woman can spend a long life at it without realizing much more than his limitations and mistakes and his distance from the ideal".

Here's to 2002!

Acknowledgments

On May 4, 1951, Mayor William J. Jernick called together a group of citizens to discuss the possibility of a celebration commemorating the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Nutley. The following signified their interest: Dr. Robert J. Heald, Walter Etling, Bruce M. Lewis, H. L. Brooks, Mrs. Charles J. Fruehan, Charles A. Eisenfelder, Everett Zabriskie, Richard W. Booth, Ralph Heinzen, William J. La Ducer, Richard Kastner, Flora Loudon, Florence Eccles Rutan, Charles Hammond, Howard Sargent and Ann A. Troy.



ANN A. TROY
Editor

A Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Committee was organized with Dr. Heald, General Chairman; Everett Zabriskie, Vice Chairman; Elizabeth Tuers, Secretary; Bruce M. Lewis, Treasurer; Program Co-Chairmen, Richard W. Booth, William J. La Ducer, assisted by Mrs. Ethel James, Richard Fellers, Dorothy Mitchell Werner, Emil Barbata, Christopher Clarke, J. C. Brown, Mrs. Peter Murray, Lee Richardson and the officers of many town organizations whose groups are taking part in the Jubilee Program; Golden Jubilee Ball Chairman, Florence Eccles Rutan with Flora Loudon and Charles A. Eisenfelder Vice-Chairmen. Others on this Committee are Leon E. Lee, David Marshall, Helene Matt, Robert O'Loughlin, Abner D. Rutan, Charles Sherwood, and Miriam Sims.

In planning this Souvenir Booklet we find that 'our tastes exceed our pocketbook'. A check through many such program booklets shows that most emphasis is placed on portraying historical interests, homes, churches, schools, industries and civic departments. In this limited space it has been impossible to present our own fraternal, service, welfare and cultural activities, as well as the important developments of many other Civic Departments.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Committee wishes to express its appreciation to all those who, in any way, have made this Souvenir Booklet possible.

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Unusual care has been taken to verify dates and events according to records available for the period, or time mentioned.

Robert F. Heald
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