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Site headquarters, on Main Street at Lakeside Avenue in West Orange, is 2 miles west of Garden State Parkway and half a mile north of Interstate 280. Guided tours (1-1/2 hours) of the laboratory are conducted daily, beginning at 9:00 a.m., with the last tour starting at 3:30 p.m. Groups of 10 or more must make advance reservations by mail or telephone (201-736-5050). Tours of Glenmont begin on the hour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday except holidays by arrangement at headquarters. The laboratory is closed on Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1.

ADMINISTRATION

Edison National Historic Site is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. A park manager, whose address is Main Street at Lakeside Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052, is in charge.

As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has basic responsibilities for water, fish, wildlife, mineral, land, park, and recreational resources. Indian and Territorial affairs are other major concerns of America's "Department of Natural Resources." The Department works to assure the wisest choice in managing all our resources so each will make its full contribution to a better United States—now and in the future.

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THE WEST ORANGE LABORATORY

At the West Orange Laboratory, into which he moved on Thanksgiving Day, 1887, Edison could "build anything from a ladys watch to a Locomotive." There, for the next 44 years, he and his carefully chosen associates pursued their goal of inventing and developing things that "every man, woman, and child in the world wanted," and would buy at prices they could afford.

Still preserved at West Orange are the main laboratory building and five smaller red-brick structures that comprised the physics laboratory, chemical laboratory, chemical storage room and pattern shop, metallurgical laboratory, and powerhouse boilerroom. Other buildings, some of which still survive, were added later. The main archives building and museum storage vault were erected after Edison's death, as was the full-sized replica of his original tar-papered "Black Maria," the first motion picture studio.

The interiors of many of these structures are little changed from their appearance in the inventor's own time. Some contain exhibits like his original tinfoil phonograph of 1877, his 1889 "Strip Kinetograph" and other motion picture apparatus, and early electric light and power equipment. Edison's machine shops and stockroom are still here, as well as the double-tiered library containing his own desk and the cot on which he used to take catnaps when working round the clock. The chemical laboratory is little changed from its appearance in 1927-31, when Edison was conducting his rubber experiments.

GLENMONT

Glenmont, the 23-room Edison home, reveals the domestic side of the inventor's life. Here he found relaxation and time to generate new ideas for testing at the laboratory. The house, built for a New York executive in 1880 and predominantly Victorian in architectural style, today looks much the same as when the Edisons occupied it. Almost all the original furnishings remain in place, and include family portraits and other fine paintings and prints; books by the hundreds; heirlooms and period pieces; gifts from the great and near-great of many lands; and all the little accessories of living that make a house a home.

The beautifully landscaped 13½-acre estate also contains a barn, garage, greenhouse, gardener's cottage, potting shed, and other outbuildings. On the grounds, in a quiet, green bower, are the graves of Thomas and Mina Edison.





Here, where Thomas Alva Edison lived and worked for 44 years, are preserved the original laboratory buildings he erected in 1887 for organized research and development. Out of this cradle of wonders came hundreds of inventions and improvements which have made life easier and better for people everywhere. Edison's establishment at West Orange also set the pattern for great industrial research organizations which today serve the world.

Not far from the laboratory buildings, and part of the site, is Glenmont, the handsome country estate Edison purchased in 1886. This was his "thought bench," the starting point for many ideas which later took form at his laboratory "work bench" in the valley below.

EDISON: THE MAN AND HIS WORK

Born at Milan, Ohio, on February 11, 1847, Edison had only about 3 months' formal schooling. From an early age, however, he was a remarkably inquisitive boy, and, stimulated by his mother Nancy (a teacher before her marriage to Samuel Edison, Jr.), he learned rapidly on his own. When he was 10 years old, he had a small working laboratory in the basement of his home; when he was 12, he had another in a baggage car on the Grand Trunk Railway, where he worked as a newsboy and a "candy butcher." Earnings in this first job provided money for books to further his ruling passion for study and experiment.

Edison learned telegraphy in 1862, and developed his first patented invention, an electrical vote recorder, in 1868. The next year he produced an improved stock ticker which he sold for \$40,000. In 1876, after a period in which he manufactured many improved telegraph instruments of his own design, he moved to Menlo Park, N.J. There he built his first large laboratory, gathered round him a group of capable





assistants, and went into the "inventing business" on a more extensive scale, creating his fabulous phonograph as well as practical electric lighting and power systems. By the time Edison was 30 years old, he was already called "the Wizard of Menlo Park."

Mary Stilwell, the inventor's first wife, died in 1884. Two years later, Edison married Mina Miller, and the family took up residence at Glenmont, in the Llewellyn Park section of West Orange. Nearby he built a laboratory ten times larger and better equipped and staffed than the one at Menlo Park.

Out of West Orange came the motion picture camera, vastly improved phonographs, and both silent and sound movies. Other Edison patents covered electric motors and generators, incandescent and fluorescent lamps, continuous nickel and copper plating, a method of depositing metals in a vacuum, magnetic separation and briquetting of iron ore, processes for making carbolic acid from coal tar, and a nickel-iron alkaline electric storage battery which alone required 50,000 experiments.

In addition to his inventions and his work in industrial development, Edison made two significant discoveries in pure science. One was "etheric force," the electromagnetic waves later used in radio transmission; the other, a fundamental phenomenon of electronics which has since become known as the "Edison Effect" and which led to a world-wide advance in communications and space technology.

To the end of his days Edison retained an insatiable zest to discover and invent new things, resulting in 1,093 U.S. patents. He also had many foreign patents to his credit. His last ambitious undertaking, to find a practical domestic source of natural rubber, was almost complete when he died at Glenmont on October 18, 1931.



FILM REVIEW EDISON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

THE WIZARD WHO SPAT ON THE FLOOR

Presented by The British Broadcasting Co. Produced by Time-Life Films and the B.B.C.

Available from: Time-Life Multimedia Co. Time-Life Building New York, NY 10020

1970s

One hour (2 reels)

Color

For adults

Edison through interviews with his daughter, Madeline Sloane, and his staff: John Coakley, Ed Daly, Paul Kasakove, and Norman Speiden. The film reviews Edison's life, successes and failures, and portrays him as an individual who chewed tobacco, spat on the floor and made use of the knowledge of others to make his inventions practical. It ends showing Edison, the botanist, and his contributions to mankind.

Interesting and valuable for its presentation of Edison as a human being.

THE BOYHOOD OF THOMAS ALVA EDISON

Produced by Coronet Films

Available from: Coronet Films Coronet Building Chicago, IL 60601

1964

14 minutes

Color

For elementary schools

Photographed in Greenfield Village, Michigan, and Milan, Ohio, the film dramatizes Edison's boyhood, his early experiments, and his newspaper publishing venture. Besides emphasizing Edison's ingenuity and persistence, it reflects on the changes he made in the world.

Well organized and entertaining.

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GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY

Produced by Thomas A. Edison, Inc.

Available from: Film Classic Exchange 1914 South Vermont Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90007

1903

11 minutes

Black and white

For all ages

This classic is the first long-play motion picture with a plot to be filmed. The fastmoving, rough-action film in which Edison used his machinists and factory workers as actors introduces Max "Bronco Billy" Anderson, who soon became the first "western" star.

An excellent film of historical value.

THOMAS ALVA EDISON'S "GLENMONT"

Presented by The United States Fidelity & Guarantee Co.

Produced by Comco Productions, Inc.

Available from: Comco Productions (Ann Shanks) 201B East 82nd Street New York, NY 10028

1974

25 minutes

Color

For ages 10 and up (For administrative use only)

After E. G. Marshall's brief introduction to the life of Edison, the film covers his boyhood, the Menlo Park area, and West Orange, and focuses on his home. It ends at Edison's grave, where Marshall comments on Edison's contribution to mankind.

Inspiring, well done and entertaining.

A LAMP IS LIGHTED

Presented by A Detroit Edison Film

Produced by Video Films

Available from: Video Films, Inc. 2211 East Jefferson Avenue Detroit, MI 48207

1950

18 minutes

Black and white sound

For ages 12 and up

This film is initially slow moving as Francis Jehl, one of Edison's coworkers, explains the development of the incandescent lamp. After he discusses how Edison reached the point of using a high-resistance carbon filament in a vacuum, the film becomes informative and presents a first-hand account of the events leading to the trial of the first lamp.

An outdated though excellent account of the development of the incandescent lamp.

THE STORY OF THOMAS A. EDISON

Presented by Levey & Cooper

Produced by Robert Snyder

Available from: Em-Gee Film Library 49-31 Gloria Avenue Encino, CA 91316

1960s

30 minutes

Color

For all ages

This excellent film presents the entire life of Thomas A. Edison, beginning with his birthplace in Milan, Ohio, following him to Port Huron, Michigan, and tracing him eastward to Menlo Park, New Jersey. It introduces the inventions Edison worked on in Menlo Park, the incandescent lamp and the phonograph, and moves to the West Orange laboratory and his accomplishments there. It closes in his Fort Myers, Florida, home and mentions Edison's contributions to mankind.

Factual, interesting and entertaining.

IMPACT OF THOMAS A. EDISON

(Charles Blair's "Better World Series")

Presented by Pictura Films

Produced by Off Network Productions, Inc.

Available from: Off Network Productions, Inc. 515 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022

1974

24 minutes

Color

For ages 10 and up

Based on an interview with Paul Kasakove, an assistant to Edison, about Edison and his inventions, the film contains scenes that include Edison in his lab with his friends, Harvey Firestone and John Burroughs, as well as several brief Kinetoscope movies of the first filmed boxing match, belly dancer and contortionist. A brief look at Glenmont in the interview of Thelda Coakley contains scenes of the 1929 radio broadcast heard around the world. The movie reflects on Edison's theology and depicts his contributions to mankind.

Interesting and factual.

THE OLD MAN

Produced by New Jersey Educational Television

Available from: New Jersey Public Television 1573 Parkside Ave. Trenton, NJ 08638

1972

25 minutes

Color

For all ages

This film uses Edison's shots of old news photographs and motion pictures to explore the genius of the man who brought more than one thousand inventions to the world. It shows Edison with President Herbert Hoover, Harvey Firestone, Ty Cobb, Connie Mack, and a young Franklin D. Roosevelt. It also shows him experimenting on a process to develop synthetic rubber from the common goldenrod.

Interesting and informative.

FILM ORDERING INFORMATION

Teachers and organizations wishing loan service for <u>A Lamp is Lighted</u> or <u>The Boyhood of Thomas Alva Edison</u> may contact the Film Loan Service at the New Jersey State Museum, 205 West State Street, P. O. Box 1868, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. (609) 292-6313

Film loan service may also be available through the Regional Film Centers throughout the State.

Purchase/rental information on Edison films reviewed in this leaflet is updated below. Shipping costs are not included.

| Title | Ordering Address | Order Phone | l6mm Purchase Price | Rental Price |
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| The Wizard Who Spat on the Floor | Time-Life Multimedia Distribution Center 100 Eisenhower Dr. P. O. Box 644 Paramus, N. J. 07652 | (201) 843-4545 | \$500.* | \$50/3 days |
| The Boyhood of Thomas Alva Edison | Coronet Instruc. Media 65 E. So. Water St. Chicago, Ill. 60501 | (Toll free) (800) 621-2131 | \$243.** | not available |
| Great Train Robbery | Film Classic Exc'. 1914 S. Vermont Are. Los Angeles, Ca. 90007 | (213) 731-3854 | \$55. | \$15/day |
| Thomas Alva Edison's | Paramount Commun. P. O. Box 38817 Hollywood, Ca. 90038 | (213) 463-0100 | \$355. | \$40/showing |
| A Lamp is Lighted | Video Films, Inc. 2211 E. Jefferson Ave. Detroit, Mich. 48207 Attn: Mr. Cliff Hanna | (313) 393-0800 | \$75. | not available |
| The Story of Thomas A. Edison | Em-Gee Film Library 16024 Ventura Blvd. Suite 211 Encino, Ca. 91436 | (213) 981-5506 | not available | \$8.50/ showing: |
| Impact of Thomas A. Edison | Pictura Films 111 8th Ave. New York, N. Y. 10011 | (212) 691-1730 | \$350. | \$35/showing |
| The Old Man | N. J. Public T.V. 1573 Parkside Ave. Trenton, N. J. 08638 Attn: Susan Miller | (609) 882-5252 | \$200. | \$30/day |

* Available in video-cassette: purchase - \$250, rental - \$50/3 days

** Discount available with used film exchange

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Thomas A. Edison: Persistent Genius



Unit Plan For Teachers

Prepared By Edison National Historical Site



UNIT PLAN: Edison, Persistent Genius

Educational Objectives:

- 1. Students will gain exposure to all aspects of Thomas A. Edison's life.
- Students will be able to project an understanding of the impact of Edison's inventions.
- 3. Students will be able to project an understanding of the value of hard work

in achieving success.

Day 1. Activity time: $\frac{1}{4}$ hour

- A. Discussion The Laboratory
 - Identify: The Laboratory Edison National Historic Site U.S. Department of the Interior Edison is one of more than 300 areas in the National Park System.
 - 2. Identify location in New Jersey Using a state map identify the distance you must travel from your school to the Laboratory, and the distance from major cities - Newark, New York, etc.
 - Discuss the dates that Edison worked here Chronological dates: 1887 to 1931 What was going on in history? World War I; Scientific Revolution, etc. What was going on in technology? Electricity; Automobile; Industrial Research; Mass Production, etc.
 - 4. Briefly identify what the student will see at the laboratory. Refer to the section, "At the Laboratory."
- B. Poster Activity time: 1 hour
 - 1. Prominently display poster. (You might hang it on the bulletin board for the duration of the unit.)

- Discuss quotation on the poster.
- 3. Discuss the physical environment in the poster. Emphasize things associated with work, i.e., workbench, shelves, tools, light bulbs, etc.
- Discuss Edison's physical characteristics.
- C. Homework Activity
 - 1. Have the student make a list of how many light bulbs he has in his home, or how many times he uses lights, or the phonograph, radio, TV, or any other appliance that requires electricity. Or you may have him list the number of household objects that Edison had a hand in inventing.

Day 2. Inventions - Activity time: 1 hour

- A. "The Father of Electronics" Activity time: 1 hour
 - 1. Ask the students how many patents was Edison granted? (He had 1093 patents registered to his name in his 84 year life.)
 - 2. Discuss some of his major inventions.
 - 1. Light Bulb or Electric Light
 - 2. Phonograph or Speaking Machine
 - 3. Motion Picture Camera or Movie Camera
 - 4. Nickel, Iron, Alkaline, Storage Battery
 - 5. Electric Cars (used to test his batteries)
 - 6. Microphone and Carbon Transmitter (part of the telephone)
 - 7. Improved Stock Ticker (used to keep tabs on the Stock Market)
 - 8. Electric Pen or Mimeograph
 - 9. Multiplex Telegraph (modernized the primitive telegraph system)
 - 10. Wax Paper
 - 11. Concrete Houses
 - 12. Flouroscope the basis of the X-Ray
 - 13. Edison Effect the beginning of the Radio Tube, and Electronics
 - 14. Vote Register or Vote Counter (his first invention)
- B. Contributions Activity time: 1 hour
 - Have the student write a brief statement on "What Life Would Be Like Without Edison's Inventions."

Day 3. Activity time: 1 hour

Edison's Inventive Style

1. Accompany the students to the library to research Edison's inventive style. Students should return with a few basic concepts along the following lines:

The Self-Made Man: Edison learned from reading and experimenting. Selfeducated, he was dismissed from school after only a three-month attendance. His mother, a part-time teacher, taught him to read.

Many Long Hours of Hard Work: Edison used to work on the average 15 to 16 hours a day, 7 days a week, sometimes even 24 hours a day.

The Empirical Method of Experimentation: The trial-and-error method allowed him to build his knowledge on his success and failures. Edison believed if you have an idea, try it. The attempt will lead to new knowledge.

Extensive Documentation: During his lifetime, Edison filled over 1400 notebooks. In fully utilizing paper, he wrote on both sides and erased (instead of crossing out) his mistakes.

2. Discuss and share student findings.

(OR)

Day 3. Activity time: 1 hour or more (For grades 3 - 6)

As a class project have the class assemble a time chart of Edison's life, 1847 -1931. Fill in the important dates in his life, for example, dates of inventions, changes in laboratory locations, family life, etc. For reference, use the last section of the booklet, Brief Biography, included in the last section of this kit.

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EDISON'S LIGHT BULB EXPERIMENT



Day 4. Activity time: 1 hour

A. Build a Working Light Bulb

Using Edison's research technique, make a light bulb as described below. Note that the light bulb was invented in 1879; and 1979 marks its 100th anniversary.

Materials Needed:

Glass Jar - Quart size, instant coffee or mayonnaise jar.

Bowl - Large enough to hold glass jar upright, and about 2 inches deep.

Batteries - 2 or 3 6-volt-dry-cell batteries (common lantern batteries).

Wire - Two sections of thin plastic coated wire about 2 feet long.

Filament - Very thin wire, i.e., 1 strand of picture frame wire, or piano wire.

Candle - A 3 inch candle, or 2 birthday candles.

Water - Enough water to fill the bowl to a depth of 1 inch.

Directions:

- 1. Fill the bowl with 1 inch of water.
- 2. Make the filament; twist filament wire around a pencil, about 4 loops.
- 3. Strip both ends of the coated wire, about 1 inch from the end.
- Connect the filament to one end of both of the coated wires.
- 5. Bend the coated wire so that the filament stands straight up in the bowl, and the other ends of the coated wire are outside of the bowl. Tape can be used to hold the wires in this fashion.
- 6. Place the candle in the bowl, about 1 inch from the filament.
- 7. Light the candle.
- 8. Place the jar over the filament and the burning candle without putting the candle out.
- 9. When the candle burns out (due to the lack of oxygen), note that the water will rise in the jar. This is because a vacuum has been created in the jar when the candle burns off all of the oxygen.
- 10. Connect one battery at a time to the stripped ends of the coated wire, which is outside of the bowl. (see diagram on page 2)
 - B. Discussion on the Light Bulb Experiment Activity time: 5 minutes

Discuss the results:

1. Was the bulb very bright?

- 2. Why a vacuum? (Without a vacuum the filament in a regular bulb will burn up.)
- 3. Why a clear glass bulb? (This is for the maximum light output. Sometimes a frosted bulb is used to avoid glare.)
- 4. Compare your experimental parts necessary for the lighting industry to work, i.e., generators, switches, fuses, sockets, meters, etc.
- 5. Discuss any other questions the students may have.

Day 5. Activity time: 1 hour

A. Culmination of pre-visit preparation

1. Using the knowledge and experience gained from the last 4 days of class, have the student express his understanding of Edison and his inventive style. This can be accomplished in various ways, i.e., an essay using the poster (with its quote as a theme); or building an invention, painting, drawing, etc. This project can serve as an evaluation of the effectiveness of the unit. The activity can also be used after your field trip to help reinforce the unit and the subject matter.

2. The following is a list of topics which students can research and share while studying Edison.

Biography of Edison Edison's Family Life Edison's Boyhood Edison's Contribution to the Telephone **Tin-Foil Phonograph Motion Picture Camera** Movie, "The Great Train Robbery" Black Maria, Motion Picture Studio Storage Battery **Electric Light** Fluoroscope, A Type of X-Ray Electric Pen, Mimeograph Edison Effect, Forerunner of the Radio Tube Rubber From the Goldenrod Plant **History of Electric Power** History of the Phonograph History of the Motion Picture Industry **Edison's Cement Works** Edison's Contribution to Electric Vehicles, Cars and Trains Biography of W.K.L. Dickson **Biography of Francis Jehl Biography of Charles P. Steinmetz Biography of Francis Upton Biography of John Ott**

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3. A fun project is to assemble a large collage using pictures from newspapers, magazines, etc., of devices that Edison invented and improved, i.e., lights, phonographs, telephones, radios, electric cars and trains, concrete houses, etc.

PROJECTS TO DO: Word Games

1. Find the 10 words related to the electric light bulb. Words may run up and down, across, or diagonally.

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2. Cross Word Puzzle of Thomas Edison's Inventions

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- 1. Used as sandwich wrap
- 2. Incandescent lamp
- 3. A (Electric Pen)

Down

- 4. Used to make motion pictures
- 5. Nickel, Iron, Alkaline, storage
- 6. Speaking Machine
- 7. His first invention
- 8. Used to test his battery
- 9. Used in the stock market, the patent sold for \$40,000.00.

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GLOSSARY

Using a dictionary, have students find the definitions of the following words which relate to Thomas A. Edison's work.

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A THOMAS EDISON CENTENNIAL PACKET

This packet of materials provides basic information about the career and inventions of Thomas Alva Edison. It has been prepared by the National Park Service at Edison National Historic Site, West Orange; the New Jersey Historical Society, in Newark; and the New Jersey Historical Commission, in Trenton. The project has had the generous financial support of the Charles Edison Fund of East Orange, and the Eastern National Park and Monument Association.

The packet's production is one of a number of activities organized in New Jersey to commemorate the centennial year of Edison's development of the first practical incandescent light at Menlo Park, New Jersey, in 1879.

The packet has been designed primarily for teachers; the materials in it selected to stimulate the inclusion of units on Edison and the development of modern science and technology at all instructional levels. To this end, the sponsors have included the Historical Society's Instructional Bulletin, several classroom activities developed by the National Park Service, and reproductions of photographs suitable for instructional use depicting Edison's career and inventions.

Librarians and media specialists will also find the packet useful as other items provide basic reading about Edison and his career, a guide to some films by and about Edison, and a bibliography in the Instructional Bulletin for those interested in further pursuit of the subject.

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Edison: Thomas Alva Edison

Thomas Alva Edison1847-1931The Wizard of Menlo Park

Thomas Edison, one of America's greatest inventors, was born on Feb. 11, 1847, in Milan, Ohio. When he first attended school in Port Huron, Michigan, his teachers complained that he was "too slow" and hard to handle. As a result, Edison's mother decided to take her son out of school and teach him at home. Although young Edison disliked arithmetic intensely, he was fascinated by science and at 10 had already set up his first chemistry laboratory.

Young Edison's early career took a strange twist when, at the age of 15, he saved a stationmaster's child from being crushed by a runaway freight car and was rewarded for his courage with an apprenticeship as a telegraph operator. Soon he was spending all his spare time inventing telegraphic devices. His first commercially successful invention was an improved stock market ticker to report market prices. Using the money he received for this venture, Edison opened his own shop in Newark, New Jersey, in 1870, where he made stock tickers and turned out several inventions, including paraffin paper, the electric pen, which became the mimeograph machine, and a carbon transmitter that improved on Alexander Graham Bell's original telephone.

In 1876, Edison started what he called his "invention factory" in Menlo

Park, N.J. Soon a flood of inventions and improvements began flowing out of Edison's laboratory, and he became known as the "Wizard of Menlo Park." There he made some of his greatest inventions, the phonograph, and improvements upon the incandescent lamp so that it could be produced in large quantities at low cost.

Edison's next masterstroke was to build the first central electric power station in the world, located on Pearl Street in lower Manhattan, New York City. His men spent two years (1880-1882) digging trenches and installing 14 miles of underground cable required to power the 400 lamps belonging to his first 85 customers.

His only basic discovery in the world of pure science, the "Edison effect", in 1883 was to become the basis for the vacuum tube, which proved so essential to modern radio technology. In later years, Edison contributed greatly to standardizing and improving motion picture technology.

Edison's inexhaustible energy and genius (which he allegedly defined as "one percent inspiration and ninetynine percent perspiration") produced in his lifetime more than 1,300 inventions. He died, at 84, on Oct. 18, 1931, in West Orange, Edision Twp. Pub. Libre 340 Plainfield Ave.

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- 1847 February 11-born at Milan, Ohio, son of Samuel and Nancy Elliott Edison.
- 1854 Edison family moved to Port Huron, Michigan.
- 1857 Earliest record of interest in chemistry-young Tom Edison had a laboratory in the cellar of Port Huron home.
- 1859 A newsboy and "candy butcher" on the train of the Grand Trunk Railway, running between Port Huron and Detroit.
- 1862 Printed and published a newspaper, "The Weekly Herald," on the train-the first newspaper ever printed on a moving train.
- 1862 August-saved from death the young son of J. U. MacKenzie, Station Agent at Mt. Clemens, Michigan. In gratitude, the father taught Edison telegraphy.
- 1863 Used a locomotive whistle to telegraph across the river between Sarnia, Ontario, and Port Huron, when a telegraph cable broke.
- 1863 Put up a telegraph line from Port Huron railway station to the village and worked in the local office.

Published by The Thomas Alva Edison Foundation Main Street and Lakeside Avenue, West Orange, N. J. 1879 Invented the first practical incandescent electric lamp. The invention was perfected October 21, 1879 when the first lamp, containing a filament of carbonized sewing thread and embodying the principles of the modern incandescent lamp, had maintained its incandescence for more than forty hours.

1879 Invented radical improvements in construction of dynamos, making them suitable for generators for his system of distribution of current for light, heat and power. Invented systems of distribution, regulation and measurement of electric current, including sockets, switches, fuses, etc.

1879 December 31-gave a public demonstration of his electric lighting system in streets and buildings at Menlo Park, New Jersey.

1880 April 3-invented the magnetic ore separator.

1880 May 13-started operation of the first passenger electric railways in this country at Menlo Park, New Jersey.

1880 Ushered in seven strenuous years of invention and endeavor in extending and improving the electric light, heat and power systems. During these years he took out upwards of 300 patents. Of 1,097 patents issued to Thomas A. Edison, 356 deal with electric lighting and power distribution.

1880 October 1-first commercial manufacture of incandescent lamps began at Edison Lamp Works, Menlo Park, New Jersey.

1881 January 31-opened offices of the Edison Electric Light Company at 65 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

1881 March 2-Edison arranged to open the Edison Machine Works at 104 Goerck Street, New York City.

1882 January 12-opened the world's first commercial incandescent lighting and power station at Holborn Viaduct, London, England.

1882 May 1-moved the first commercial incandescent lamp factory from Menlo Park to Harrison, New Jersey. Organized and established shops for the manufacture of dynamos, underground conductors, sockets, switches, fixtures, meters, etc.

1882 September 4-commenced the operation of the first commercial central station for incandescent lighting in this country at 257 Pearl Street, New York City.

- **1883** Commenced the installation of central stations all over the United States and the world.
- 1883 July 4-first three-wire system central station for electric lighting started operation at Sunbury, Pennsylvania.
- 1883 Discovered a previously unknown phenomenon. He found that an independent wire or plate, placed between the legs of the filament of an incandescent lamp, acted as a valve to control the flow of current. This became known as the "Edison Effect." This discovery covers the fundamental principle on which rests the modern science of electronics.
- 1883 November 15-filed patent on an electrical indicator using the Edison Effect, the first application in the field of electronics.
- 1884 August 9-His wife, Mary Stilwell Edison, died at Menlo Park, New Jersey.
- 1885 March 27-patent executed on a system for communicating by means of wireless induction telegraphy between moving trains and railway stations.
- 1885 May 14-patent executed on a ship-to-shore wireless telegraphy system, by induction.
- 1886 Bought Glenmont, a residence in Llewellyn Park, West Orange, New Jersey.
- 1886 February 24 Married Mina Miller, daughter of Lewis Miller, co-founder of Chautauqua, inventor and manufacturer of agricultural machinery, of Akron, Ohio.
- 1886 December-moved plant of Edison Machine Works from 104 Goerck Street, New York City, to Schenectady, New York.
- 1887 November 24 moved his laboratory to West Orange where, for the first time, Mr. Edison applied his method of invention known as "Organized Research." During the first four years of his occupancy of his West Orange laboratory, he took out over eighty patents on improvements on the cylinder phonograph. He established a very extensive business in the manufacture and sale of phonographs and records, including dictating machines, shaveable records and shaving machines.
- 1887 Patented process for making plate glass.
- 1889 October 6-first projection of an experimental motion picture. This was a "talkie" shown at the West Orange laboratory; the picture was accompanied by synchronized sound from a phonograph record.

- 1889 Phonograph doll and other toys manufactured by Edison.
- 1891 July 31-applied for patent on the motion picture camera. By the invention of this mechanism, with a continuous tape-like film, originated by Eastman, it became possible to take and reproduce motion pictures as we have them today.
- 1891 This year marked the culmination of his preliminary surveys and experimental work on iron-ore concentration which he had started while in Menlo Park in 1880. Edison did some of his most brilliant engineering work in connection with this project. Actual work was commenced in his great iron-ore concentrating plant at Edison, New Jersey, during 1891 and this enterprise was continued till 1897.
- 1893 Edison-Lalande primary cells supplied power for the first electric semaphore signal installed on railroad near Phillipsburg, New Jersey.
- 1894 April 14-first commercial showing of motion pictures took place with the opening of a "peephole" Kinetoscope parlor at 1155 Broadway, New York City.
- 1896 Experimented with the X-ray discovered by Roentgen in 1895. Developed the fluoroscope which invention Mr. Edison did not patent, choosing to leave it to public domain because of its universal need in medicine and surgery.
- 1896 February 26-death of his father, Samuel Edison, in Norwalk, Ohio.
- 1896 April 23 first commercial projection of motion pictures at Koster & Bial's Music Hall, New York City, by the Edison Vitascope.
- 1896 May 16-applied for a patent on the first fluorescent electric lamp. This invention sprang directly from his work on the fluoroscope.
- 1897 Rock crusher, drying apparatus, mixer and conveyor developed by Edison.
- 1900 This year marked the beginning of a ten-year period of work which resulted in the invention of the Edison nickel-iron-alkaline storage battery and its commercial introduction. The alkaline battery is widely employed as a power source in mine haulage, inter- and intra-plant transportation, for railway train car lighting and air conditioning, signalling services and many other industrial applications.

- 1901 Commenced construction on the Edison cement plant at New Village, New Jersey, and started quarrying operations at nearby Oxford. In his cement industry, Edison proceeded to apply the fruits of experience gained in the iron-ore concentrating venture.
- 1902 Worked on improving the Edison copper oxide primary battery.
- 1903 July 20-applied for patent on long rotary kilns for cement production.
- 1907 Process for artificially aging Portland cement developed.
- 1907 Developed the universal electric motor for operating dictating machines on either alternating or direct current.
- 1908 Prefabricated housing begins with Portland cement developed by Edison.
- 1910 This year initiated a four-year period of work on improving the disc phonograph. His work resulted in the production of an instrument and records which reproduced vocal and instrumental music with improved fidelity and sweetness.
- 1911 Perfected diamond point phonograph reproducers.
- 1913 Introduced the Kinetophone for talking motion pictures, after spending much time on its development.
- 1914 October 13-patent executed on electric safety lanterns which are used by miners for working lights. These miners' lamps have contributed in an important degree to the reduction of mine fatalities.
- 1914 Developed a process for the manufacture of synthetic carbolic acid and aniline dyes. Designed a plant, and within a month was producing a ton a day to help overcome the acute shortage due to the World War.
- 1914 December 9-Edison's great plant at West Orange, New Jersey, was destroyed by fire. Immediate plans for rebuilding were laid and new buildings began to arise almost before the ruins of the old were cold.
- 1914 Invented the Telescribe, combining the telephone and the dictating phonograph, thus permitting the recording of both sides of telephone messages.

1915 Established plants for the manufacture of fundamental coal-tar derivatives vital to many industries previously dependent on foreign sources. These coaltar products were needed later for the production of wartime explosives. Mr. Edison's work in this field is recognized as having paved the way for the important development of the coal-tar chemical industry in the United States today.

1915 Became President of the Naval Consulting Board, at the request of Josephus Daniels, then Secretary of the Navy. During the war years, he did a large amount of work connected with national defense, particularly with reference to special experiments on over forty major war problems for the United States Government. At that time the late President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

- 1918 On leaving Naval Consulting Board, advocated permanent research board from which suggestion the present naval research facilities developed.
- 1923 Made a study of economic conditions, the result of which was published in a pamphlet in 1924, when Mr. Edison presented to the Secretary of the Treasury a proposed amendment to the Federal Reserve Banking System.
- 1926 Began experiment in producing rubber from native plants. Experimented with over 17,000 plant specimens, selecting goldenrod. Before his death he produced rubber which was vulcanized from goldenrod grown in his experimental gardens at Fort Myers, Florida.
- 1928 October 20-presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor by Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury. Original phonograph returned by the British government at this ceremony.
- 1929 October 21-commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the incandescent lamp and in the presence of President Hoover, Henry Ford and other world leaders, Mr. Edison re-enacted the making of the first practical incandescent lamp.
- 1931 October 18-died at Llewellyn Park, West Orange, New Jersey at the age of eighty-four; survived by his wife, Mina Miller Edison; his four sons, Thomas Alva, Jr., William Leslie, Charles and Theodore, and his daughters, Marion Edison Oser and Madeleine Edison Sloane.



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During the Revolutionary War local residents remained loyal to the Patriots' Cause, engaging in numerous skirmishes, especially in the Piscatawaytown-Bonhamtown area where several British regiments were stationed. Among the many who served with the American militia were Major Reuben Potter and Captain Abraham Tappan. Following the end of hostilities, residents turned their attention to improving and extending facilities and services started before the War. Funding through subscriptions and special taxes was initiated.

Of major importance during the 19th Century was the movement to form a new township from portions of Woodbridge and Piscataway Townships. Led by a group of Metuchenites, local leaders were successful when Raritan Township was incorporated, with the first election held at the Academy on April 16, 1870. Family names of the earliest settlers filled many of the civil servant lists—Tappan, Martin, Stelle, Campbell.

Internal political differences concerning representation, improvements and taxation continued after the formation of Raritan Township. Leaders in Metuchen opted successfully for the creation of a separate borough in 1900, followed by Highland Park in 1905.

During the following years, residents again renewed their efforts towards extending and refining facilities and services. A major change was made in the form of local government from Township Committee to Commission which lasted until 1958. However, throughout much of the eighty-four year period of Raritan Township, there existed a need to identify with the township and not with sections of the township—a situation which was common to other townships made up of villages in a rural setting.

The post-World War II period brought with it a rapid and massive increase in population with its corresponding demands for expansion and reorganization of all the resources of the community. The change from Raritan to Edison in 1954 honored Thomas A. Edison, who spent perhaps the most fruitful period of his life in the Menlo Park section during the latter part of the 19th Century. Numerous individuals and civic groups made concerted efforts to remove the last of the sectionalist feelings and build an identification with Edison. The result of their efforts is apparent.

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Originally commenced in 1991, this project reflects the efforts of members of the Edison Township Environmental Commission, both past and present.

In addition, the Commission would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Edison Township Health Department, and Oross and Associates, planner to the Township when the project began.

This project was funded by a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection with matching funds provided by Edison Township.

At this time, Edison is the first municipality to complete a map of Sites of Special Concern. The Edison Township Environmental Commission urges everyone using the map and materials to call the appropriate agency contacts contained in these materials if questions about a site arise.

> Edison Township Environmental Commission Charles Kavcsak, Chair - September 1997

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A. ABOUT THE SITES OF SPECIAL CONCERN MAP

The *Sites of Special Concern* map was prepared as a tool for planners, Town Officials and others seeking information about the known contaminated sites located within the borders of Edison Township, in Middlesex County.

The map shows, as closely as possible given its scale, the locations of sites where contamination of soil or ground water is confirmed and where remediation is currently underway or is pending. Due to the time it takes to complete a project of this magnitude, some clean ups may have been completed by the date of publication of this map and guide.

Current information on the status of each site is available by calling the phone numbers on the map legend which are also listed in this guide.

Work on the *Sites of Special Concern* was begun by the Edison Environmental Commission in 1991 under a Grant from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

It is the intention of the Environmental Commission to revise the *Sites of Special Concern* map from time to time as new information becomes available. The status of sites will change over time. A site may change from an active site to a pending site as new contamination is discovered. Sites now shown on the map may be removed on future maps once clean up activities have been completed and approved. New sites may be added as they are discovered and assessed.

Information on the sites listed on the *Sites of Special Concern* map was gathered from a variety of sources including the Edison Health Department, sites filed under the NJ Environmental Clean Up Responsibility Act (ECRA), known Super Fund sites, former landfills and sites included on the *Known Contaminated Sites in New Jersey*, published by the DEP in 1994 and revised in 1995.

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The Department of Environmental Protection helped us identify and eliminate sites filed under ECRA that were not known to be contaminated and where no clean up plan was filed or was required under the Law.

Although considerable effort was made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the *Sites of Special Concern* map, the Commission recognizes that some inaccuracies pertaining to the inclusion or designation of a particular site may still exist or that more complete information may be available. Therefore, the Edison Environmental Commission considers the *Sites of Special Concern* Map and Guide to be a dynamic document and invites the public to submit suggested corrections and any other relevant information directly to the Edison Environmental Commission or the Edison Health Department at 732-248-7200 or to the NJ DEP.

B. ABOUT THE SITES

The *Sites of Special Concern* in Edison includes sites under the oversight of the NJ DEP Site Remediation Program that have contamination present at levels greater than the applicable cleanup criteria for soil and/or ground water standards. Contamination is normally identified at a site through sampling of soil, surface water and/or ground water or by visual inspection (e.g., identification of floating hazardous substance product on water).

Although contamination has been identified at the sites included on this map, the nature and extent of contamination present, health risks posed, environmental damages and associated remedial priority are not reported. Rather, the details on the nature, extent and severity of the contamination at a specific site may be obtained by arranging a file review with the remediation program leads/contacts provided by the NJ DEP's Site Remediation Program on this Map and Guide.

The sites appearing on this map are classified as either *active*, when the site is assigned to a specific remedial program area, or *pending*, when the site is awaiting assignment to a specific remedial program area.

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C. HOW TO USE THIS MAP

 The latest information on the sites displayed on the Site of Special Concern map is available by calling the NJ DEP telephone numbers shown on the map legend on its upper left corner. The map site designations include an abbreviation for the bureau in charge of the site and a number which corresponds to the number on the site lists that begin on page 4 of this guide. When requesting information, callers will need to refer to a particular site by the name and address provided on these lists.

D. SITE LISTINGS

Two Bureau Agency names listed on the *Sites of Special Concern* map legend, **Emergency Response-Region II (BER -II)** and **County Environmental Health Act (CEHA)** are not included in this guide as there are no sites in Edison that fall under their oversight at present.

- 4. BEE<u>CRA</u> (Environmental Evaluation, Cleanup and Responsibility Assessment) 609-777-4130
- 5. BFCM (Federal Case Management) 609-633-1455
- 6. BFO-CA (Field Operations Case Assignment Section) 609-292-2943
- 6. BFO-IN (Field Operations-Initial Notice) 609-633-0708
- 7. BFO-S (Field Operations Southern) 609-584-4150
- 8. BSCM (State Case Management) 609-633-0719
- 8. BSM (Site Management) 609-984-2990
- 8. EM<u>SA</u> (Environmental Measurements and Site Assessment) 609-584-4280
- 8. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) 609-292-2943
- 9. BUST (Underground Storage Tanks) Not shown on Map 609-292-8761

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BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION, CLEANUP AND RESPONSIBILITY ASSESSMENT (BEE<u>CRA</u>)

| 1 | AMERCHOL CORPORATION | 136 TALMADGE RD | | NJD0530999 |
|---------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 12/07/1992 | LEAD/CONTACT | BEECRA | - 92-12-06-0958-0 |
| 2 | AUXILEC AIR EQUIPMENT INCORPORATED | 3920 PARK AVE | | |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 06/29/1990 | LEAD/CONTACT: | BEECRA - | NJD98077984 E89399 |
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| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 05/24/1995 | LEAD/CONTACT: | BFO-S - | 9210221405 |
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| 4 | BERGER INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED | EDISON INDUSTRIAL CTR & RTE | 1 8 | NTERROR |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 05/2//1995 | LEAD/CONTACT | BEECPA . | E93498 |
| 5 | CARY CHEMICALS INCORPORATED | BLOC (42) DIDITING ON | | |
| 1 | STATUS: ACTIVE - 02/28/1990 | BLLG 443 RARITAN CTR | DEPOTA | NJD00256224 |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 02/28/1990 CONTINENTAL CAN COMPANY | | BEECRA - | E84256 |
| 6 | CONTINENTAL CAN COMPANY | 24 KILMER RD | 1 | NJD04751261 |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 08/28/1992 | LEAD/CONTACT: | BEECRA - | E90462 |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 08/28/1992 STATUS: ACTIVE - 08/28/1992 E L BETH LIMITED | LEAD/CONTACT: | BEECRA - | E92119 |
| 7 | E L BETH LIMITED | 321 MEADOW RD | 10 12 2 2 | |
| - | STATUS: ACTIVE - 12/29/1987 | LEAD/CONTACT | BEECON | NJD98059402 |
| 0 | STATUS: ACTIVE - 12/29/1987 | | BEECKA . | E85539 |
| 8 | IDEAL GAS PRODUCTS INCORPORATED | 977 NEW DURHAM RD | | NTL SOODIEST |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 05/29/1990 | LEAD/CONTACT: | BEECRA - | E90133 ··· |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 05/29/1990 STATUS: ACTIVE - 11/02/1990 | LEAD/CONTACT : | BEECRA - | E90311 |
| 9 | INLAND CONTAINER CORPORATION | | | a a consequences |
|) | STATUS ACTIVE - 11/29/1994 | 2960 WOODBRIDGE AVE | | NJD98114031 |
| 2 | STATUS: ACTIVE - 11/29/1994 | | | 7.C.+ |
| 10 | INTERLEE INCORPORATED | 191 TALMADGE RD | NP = 1 | NJD00215339 |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 04/30/1991 | LEAD/CONTACT | BEECRA . | E85507 |
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| 11 | J M HUBER CORPORATION STATUS: ACTIVE - 03/09/1995 | IFAD/CONTACT. | DEPODA | |
| Const I | | Darby Contract: | | 234072 |
| 12 | METEX CORPORATION | 206 TALMADGE RD LEAD/CONTACT: | 10 MT | NJD000811026 |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 11/28/1988 | LEAD/CONTACT: | BEECRA - | E85412 |
| 13 | STATUS: ACTIVE - 11/28/1988 MULLER MACHINERY COMPANY INCORPORATED | | | |
| 5 | MULLER MACHINERY COMPANY INCORPORATED | 135 WHITMAN AVE | - | NJD982532988 |
| | STATUS: PENDING - 12/03/1993 | | BEBCIN - | |
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| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 04/19/1990 | LEAD/CONTACT: | BEECRA - | E85375 |
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| 12 | PRIVATE FORMULATIONS INCORPORATED | TOU PLAINFIELD AVE | | NTD002032303 |
| 1.6 | STATUS: ACTIVE - 09/25/1989 STATUS: ACTIVE - 12/21/1992 | LEAD/CONTACT: LEAD/CONTACT: | BEECRA - | E88644 |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 05/28/1993 | LEAD/CONTACT: | BEECRA - | E92560 |
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| 16 | REVLON INCORPORATED | RTE 27 & TALMADGE RD | | NJD002520542 |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE 07/11/1990 | LEAD/CONTACT: | BEECRA - | E85804 |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 07/20/1992 | | | |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 03/01/1993 | LEAD/CONTACT: | BEECRA - | E93010 . |
| 17 | STAUFFER CHEMICAL CORPORATION | | | · · · · · · |
| 11 | STATUS: ACTIVE - 03/28/1988 | | DDDDDD | NJD052204633 |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 07/15/1992 | LEAD/CONTACT: LEAD/CONTACT: | | |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 07/15/1992 | LEAD/CONTACT: | BEECRA - | E87815 |
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| 18 | WADELL EQUIPMENT COMPANY INCORPORATED 3 STATUS: ACTIVE - 06/29/1990 | 920 PARK AVE | | NJL500034160 |

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BUREAU OF FEDERAL CASE MANAGEMENT (BFCM)

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| 1 | EDISON 1ST AID SQUAD | 33 LAKEVIEW BLVD LEAD/CONTACT: BFCM | NJL000048298 - 9411130 |
| Z | EDISON MOVING & STORAGE STATUS: ACTIVE - 11/30/1994 | 110 RTE 1 LEAD/CONTACT: BFCM | NJL000067850 - 0032906 |
| 3 | KIN BUC LANDFILL STATUS: ACTIVE - STATUS: ACTIVE - 04/01/1992 | 383 MEADOW RD LEAD/CONTACT: BFCM LEAD/CONTACT: EPA | NJD049860836 - NJD049860836 - M227 |
| 4 | MACYS RARITAN DISTRIBUTION CENTER STATUS: PENDING - 07/27/1994 | 10 CLEARVIEW RD .(RARITAN CENTER) | NJL600202196 |
| 5 | NJ HOME FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS STATUS: PENDING - 08/17/1994 | 132 EVERGREEN RD LEAD/CONTACT: BFCM | NJL600173280 |
| 6 | NJ STATE POLICE EDISON TOWNSHIP STATUS: PENDING - 07/26/1993 | 2667 WOODBRIDGE AVE | NJD982728479 |
| 7 | RARITAN OIL COMPANY INCORPORATED . STATUS: PENDING - 11/18/1994 | 401 RTE 1 S LEAD/CONTACT: BFCM | NJL600206882 |
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| 9 | RENORA INCORPORATED STATUS: ACTIVE - | | |
| 10 | US POSTAL SERVICE EDISON TOWNSHIP STATUS: PENDING - 11/07/1994 | 21 KILMER RD. | NJL600074967 |
| 11 | WELLS SERVICE STATION | | NIL600045512 |

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ASHBROOK FARM LANDFILL RAHWAY RD & INMAN AVE NJD980755334 STATUS: PENDING - 06/02/1993 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-CA - 5304164

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3. FEDERAL STORAGE WAREHOUSE LANDFILL KING GEORGES POST RD NJL000064600 STATUS: PENDING - 06/02/1993 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-CA - 9304124

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- Field Operations - Initial Notice BFO-IN

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1 MARLIN AVENUE EAST STATUS: PENDING - 04/05/1995 . 1 MARLIN AVE E NJL000052563 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 950414 -----2 131 GROSS AVENUE . 131 GROSS AVE STATUS: PENDING - 10/28/1993 1.41 NJL000067413 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 931091 . · · · · · · · 3 26 REED STREET · · · · · · 26 REED ST STATUS: PENDING - 05/17/1993 NJL000052712 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 930545 -----4 -----31 EXETER AVENUE 31 EXETER AVE STATUS: ACTIVE - 04/10/1995 NJL800110835 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 950131135145 5 32 SCOTT AVENUE 32 SCOTT AVE STATUS: ACTIVE - 03/10/1995 NJL800098642 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 941110103025 6 1 35 ASHLEY ROAD 1. 1. 35 ASHLEY RD NJL800001430 STATUS: ACTIVE - 07/20/1993 L LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 930720102223 7 35 MARKHAM ROAD 35 MARKHAM RD NJL800012874 STATUS: PENDING - 04/06/1994 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 9403174 8 58 GARDEN TERRACE 58 GARDEN TERR NJL800100802 . STATUS: ACTIVE - 03/21/1995 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 941122103451 ------9 7 RAMSEY ROAD 7 RAMSEY RD NJL800002594 STATUS: ACTIVE - 11/12/1993 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 930811114553 -----10 BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORPORATION 100 TO 120 RARITAN CTR NJL000049940 STATUS: ACTIVE - 03/09/1993 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 9210221405
STATUS: ACTIVE - 05/24/1995 LEAD/CONTACT: BEECRA - E93224 LEAD/CONTACT: BEECRA - E93224 ... The second states and the second second 11 BLUE SPRUCE II 653 RARITAN CENTER PWY NJD980769988 STATUS: PENDING - 12/21/1992 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 921270 -----17 DUYK LAW OFFICE 1636 RTE 27 · NJL880002563 STATUS: PENDING -, 05/17/1993 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 930543 ** * *** * 13 -----EDISON GENERATOR EXCHANGE 785 RTE 1 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 921223 NJL000044818 STATUS: PENDING - 12/16/1992 -----14 ENTENMANNS BAKERY OF NEW JERSEY INC 2120 RTE 27 (LINCOLN HWY) NJL000051466 STATUS: ACTIVE - 12/09/1994 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 940914101205 INTERNATIONAL FOODS INCORPORATED 505 OLD POST RD 15 NJL000047407 STATUS: PENDING - 03/14/1995 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 950395 -MOBIL CHEMICAL CORPORATION RESEARCH LAB 2195 RTE 27 & VINEYARD RD NJD053101085 16 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 9207201614 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0163514 STATUS: ACTIVE - 07/22/1992 STATUS: ACTIVE - 06/13/1995 REGAL BELOIT CORPORATION ----17 55 NATIONAL RD STATUS: PENDING - 05/14/1993 NJD131656019. LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 930559 ----18 US LAND RESOURCES INCORPORATED : 330 TALMADGE RD STATUS: PENDING - 12/04/1992 : LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 921228 NJD038589834

BUREAU OF STATE CASE MANAGEMENT (BSCM) SC 1 CENTER REALTY 300 RARITAN CENTER PHY NJD020777181 STATUS: ACTIVE - 01/01/1980 LEAD/CONTACT: BSCM - NJD020777181 2 CENTRAL GAS WORKS (PSE4G) 410 SILVER LAKE AVE NJD000574392 STATUS: PENDING - 01/15/1993 LEAD/CONTACT: BSCM - 930152

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LEAD/CONTACT: BSM

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ENVIRONMENTAL MEASUREMENTS AND SITE ASSESSMENT SECTION (EMSA) Formerly called Remedial Planning and Design Element-Site Assessment Section (RPD-SA)

- STATUS: PENDING - 12/23/1993 LEAD/CONTACT: EMSA - 931197

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

| EPA | | | |
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| 1 | KIN BUC LANDFILL | 383 MEADOW RD | NJD049860836 |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - | LEAD/CONTACT: BFCM | - NJD049860836 |
| | STATUS: ACTIVE - 04/01/1993 | LEAD/CONTACT: EPA | - M227 |
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| MOBIL SERVICE STATION STATUS: ACTIVE - 06/07/1995 | 2200 RTE 27 & VINEYARD RD LEAD/CONTACT: BUST ' | - 0037947 |
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| MOBIL SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP STATUS: ACTIVE - 03/16/1989 | 2084 WOODBRIDGE AVE LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJD986505101 |
| HOBIL SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP STATUS: ACTIVE - 03/18/1991 | 755 RTE 1 & OLD POST RD LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJD986606119 - 0037956 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK SAW SERVICE INCORPORATED STATUS: ACTIVE - 06/03/1992 | 5 GREEK LN LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJL600073696 - 0117074 |
| OPEN ROAD HONDA STATUS: ACTIVE - 12/06/1993 | 50 RTE 1 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJD986615136 |
| STATUS: ACTIVE - 12/30/1991 | 104 SUNFIELD AVE LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJL600098313 - 0155937 |
| STATUS: ACTIVE - 10/10/1990 | ROOSEVELT DR & PARSONAGE RD LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJL600080485 - 0127271 |
| ROOSEVELT PARK MAINTENANCE BUILDING STATUS: ACTIVE - 02/10/1993 | OAKWOOD AVE LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJL000039149 - 0127370 |
| | 125 CLEARVIEW AVE | NTLOGODEOTE |
| RARITAN VALLEY BUS SERVICE STATUS: ACTIVE - 02/10/1986 | | NJL600070098 |
| | LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJD000584664 - 0047513 - 0013673 |
| SHELL SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP STATUS: ACTIVE - 04/25/1994 | 33 RTE 27 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJD00070118 - 0052184 |
| SHELL SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP STATUS: ACTIVE - 08/30/1988 | DURHAM AVE & NEW DURHAM RD LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJD986585982 - 0047874 |
| STATUS: ACTIVE - 10/28/1994 | 2 SUTTON PL LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJL800109076 - 0235253 |
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| TEXACO SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP STATUS: ACTIVE - 04/18/1991 | 950 AMBOY AVE | 1 |
| TORSIELLO & SONS STATUS: ACTIVE - 01/27/1993 | 27 PROGRESS ST LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJL000055814 - 0244910 |
| TWIN COUNTY GROCERS INCORPORATED STATUS: ACTIVE - 06/01/1990 | LEAD/CONTACT: BUST | NJD006973101 - 0025184 |
| WHITE CONSOLIDATED INCORPORATED | | |

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BUREAU OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (BUST)

1171 INMAN AVENUE 1171 INMAN AVE. NJL600048003 STATUS: ACTIVE - 07/31/1992 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0074036 5 KELLOG COURT 5 KELLOG CT NJL800110033 STATUS: ACTIVE - 01/12/1995 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - NJL800110033-001 AMOCO SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP RTE 27 & ROBINSON AVE 1 NJD982720427 STATUS: ACTIVE - 12/29/1994 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0018010 AMOCO SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP 421 RTE 1 S NJD986611432 STATUS: ACTIVE - 04/10/1995 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0018083 AMOCO SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP 1501 RTE 1 S & PARSONAGE RD NJD986636595 STATUS: ACTIVE - 05/14/1991 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0008804 AMOCO SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP RTE 1 N & PLAINFIELD AVE NJL600006464 STATUS: ACTIVE - 10/08/1991 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0009920 ATLANTIC GAS COMPANY INCORPORATED 233 PLAINFIELD AVE NJL600174536 STATUS: ACTIVE - 10/02/1991 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0010964 -----2.30 2012 ·********** AUTOMATIC CATERING FOOD CONCEPTS 58 BRUNSWICK AVE NJL600024228 STATUS: ACTIVE - 04/12/1989 . LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0036993 CITGO SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP · STEPHENVILLE PWY NJL600189864 STATUS: ACTIVE - 07/17/1986 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - NJL600189864-001 ----CON LUX COATINGS INCORPORATED 226 TALMADGE RD STATUS: ACTIVE - 07/10/1992 NJD002157030 1/2 - 07/10/1992 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0158547 DEOLS AUTO & TRANSMISSION REPAIR 209 CENTRAL AVE 2.4 STATUS: ACTIVE - 03/07/1994 NJL000059055 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0240527 -EXXON SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP 144 RTE 1 S S#2 NJD986599546 STATUS: ACTIVE - 10/13/1987 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0079671 EXXON SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP . 3115 WOODBRIDGE AVE NJD986599777 STATUS: ACTIVE - 05/24/1988 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0086970 EXXON SERVICE. STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP 240 .RTE 27 & WOOD AVE * * * .. NJD986604833 STATUS: ACTIVE - 12/01/1989 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0076728 - ----FEDERAL EXPRESS LDJ . 305 CLEARVIEW AVE NJL600244115 STATUS: ACTIVE - 08/31/1994 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0146856 FORD MOTOR EDISON ASSEMBLY PLANT 939 RTE 1 NJD002143782 STATUS: ACTIVE - 06/01/1992 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0024996 FRANK MILLMAN DISTRIBUTORS INCORPORATED 8 PROGRESS, ST NJL600042105 STATUS: ACTIVE - 11/13/1991 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0064758. HESS SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP 1555 RTE 27 E STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP 1555 RIE 27 STATUS: ACTIVE - 10/28/1988 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0087898 . . NJC876004169 T . Wash HESS SERVICE STATION EDISON TOWNSHIP 789 AMBOY AVE STATUS: ACTIVE - 09/27/1989 NJD986586063 9 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST. - 0084125 STATUS: ACTIVE - 10/28/1988 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0126830 HEYNA MOTOR FUELS INCORPORATED 279 RTE 1 & OAKLAND AVE NJL600008171 STATUS: ACTIVE; - 06/21/1994 . LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0012421 INMAN SPORTS CLUB 990 INMAN AVE NJL600183636 STATUS: ACTIVE - 07/05/1990 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0195807 -KRAUSZERS DAIRY INCORPORATED 76 NATIONAL RD NJD982794836 STATUS: ACTIVE - 02/03/1995 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0059024 -----MIDDLESEX COUNTY MOSQUITO COMMISSION 200 PARSONAGE RD NJD000776666 STATUS: ACTIVE - 12/14/1992 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0069357 -----20. 4 MOBIL CHEMICAL CORPORATION RESEARCH LAB 2195 RTE 27 & VINEYARD RD STATUS: ACTIVE - 07/22/1992 NJD0531010851 LEAD/CONTACT: BFO-S - 9207201614 STATUS: ACTIVE - 06/13/1995 LEAD/CONTACT: BUST - 0163514

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Edison Twp. Pub. Library 340 Plainfield Ave. Edison, NJ 08817



REFERENCE Ask Desk

Edison Edison: History 1985

Edison Township has been an independent municipality for more than 100 years.

Raritan Township was incorporated in 1870, but in 1954 residents voted to change the name of the community in honor of Thomas A. Edison, who perfected the incandescent light bulb at his Menlo Park laboratory here in 1879.

A rural community until the 1920s, Edison is now a major commercial and industrial center.

POPULATION: 73,390.

POST OFFICES

Edison - 2101 Route 27, 287-4311 Menio Park - Route 1 and Par-

sonage Road, 548-4603 Nixon - 2079 Woodbridge Avenue, 985-3442.

ZIP CODES

South Edison, 08817; Clara Barton, 08837; North Edison, 08820; Edison P.O. Box No., 08818.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET: \$38,340,994.

TAX RATE

\$1.55 for school purposes.

11 cents for municipal purposes.

68 cents for county purposes 12 cents for garbage where serrice is available.

Total General Tax Rate, \$2.46. **POLICE:** Headquarters in the rear of the Municipal Building, 100 Municipal Blvd., off Route 27, 287-0900.

Police Chief: Richard Kermes. Deputy Police Chief: Capt. Joseph Seroka.

To report a crime or accident: dial 287-0900. Give your name, address and telephone number to the desk officer.

Residents may also request a datrol car be sent to their home to assist in preparing accident or crime eports. Copies of police reports may be obtained at the Central Records Bureau of the department from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Frilay. In emergencies, dial 287-0700. **MUNICIPAL COURT:**

Judge: Paul E. Anderson. Court Clerk: Margery Curran. Sessions: 10 a.m. Monday, 7 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. on the first uesday of each month in the courtroom in the police wing of the Municipal Building. The Violations Bureau is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Monday-Friday. GOVERNMENT

Edison operates under the Raulkner Act, with a mayor and seven council members elected at large on a partisan basis for staggered terms of four years.

Municipal Building is at 100 Municipal Blvd., off Route 27.

The Township Council holds regular meetings at 8 p.m. on the second

and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the council chambers on the second floor of the municipal building. Caucus sessions are held at 7:45 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the council caucus room behind the council chambers.

Special council meetings may be called by the mayor or at the request of any three council members. TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics; Democrat, office, 287-0900, Ext. 200 - term ends Dec. 31, 1985.

Council President George Asprocolas, Democrat, 225-3873 - term ends Dec. 31, 1985.

Councilwoman Dorothy Drwal, Democrat, 985-6663 - term ends Dec. 31, 1983.

Councilman Sid Frankel, Democrat, 985-6428 - term ends Dec. 31, 1987.

Councilman Angelo Orlando Jr.; Democrat, 287-0763 - term ends Dec. 31, 1985.

Councilman John Hogan, Democrat, 985-0800, term ends Dec. 31, 1987.

Councilman Henry Cackowski, Democrat, 494-5012 - term ends Dec. 31, 1987.

Councilman George Spadoro; Democrat, 225-2549 - term ends Dec. 31, 1985.

ELECTIONS:

Voting for council is held every two years, on a staggered basis. The mayor and three councilmen are elected every four years; four councilmen are elected in alternate years.

VOTER REGISTRATION:

Registration may be made at the township clerk's office, daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the municipal building, 100 Municipal Blvd. **MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS: Business Administrator: John** Delesandro, 287-0900, Ext. 200. Clerk: Lucille Tucker, 287-0900. **Department Directors:** Finance: John H. Fox Jr. Public Safety: Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics, acting director. Township Attorney: Peter A. eSarno.

Public Works: William Lund. Parks. Public Buildings and Rec-

reation: Harold V. McAvoy. Health and Human Services: Dr. A. Peter Capparelli.

MUNICIPAL BOARDS:

Planning Board, 8 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, Council Chambers, municipal building. Zoning Board of Adjustment, 8 p.m., third Tuesday, Council cham-

bers **Board of Health**, meets four times a year following regular Township

Council meetings. Environmental Commission -



New housing in Edisor

Woodbrook Corner in Edison is among new housing developments that have sprung up in

meets six times a year at different libraries in the township.

Housing Authority - 8 p.m., second Tuesday, Community Room, Julius Engel Apartments, Willard Dunham Drive

Rent Control Board - 7:30 p.m., first Wednesday, Council Chambers, municipal building.

RECREATION:

Edison has two county parks within its borders, more than 30 equipped and staffed neighborhood playgrounds, softball fields and several golf courses. Fourteen of the parks are on public or parochial school grounds and are in full operation for eight weeks during the summer.

Work on a new municipal pool, to be located on the Municipal Complex grounds off Route 27, is expected to begin during 1986.

Tennis Courts: Central Avenue, Oak Tree Road, Portland Street, Earl Schenk Meirs (N. 8th Avenue), Edison High School, J.P. Stevens High School.

GARBAGE COLLECTION:

Edison has public garbage collection for most private homes in 13 garbage districts. Other areas and nearly all apartment complexes are served by private collectors paid by the users. Pickups in the garbage districts are twice weekly, either on Mondays and Thursdays or Tuesdays and Fridays.

Special pickups are made on Vednesdays for oversized or special items. Arrangements may be made with the Sanitation Department, 287-0900, ext. 300.

WATER AND SEWER SERVICE



Most older hornes already have

ater meters; new home owners

nay call the Water Department,

Clara Barton and North End are

erviced by the Middlesex Water Co.,

34-1500. Other areas are served by

Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.,

North Edison Branch, Library

Clara Barton Branch, Hoover and

Library Board of Trustees meets

at 4 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each

nonth at the Main Library. No

Fire chief: Richard Latham.

pointed by the mayor. Edison has

oth paid and volunteer firefighters.

here are five fire precincts, with

pproximately 120 paid firemen and

0 volunteers. Members of each

House 1, Plainfield and Simpson

venues; House 2, Route 27 and

Precinct 2 - Edison Volunteer

Precinct 3 - Raritan Engine Co.

Precinct 4 - H.K. Volunteer Co.,

recinct elect their own officers.

mber, 287-0100.

angstaff Avenue

849 Amboy Ave.

le. 1, Route 27, park area.

lace and Grove Avenue, 548-3045.

leasant avenues, 738-0096.

eeting is held in August.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

he municipal water department.

87-0900, ext. 305.

LIBRARIES

:87-2298.

this community which is tucked into the northern part of Middlesex County.

840 New Dover Road.

Precinct 5 - Oak Tree Volunteer Co., 1 Beverly St.

FIRST AID SQUADS

All emergencies are reported to a central number, 287-0700.

Edison First Aid Squad No. 1, Lakeview Boulevard, off Woodbridge Avenue.

Edison First Ald Squad No. 2, Route 27.

Clara Barton First Aid Squad No. 3, 1079 Amboy Ave.

SCHOOLS

The Edison Township School District includes 13 elementary schools, four junior high schools and two high schools

SCHOOL BUDGET: \$47,027,694 TAX: \$1.55 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Superintendent of Schools: Charles A. Boyle, Office, 287-4400, third floor municipal building, 100 Municipal Bivd., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

School enrollment: 9,966

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

All fires are reported to a central All kindergarten through sixth grade: Precinct 1 - Raritan Engine Co.

No. 8, Lincoln, Brookville Road, 287-2320.

No. 9, Washington, Winthrop and Cambridge Roads, 985-1102.

No. 10, James Madison, New Dover Road, 549-9440.

No. 11, Benjamin Franklin, 2485 Woodbridge Avenue, 985-7330. No. 13, John Marshall, Cornell

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Street, 985-3377.

No. 14, Menio Park, Monroe Ave nue, 548-3903.

No. 15, James Monroe, Sharp Road, 225-3170.

No. 16. Lindeneau, Blossom Street 985-7011

No. 17, Woodbrook, Robin Road. 548-3875. No. 18, Martin Luther King, Ting-

ley Lane and Inman Avenue, 754-4289.

No. 20, James Madison, New Dover Road, 549-4852.

Cerebral Palsy Center School, Roosevelt Park, 225-3060.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

John Adams, New Dover Road, 549-9257.

Thomas Jefferson, Division Street, 985-2500

Herbert Hoover, Jackson Avenue, 225-9390

Woodrow Wilson, Woodrow Wilson Drive, 548-2550.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Edison High School, Boulevard of the Eagles, 985-2900.

John P. Stevens High School, Grove Avenue, 549-5543.

REGISTRATION: Go to the principal's office of the school serving your area and present the child's birth certificate, health records and school records.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

738-7464

Lane, 549-1108.

5052.

4400

St. Helena Roman Catholic School, (k-8), Grove Avenue, 549-6234.

St. Matthew's R.C. School, (k-8), Seymor Avenue, 985-6633.

St. Francis R.C. School, (k-8), Main Street, Metuchen, 548-3107 Our Lady of Peace R.C. School, (k-

8), New Brunswick Avenue, Fords,

Moriah Yeshiva Orthodox Jewish

Alpha Montessori School, (k-6),

St. Thomas Aquinas High School,

Wardlaw-Hartridge School, (8-12),

The Board of Education holds pub-

lic meetings at 8 p.m. on the second

Monday of each month. Caucus ses-

sions are held at 8 p.m. on the Thurs-

day prior to the second Monday. On

even months, the board meets at

Edison High School; on odd months,

Members: John White, president;

Ralph Bayard, Bertha Griffin, James

Cassidy, Nancy Levin, Charles

Board members can be contacted

through the Board of Education, 287-

at John P. Stevens High School.

Andreasen, Claire Minnig.

(9-12), New Dover Road and Tingley

Plainfield Avenue, 985-0594.

Inman Avenue, 754-1882

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Academy, (k-8), 2 Harrison St., 572-

ASK AT DESK

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PISCATAWAYTOWN. N. J., FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1941

FIVE CENTS



Ewing Galloway THIS picture may not have been may be quaint and picturesque, it taken on a Monday, but these Japanese women are contronted with an age-old problem that faces women the world over-doing the week's wash

Though such primitive laundering ther for ease or her results.



Operation for **Sinus** Trouble May Be Futile

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON (Released by Western Newspaper Union.) FEW years ago there A were many operations for sinus trouble-the little hollows or caverns adjoining the nose. These sinuses are **TODAY'S** sounding box of HEALTH the voice. Thus | COLUMN when a head

cold is present and these little sinuses get filled with mucus, the voice sounds flat and "ing" sounds like "ick."

When these head colds became very common and the mucus and sometimes pus was too hick to drain out, the enlarging of the opening was frequently done by nese surgeons to enable this mucus and pus to drain out. The enlarged opening also helped to "ventilate" the sinus, thus keeping its lining of mucous membrane in a more healthy condition.

Unfortunately, these openings from the sinus into the nose are not

placed in the best ponition for drainage when we are stand ing or sitting, but as Dr. Louis M. Pearlman states in Hy-geia, the different positions one natur-ally takes when lying down are favor-able to the emptying of the sinuses.

When one lies on Dr. Barton the left side, the

right antrum (sinus in cheek bone) is emptied; when one lies on the right side the left antrum is emptied, and when one lies face downward the sinuses at upper and back part of the nose (level with the eyes) are emptied.

However, it has been found that in many cases operation is of no help and may leave the patient in the same condition as before operation and with some loss of smell.

Dr. Pearlman states further: "The present trend of treatment is tracing the trouble to its source and getting rid of it before the condition becomes chronic. Stress is laid on increasing the resistance of he individual and performing slight operations to increase ventilation and drainage."



DON'T NEGLECT FUNDAMENTALS

IN YOUR NEW HOME

L tion and footings. Your whole house rests upon it. It can never be replaced.



3 Here is a rough window open-ing from the inside. Notice how the framing members are doubled all around the opening. Dark shaded portions show insula-tion in place between the studding.

dows and window frames to fill these holes pretty cheep. And you'll pay for them for years to come in heat lost, drafty floors and wet walls. Or, you can buy care-fully designed, precision built and factory fitted windows and window frames complete with weatherstrip that will be a joy and a comfort every year that you live in your house. Yes, and you'll find that the extra cost was money well spent because of heat bills, repair bills and redecorating bills saved.

Can't Replace Windows

Builder From Quality Where

Don't Skimp On Framework

Likewise the timber skeleton or frame of your house is going to be all covered up, but if you skimp on it you'll have sagging floors that squeak at every step.

And how about those great big holes in the wall, the rough win-dow openings. You can buy win-





Glitter of Gadgets Often Distracts It's Needed Most

It's Needed Most Are you building a house for the first time? Then chances are you any things to decide, so many things to buy, so many more things you want and can't buy because there is just so much money. Now there's nothing less glamorous than the concrete footings and founda-tion. One doesn't show them off to one's friends, but if you skimp on either, you'll be busy for years to come trying to cover up cracked walls that all your friends will see. Den't Skimp On Framework

Many a home is being built today that is only half insulated. Yet man who is spending his bey to build the house doesn't money to build the house doesn't know a thing about it. These peo-ple, when they build, won't hesitate to spend \$150 to \$200 to make their walls weather-tight. They will buy the best insulation, the best mois-ture barrier, and use the best con-struction methods, but they over-look completely the fact that the walls of their homes have from ten to thirty great big holes in them that are filled only with windows. These holes must be filled with

These holes must be filled with good windows-windov more than harmonize

chitecture of the home. For a win-dow is not only an architectural feature. It is also a mechanical feature.

feature. Windows are just as permanent a part of the wall as insulation. Just as it is wise to spend thome extra-dollars for insulation—so it is wise to spend a few extra dol-lars to see that a window frame makes a permanent weather-tight joint with the wall, that window such are precision fitted to the frame, that an efficient job of weatherstripping is done, that storm aash or double glassing is provided, and that the operating equipment used will give a lifetime trouble-free operation.

Eating less meat and table salt and eating more fruit and vegatables seems to help a number of these chronic sinus cases.

Isolate New Horses

Horses newly purchased in prep-aration for spring work should be kept isolated from other horses for at least two weeks. This is particularly to guard against the danger of influenza, which may seriously impair the usefulness of all horses on the farm during the spring work season, says the Prairie Farmer. The disease is contagious, and caution should also be exercised in placing horses in strange stallt, where they may pick up infection.

Keeping Roosts Clean

Cleaning the dropping boards un-der the roosts daily, or twice week-ly, is important in maintaining healthy and sanitary conditions in the poultry house. If it is not possible to clean the house frequently, the droppings should be permitted to fall from the roost poles to the floor, several isset beneath. The birds then will be troubled less with be fenced with wire netting

BY DOUBLE GLASS



Here is one way to control that annoying fogging and condensation on the windows in your new home. Shown here are three casement windows. Notice that two of them are entirely clear because of inside double glazing. The other window has had the inside double glazing

removed, with the result that it is fogged up almost immediately. When this picture was taken the inside room temperature was 71 fegrees, while outside the thermometer stood at 15 degrees above zero.



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RARITAN INDEPENDENT



THE AMERICAN CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the People, and for the People, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign NATION of many sovereign states; a perfect union, union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.- I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitutions to obey its Laws, to respect its Flag, and to defend it against all enemies .- William Tyler Page.

The Raritan Independent stands for the best interests of the Township of Raritan, for new industries, worth while people and any organization for the betterment or advancement of our Townthip or surrounding municipalities in Middlesex will receive the sincere cooperation of this newspaper as far as lies within the power of this publication. Clean and sane governmental policies ere all that can be asked for or expected at any time with officials who consider the PEOPLES interests along lines of economy with out retarding progress.

Give us good men, brave men, loyal and true!

Men who have served their country for Me and You!

- Men who have stood up side by side and fought for to save their country's pride!
- "Ien who have stood in the face of a war of hell I who have bled and died that all might be well !
- Men who have never failed when duty called
- In the name of patriotism given their all!
- Men who can smile in the face of defeat, when all seems just a world of deceit.
- Men who when failure has seemed evident, have laughed at the word and did invent, a way out of difficulty, struggled and won and now good Readers the World Carries On!

NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I will not be responsible for and essed against you. Mens and Boys' Underweat The said bill is filed to foreclose certain certificate of sale for bills or debts 'contracted in my name Mens Workshirts axes, purchased by the Township Ladies' Silk Hosiery, Socks, Notions or the name of the Raritan Indepenof Raritan, dated September 23rd, Home Made Jams, Jellies, Pickles 1935, made and executed by James dent in any form whatsoever without Kirkpatrick, Collector of taxes of Light Lunches served from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. the taxing district of Raritan Town-Just across Lehigh Vally R. R. ship, in he County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, and you, I am present in person and my writ-Crossing. Leonard F. Manheim, are made a defendant because you are a trustee Ice Cream, Cakes, Pies, , Bread ten consent is given to the same with for Rosalie Debski and Eleanor Mulwitnesses. Also for any money or out. vey Reyneau, are made a defendant Consolidated Features, Inc.-WNU Service. Cigarettes, Tobacco, Candies Soft, because you are a trustee for Rosalie TAILORING is the most pressing Drinks. Debski and Eleanor B. Manheim. monies borrowed at any time. Prices Reasonable. Patronage and as such claim an interest which is a lien on the lands deproblem of the day. Courteous Treatment. Tailors and cooks illustrate the Welcomed. Signed, scribed in said certificate of sale brotherhood of man. The thicker ******************************** for taxes the gravy, the more often suits have MRS. ORPHA R. WINFIELD Dated: December 11, 1940. THOMAS L. HANSON, to be cleaned. The vest is unfair, because it gets PHIL'S SEA FOOD MARKET Solicitor for Complainant all the jewelry, and does only half Letson Place & Super Highway 1060 Broad Street as much work as the coat and pants. A Physician's Prayer Newark, N. J. Sending a suit to the cleaner's Route 25, Piscatawaytown d.12,20,27,'40. j.3,'41 keeps it from wearing out, since **Oysters, Clams & Fish** usually, shrink it so, you only Dear Lord Thou Great Physician at most reasonable Prices feel like wearing it on very dark Weighty Air I kneel before Thee, since every good and perfect gift nights when there is no moon. The ancients considered air an imponderable substance, but in the must come from Thee, past 100 years our knowledge of it I Pray, has increased considerably. One au-Give skill to my hand, clear vision to my mind, Kindness thority, says London Tit-Bits Maga-MRS. ORPHA R. WINFIELD zine, says that the air in the average and Sympathy to my heart. room weighs about 160 pounds. A cubic foot weighs as much as a Give me singleness of Purpose. * Book and Job Printer * letter which can be sent through Strength to lift at least a part of the burden of my suffering the post for 1% pence, and in the course of a day the weight of air fellowmen and a True realization of the privilege that breathed by the average person is All Kinds of Printing Given Prompt Attention. is mine. Take from my heart all guile and greater than the weight of food consumed by him. Air is composed of Worldliness that with the simple faith of a child I may more than a dozen gases, which in-clude nitrogen, oxygen, carbon di-PARK PLACE rely on Thee. Amen. PISCATAWAYTOWN, N. .I. oxide. water vapor, hydrogen, he-lium, neon, argon, krypton, xenon, radon, and other lesser-knowa ele-P. O. Box, 625, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. ments. SEND IN YOUR NEWS ITEMS ARE YOU A BOOSTER

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN CHANCERY OF NEW JERSEY.

To FREDRICK KAISER.

By virtue of an order of the Court of Chancery of New ersey made on the 18th day of December, 1940, in a cause wherein the Township of Raritan, in the County of Middlesex, a municipal corpo^Jation of the State of New Jersey, is complhinant, aud Max J. Ielin, et. als, are defendants, you are required to appear and answer the bill of said complainant on or before the 19th day of February next, or the said bill of complaint will be taken as confessed against you.

The said bill is filed to foreclose a certain certificate of sale for taxes, purchased by the Township of Raritan; Pated June 1st, 1931, made and executed by Melvin A, Campbell, Collector of Taxes of the taxing district of the township of Raritan; and you, Frederick Kaiser, are made a defendant because you are the holder of a conditional mortgage affecting the premises herein, and as such claim an interest which is a lien on the lands described in said certificate of tax sale. Dated: Decmber 23, 1940.

THOMAS L, HANSON, Solicitor for and of Counsel with Complainant, 1060 Broad Street.

Newark, New Jersey

d. 27. j. 3-10-17. -. 0

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN CHANCERY OF NEW JERSEY

TO LEONARD F. MANHEIM and MARGARET MULVEY REYNEAU, as trustees for Rosalie Debski and cleanor B. Manheim.

By virtue of an order of the Court of Chancery of New Jersey, made on the 6th day of December, 1940, in a cause wherein the Town-ship of Raritan, in the County of Middlesex, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, is com-plainant, and Leonard F. Manheim and Margaret Mulvey Reyneau, as trustees for Rosalie Debski and Eleanor B. Manheim, are defendants, you are required to appear and answer this bill of said com-plaint on or before the 7th day of February next, or the said bill of complaint will be taken as con-



TURKEY PRODUCTION IS MAJOR INDUSTRY

Fifty-six Per Cent Increase Shown in Past 10 Years.

Nearly \$70,000,000 worth of turkeys (at farm prices) were pro-duced last year, reports the bureau of agricultural economics. This figure was somewhat less than for 1937, but was larger than in any other year in the current decade and probably the second larges in the history of the industry. Since 1929 the production of tur-

keys has increased more than 56 per cent-from less than 17,000,000 birds in that year to more than 26,-000,000 in 1938. Peak of production during the decade was nearly 28,-000,000 turkeys in 1936. Highest prices during the 10-year period were in 1929, lowest in 1933. The 1938 average—\$2.66 per bird—was about 16 per cent lower than in 1929. Principal turkey-producing states in 1938 were Texas (3,285.000 birds), California (2,625,000), Minnesota, (2,-

145,000), Oklahoma (1,418,000), Iowa (1,386,000), North Dakota (1,265,000), and Oregon (1,265,000). About 40 per cent of the 1938 crop was raised in the 12 North Central states as contrasted with only 30 per cent in 1929.

Expansion of the turkey industry during the last 10 years is attributed chiefly to improvements in production and management methods which have lessened the mortality of poults and lowered production costs in competition with chickens and other meats. Production of turkeys in small farm flocks has decreased in most areas, but this has been more than offset by increased numbers of large flocks which are kept separate from other poultry and handled under improved meth-ods of sanitation, feeding, and marketing.

Terry Pin's Tips on

TAILORING



ST. JAMES P. E. CHURCH Piscatawaytown Rev. W. E. Phillips, Rector 7.45 a. m.—Holy Communion. 930 a. m.—Church School.

11.00 a. m.-Morning Prayer and

sermon.

BAPTIST CHAPLE Woodbridge Ave. and Chapel St. Baptist Sunday School at Baptist Chapel at 9 o'clock every Sunday morning.

NEW DURHAM Union Church Rev. Dunham V. Reinig. 10 a. m.—Sunday School. 11 a. m.—Morning Worship.



Township meeting of Commissioners, meet at the Town Hall, Woodbridge and Plainfield avenues, Piscatawaytown, 2nd and 4th Tues-days of the month at 8 P. M.

School Board meets 2nd Monday of each month at School No. 3, Piscatawaytown.

West End Republican Club meets 2nd Wednesday every month at the Troger Home, Woodbridge avenue, Piscatawaytown at 8 o'clock in the evening.

East Raritan Republican Club meets 1st Tuesday of each month.

North Raritan Republican Club meets 4th Monday of every month at Oak Tree Fire House at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The Harold L. Berrue Memorial Drum and Bugle Corp meet on Monday evenings in the Old Town Hall on the Commons at 8 c'elock.

Oak Tree Parent-Teacher Asso-ciation meets the Third Tuesday of every month at the Oak Tree School.

Henry Street Democratic Club neets 1st Friday of the month in H. K. Fire House.

