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EDISON, New Jersey.

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Edison, Middlesex County, N.J. Pop.1950, 16,438.
1959 est. 30,000-35,000. A rapidly growing suburb,
27 miles s.w.of New York City. Area 32 sq.miles.
Excellent commuting via Pennsylvania R.R.Main Line.
Near intersection of Garden State Parkway and New Jersey
Turnpike. Adjoins Plainfield, New Brunswick, and
Perth Amboy. Surrounds Metuchen. Mainly residential,
but has many large suburban type industries; Mercury
auto assembly, Westinghouse T-V, Revlon, Socony Paint
Products, Dreyfus Chicle, American Cholesterol, U.S.
Envelope, Nixon Nitration; trucking terminals;
and distribution centers (W.T.Grant Co., Sperry-
Hutchinson Green Stamps,) electronics, ceramics, plastics;
Raritan Arsenal, Camp Kilmer, N.J.Diagnostic Center.
N.J.Veterans Hospital.
First settlement 1666. Incorporated as Raritan Township, ^{1870.}

Name changed by referendum, to "Edison"(township)

1/1/1958. Mayor and council government. Budget \$3 million.

The "Edison Tower" visible for miles around, (Q.V., illus.,)
stands in the Menlo Park section of Edison, where Thomas
Edison's original laboratory was. Here he developed the
incandescent lamp, the electric railway, phonograph, etc.

See
also Edison, Thos.A., Menlo Park etc.

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1920 Lincoln Highway.
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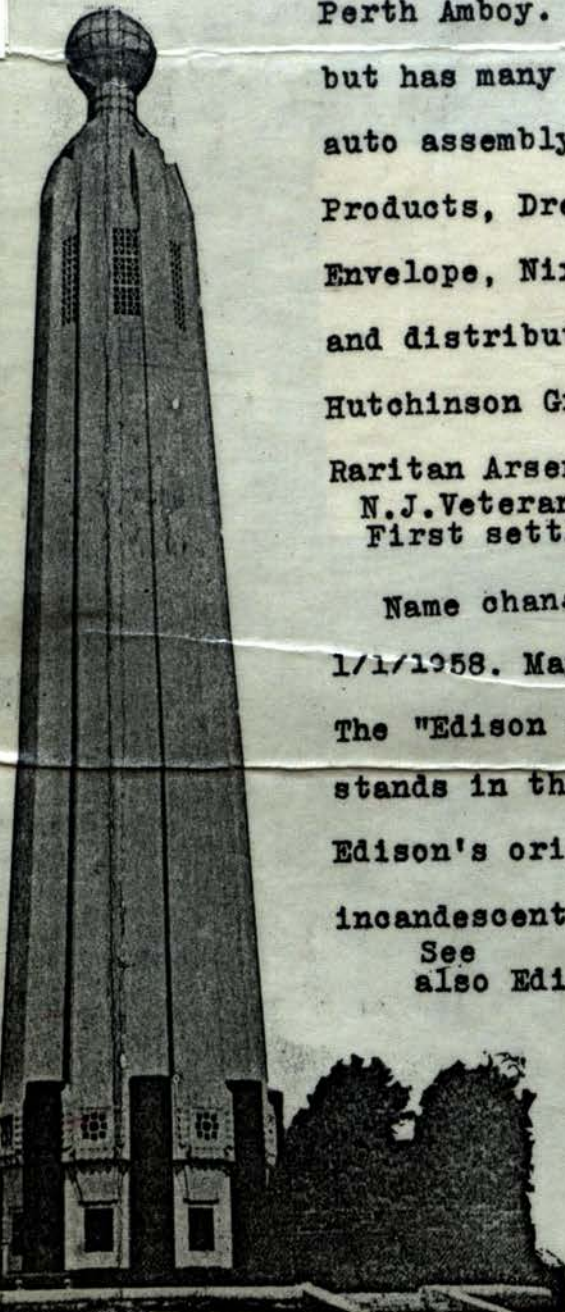
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History - 1959
(Edison History)



EDISON TOWER

Site of Thomas Edison's famous laboratories.
Menlo Park-Museum, 10 to 5 daily.

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