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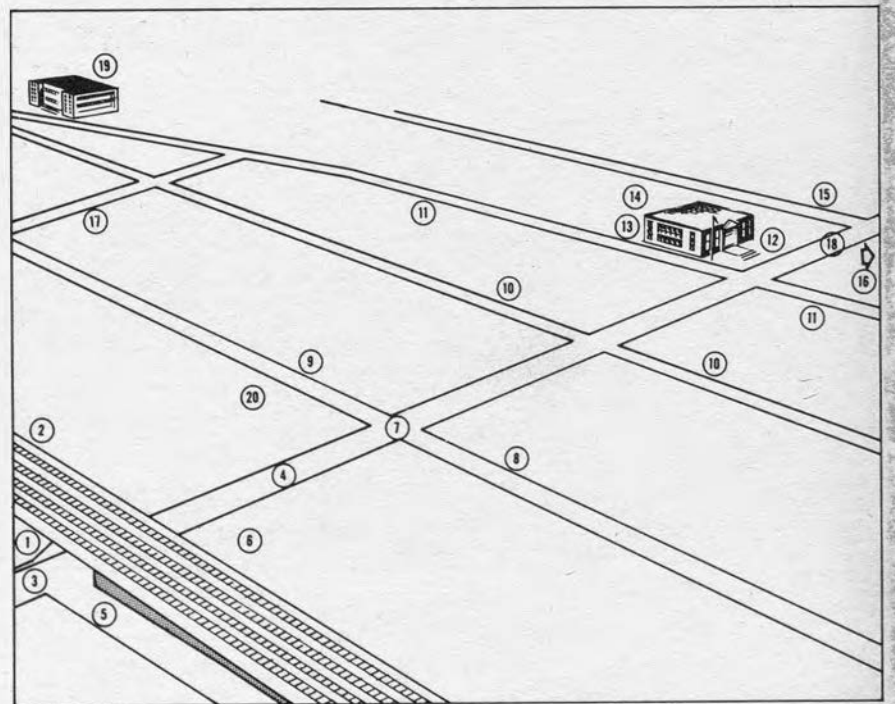
"Looking back to look ahead; the
story of 100 years of vigorous
growth...1861-1961."

"Looking back
to look ahead"

THE STORY OF
100 YEARS
OF
VIGOROUS
GROWTH

CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
1861-1961



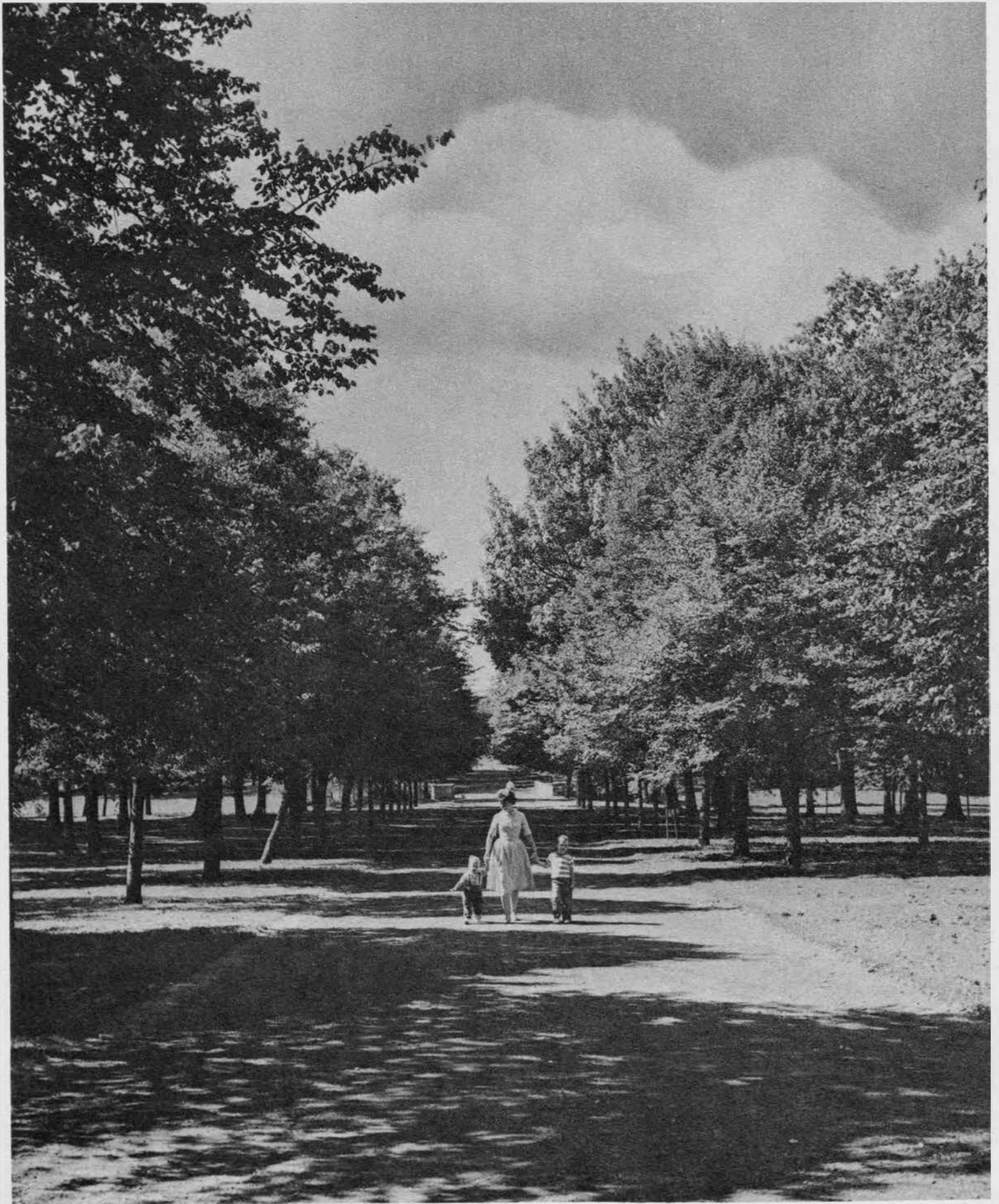


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| 1 Pennsylvania Station to Elizabeth and New York | 6 Wood home |
| 2 Pennsylvania Station to Rahway and south | 7 Wood and Elizabeth Avenues |
| 3 South Wood Avenue to U.S. Route 1 and New Jersey Turnpike | 8 East Elizabeth Avenue |
| 4 North Wood Avenue | 9 West Elizabeth Avenue |
| 5 Pennsylvania R.R. Avenue | 10 Price Street |
| | 11 Blancke Street |
| | 12 City Hall |
| | 13 Police Headquarters |
| | 14 Municipal Parking |



- 15 Knopf Street
- 16 Post Office (out of picture at right)
- 17 Lumber Street
- 18 North Wood Avenue to Roselle, Cranford and Garden State Parkway
- 19 Public School No. 8
- 20 Municipal Parking

CITY OF LINDEN, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
(looking west)



*THE LINDEN TREE. This beautiful tree,
noted for its fine proportions,
gave Linden its name.
The leaves are heart-shaped.
These graceful specimens
line both sides of a lane through
Linden's John Russell Wheeler Park.*

This is the story of Linden

...how it grew

...how it brought opportunity to many people

...how it still does



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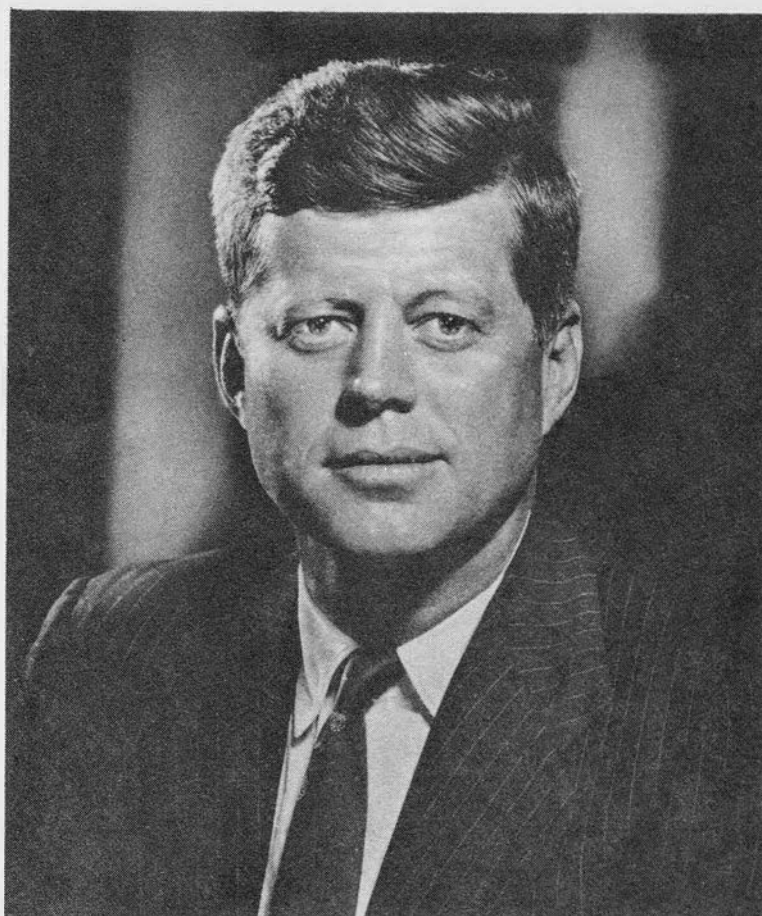
City of Linden, New Jersey

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On the occasion of
Linden's 100th Anniversary,
the City is honored
by felicitations from the
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
JOHN F. KENNEDY



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P WA146 GOVT PD=THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC 4 1106A ED
 =HONORABLE WILLIAM J HURST, AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT
 JEROME KRUEGER CO-CHAIRMAN= ^{1961 AUG 4 #10} CITY HALL AM 11 32
 THE LINDEN CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE LINDEN NJER=

=I HAVE LEARNED WITH PLEASURE THAT THE CITY OF LINDEN
 IS OBSERVING ITS CENTENNIAL THIS YEAR. THROUGHOUT
 THE YEARS YOUR COMMUNITY HAS ESTABLISHED A FINE
 HISTORICAL TRADITION THAT I AM CONFIDENT WILL BE
 ENRICHED IN THE COMING DECADES. I AM HAPPY TO EXTEND
 MY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES ON THIS SIGNIFICANT
 OCCASION=

JOHN F. KENNEDY. 111111

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TRENTON



The Honorable
ROBERT B. MEYNER
Governor of the
State of New Jersey

To the Citizens of Linden:

Greetings!

On behalf of the people of New Jersey I should like to extend warmest congratulations and best wishes to all of you on the 100th anniversary of your City's founding. Your City, in the great industrial heartland of New Jersey, has a rich record of history and achievement to proclaim in this anniversary year. The Centennial should arouse an interest in your heritage that will increase and fortify your community pride.

I hope that your observance on this historic occasion will be successful in every way.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Meyner
Governor

October, 1961

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 3, 1961

The Linden Centennial Committee
Corporation
City Hall
Linden, New Jersey

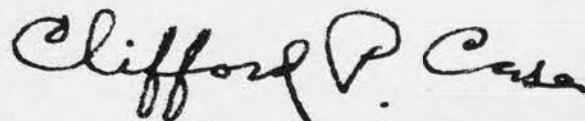
Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to join in this Centennial celebration and send greetings to the citizens of Linden on this very important occasion.

Living next door to Linden, I have a special interest in its growth and prosperity. Too, it is my wife's home town and to me has always been a particularly friendly place. It is with real pleasure, therefore, that I extend my best wishes to the people of Linden and congratulate them on the contribution the community has made to the development and welfare of the whole state.

May the next 100 years bring continued growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,



Clifford P. Case
U. S. Senator

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The Honorable
CLIFFORD P. CASE
United States
Senator from the
State of New Jersey

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 12, 1961

Mayor William J. Hurst, Co-Chairman
The Linden Centennial Committee Corporation
City Hall
Linden, New Jersey

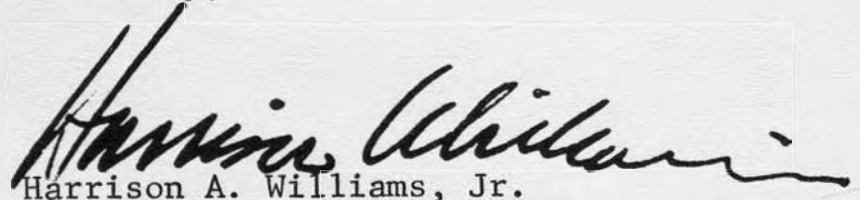
Dear Mayor Hurst:

The City of Linden, once an area of truck farms seemingly far removed from the market places and industry of the big cities, has become an important part of our busy, thriving metropolitan area. And yet, despite the many changes that the decades have brought, your city has retained that spark of community pride and community interest which is so necessary for the well-being of citizens and the proper growth of your city.

This 100th anniversary commemoration is one more indication of the way that Linden residents feel about their city. It's a pleasure to join you in this way as you mark a full century of progress.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,


Harrison A. Williams, Jr.



*The Honorable
HARRISON A.
WILLIAMS, JR.
United States
Senator from the
State of
New Jersey*

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

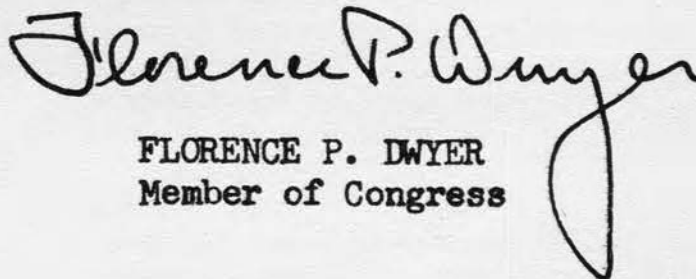
August 18, 1961

To the People of Linden:

The City of Linden occupies a particularly important place in the life of Union County and in all of northern New Jersey. As a vigorous and growing industrial and residential center, Linden is contributing significantly to the economic and social well-being of our entire region. As a community, Linden has achieved a notable reputation as a busy and progressive place in which to live and work, a community which has accommodated itself impressively to the demands of the industrial age. Its giant oil, chemical, automotive and other industries are matched by its parks and playgrounds and quiet, attractive residential neighborhoods.

These are not accidental accomplishments, but the results of people who believe in careful planning, orderly growth, and civic responsibility. You, the people of Linden who have helped create a community of which you can be justly proud, deserve the thanks and appreciation of those of us who are equally proud to be your neighbors in Union County. As one who has represented you in the New Jersey State Assembly and in the Congress of the United States, I have been privileged to know and work with a great many of you personally. I value our association greatly.

It is a special pleasure for me, therefore, to send you my warmest greetings and congratulations on the occasion of your Centennial celebration. As a 100-year-old city, you possess the maturity of age and the vigor of youth. I look forward to joining with you in celebrating this happy occasion.


FLORENCE P. DWYER
Member of Congress



The Honorable
FLORENCE P. DWYER
United States
Congresswoman
Sixth District,
Union County,
State of New Jersey



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN

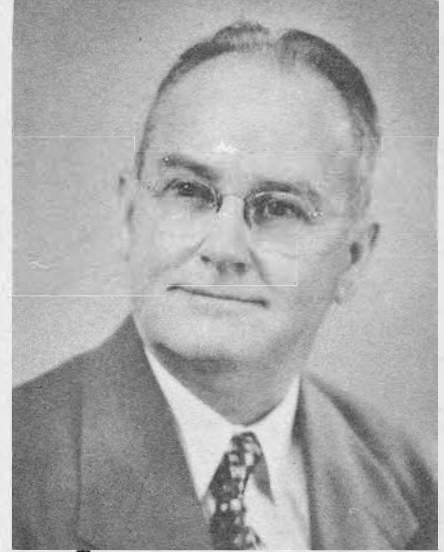
Front Row, left to right: JOHN F. BLEWETT, 1st Ward; ALEXANDER J. LEE, 3rd Ward; THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. HURST, Mayor; JEROME KRUEGER, Councilman-at-Large; FRANCIS J. BURNS, 5th Ward; MICHAEL SMIGELSKY, 8th Ward.

Back Row, left to right: EDWARD MURAWSKI, 4th Ward; WILLIAM DALZIEL, 2nd Ward; EDWARD FLANAGAN, 7th Ward; PAUL A. YEISLEY, 10th Ward; PAUL WERKMEISTER, 9th Ward; JOHN G. MRUCREK, 6th Ward.

In six pictures above Council members: All former Mayors of Linden since its incorporation in 1925: *from left to right:* GEORGE MCGILLVRAY, 1925-26, 1929-30; ALBERT F. WEBER, 1927-28; WILLIAM J. HURST, 1953-Present; H. ROY WHEELER, 1943-52; JULES VERNER, 1931-32; MYLES J. MCMANUS, 1933-43.

Office of the Mayor
City of Linden, N. J.

*"Looking back
to look ahead"*



*The Honorable
WILLIAM J. HURST
Mayor of the
City of Linden*

To the People of the City of Linden:

Linden's one hundred years of existence and its great progress deserve being marked by an appropriate celebration.

A committee, which was selected several months ago, has received the cooperation of our spiritual leaders and the people of our cultural, educational, business, and industrial life, and there exists great enthusiasm among our people in general.

Our celebration program, having been proportioned to Linden's dignity and importance, should be an occasion long to be remembered. As we pause to joyfully reflect on the past, let us have a united determination for a greater Linden in the future.

It is my fervent wish and that of my co-chairman, Jerome Krueger, that with the help of God, our celebration shall reach a successful conclusion, and that with Divine help, we will enjoy peace at home and throughout the world.

William J. Hurst
Mayor

October, 1961



GENERAL COMMITTEE - CITY OF LINDEN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

*Seated, left to right: MISS VIOLA R. MAIHL, Historical;
Council President JEROME KRUEGER, Co-Chairman;
Mayor WILLIAM J. HURST, Co-Chairman; MISS WANDA GLINKA, Committee Secretary.*

*Standing, left to right: EMANUEL BEDRICK, Education; FRANK KRYSIAK, Recreation;
NATHAN PALMER, Merchants; SIGMUND SWIONTKOWSKI, Industry-Labor;
ARTHUR R. CROUCHER, Finance; HERMAN MOPSICK, Publicity-Public Relations;
RAYMOND W. BAUER, Finance; RICHARD J. CANAVAN, Industry-Labor.*

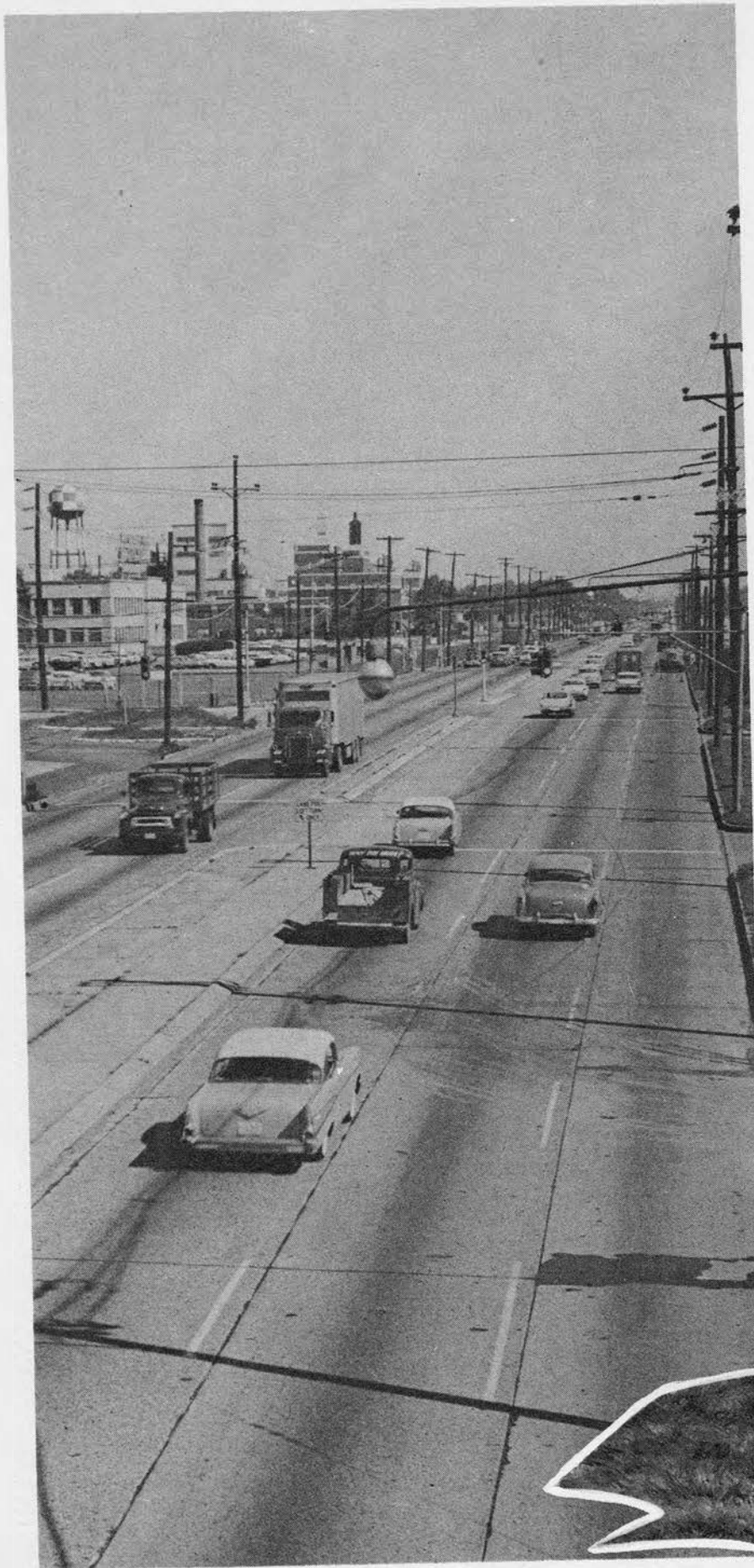
I.
100
Vigorous
Years

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BEFORE WE LOOK BACK - A
LOOK AT TODAY'S LINDEN

1961





WELCOME TO LINDEN, N.J. INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF UNION COUNTY Population 40000 Lowest Tax Rate	
 MEETS TUES. 12-15 P.M. McMANUS HALL	 MEETS MON. 12-15 P.M. GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 MEETS THURS. 12-15 P.M. McMANUS HALL	 MEETS TUES. 12-15 P.M. REFORMED CHURCH

THIS IS LINDEN: 11.41 square miles, 40,000 energetic people, 146 industrial plants, nearly \$120,000,000 assessed valuation, situated in the heart of the New Jersey metropolitan area, on the Sound opposite Staten Island. This view looks east on U. S. Route 1.

100 Vigorous Years

BEFORE WE LOOK BACK - A LOOK AT TODAY'S LINDEN

1961

LINDEN IN MANY WAYS is a most unique community—not in the historic sense of having been the birthplace of famous people or the site of earth-shaking events. Rather its uniqueness lies in its "story book" dream-come-true of strong, vigorous development, brought about in truly democratic fashion—and in keeping with our great American traditions.

In short, Linden is a unique example of what can—and does—happen in America.

LINDEN'S IDEAL LOCATION

Location has also made Linden unique.

It lies between mountain and seashore, near to the enjoyment of both. All of the resources and pleasures of the world's greatest city—New York—are but 30 minutes away.

Newark Airport—one of the nation's busiest—can be reached in less than 15 minutes.

New Jersey's two great arterial highways—the Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway—embrace Linden at east and west limits; U. S. Route 1 also traverses the City.

One-fourth of Linden's physical boundary is on Staten Island Sound where industry's waterfront docks are deep enough for ocean vessels.

Within a few miles of Linden lie areas rich in parks, recreation facilities and scenic beauty. Sports of every description abound.

From this diversity of location—and from the diversity of Linden's own people and its factories—come the vigor of Linden's people.

It is in keeping with the celebration of Linden's Centennial Anniversary that Linden's people should present the story of their past, a recapitulation of their present, and a glimpse of the years to come.

As you read about Linden, we believe you will

be surprised and impressed with new facts about the city—its community activity, the extent of its industrial life, its importance to Union County, to New Jersey, and to the nation—and the industry and energy of the 40,000 people who make up this highly productive city.



LINDEN'S POPULATION has risen from 1,146 persons in 1861 to 40,000 in 1961 or about 35 times. In the same period, total U. S. population has grown from 31,500,000 to 179,323,000 or about 6 times. (The slight dip in 1900 was due to absorption of part of Linden into neighboring Roselle.)

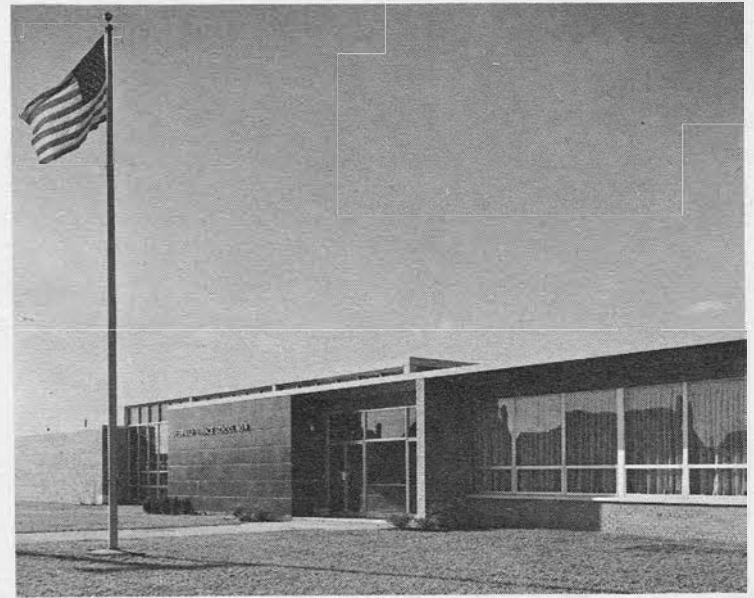
Linden: 1961



... A CITY OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES



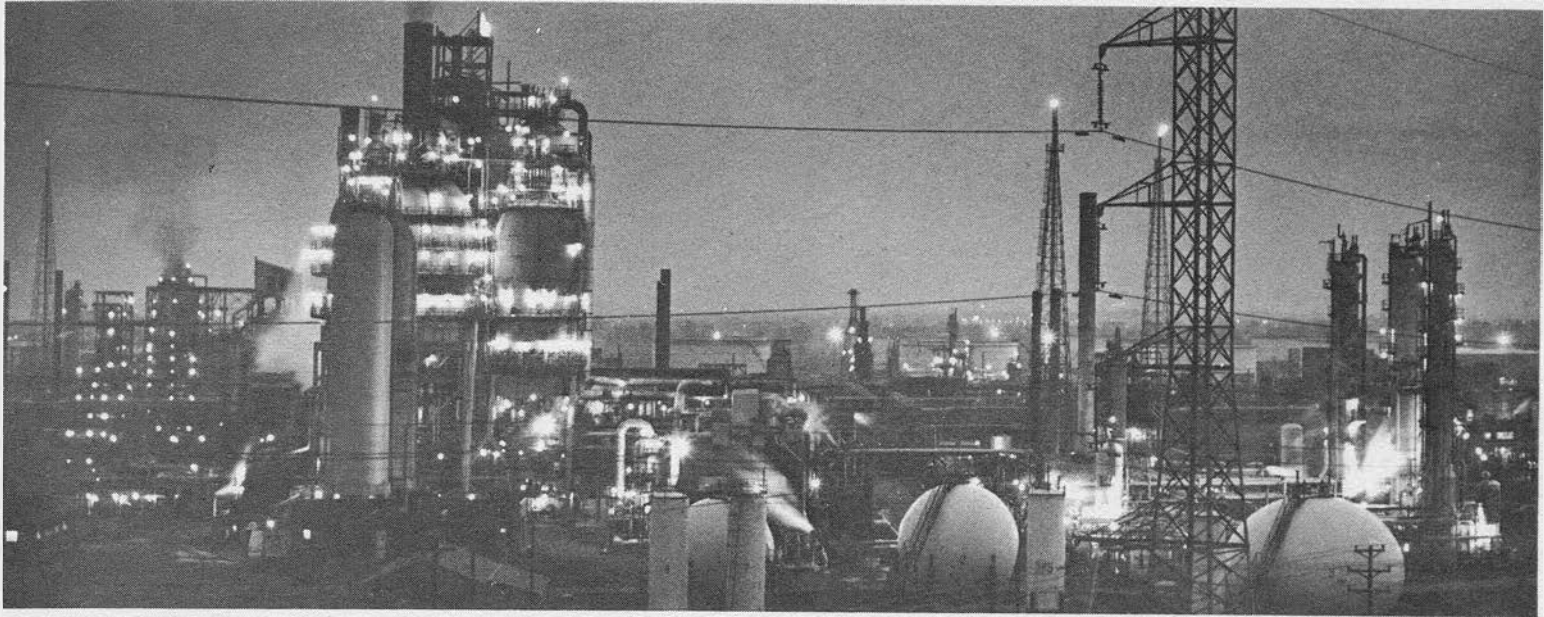
... OF LOVELY PARKS



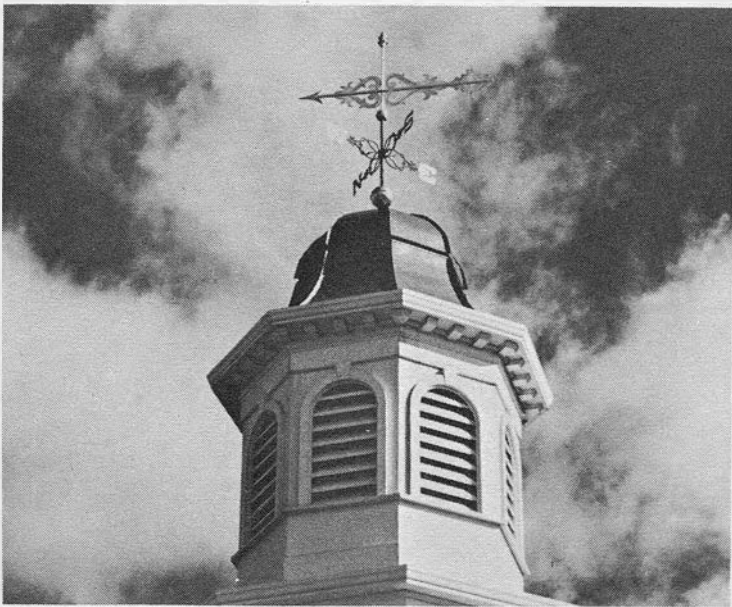
... A CITY DEVOTED TO SCHOOLS



... A CITY OF CHARMING VISTAS



... A CITY OF BUSTLING ENTERPRISE



... OF STATELY CHURCHES



... OF BOOKS AND CULTURE



... A CITY THAT ENJOYS ITSELF

LINDEN— CHOSEN FOR LOCATION BY AMERICA'S MOST RESPECTED CORPORATIONS

Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation
 Airtron, Inc.
 Alloy Steel Products Company
 American Cyanamid Company
 American Flange & Manufacturing Company
 Atlantic Romper Company, Inc.
 Bopf-Whittam Corporation (Lanolin)
 Buckeye Pipe Line Company
 Callaway Mills Company
 Celanese Polymer Company
 Cities Service Oil Company
 Adam Cook's Sons, Inc.
 The Distillers Company, Ltd. (Gordon Gin)
 E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc.
 Esso Research and Engineering Company
 Food Fair Stores, Inc.
 H. B. Fuller Company
 General Aniline & Film Corporation
 General Electric Company
 General Gummed Products, Inc.

General Motors Corporation
 A. Gross Candle Company
 Gulf Oil Corporation
 Hatfield Wire & Cable Division
 Humble Oil & Refining Company
 International Harvester Company
 Layne-New York Company, Inc.
 Linde Company Division, Union Carbide
 Merck & Company, Inc.
 Mobil Oil Company
 Rheem Manufacturing Company
 Simmons Company
 Sinclair Refining Company
 Tenco Division, The Coca-Cola Company
 Texaco, Inc.
 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation
 United Lacquer Manufacturing Corporation
 Volupte, Inc. (compacts)
 R. D. Webb & Company, Inc.
 L. J. Wing Manufacturing Company

Quick Reference Facts About Linden on Its 100th Anniversary

General

Type of GovernmentMayor and Council
 Population40,000
 Area11.41 square miles
 Elevation90 feet
 Assessed Valuation\$118,843,129
 Tax Rate\$6.29
 Rating of Bonds (Moody's)AA

Financial

Banks2 with 3 branches
 Savings and Loan Associations2

Industrial

Plants, Shops, Factories146 (major)

Retail

Retail Establishments432

Effective Buying Income

Households11,300
 Buying Income\$95,022,000
 Per Household\$8,409
 New Jersey Average\$7,837
 National Average\$6,723

Telephones

Accounts12,110
 Instruments22,897

Churches

All Major Denominations20
 Synagogues3

Newspapers

Published locally1

Hotels and Motels

Total number4

Transportation

RailroadsBaltimore & Ohio, New Jersey
Central, Pennsylvania

Airports1

BusesComplete local & connecting service

Amusements

Bowling Alleys7

Parks23

Playgrounds17

Theaters1

Schools

Elementary10

Junior High2

High1

Parochial (elementary)3

Public Libraries

Total number1 Main with 3 branches

City Statistics

Total Street Mileage103 miles

Improved Mileage100 miles

Fire Department

Men117

Equipment15 pieces

Station Houses3

Police Department

Men114

Matrons2

Women School Crossing Guards23

Equipment13 pieces

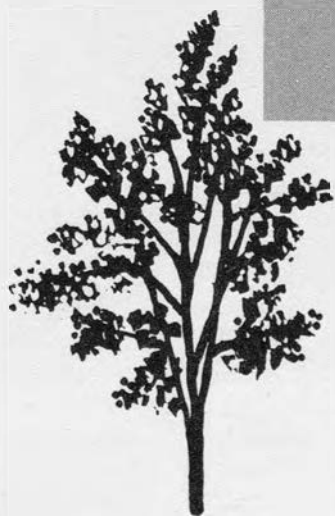
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The
Land
Was First

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FROM MEADOWS AND FORESTS

TO THE TOWNSHIP OF LINDEN

1664-1861





SIR PHILIP CARTERET lands in New Jersey in 1665 as Governor with 30 persons to claim lands granted his brother, Sir George, by the King of England. Coming ashore at a point near present Linden, he finds early settlers already established at the mouth of the Elizabeth River, north of today's Goethals Bridge. Naming the colony Elizabethtown after his brother's wife, he designated it the capital of the province.

The Land Was First

FROM MEADOWS AND FORESTS TO THE TOWNSHIP OF LINDEN

1664-1861

Meadows and Forests

—years of the Indian and the English
1664-1776

ALTHOUGH LINDEN WAS NOT FORMED until 1861, there were people living in this territory long before that date, as residents of Elizabethtown. In order to tell the story of Linden, therefore, one must go back to the early exploration of what is now New Jersey and to the founding of Elizabeth in 1664.

Of course the earliest inhabitants of New Jersey were Indians — members of the Lenni-Lenape Tribe of the Delaware Nation.

One of the first encounters with white men by the Indians of this region came in 1609 when five sailors from Henry Hudson's ship "Half Moon" made an exploratory trip in a small boat through Kill von Kull and Arthur Kill (between Staten Island and New Jersey) to Raritan Bay. On their return they were met by two canoe-loads of hostile Indians. Several men were wounded and one, an Englishman named John Coleman, was killed.

1664—FIRST SETTLERS

Dutch settlers followed, only to be conquered by the English.

About a month after the English took possession of what is now New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, the governor—Colonel Richard Nicholls—received a petition from settlers anxious to locate on the land lying along the stretch of water west of Staten Island (that is, on the New Jersey coast). On September 30, 1664,

Governor Nicholls granted his approval.

The successful petitioners—John Baily, Daniel Denton, Thomas Benydick, Nathaniel Denton, John Foster, and Luke Watson—purchased from the Indians a tract of land stretching from the mouth of the Raritan River (now Perth Amboy) on the south to the mouth of the Passaic River (Newark) on the north and extending inland twice the distance between the two rivers, or thirty-five miles. This area of course included what is now Linden.

The names of two chiefs who participated are remembered in Mattano Park in Elizabeth and Warinanco Park bordering Linden.

EARLY ENGLISH SETTLERS, coming to the Elizabeth-Linden area under a grant from Governor Nicholls of New York, purchased Elizabethtown from the Indians in 1664, before the arrival of Captain Carteret. Many land disputes arose as a result (see text).





NEW JERSEY'S EARLIEST INHABITANTS, the Lenni-Lenape Indians, practiced extensive agriculture in areas in and around present Linden. Men cleared the ground and women cultivated corn, squash and beans.

NEW COLONY THRIVES

The "Associates," as the original settlers were called, were not entirely new to this country, some having come from New England and some from Long Island. Starting with a small group, the settlement thrived, and numbered at least 80 Associates by 1714.

The land which they had purchased and which they had settled upon was crossed by a network of streams, including those known today as the Elizabeth River, Morse's Creek, West Brook, Peach Garden Brook and Piles Creek. The spot which was selected for the settlement was at the mouth of the Elizabeth River.

Here the settlers planned their homes, built closely together for mutual defense against the Indians. Forests stretched all around them, but the land was fairly level and easily adapted to the agricultural life they desired. There was also abundant meadowland for pasturing cattle.

Each settler received a house lot in the village, a portion of outlying territory and usually some salt meadow. We shall see later that some of the Associates acquired land in what is now Linden.

Meanwhile, James, Duke of York, soon to become James II, King of England, was anxious to reward Sir George Carteret and Lord John Berkeley for their services to the King during the Cromwell uprising.

What could be more appropriate than granting them the fertile land lying to the westward of Staten Island as far as the Delaware River and

south to Cape May? This entire province was designated as Nova Caesarea or New Jersey after the island of Jersey in the English Channel, defended by Carteret during the Cromwell rebellion.

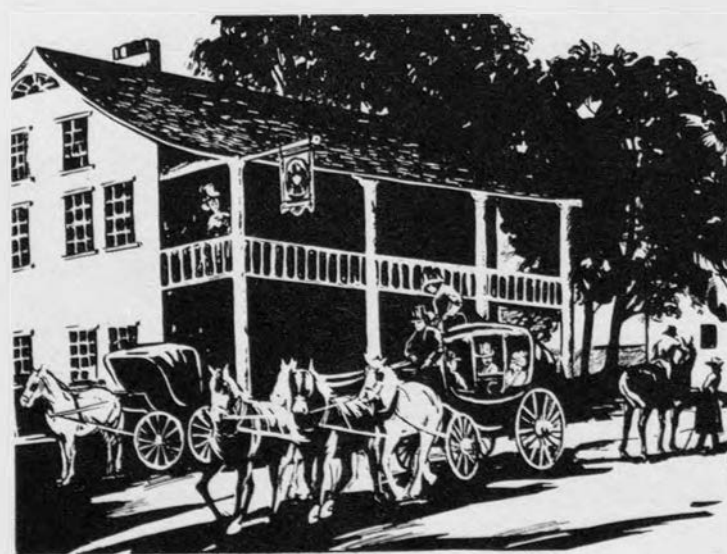
Sir Philip Carteret, a brother of Sir George, was appointed Governor of the province. He sailed for New Jersey with a party of settlers. Landing on the coast opposite Staten Island he found the community already started by the Associates. He named it Elizabethtown after the wife of Sir George Carteret.

LAND DISPUTES ARISE

Berkeley and Carteret owned New Jersey, according to the terms of their charter from James, and were called the Proprietors of the Colony. But as we have seen, the Associates had purchased a large tract of land from the Indians.

Nevertheless, the Proprietors claimed the land upon which the Associates had settled and after a time demanded annual rents or "quit-claims" which many of the Associates refused to pay because payment would acknowledge rights of the Proprietors. No legal settlement was ever reached, the controversy dying a natural death with the Associates occupying most of the disputed land.

There still exists a Board of Proprietors today who are the successors of the 24. By authorization of the State Legislature, they have title to all unclaimed land in the state.



FAMOUS WHEATSHEAF TAVERN, built in 1745 at present St. George's Avenue and Chestnut Street, was, like the typical colonial tavern above, important to pre-Lindenites as a meeting place, news exchange, social hall, and hostelry.

The land yields to the farmer

*—a rich earth and husbandry root
a new society to the soil*

Of all the original owners of this area, only one, Luke Watson retained his interest. He owned 830 acres of land and lived here until 1678.

For the first few years after 1664, new settlers came from New England and Long Island. Certain of these newcomers formed the villages of Wheatsheaf, Trembley, Milford and Upper Rahway, the territory which now comprises Linden.

In all probability Wheatsheaf Tavern, built in 1745 at the corner of what is now St. George's Avenue and Chestnut Street, was the gathering place for these early farmers.

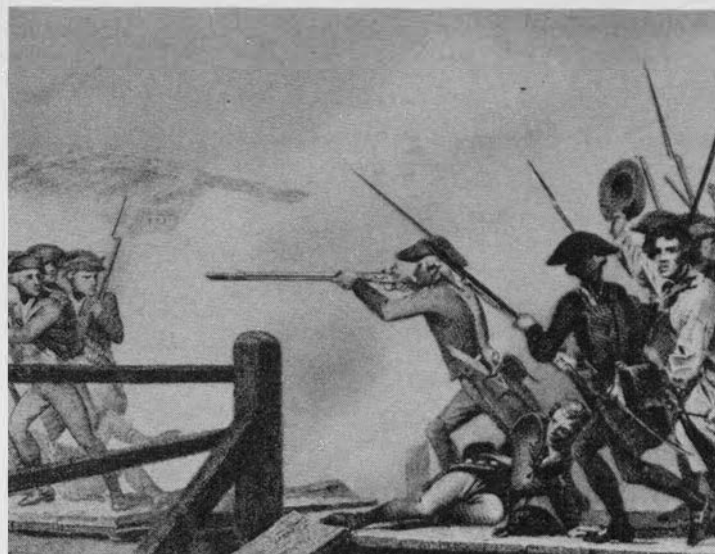
FIRST FAMILIES ESTABLISHED

Of the early families considered to be the pioneer settlers, many of the following still have descendants here today, and have given their names to local geography: ABRAHAM SHOTWELL, JOHN WINANS and BARBABAS WINES, JONAS WOOD, ROBERT MORSE and son PETER, SAMUEL MARSH, JOHN ROLL and son ABRAHAM, JOHN TREMBLEY, PETER NOE and JOHN STILES.

From the diaries and journals of Meeker Wood,



THIS HISTORIC MARKER, erected by Humble Oil's Bayway Refinery on their Linden property, preserves the memory of the Morss family, "among the earliest white men to settle this area . . . They were of the original company of eighty English colonists . . . in 1664."



THE PRESENT LINDEN AREA was in the thick of fighting during the Revolutionary War, because the land between New York and Philadelphia was desired by the British to split the American colonies apart.

it is evident that life in the pre-Linden area centered on farming and allied occupations.

STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

Technically, Linden did not exist during the Revolution. Nevertheless, by virtue of its physical location, it was the scene of fierce struggles and numerous skirmishes. Staten Island, directly across from Linden, was the headquarters of the British and Hessian troops for much of the War.

In October 1776, when Washington began a retreat south across New Jersey with the British in pursuit, the Chairman of the Essex County Commission (Union County was not created until 1857) warned "the inhabitants who live near the water, or the great roads . . . to remove . . . their stock, grain, hay, carriages and other effects into some place of safety back into the country."

One of these "great roads" was King George's Highway (now St. George's Avenue). Happily, in January 1777, after many encounters on both sides of the Rahway River, the British were forced to retreat to Staten Island.

Now began a series of raids on New Jersey from Staten Island. At Trembley (now Tremley) Point the ferry crossing kept by Peter Trembley was much used by both British and American raiders.

WASHINGTON'S INAUGURAL

The raids continued after the surrender of

Cornwallis in October 1781 until the spring of 1783, when the struggle for independence came to an end. Six years later, General Washington rode up St. George's Avenue, lined with cheering people, on his way to his inauguration as President in New York City.

INDUSTRY EMERGES

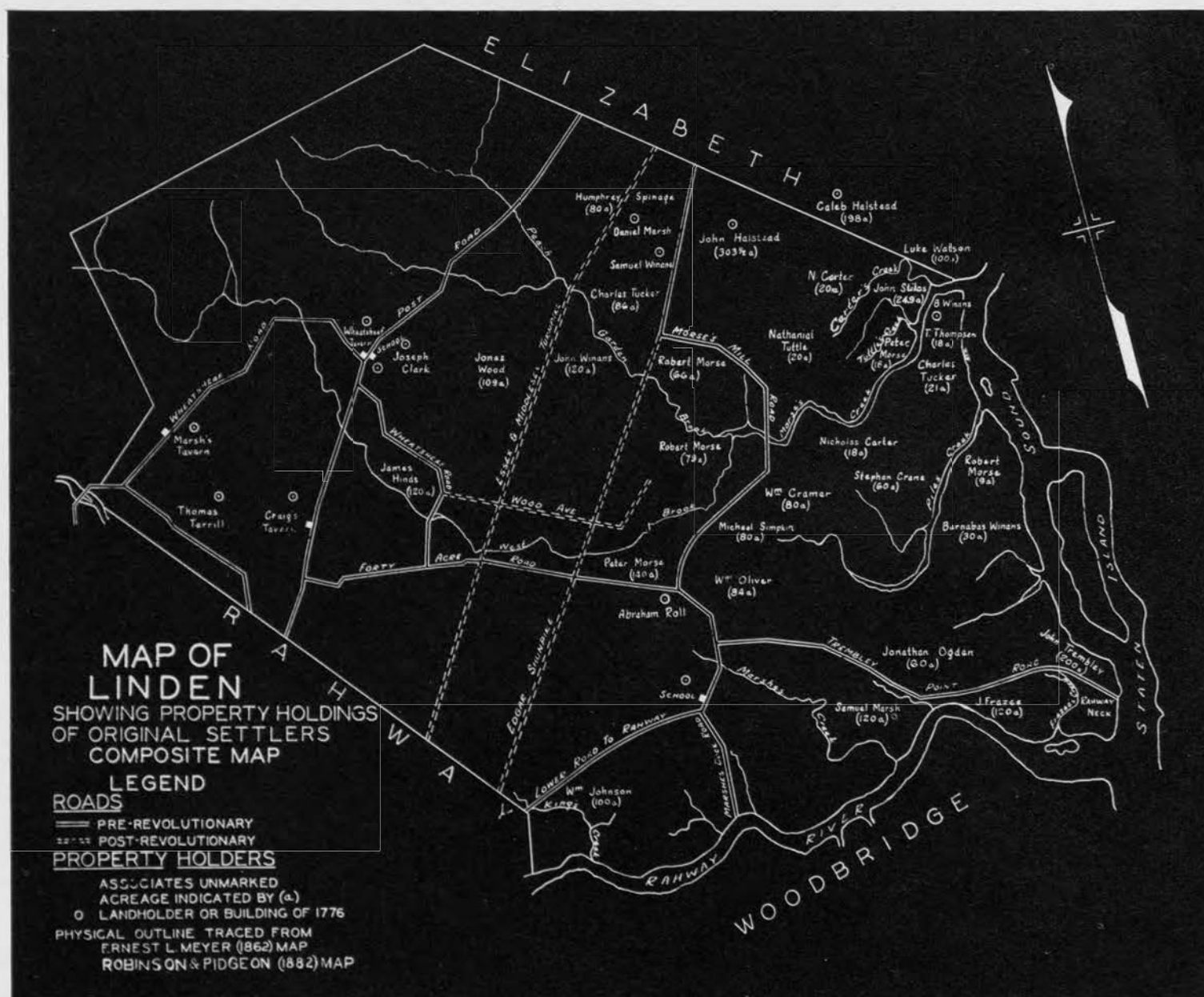
The 72 years that elapsed from Washington's inaugural to the opening of the Civil War saw the same gradual changes which the whole north experienced. In 1804, and again in 1820, the State Legislature passed abolition acts. By 1820, Elizabeth (which then included part of Linden) had only 113 slaves in a population of close to 3500.

By 1860 there were only 18 slaves in New Jersey.

While farming and cattle raising remained the chief occupations of the Linden area, small industries developed: manufacturing, grist mills, saw mills, tanneries, breweries, brick works and iron works. Rahway (which, at the beginning of the 19th century included over half of present-day Linden) gradually became an industrial center.

Rahway River was partially navigable and vessels sailed directly from Rahway Port, not only to New York and other ports, but also to England. By 1836 the Pennsylvania had a railroad through Linden, connecting Philadelphia and New York. Transportation and communication improved, and Linden continued its prosperous development.

LAND HOLDINGS of the original settlers of the Linden area are shown on this map. Many of the names appearing are still familiar today in local place names. Post Road is today's St. George's Avenue. Edgar Shunpike (so-named because its use avoided toll on Essex Turnpike) is now U. S. Route 1 (Edgar Road). Forty Acre Road is present Stiles Street.



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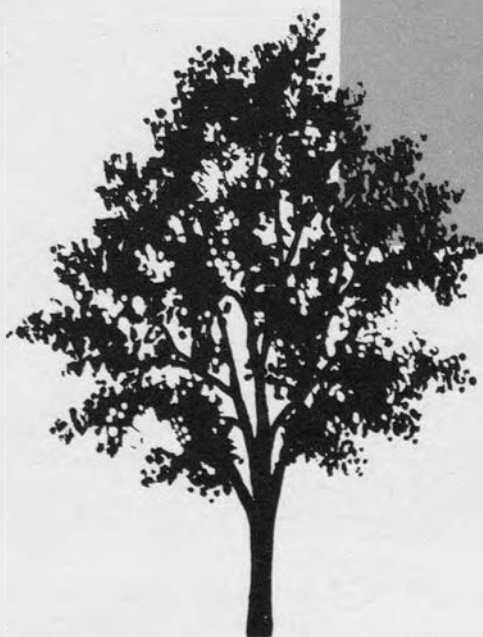
Village,
Town,
City

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1,146 RESIDENTS BECOME 40,000 -

CREATE A MODERN METROPOLIS

1861-1961





THE WOOD HOME, a Linden landmark, around 200 years old, is still lived in. It stands on the east side of Wood Avenue, just north of the Pennsylvania Railroad. This view was taken around 1896 before the street was depressed to go under the railroad tracks.

Village, Town, City

1,146 RESIDENTS BECOME 40,000 - CREATE A MODERN METROPOLIS

1861-1961

First factories and machines

—they take Linden's name to the outside world

The mid-1800's was a time of changing boundaries. Union County separated from Essex County in 1857. The Township of Rahway was formed in 1858. What is now Linden was then mostly Rahway, partly Elizabeth, and a dash of Union.

The farmers living in this area objected to paying taxes to Rahway and Elizabeth for city improvements such as sidewalks, lights and paved roads. Confusion about school districts caused further dissatisfaction.

TOWNSHIP OF LINDEN CREATED

An act of the State Legislature dated March 4,

1861, created the Township of Linden, with a population of 1,146. The area included what is now Roselle and a small portion of Cranford, in addition to the present confines of Linden.

The story of the naming of Linden revolves about a Mrs. Tenney, who lived on Dark Lane (now Park Avenue). Because of the many beautiful linden trees in the vicinity, she considered Linden Road a more suitable name and placed a sign with the new name on a blacksmith shop at the corner of St. George's Avenue. Abram Aaron Ward, having noticed the sign, recommended the adoption of "Linden" as the name for the newly formed township.

FIRST TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ELECTED

The government consisted of a Township Committee, the members of which were elected to represent the various districts. The members elected a chairman whose office corresponded to that of the mayor today. The first Township



LINDEN'S FIRST TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, issued May 10, 1903, listed 19 names, beginning with George W. Bauer and ending with John L. Titus. Included were two of Linden's first industries: W. J. Bush & Company and Linden Tanning Company.



A PIONEER MANUFACTURER in Linden was the John Stephenson Company, maker of trolley cars. This picture, taken December 23, 1907, looks north on Brunswick Avenue. Poles carry telegraph wires.



SCHOOL NO. 1, built in 1871, marked the beginning of Linden's educational system. Fire destroyed it in 1909.



LINDEN'S TOWN HALL as it appeared in 1898 at Morris and South Wood, where Wood Avenue fire station now stands.



POST OFFICE (about 1911) at Wood Avenue and Blancke Street also served the community as Borough Hall and store.



RAILROAD STATION around 1860 showing Pennsylvania's main line through Linden before Wood Avenue trestle.

Committee members were: Thomas Baker, Anthony Morse, William A. Mulford, George W. Roll, and William Ross. Other officials elected were Sebastian Mosqueron as Township Clerk, Ralph J. Vandervoort as Township Collector, and John W. Mulford as Township Assessor.

The Township Committee fixed the tax rate, borrowed money by issuing bonds, and decided how the revenue was to be spent. A town hall and fire house were built, and the usual public services were provided.

The period from 1865 to the end of the century was one of intense industrial activity throughout the country. Fostered by this spirit of expansion, the community grew rapidly.

Many new families came to Linden, mainly persons with business pursuits in downtown New York, who found it pleasant to live in the suburbs and commute to New York. Among the newcomers were Ferdinand Blancke, Walther Luttgen, the Knopfs, Miners, Coles and Zieglers, all influential in developing the community near the Pennsylvania Railroad Station.

FIRST INDUSTRIES EMERGE

In the Tremley Point section, the facilities for shipping and other natural advantages had by 1872 attracted two industries, the Russell Coe Bone Factory and the S. S. Fales Chemical Works.

The post-Civil War boom period, however, was to culminate in the "Black Friday" of September 1873. Bank withdrawals precipitated the crash.

Land speculation played a strong role in the boom and resulting panic. The crash put an end to new developments for the time.

But the depression and panic wore off and a new boom period began. By 1885 several industries had been established in the Tremley area. About 1900, Linden began to awaken to the advantages of its waterfront as an industrial site. The first large industries to locate in this section were oil and chemical plants.

Pioneer industries included the Grasselli Chemical Company (now part of E. I. du Pont de Nemours), General Aniline, W. J. Bush Company (a subsidiary of the London company), the Linden Tanning Company, and the John Stephenson Company, makers of trolley cars. Linden's destiny was assured with the coming of Standard Oil. From that time the development of the city's industry has been phenomenal.

BOROUGH OF LINDEN FORMED

On March 28, 1882, the commuting faction of the community withdrew to form a Borough completely surrounded by the Township.

The Borough (population about 900) was not quite a mile square. The boundaries of this "island municipality" ran from a point 150 feet south of Linden Avenue to 150 feet north of Curtis Street and extended from a point about two blocks west of Roselle Street to near the Rahway line.

The chief cause of the withdrawal of the

Borough from the Township was the difference in the nature of the two communities. The Borough was strictly residential and required such improvements as sidewalks, roads, and street lights. The surrounding farm area felt these things had little value and refused to vote for them.

The first meeting of the Borough Commission was held April 15, 1882. Walther Luttgen was elected President, F. William H. Hahn, Secretary, and William H. Hood, Treasurer.

No time was lost in making public improvements. Wooden sidewalks were built, trees were planted, and ordinances were passed to prevent the pasturing of cattle in the streets and the dumping of weeds and rubbish in public places. Later kerosene street lamps were provided.

Some of the more prominent residents of the Borough who were active in civic affairs were: Ferdinand Blancke, Henry B. Hardenburg, Sr., Walther Luttgen, Edward Gulager, William McDonagh, Sr., August E. Knopf, Alexander R. Corbet, Joseph L. Neubauer, Philetus Smith, Clarence H. Smith, and Meeker Wood.

COMMUNITY LIFE DEVELOPS

The old school house in the 1880's was the center of community life. Various clubs and organizations held meetings and parties in the school building. These were the Chimes, Bachelors' Club, Musical Society, Ladies Aid, and many church groups. The Chimes and Bachelors' Club were the leading groups. The Chimes provided recreation for the older residents while the Bachelors' Club was for the younger men.

Densler's Grove, which was located near Trem-

ley Point and Marsh's Creek on the first bend of the Rahway River, was a popular site for Sunday excursions, clambakes, and swimming parties. Many political outings were held there.

In 1890 the Linden Park Horse Association operated a race track and was licensed by both the county and township. The track was active for about five years until the license expired. A dog track was built close to the site in the vicinity of Park Avenue and Edgar Road.

The social life of Linden underwent a gradual change as the community became industrialized and farms made way for factory buildings and residential areas. Large numbers of Europeans came into the area in search of employment in the newly founded and expanding industries. These were followed by more and more commuters who resided in Linden and worked in New York and in the surrounding communities.

PUPILS AND TEACHER: She has thoughtfully written "Mar. 13, 1908" on blackboard. Desks and demeanor have changed but not the pride of good school work hung up for all to see.



ST. GEORGE'S AVENUE at Wood, looking east toward Elizabeth in the early 1900's. Along this thoroughfare came George Washington to his inauguration.



THIS LOVELY VIEW is North Wood Avenue, looking toward Elm Street after electric poles were up. The year is sometime after 1913.



Modern Linden: born in 1925

—unique blend of industry and home, of metropolis and suburb

IT SEEMS PERTINENT at this point to quote from an editorial in the first issue of *The Linden Observer* dated February 27, 1920 and titled "Vision":

"Some years ago several men, residents of Linden, had gathered together in a social way, and one of them produced a double-page-spread map from the New York Herald. It pictured Linden as a thriving city; on its water-front were large steamers loading at docks, tank steamers loading oil, a huge railroad terminal at Tremley Point, trolley lines from thence to the center of the city and radiating from there to Newark, Elizabeth, New Brunswick, and Plainfield.

"It so happened that it was a real estate advertisement, and we all thought it clever and were enthusiastic over the possibilities it pre-

sented. All admitted these things were possible but did not think them so in our time."

As it happened, the writer, Mr. Henry J. B. Ashwell, did see the agrarian Township become a bustling, energetic, industrial center surrounding a dignified, quiet residential area, with a full quota of educational, cultural, and social agencies.

1925: THE CITY OF LINDEN IS BORN

Prior to the consolidation of the Township and the Borough of Linden, there was much controversy between the two factions—those proposing and those opposing. The Township was a busy commercial center sparked by a group of "go-getting boosters" known as the Wood Avenue Improvement Association. The Borough, on the other hand, was a dignified community where residential improvements and quiet harmonious surroundings were of prime importance.

Realizing that ultimately the Township would absorb the Borough, that is cheaper to run one government than two, and that certain prestige would come with being a "City", the two municipalities consolidated to form the City of Linden on January 1, 1925.

The newly formed city decided to adopt the mayor-council type of government. George McGillvray was elected Mayor, and the Council was composed of the following: Thomas A. Archipley, 1st Ward; William Nickola, 2nd Ward; Charles Kasper, 3rd Ward; John J. Vanderwall, Sr., 4th Ward; Stephen Pekar, 5th Ward; Edward M. Wallace, 6th Ward; Harry McDaniel, 7th Ward; James T. Bersey, 8th Ward; and Leon A. Watson, Councilman-at-Large. The term for mayor was set at two years and for councilmen at three years.

The roster of Mayors discloses that Linden has been fortunate in having very able and dedicated men serve in this capacity:

1925-26—George McGillvray

1927-28—Albert F. Weber

1929-30—George McGillvray

1931-32—Jules Verner (acting for James B. Furber, who died before taking office)

1933-43—Myles J. McManus (died in office July 18, 1943)

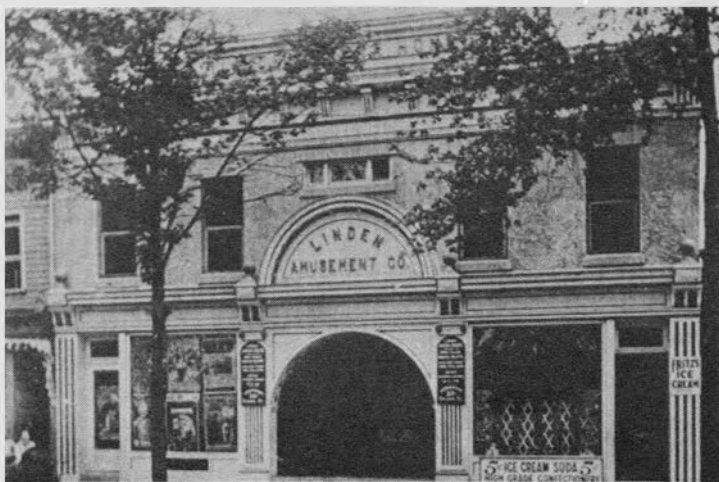
July-December 1943—H. Roy Wheeler, Council President and Acting Mayor

1943-52—H. Roy Wheeler

1953-Present—William J. Hurst



FIRE ALARM was sounded by this tocsin, a ring struck by sledge kept ready on platform. Council minutes for November 14, 1914 recorded suggestion that resident hauling hose cart receive \$5.00 for his horses.



OPERA HOUSE, built about 1915 to show movies, was formerly the old Roxane Theater and was located on Wood Avenue between Elizabeth Avenue and Price Street. Sign reads: "Ice Cream Soda 5c".



WORLD WAR I: Military planes (arrow) were made in Linden by Standard Aircraft Company at former Stephenson trolley-car works. In foreground: Victory Garden and Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.



JULY 4th PARADE: Fire engine, small boys and hose cart approach Wood Avenue railroad underpass. The year is 1918 or 43 years ago. Old Wood home is at right (with flag).



WORLD WAR II: "Welcome Home" parade in 1946 features Moose float's re-enactment of famous flag-boisting June 23, 1945 on Iwo Jima. The view was taken at Blancke Street and Wood Avenue.

EXPANSION ERA BEGINS

Linden's growth, already soaring, continued its climb after 1925. (See chart, page 17).

New industries, rapidly increasing population, expanding business—all meant an era of prosperity had begun and the City was carried forward with a rush.

The changes in Wood Avenue were drastic—from a tree-lined, semi-paved street to a broad city avenue complete with lights and office buildings.

By 1927, over 30 main industries had been established in Linden. The magnitude and diversity of the industrial operations in Linden is without parallel.

It is significant that during the depression

years of the '30's, while several factories closed, the majority continued operation. Through wise and ingenious management, most survived and their employees were able to maintain their livelihood. Again, Linden's basic and diversified industries contributed to the stability of the City.

The public library, established in 1928, was carried along with the era of expansion. By 1939 the library had acquired a main library building and three small branches.

PEARL HARBOR

Linden's reaction to Pearl Harbor was typical of all American communities, yet in many ways the impact was far deeper. A city so completely saturated with basic industries as Linden, natu-

rally became a cornerstone in the arsenal of democracy. Industries basic to peace were even more essential to war.

About 4,000 young men and women from Lin-



TELEVISION CAME in the 40's, first in bars and in outdoor showings like this one here in Linden, being watched by a large crowd. Today Linden residents, as part of the New York metropolitan area, may choose programs from seven channels.



INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS—1961: A far cry from the Linden-made trolley cars of 1907, automobiles by the thousands roll off the assembly lines of the General Motors plant—typical of the industrial productivity of Linden's 146 factories, plants and shops. In this view body and chassis come together at an important point on the assembly line.

den served in the Armed Forces. Lindenites fought in every theater of the war. A full quota of Distinguished Service Awards went to the boys from Linden. The price of victory was high—

104 of Linden's sons were killed while defending the nation.

On the home front, victory gardens, the blood bank, Red Cross, and Civilian Defense Corps were the order of the day. Savings Bonds purchased by Linden's residents purchased a B-17 "Flying Fortress", named the "Linden Wildcat N. J.". Linden was the first community in the Eastern section of the United States to be awarded an "E" flag by the Treasury Department for outstanding achievement in the sale of U. S. Defense Bonds through the payroll savings plan.

The economic influence of the war on Linden was tremendous. Local industries began manufacturing the tools of war. For example, Grumman Wildcat fighter planes replaced automobiles on the assembly lines at General Motors. The changeover in other plants was equally drastic. The need for war material created a great demand for labor. "Rosie-the-Riverter" became the order of the day, and plants operated on an "around the clock" basis. From any point of view Linden was geared for war.

TRANSITION TO PEACE

Lindenites welcomed the transition to peace. There were certain adjustment pains, but nothing too serious to interfere with the even tenor of economic advancement.

The Sunnyside golf course became a sizeable colony of split-levels and ranch houses. To these were added three schools and a branch library to meet the needs of a burgeoning population.

INDUSTRY EXPANDS

Industries immediately adjusted to post-war demands, and new industries created a list of products which reflect the changes in our modern society. Electronic products, plastics, phonograph records, fabricated materials, metal products, and instant coffee were among these new, "made in Linden" products.

There were 76 major industries in the City at the end of World War II. In 1961 there are approximately 146. In addition, many smaller companies have been attracted to Linden.

The Linden Airport originally operated by the Federal Government for war-time purposes became a municipal facility with all of the accompanying advantages to the City.

IV.

Government for the People

IT HAS FOSTERED LINDEN'S GROWTH

BROUGHT BENEFITS TO CITIZENS

1925-1961



*The Mayor
and Council
are pictured
on pages 12-13*



*Council
Chamber,
Linden
City Hall*



FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

*Fire
Chief*
JOSEPH
FALDA

*Deputy
Fire Chief*
JOHN G. C.
TRAUB

*Deputy
Fire Chief*
REED W.
FULLERTON

*Deputy
Fire Chief*
FRANK J.
MIKLOS

POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

*Chief
of Police*
HENRY
TOMASZEWSKI

*Acting Deputy
Police Chief*
THOMAS D.
MCKANE

*Police
Captain*
NEIL J.
DOUGHERTY

*Police
Captain*
LOUIS
HERGERT

*Police
Captain*
HARRY J.
WEITZMAN

*Acting Police
Captain*
STEPHEN
BUCKEYSER



Government for the People

IT HAS FOSTERED LINDEN'S GROWTH - BROUGHT BENEFITS TO CITIZENS

1925-1961

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IT CAN BE boldly stated that Linden offers its residents more for their tax dollar than any other municipality in this area.

First and foremost one may find in Linden the means of earning a livelihood, housing at reasonable cost, a place to worship whatever one's creed may be, a low tax rate of \$6.29 and a prudently administered city government.

"PEOPLE CENTERED"

Linden's city administration operates on a philosophy that is "people centered". Every aspect of good community life is given careful and thoughtful attention. In planning the various municipal services and developing industrial expansion to its full potential, the Mayor and Council constantly keep in mind the ultimate good of the citizenry. At the same time, they do not lose sight of the cost in dollars and cents.

The Mayor gives full time to his responsibilities, but Council members are regularly employed in their chosen fields of occupation.

Many of the present incumbents are veterans in elected office. Mayor Hurst has served Linden 27 years—continuously since 1934, as Councilman of the Eighth Ward, President of the Council and Councilman-at-Large and Mayor since 1953. His has been an exceptional and single-minded devotion to the city's interests.

A tally of the number of years the individual members of the Council have served comes to an impressive 108 years of public service.

Although the responsibility of providing municipal services rests squarely with the Mayor and Council, the task of administering and managing the various departments must be delegated to appointed officials and a large corps of competent civil employees.

THE CITY CLERK. This is an elective office.

In effect, the City Clerk is the official secretary of the Council and the keeper of the municipal records. There are numerous other duties devolving upon this office by virtue of the law. Francis H. Dann was elected City Clerk February 1, 1958 and will have tenure after serving five years. Prior to his election, Mr. Dann was Councilman of the First Ward from January 1950-52 and Councilman-at-Large and President of the Council from January 1, 1953 to February 1, 1958.

APPOINTIVE OFFICES

The five appointive offices by their very nature are highly responsible positions demanding special qualifications of the appointees.

CITY ATTORNEY. Linden is fortunate in its legal counsel. The efficient handling of municipal affairs is of prime importance and requires a thorough knowledge of the legal framework within which the City and its various departments must operate. Mr. Lewis Winetsky, an expert in municipal law, has been city attorney since 1935. Notable for his sincere civic interest, he is also well known as an able public speaker.

CITY TREASURER. As chief fiscal officer, the Treasurer is responsible for custody of all monies received by the City. Recently the latest business machines have been installed to handle more efficiently the increasing volume of work.

Mr. Charles A. Valvano, after 10 years on the City Council, was appointed City Treasurer on April 15, 1944. He is also a member of the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Legislative Tax Study and Advisory Committee, and Governor Meyner's Advisory Sub-Committee on Fiscal Affairs.

RECEIVER OF TAXES. This office is responsible for all matters involved in the collecting and recording of monies received from taxes of any

City of Linden — Governmental Directory — 1961

City Officers

Mayor William J. Hurst
 Councilman-at-Large Jerome Krueger
 Councilmen:

1st Ward—John F. Blewett
 2nd Ward—William Dalziel
 3rd Ward—Alexander J. Lee
 4th Ward—Edward Murawski
 5th Ward—Francis J. Burns
 6th Ward—John G. Mrucek
 7th Ward—Edward Flanagan
 8th Ward—Michael Smigelsky
 9th Ward—Paul Werkmeister
 10th Ward—Paul A. Yeisley

City Clerk Francis H. Dann
 City Treasurer Charles S. Valvano
 Receiver of Taxes John J. Fitzpatrick
 City Attorney Lewis Winetsky
 City Engineer John Ziemian
 Building Inspector Chester Chrobak
 Magistrate Joseph Monico
 Superintendent of Weights and Measures
 Lawrence P. Reagan

Board of Health

Henry Baran Eugene Madey
 Robert Dalziel Joseph Shur
 Leo Kaplowitz Walter Young
 Secretary John Witt
 Health Officer Henry F. Gavan
 City Physician Dr. Theodore Katz

Board of Education

Paul Cuvala Abraham R. Rothberg
 Raymond J. Donahue Michael Woytowicz
 Bernard Harkins
 Superintendent of Schools Emanuel Bedrick
 Assistant Superintendent Dr. James O'Brien
 Secretary Lottie A. Rosenband
 Purchasing Agent Mrs. Betty Evans
 Attorney Richard B. Magner
 Custodian of School Funds Charles S. Valvano

Schools, Location and Principals

No. 1—728 North Wood Avenue..Lewis E. Horton
 No. 2—1798 South Wood Avenue
 Michael Tomasulo
 No. 3—2255 Grier AvenueDr. John O'Brien
 No. 4—707 Cranford Avenue..Anthony Lombardo
 No. 5—1014 Bower StreetDaniel Finegan
 No. 6—19 East Morris AvenuePaul A. Yeisley
 No. 7—2767 Tremley Point Road
 Joseph Martin, Teaching Principal
 No. 8—500 West Blancke StreetAl Kalla
 No. 9—Deerfield TerraceHerman Mopsick
 No. 10—Highland AvenueAlfred E. Nogi
 Soehl Junior High School—8 Coke Place
 Dr. Abraham Gelfond
 McManus Junior High School—
 300 Edgewood RoadWilbur G. Piper
 High School—121 West St. Georges Avenue
 Dr. John F. Barrett

Board of Assessors

Walter J. Gerhard Joseph J. Wolf
 Frank Pakulski
 SecretaryMilford Levenson

Board of Adjustment

Helen Cannon Joseph Marcino
 Herbert R. Haskell Herman Parker
 Raymond G. Tomaszewski
 SecretaryCatherine Lehr

Shade Tree Commission

George Billick John Zaleski
 George Kazimir

Recreation Commission

Dr. George A. Arnold Al Kalla
 James J. Donahue Francis S. Schurley
 George Gordon
 Recreation SuperintendentFrank M. Krysiak
 SecretaryJoseph S. Dilbatis

Library Board

Ben Galansky Alexander J. Lee
 Mrs. Anna Grygotis Rev. Peter S. Sharick
 Mrs. Hilda R. Jones
 Hon. William J. Hurst (Ex-officio)
 Emanuel Bedrick, Superintendent of Schools
 (Ex-officio)
 DirectorViola R. Maihl
 Assistant DirectorHarriet Proudfoot

Libraries

Main Library31 East Henry Street
 Sunnyside Branch100 Edgewood Road
 Chandler Avenue Branch1009 Chandler Avenue
 Grier Avenue Branch2500 Grier Avenue

Civil Defense Council

Lester Barr Leslie D. Rogers
 William Bronstein John B. Schott
 Joseph Falda Dr. Harry Silver
 Abraham Frankel James A. Simpson
 Henry Gavan Alfred W. Sitarsky
 Frank Krysiak Edward R. Smith
 John Miller Henry Tomaszewski
 Herman Mopsick Dr. Herman Zeitlin
 Thomas D. Morena John A. Ziemian
 Stephen Orlando
 DirectorHerman Mopsick
 SecretaryThomas D. Morena

Local Assistance Board

Susan M. Cuvala Abraham Weinberg
 Jerome Krueger
 DirectorAbraham J. Frankel

Fire Department

Headquarters201 South Wood Avenue
 ChiefJoseph Falda
 Deputy ChiefsFrank Miklos
 Reed Fullerton, John Traub
 Bureau of CombustiblesCapt. Henry Lambert
 PhysicianDr. H. R. Boffman
 Total paid firemen—117 (6 companies)
 Pieces of equipment—15
 Stations:
 No. 1—201 South Wood Avenue
 No. 2—Chandler and Elizabeth Avenues
 No. 3—West St. Georges Avenue and DeWitt
 Terrace

Police Department

ChiefHenry Tomaszewski
 Acting Deputy ChiefThomas D. McKane
 Police MatronAnna Duffy
 PhysicianDr. Herman Zeitlin
 Number on Police Force—140 men and women
 Motor Equipment—13 pieces

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

George W. Handley Arthur J. Ward
 Charles E. McCrann, Jr.

Post Office

PostmasterCarl F. Vanderwall

type levied by the City. Mr. John J. Fitzpatrick was appointed Receiver of Taxes February 16, 1948 after resigning as Councilman of the Fifth Ward, which office he had held continuously from January 1, 1939.

CITY ENGINEER. John A. Ziemian, incumbent, holds an M.S.C.E. from New York University and a New Jersey professional engineer's license. Hence he is well qualified to direct the work of the Engineering Department.

MUNICIPAL MAGISTRATE. Joseph C. Monico has held this vital position since 1953. He fills the requirement of being an attorney-at-law and previously served as Councilman for several years.

MUNICIPAL BOARDS

In a democracy the willingness of citizens to serve the community without remuneration is an outstanding characteristic. These dedicated persons set the policies for their respective departments and in turn delegate the administration to paid employees. The appointive boards include:

Board of Education	Civil Defense Council
Recreation Commission	Shade Tree Commission
Board of Health	Labor Relations Committee
Local Assistance Board	Industrial Relations Committee
Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control	

CIVIL SERVICE EMERGES

With the exception of elective and appointive officers and employees of the Board of Education, all employees of the City of Linden are under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Civil Service. Examinations must be taken for every job—even promotions within the ranks are subject to Civil Service regulations. The only control that the city administration has over appointments is the writing of job specifications before examinations are given—and the salary range.

Civil Service was adopted by a referendum at the 1944 election; the same year another referendum was approved to provide membership in the New Jersey State Employees' Retirement System for all those not covered by some other type of pension such as that provided for police and firemen. Life insurance is another fringe benefit provided for city employees.

LINDEN'S PROTECTIVE FORCES

These important municipal departments are

Roster of Councilmen

1925 to 1961

Thomas A. Archipley.....	1925-1930
James T. Bersey.....	1925-1927
John F. Blewett.....	1956-1961
Frank J. Bugar.....	1936-1938
Francis J. Burns.....	1948-1961
George H. Cooper.....	1935-1936
Arthur R. Croucher.....	1937-1951
William Dalziel.....	1939-1941, 1945-1961
Francis Dann.....	1950-1958
James Dobson.....	1936-1941
Andrew Fabian.....	1944-1950
John J. Fitzpatrick, Jr.....	1939-1948
Eugene Fitzsimmons.....	1951-1959
Edward Flanagan.....	1945-1961
Maurice Hagin.....	1933-1935
Wesley O. Hall.....	1927-1929
Henry B. Hardenburg, Jr.....	1928
William Hartmann.....	1934-1936
Charles H. Hill.....	1927-1929
Frank Hora.....	1928-1933
William J. Hurst.....	1934-1952
Julius Kalish.....	1933-1944
Charles Kasper.....	1925-1926
Harry Kohler.....	1950-1951
Michael Kreidl.....	1930-1938
Jerome Krueger.....	1956-1961
Frank B. Kubiak.....	1927
Alexander J. Lee.....	1960-1961
Harry McDaniel.....	1925-1926
Edward McGann.....	1942-1944
John P. Mahar.....	1933
Myles J. McManus.....	1928-1932
William J. Meekings.....	1942-1944
John G. Mrucek.....	1959-1961
Joseph C. Monico.....	1944-1953
Edward Murawski.....	1937-1939, 1946-1961
Leon Natkiewicz.....	1940-1945
Richard C. Neyer.....	1953-1955
William Nickola.....	1925-1926
Frank J. Pakulski.....	1953-1959
Stephen Pekar.....	1925-1926, 1930-1932
James A. Robson.....	1932
William Schaefer.....	1930-1932
Daniel Schulhafer.....	1927-1929
Michael Smigelsky.....	1945-1961
George Sweet.....	1934-1936
Charles S. Valvano.....	1934-1944
John J. Vanderwall, Sr.....	1925-1927
Michael J. Vena.....	1928-1933
Jules Verner.....	1931
Edward W. Wallace.....	1925-1927
Arch G. Warren.....	1931-1932
Leon A. Watson.....	1925-1926, 1929-1930
Abraham Weinberg.....	1930-1932
Abe Weitzman.....	1953-1955
Paul Werkmeister.....	1958-1961
H. Roy Wheeler.....	1937-1943
De Witt C. Winans.....	1927-1928
Lewis Winetsky.....	1933-1934
Paul A. Yeisley.....	1952-1961



AUXILIARY POLICE of the Linden Civil Defense Council, August 8, 1961

charged with the protection of life and liberty. In 100 years there have been great changes.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. "Volunteers" and the bucket brigade were the first fire-fighters in Linden. Prior to World War I, Linden Township boasted of five volunteer fire companies comprising 80 members.

Today Linden has three fire houses, a force of 117 men, modern equipment and 147 fire-alarm boxes plus 36 located in industrial plants. The City has a Class B Fire Insurance Rating (there are only four Class A ratings in the State).

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. Earliest police officers were constables elected for one year. In 1888 there must have been three: \$6 was paid for three constable badges.

Linden's "finest" have entirely different problems today and a highly developed organization to cope with the situation. The Police Department comprises a force of 140 men and women. It is organized into six Bureaus each with its complement of officers and men.

A mere listing of Bureaus gives some idea of the wide range of police duties in 1961. The Bureaus are Uniform and Traffic Bureau, Record Bureau, Juvenile Bureau, Detective Bureau, Maintenance Bureau, and Chief's Office.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH. In 1898 Linden Borough appropriated \$50 in the annual budget for the Board of Health. By 1924 the Township was spending the huge sum of \$6,000 for health purposes. Little in the annals even remotely resembles the excellent services rendered today.

All matters pertaining to the protection of the health and welfare of the citizens of Linden are the concern of the Board of Health. Many duties are superimposed by the State Department of Health, functioning in a supervisory capacity.

The Board of Health employs a staff of spe-

cialists. The Health Inspector is the chief administrator of the public-health program.

PUBLIC WELFARE. Every community has needy persons. These persons are the concern of the Department of Welfare under the supervision of the Local Assistance Board.

"Way back when," the granting of assistance to those in need was either perfunctory or willy-nilly. Today these services are approached in a scientific and business-like manner. Those engaged in the work must be college graduates who have majored in the social sciences or specialists in other related fields.

The local Board works with various agencies at the county and state level.

CIVIL DEFENSE. By an act of the State Legislature in 1949, all local governments are required to establish a Civil Defense Council. Appointed by the Mayor, the Council consists of no more than 15 members who serve at the will of the Mayor.

The work of the Council is carried out by committees in charge of 10 divisions. The work of each division is carefully spelled out and coordinated with its counterpart in the regular governmental organization. For instance, the Auxiliary Police are trained by a member of the regular Police Department.

COMBINED EFFORTS

Of necessity, space has been taken to spell out the services that most closely affect the lives of Linden people. Behind every one of the more spectacular jobs are scores of people who handle the myriad of details involved. Without these employees the City could not operate.

Linden has a total of 420 full-time and 173 part-time employees rendering valuable service to the community.

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The Good Life
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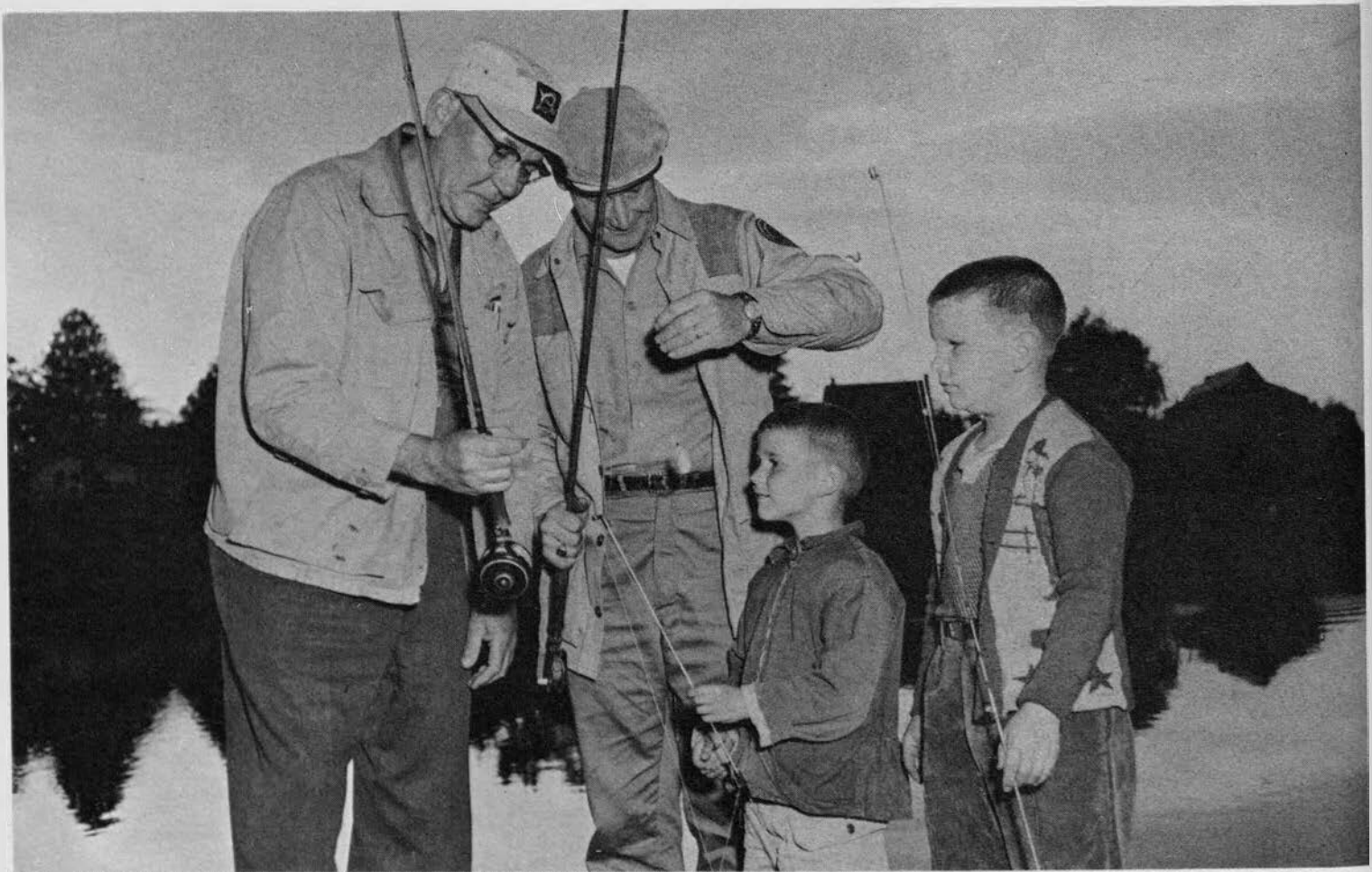
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EDUCATION . . . RECREATION . . . RELIGION . . .

THE COMMUNITY . . . ARE ACTIVE INTERESTS

1961





"NOW, HERE'S HOW YOU DO IT . . ." At Junior Fishing Clinic, conducted by Linden Recreation Commission, two young fellows are shown how to rig a plug by experts. This community activity is one of many that make up the good life in Linden.

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1961

Linden's youth is its most important people

—unusual support is given to the City's schools and libraries

PRIOR TO 1861, the formal education of the children in the area now known as Linden was, to say the least, a checkered affair. Four kinds of education were offered—semi-public schools, church schools, public schools and private schools.

FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The first two public schools were erected at Wheatsheaf on King's Highway (now St. George's Avenue and Roselle Street) in 1750 and at Tremley Point on Morses Mill Road in 1760. Both were primitive wooden buildings, heated by box stoves. Financial support was provided by tuition charges and voluntary contributions from neighborhood families. In the early 1800's, a third school was built at Stiles and Blancke.

A new era dawned in 1871 when the State Legislature abolished tuition rates and adopted a state school tax.

SCHOOL No. 1

This same year marked the beginning of Linden's educational system as we know it. On Linden Avenue, east of Wood Avenue, a school was built, later known as Public School No. 1 (see illustration, page 30). The faculty consisted of 3 teachers, including the principal. The curriculum included one year of high school, extended by 1907 to two years.



FOR HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS, Linden provides the latest laboratory facilities for the study of subjects vital to the world they must live in.

The building was destroyed by fire in 1909. A new building was erected on the present site, Wood Avenue and Curtis Street, and occupied in September 1912. At this time, a full four-year high-school program was included as well as evening school for adults.

Because of overcrowding at new School No. 1, it was decided to build a separate high school. Land was purchased on St. George's Avenue between Ainsworth and Summit Streets. The school opened in 1925.

The years between 1912 and 1924 taxed the ingenuity of the School Board. Fires and increasing numbers of school children led to the use of temporary and portable school buildings. Concurrently, the permanent physical plant was in the course of construction. By 1930, Linden had eight elementary schools and one high school.

There was a lull in school building until 1950, when Linden took positive steps to meet the

"crisis in education." McManus School was erected. Seven years later it was converted to a junior high school. In rapid succession Schools No. 9 and No. 10 were built. An addition to the high school is a current project.

THE CURRICULUM

Naturally, the change in the curriculum is even more dramatic than the evolution of buildings.

Toward the end of the 1800's, the three "R's" were supplemented by a course in drawing. To quote: "This course of study we consider a great advantage to scholars as it makes them more accurate in their writing and will be an advantage to them in their future work."

During the Spanish-American War, by action of the Board on May 3, 1898, the teacher was permitted to "instruct the children for five minutes each day . . . in regard to War Vessels and other matters pertaining to the War."

From this we ascertain that Linden's school officials always have been aware of the changing educational needs of our children and have desired to equip them for their place in society.

MEETING TODAY'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

To the pioneers in public education, our 1961 diversity of subjects, our concern with the purely cultural, our program of physical education would appear fabulous.

KINDERGARTEN absorbs complete interest of tots as they begin first school days. Modern classroom and equipment show care given Linden schools.



But modern society demands more of its schools. Linden provides exceptional opportunities to its youth. The academic program at the high-school level offers three courses—College Preparatory, Business Education and General.

The Linden schools provide the finest in laboratory and shop facilities in the areas of industrial arts, mechanics, home economics, art, music, etc. The three secondary schools have libraries.

The health and physical-education programs include, besides the traditional sports, Safety and Behind-the-Wheel Driving. The athletic field consists of two gridirons, a one-fifth-mile track and a baseball field.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Linden was among the first school districts to provide psychological services. Classes for the retarded and educable children are held. Bedside tutoring, remedial reading and speech problems receive special attention.

Since 1930, children in Linden have had the advantage of a Guidance Department. Eleven counselors advise individually and by groups.

Regular physical check-ups are given and a school nurse is in attendance at each school.

Over 1,000 meals are served daily in school cafeterias and 350,000 half-pints of milk are consumed annually.

The Board of Education employs a total of 471 persons to teach our children, to administer its business affairs, and maintain buildings and grounds. Mr. Emanuel Bedrick is Superintendent of Schools, assisted by Dr. James O'Brien.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Well over 2,000 of Linden's children attend the three parochial schools.

ST. ELIZABETH's elementary school is the brain-child of Father Meinrad Hettinger, the first pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church. On September 12, 1927, the school was opened, consisting of eight classrooms and an auditorium.

The present curriculum includes all subjects prescribed by the Board of Education. During the current year, courses in science have been incorporated in the general course of studies. Language lessons in Spanish and French have been introduced, and taught by television.

The student body of St. Elizabeth's School now numbers 1,030, with a teaching faculty consisting



SUNNYSIDE LIBRARY BRANCH at 100 Edgewood Road was opened July 1960 and presents the latest and finest in library architecture and equipment.

of eight lay teachers, ten Dominican Sisters, and the Supervising Principal.

ST. THERESA'S SCHOOL was established through contributions of the people for the purpose of taking care of the children of Polish ancestry.

Classes commenced in September, 1930, under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

Today the enrollment is 465 children, with a faculty of nine teaching Felician Sisters. The curriculum includes the essential elementary subjects, and the Polish language.

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE SCHOOL. The building is unique in that it incorporates the parish church. Children from Linden, Clark, Winfield, Roselle and Rahway are in attendance with a total enrollment of 1,600—a far cry from the original student body of 696.

The teaching staff is comprised of 19 teaching Sisters of St. Dominic and 10 lay teachers, under the direction of a Supervising Principal.

The curriculum is provided by the Arch-Diocesan Superintendent of Schools. Greater emphasis is being placed on the study of science and modern foreign languages. Definite school periods are devoted to television educational programs.

LINDEN'S PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

The library movement in Linden owes its existence to a small group of public-spirited citizens and the sponsorship of the Linden Rotary Club. The library operated for six months on a voluntary basis and on January 1, 1928 became a municipal, tax-supported institution.

One of the first acts of the Board of Trustees was to engage Miss Viola R. Maihl, a professional librarian, to organize the library.

Original quarters were in the stable wing of the old Linden Casino (now the Moose Club) and later in stores on Wood Avenue near Elm Street. In December 1939, the library moved to its present building erected with the aid of a federal grant.

In keeping with the modern concept of a public library, Linden's people have been the chief concern of the library's administration. The actual and potential clients are of all ages and have extremely varied backgrounds. These people require a vast collection of books, periodicals, phonograph records, pictures, film strips and film slides.

The needs are the same regardless of the location of their homes. To serve them best, a system has been established consisting of the main library and three branches.

In little more than a quarter of a century the Linden Library has demonstrated its effectiveness in the community and gained the confidence of both the citizenry and the governing body. Its growth and expansion is the result of long-term planning and a constant study of the changing needs of the community.

The staff consists of 8 professional librarians, 11 clerical assistants, 4 librarian trainees and part-time pages. Miss Maihl is still the Director; Miss Harriet Proudfoot is Assistant Director.

STORY HOUR gets rapt attention at Linden's Day Camp as Harriet Proudfoot, Assistant Director of Linden Public Library, explains a fascinating picture.



Linden's people cherish self-development

—through arts, sports, fun, music and clubs

FOR MANY YEARS the recreational life in Linden centered about the Linden Country Club with headquarters in the Linden Casino, originally built by Walther Luttgen. The Club flourished for five generations but disbanded in the late 1930's, a victim of the depression.

Linden still retains its social and cultural interests but they are not centered in one group.

To recite the history of each local organization would prove a monumental task; the files of the Linden Public Library alone list 240 such organizations. Therefore only those that are municipal or quasi-municipal groups can be covered in any detail. On page 56, some 100 organizations are listed as published in the Centennial Edition of *"This is Linden"*, issued by the Linden League of Women Voters.

LINDEN'S RECREATION PROGRAM: ACTIVE AND DIVERSIFIED

Organized recreation under municipal auspices came into being in 1935 with the appointment

of a Board of Recreation Commissioners by Mayor Myles J. McManus. In 1936, the Recreation Department was organized and a Superintendent of Recreation and other personnel were selected to administer a year-round recreation program. A budget of \$10,000 was approved by Common Council for the first year of operation. Frank M. Krysiak, first Superintendent of Recreation, continues to fill this post today.

Following the creation of the Recreation Department the need for permanent outdoor areas was recognized and a program of acquisition of land for parks and playgrounds was undertaken.

PARKS NOW NUMBER 23

The first city park was acquired and developed by the Linden Borough in 1923 on West Curtis Street (now designated as Curtis Street Park). The Township of Linden furthered the establishment of a Union County Park in Linden by donating 20 acres of land to the county in 1924, which was developed into what is now John Russell Wheeler Park, named for the first local youth killed in action in World War I.

Parks acquired in the early days of the acquisition program were Eighth Ward Park, 1935; Woodrow Wilson Park, 1936; Tremley and Twelfth Street Parks, 1937; and James Dobson Park, 1940.

The municipal park system now numbers 23 parks with an area of 80.48 acres. Seventeen super-

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS abound in Linden. Here a multiple-use paved area, with a variety of facilities, in Tenth Ward Park, is being put to good use.



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE is a city-wide project under auspices of Recreation Commission, in which more than 50 clubs and organizations join.

vised children's playgrounds and a day camp are operated by the Recreation Department.

PLAYGROUNDS OFFER VARIED FACILITIES

Early playgrounds had limited facilities, usually swings, slides and a softball diamond. Present-day playgrounds include a variety of facilities in addition: tetherball, volleyball, basketball courts, multiple-use paved areas, handball courts, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, and shelters.

From the beginning, school buildings have been used by the Recreation Department to conduct indoor recreation activities including recreation centers during the fall and winter months. Eight school buildings were used for recreation in 1961.

RECREATION CENTERS SERVE ALL AGES

The Town Hall, built in 1911 on South Wood Avenue, has served as headquarters for the Recreation Department since its inception. Over the years, alterations to the building have made additional facilities available including three offices, Board Room, maintenance workshop, ceramics room, several storerooms and a recreation room which provides a workshop and meeting place.

With the construction of the Sunnyside Branch Library on a section of Edgewood Road Park, the Free Public Library Trustees provided a recreation center in the building plans. The center now houses many recreational hobby clubs.

The program has grown over the years to include persons of all ages in a variety of activities.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES ENCOURAGED

The Halloween Parade was organized in 1951 by the Recreation Commission and is conducted annually in cooperation with the Halloween Parade Committee, which includes representatives of over 50 local civic clubs and organizations.

Many adult special-interest and hobby groups have been organized under the guidance of the Recreation Department. Among these are the Linden Art Association, Ceramic Club, Linden Badminton Club, Hitch-um and Pitch-um Travellers, Sunnyside Club, Golden Age Club, Retired Men's Club, Craft-Eze Club, Linden Archers and The Leathercrafters.

The summer day-camp program was organized



SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS are an active part of Linden's recreation program. Shown here is merry Halloween party of the Golden Age Club.

LINDEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, conducted by Anthony Maio, draws its 50 members from Linden and neighboring communities. It gives concerts in May and December.



in 1946 and has operated continuously since.

LINDEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION

The Linden Symphony Orchestra had its birth in June of 1959 as the result of the interest of a small group of local citizens.

With the financial assistance of a few local industries and citizens, necessary musical instruments were promptly acquired.

FIRST CONCERT: On December 6, 1959 the Orchestra held its first concert before a large and enthusiastic audience. In pursuance of a policy to hold a concert in December and May of each

year, the next concert was held in May of 1960. The December 1960 concert featured a piano concerto written by a Linden resident, Alexander Luba, and performed by a young Linden High School student, Jeffrey Moritz; it was well received by a capacity audience.

On May 21, 1961, the Orchestra held its scheduled spring concert, featuring Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and spotlighting the husband and wife team of Anna Mincarelli, pianist, and Anthony Mincarelli, clarinetist.

LINDEN ADULT SCHOOL OFFERS 40 COURSES

After two years of careful research in the field of adult education by the Linden League of Women Voters, a Citizens Committee, organized to promote such an activity, voted on March 23, 1959 to sponsor an Adult Educational program.

The Linden Adult School resulting from that step is a non-profit organization that provides after-hours education for adults in Linden. The Board of Education grants the free use of school buildings and provides a custodial staff.

Mr. Alfred Nogi was appointed Director and Miss Josephine Lang, Assistant Director of the new School. Under their able direction, a competent corps of teachers has been engaged. Registration for the first semester (fall of 1959) was 475 enrollees in 23 courses, a tribute to the value of the project. Each succeeding semester has strengthened the place of the Adult School in the community's life.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM in Linden began in 1959—satisfies the desire of hundreds of residents for self-improvement. Pictured here: sewing class.



Linden is reverent

—it worships God in many different places of homage

PRIOR TO THE establishment of Linden Township in 1861, there were no churches in the immediate area. With the growth of the village, the need arose for more convenient places to worship. Private homes were used, and later the schoolhouse on Stiles Street became the center of religious activities.

Linden's religious growth is dramatically told by the histories of individual churches which follow in chronological order.

LINDEN METHODIST CHURCH

Linden Methodist Church, the City's oldest Protestant Church, was officially established at the home of John Clay on July 31, 1866. The Certificate of Incorporation is dated September 25, 1866.

Homes of the people were used for worship until 1873 when \$250 was paid "to Mr. Blancke on account of purchase of old schoolhouse". This was the school building on Stiles near Knopf Street, which was "neatly repaired, seated and supplied with a pulpit" and dedicated on April 26, 1874.

Today the Linden Methodist Church, now located at 321 North Wood Avenue, is looking forward to expansion. Rev. Vern Jensen is pastor.

REFORMED CHURCH OF LINDEN

The Reformed Church of Linden's congregation celebrates its 90th year in 1961, having been established in May, 1871. A non-sectarian Sunday School had been in existence several years prior to this date.

Early in 1869, a committee was formed to discuss founding a Reformed Church.

Ferdinand Blancke deeded the site where the Church presently stands, at North Wood Avenue and East Henry Street. The cornerstone was laid May 10, 1871. The Certificate of Incorporation was filed July 4, 1871. The original bell, installed in 1874, continues to call the faithful to worship

the "unchanging God", in a community that once was a country crossroad and is now a thriving city. Rev. Joseph L. Perry is the present pastor.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Grace Episcopal Church traces its parochial history to the year 1870, when a group of devoted Episcopalians gathered in the home of Mr. A. Wheeler, with the Rev. Dr. R. M. Abercrombie of Rahway presiding. Dr. Abercrombie conducted the first services on April 3, 1870 in a schoolhouse on Stiles Street. In 1874 the Trustees of Grace Episcopal Church of Linden were incorporated.

The Church building was completed in the 1870's and was originally situated on West Linden Avenue. It was moved in 1887 to its present location at the corner of Washington Avenue and East Elm Street. The Church was consecrated by Bishop John Scarborough on June 17, 1894. Rev. Charles L. Wood is the present pastor.

CONGREGATION AGUDAS ACHIM ANSHEI LINDEN

The history of Congregation Agudas Achim Anshei Linden, an Orthodox synagogue, corresponds directly with the history of the area it has served for almost half a century.

The organization was founded on October 17, 1908 to serve the religious and fraternal needs of the Jewish residents. Its name means literally "The Congregation of the Organization of Brothers of Residents of Linden."

In 1910, the Congregation acquired its own edifice at 604 Chandler Avenue, and in 1922, moved to its present location at 1224 East St. George's Avenue. After World War II, the Sisterhood was established, and the Men's Club re-organized. Rabbi Bezalel Shindler, the present Rabbi, was called to serve in 1957.

ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

St. Elizabeth's Church was begun in 1909, when a small edifice, located on West Blancke Street near Wood Avenue, was obtained for religious services. Mass was celebrated for the first time on May 2, 1909. On August 26, 1910, Father Meinrad Hettinger, O.S.B., became the first Pastor.

A bigger church on East Blancke Street was dedicated on November 24, 1912. A rectory was

completed in 1918. September 1927 witnessed the completion of a school. In May 1949, a new convent was dedicated to adequately house the Sisters who teach in the school.

In 1950, work was begun on a new church and rectory, which was completed and dedicated in



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS on Wood Avenue have been a tradition in Linden for many years. This view looks south. Present Methodist church may be seen at right.

1952. The Church has a seating capacity of 1,000. The present pastor is Father Louis Seiser, O.S.B.

CONGREGATION ANSHE CHESED

Congregation Anshe Chesed ("People of Charity") occupied its own house of worship in 1915 when it purchased a one-family home on East Blancke Street near Maple Avenue. With the expansion of its activities and membership, the Congregation purchased a new site "around the corner" at 400 Maple Avenue and erected a new synagogue building in 1921. That year Rabbi Morris Baicofsky began service as spiritual leader.

In recent years the Congregation has enjoyed phenomenal growth. On May 25, 1954, Anshe Chesed acquired title to new property at St. George's Avenue and Orchard Terrace. This new building is the largest and most complete traditional Orthodox structure in New Jersey with a Sanctuary seating over 1,000 people. Rabbi Aharon Shapiro is the present spiritual leader.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1922 a group consisting of the Harvey,

Samson, Johnson, and Read families founded a new church at the residence of Mr. Herman Johnson. Services were held in School No. 4.

The present location at 1301 Lincoln Street was purchased in 1924. At the time the church was erected in 1926, there were 30 members.

Various ministers served for short periods of time until 1940. In that year the present Rev. S. E. Schell, Jr., began his pastorate. Under his guidance, the building has been renovated and enlarged to meet the needs of a large and growing membership.

ST. GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In 1922 a small group of 17 Slavish Catholic families of the Greek Rite gathered together for the purpose of organizing a church in Linden. They purchased a lot at 417 McCandless Street, the site of the present Church.

Work was begun on the church building and in October 1923 the Church was dedicated.

The first permanent pastor was Rev. Father Michael J. Miyo. Under his guidance, the first major building project was undertaken, the construction of a parish rectory. By 1958, Father George Billy, the present pastor who succeeded Father Miyo, had inaugurated a church building-fund campaign.

On April 20, 1958, on a spot exactly over the main Altar, ground was blessed and broken for the new church, a modern building of unusual design. Dedication was July 3, 1960.

HOLY TRINITY POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Holy Trinity parish of the Polish National Catholic Church in Linden was organized in 1925.

The Polish National Catholic Church secured the episcopate from the Old Catholic Church of Holland. Having received the episcopate from the Old Catholic source, the Polish National Catholic Church is the inheritor of Old Catholicism and the only Old Catholic body in America now recognized by the See of Utrecht.

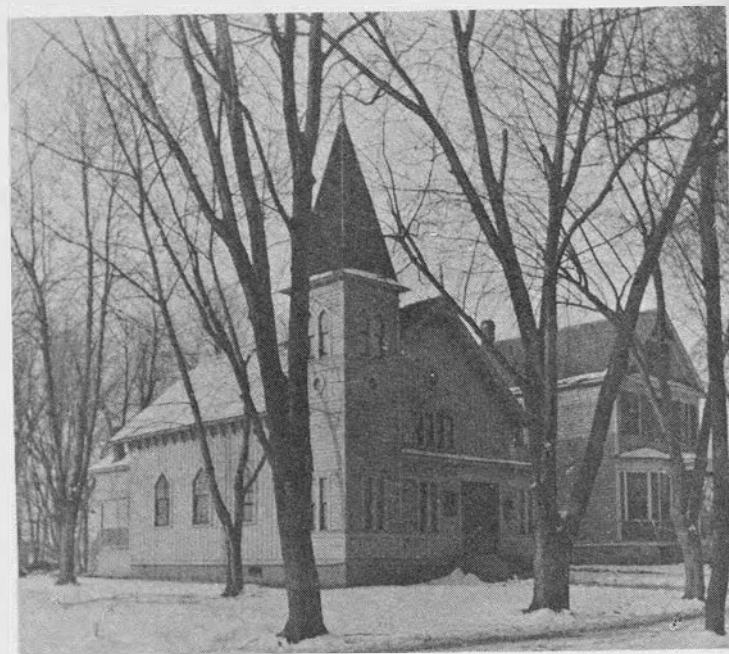
In the near future the Holy Trinity parish intends to undertake extensive renovations of the church at 403 Ziegler Avenue. The members of the parish come from Linden, Rahway, Clark, Cranford, Elizabeth, Union Beach, Middletown,

and Hazlet. The present pastor is The Rev. Father Louis J. Victor.

ST. THERESA'S CHURCH

On August 22, 1925, at the Old Progress Hall on Mitchell Avenue, now known as the Lithuanian Liberty Park Hall, the late Rev. Edward S. Kozlowski, newly appointed Pastor of the new St. Theresa's Church, offered Holy Mass before a very small, almost unseen congregation.

With the breaking of the ground for the new



LINDEN'S FIRST organized church, the Methodist (1866), moved into this building, a former school located on Stiles near Knopf Street, in 1873.

Church and School on June 27, 1926, and the dedication of the Church on May 8, 1927 . . . new and higher hopes were born.

Subsequently, the building of a rectory was initiated in which to house the priests. A parochial school was opened under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Family. In 1952, a \$125,000, two-story addition to the convent made it possible to accommodate more Sisters.

The cornerstone for a new Church was laid in 1954. The present pastor is Rev. Dr. Stanley Stachowiak, J.C.D.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

During the late 1920's, a number of persons of Lutheran background who had settled in Linden

felt the need of the ministry of a Lutheran congregation. In May 1928, an organizational meeting was held, with about 20 Lutheran families present. In August 1928, the first service was held in the parish hall of Grace Episcopal Church.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church was then incorporated on October 17, 1928. Regular services were held in German and English, in Craftsman's Hall for the first ten years.

The present church edifice at 45 East Elm Street was dedicated on October 2, 1938. In July 1945, the present parsonage at 514 Moore Place



CORNERSTONE of Reformed Church, Linden's first church building, was laid in 1871. The same church, now 90 years old, appears on page 53.

was purchased. In July 1948, the entire corner opposite the church was purchased as a site for the new Parish House, dedicated in 1955. The present pastor is Rev. Floyd P. Milleman.

LINDEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD

The Linden Assembly of God was first known as the Polish Pentecostal Full Gospel Church. Its founder and first pastor was Rev. N. Stecewicz of Newark. The church was incorporated in 1933.

The first meetings were held in the home of Mr. Guznik, and were known as cottage meetings.

In October 1934, land was acquired at the present location—416 Bower Street—to build a new church. At this time Rev. John Midura of New York City became its new Pastor. The men of the congregation built the church themselves

in their spare time. The first service was held in the not-quite-finished building on Christmas 1934.

In the year 1953, the name was changed to Linden Assembly of God. The church is still located at 416 Bower Street. Rev. Jack Kylor is the present pastor.

SLOVAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The very earliest Calvins who lived in the Tremley area of Linden, became members of the Perth Amboy Slovak Church, traveling to that city by the now abandoned street-car line.

In 1925, due to transportation difficulties, the Tremley people asked for services of their own. From 1925 to 1929 services were held for them in the afternoon by Reverend Simko.

On March 24, 1934 the Slovak Calvinistic Chapel was founded. The church building was erected in 1935 upon a five-lot piece of property, three of which were given by the Misses Amelia and Anna Shotwell. In 1950 it was necessary to enlarge the church building to accommodate the growing congregation.

In 1951 the Rev. Peter S. Sharick, the present pastor, began his duties. Under his direction a manse was built in 1952 and the Church was freed from debt.

MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Incorporated in 1935, the church building of Mount Moriah Baptist Church was erected in the Spring of 1936. Located at 40 East 14th Street, its purpose is to serve the Negro population of that section of Linden.

The Rev. A. A. Ross became pastor and is well known for his civic as well as religious interests and leadership.

HOLY FAMILY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

This church is the outgrowth of a group of Slovak-speaking families who met in homes to recite the Rosary.

On January 15, 1939 the first Mass was held in the Grasselli Community House. The church building was blessed on November 30, 1941.

For several years Msgr. Haitinger guided the development of the Church. The dream of the people of Tremley became a reality when Father

Komar was appointed Resident Administrator in October 1955.

The Church was incorporated on November 20, 1956. In 1958 the Grasselli Community House was purchased and remodeled for church uses.

LINDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On November 5, 1939, at the small Community House in Woodrow Wilson Park, 34 persons met to organize a Presbyterian Mission Church.

In July 1940, work was begun on a Chapel building at Princeton Road and Orchard Terrace, which was dedicated February 2, 1941. On March 11, 1941, the Linden Presbyterian Church was formally organized.

Rev. James L. Ewalt was installed as first pastor on May 2, 1941. The Church grew as Linden grew. In 1943 a Manse was purchased for the second and present pastor, Rev. Kenneth Walter. On March 11, 1951, the tenth anniversary of the Linden Presbyterian Church, the new Sanctuary Unit was dedicated.

The Church's physical expansion was completed with the dedication of the Church School Building on March 2, 1958.

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

The Parish of St. John the Apostle was canonically erected on June 4, 1948. It covers sections of Linden, Clark, Cranford, Rahway, and all of Winfield.

The first Pastor appointed to this parish was the present Msgr. Thomas F. Mulvaney, who assumed charge June 19, 1948. While the Church was still under construction on Valley Road, Mass was being said in the auditorium building at Winfield Park.

Ground was broken for the Church and school building on November 24, 1948. The first Mass was said in the basement chapel on September 11, 1949. On September 11, 1950 the new parish school opened. On November 2, 1950 the Sisters moved into a newly completed Convent. On March 19, 1952, the priests of the parish moved into the new Rectory at 1805 Pembroke Terrace.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (CHRISTIAN)

On October 10, 1948, an army chapel was purchased from Camp Shanks, New York for the

Church of Christ in Linden. It was disassembled and then reassembled on its present location at North Stiles Street and Raritan Road. Many of the nails were straightened and reused. At the present time, all conveniences have been added.

At the first meeting, 16 were present. At present, there are between 75-90 in attendance at Bible School and 90-100 at Church Services and between 35-50 at Evening Services.

The congregation is widely spread, taking in not only Linden and Winfield, but Avenel, Arbor, Berkeley Heights, Clark, Elizabeth, Hightstown, Kenilworth, New Brunswick, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Westfield, and Kearny. The present pastor is Rev. Fred J. Masteller.

LINDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Linden Baptist Church celebrates its tenth anniversary in 1961. The Church had its modest beginning on September 23, 1951.

Under the leadership of Mr. George Bogan, at that time a student at Shelton College, services were held at the Community Center, Pallant Avenue and Raritan Road. After Mr. Bogan's ordination, he continued serving the Church as first pastor.

In 1957 the membership voted to purchase land located at Raritan Road and Coleman Avenue as a site for future church buildings.

The present one-story Chapel on this site was dedicated February 1, 1958. Anticipating enlargement of the Chapel, additional ground has been purchased. The present pastor is Rev. Asa Moore.

SUBURBAN JEWISH CENTER— TEMPLE MEKOR CHAYIM

Only ten short years ago, the manifest need for a religious, cultural, and social center culminated in the birth of the Suburban Jewish Center. As a beginning, in 1952, land was purchased. Organizational meetings were held in the Main Public Library, and Holy Day services were held in McManus School auditorium.

One unforgettable year, a circus tent was suspended over the vacant portion of the land, and services held there. The building was dedicated in January 1957. The Hebraic name "Temple Mekor Chayim" was expressly and uniquely chosen by the membership because it so aptly connotes its English equivalent "Fountain of Life."

Affiliation with the United Synagogues of America was granted in 1957. The present spiritual leader is Rabbi Irwin Feldman.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

To meet the need for an Episcopal Church in Linden's Sunnyside section, The Rev. Hugh Morton (at that time Rector of Grace Church, Linden) held the first service of the new Mission (dedicated to Saint Andrew) in the McManus School music room on March 2nd, 1952. This room was used as a temporary chapel for two years.

The first service held in the new church building at DeWitt and Robbinwood Terraces was the midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve, 1954. The first Vicar was The Rev. Joseph DiRaddo.

The present Vicar, The Rev. Carroll M. Bates, and his wife moved into the new vicarage, on the corner opposite the Church, during Easter Week of 1957.

FREE MAGYAR REFORMED CHURCH

The congregation of Magyar Reformed Church was organized by the present Pastor, Rev. L.

Hunyady, a minister of the Magyar Reformed Church in America. In the beginning, services were held in the building of the Hungarian Round Table Charity Association on Maple Avenue. The Church was formally chartered on December 7, 1952. The name was chosen to document the freedom of worship in the Land of Free People as opposed to the restrictions of religious liberties in the Old Country from which most of the members emigrated.

The present site of the church, 1135 Clark Street, was purchased early in 1953. Plans for alterations were drawn by the Pastor, and the work was done by the members of the congregation. Dedication was on September 27, 1953.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

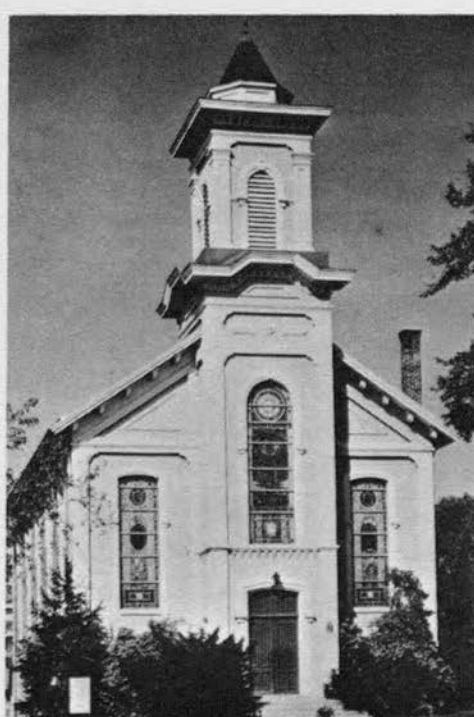
In 1954, the Rev. Mabel L. Bullock began Pentecostal services in the home of Mrs. Louise Walker on East 19th Street. Soon the "parlor church" was outgrown.

The former synagogue on East 18th Street was purchased in 1959. The name was changed to the Zion Temple of the First Pentecostal Church of America. The Rt. Rev. Mabel L. Bullock has been elevated to the Bishopric.

ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH on East Blancke Street was dedicated in 1952, together with a new rectory. Modern school and convent are adjacent.

CONGREGATION ANSHE CHESED at St. George's Avenue and Orchard Terrace seats over 1,000. The new synagogue-center symbolizes 44 years of service.

REFORMED CHURCH OF LINDEN as it appears today at Wood Avenue and Henry Street. The original bell, installed in 1874, continues to call worshipers.



The common good is the common goal

—many groups work to advance public, business and civic interests

AMERICAN COMMUNITIES are teeming with organizations whose sole purpose is to be of civic service. Linden is no exception—in fact, its people are unusually active in this respect.

Many local clubs and fraternal organizations not known specifically as “service” clubs contribute an enormous amount to the general welfare of the City. Again, space precludes listing all of the fine projects.

SCOUTING IS CITY-WIDE

A total of 1,567 girls are active in the Girl Scouts which means that 262 adults are working alongside them.

The Boy Scouts have 15 Cub Packs and 17 Troops totalling 1,047 members. The successful supervision of these hundreds of boys demands countless hours of service, given by scores of men and women.

The Explorer Scouts have five Units.

“PAL” PROGRAM HAS GROWN STEADILY

The Linden Police Athletic League, better known to parents and children as the PAL, was organized in June 1952 by a group of policemen and Linden business and professional men. Since 1952 thousands of Linden boys and girls have taken part in PAL programs and activities.

In 1956 the Linden PAL purchased the former Blancke Street Synagogue for \$25,000, as headquarters and home for many PAL indoor activities. Another \$25,000 was spent to renovate and refurbish the building for use by PAL members. In 1960 the building was air-conditioned at a cost of \$8,500.

All PAL funds are obtained by voluntary contributions. The police who work with PAL receive no salary for their time and efforts. In addition to the police, Linden’s PAL program has qualified, trained group workers and civilian volunteers who work with youth. There is also a

PAL Advisory Board, composed of interested citizens, to supervise the program.

PAL in Linden has grown constantly for the past eight years since its inception and will continue to do so with the help of generous and helpful citizens, business, and industry of Linden.

PARENT-TEACHER GROUPS ARE ACTIVE

Wherever there are schools there are Parent-Teacher Associations. Linden’s original School No. 1 was the first to have such an organization. That started in 1923; since then every public school has its own P.T.A.



BOY SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT work is an interest close to the hearts of many Linden adults, who spend many hours guiding this activity. Scouting interests of all kinds are engaged in, such as Camporee trips like that pictured here.

PAL activities get fine attention in Linden. Thousands of boys and girls have taken part in such activities with benefit to them and to the community. Scene here is in PAL's own Linden building.



A comparatively recent development has been the Home-School Associations in the parochial schools.

The important part played by these groups in the improvement and furthering of the education of our young people cannot be overstated.

CHILDREN'S CAMP FUND HELPS

The Linden Children's Camp Fund was organized in 1939 to provide wholesome summer vacations for deserving children who could not otherwise afford them.

Nearly every organization in Linden has a



PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS: Presidents are seen attending P.T.A. Convention. Mrs. Joseph Grygotis (fourth from right) is Parent & Family Life Education Chairman of New Jersey Congress of Parents and Teachers.

LINDEN VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS gives a special kind of help to Lindenites. Members serving without pay are on duty 24 hours a day to answer emergency calls when people become injured or ill.



role in the operation. Doctors and Public Health Nurses examine the children, John Russell Wheeler Post V.F.W. provides lunches, Civil Defense the blankets. Service Clubs and the Police Department give assistance, too.

VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS AIDS STRICKEN

The Corps was organized in 1945 by 11 people who had been active in local Civil Defense during World War II. There are now 70 volunteer members who—without pay of any kind—answer emergency calls within the city 24 hours a day.

It has built its own building and progressed from a reconverted hearse-ambulance to two modern, well-equipped ambulances.

Private contributions supplement an annual appropriation from the City.

This dedicated group has received the Americanism Citation for Meritorious Service, given by the B'nai Brith.

SERVICE CLUBS MAKE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The benevolence of these groups is truly amazing. No worthy cause is ever turned aside. Each in its own way has contributed something special to the City of Linden.

Highlighting just one or two particular activities for each club, we find Lindenites are indebted:

To the **ROTARY CLUB** — for sponsoring the movement to establish a public library and currently for a student-aid program through Rotary Foundation Fund and local aid.

To the **EXCHANGE CLUB** — for inaugurating a psychiatric clinic and currently for recordings of books for blind children.

To the **LIONS CLUB** — for aid to the blind, given to both individuals and groups.

To the **KIWANIS CLUB** — for a concentrated program of scholarships to Linden High School graduates. In 1961, four such grants were given.

To the **JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** — for aid to youth through promotion of sports, etc.

To the **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** — for two editions of "This is Linden" and for sponsoring the Linden Adult School.

To the **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN** — for the free Employment Bureau for women over forty in Linden.

Linden Clubs and Organizations — 1961

Business

Industrial Mutual Aid Council
Linden Industrial Association
Linden Merchants Association
Linden Tavernkeepers Association

City Employee Associations

Exempt Firemen's Association
Firemen's Mutual Benefit Association
Janitor's Benevolent Association of Linden
Linden Auxiliary Police Association
Fire Dept. Superior Officers' Assn.

Civic and Service

Boosters Club
Boy Scouts of America
Business and Professional Women's Club
Exchange Club
Girl Scouts of America
Junior Chamber of Commerce
Kiwanis Club
League of Women Voters
Lions International Club and Auxiliary
Rotary Club
Urban League

Cultural

College Club of Linden
Linden Symphony Orchestra Association

Educational

Home & School Assn. of St. Elizabeth's
Mothers-Teachers of St. Theresa
Parent-Teacher Associations
Parent-Faculty of St. John the Apostle

Fraternal

Fraternal Order of Eagles
Order of Eastern Star
Benevolent Protective Order of Elks
Cornerstone Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons
Loyal Order of Moose and Auxiliary

Health and Welfare

Community Mothers Club
Linden Children's Camp Fund
Linden Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Political

Linden Democratic Club
Linden Republican Club
Linden Women's Democratic Club
Polish-American Democratic Club
Young Democrats' Club

Professional Organizations

Linden Administrators & Supervisors Assn.
Linden Association of School Secretaries
Linden Bar Association
Linden Medical Society
Linden Ministerial Association
Linden Principals Association
Linden Teachers Association

Recreational

Linden Recreation Association
Linden PAL (Police Athletic League)

Religious and Faith-Affiliated

B'nai Brith Lodge
B'nai Brith Women
Catholic Action League
Catholic Daughters of America
Catholic Youth Organization
Deborah
Hadassah
Holy Name Society
Jewish Community Council of Linden
Knights of Columbus and Auxiliary
Knights of Pythias
National Council of Jewish Women
Young Men of Zion and Auxiliary

Veteran and Patriotic

American Legion and Auxiliary
American War Dads
Catholic War Veterans and Auxiliary
Cooties Pup Tent
Daughters of America
Jewish War Veterans and Auxiliary
Marine Corp League and Auxiliary
Veterans Council of Linden
Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary

Ethnic Groups

American Italian Mutual Association
Ancient Order of Hibernians and Auxiliary
Daughters of Scotia
German American Citizens Club
Hungarian Round Table Charitable Assn.
Lithuanian Organizations:
American Lithuanian Citizens Club
American Lithuanian Beneficial and Political Club
Knights of Lithuania
Lithuanian Alliance of America
Lithuanian Central Committee
Lithuanian Liberty Park
Lithuanian Liberty Park Ladies Social Club
Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance
Lithuanian Sun Sick and Benefit Society
Lithuanian Workers Alliance
Polish Organizations:
Federation of Polish Societies
Linden Falcon Nest
Mme. Pilsudski Social Group
Polish Benefit Society
Polish Women's Alliance Group
Tow "Sztandag-Wolnosci" Group
Slovak Organizations:
Slovak American Citizens Association
Slovak National Benefit Society

VI.
Industrial
Muscle --
A Linden Asset

EACH YEAR IT PRODUCES PRODUCTS

WORTH TWO BILLION DOLLARS

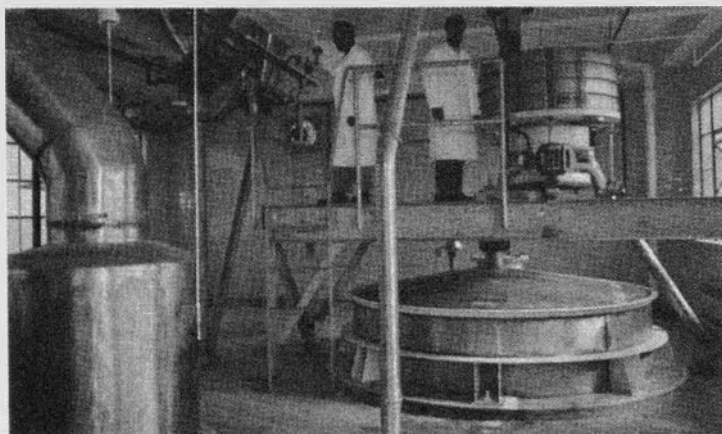
\$2,000,000,000



Linden's friendly reception to business is well known.



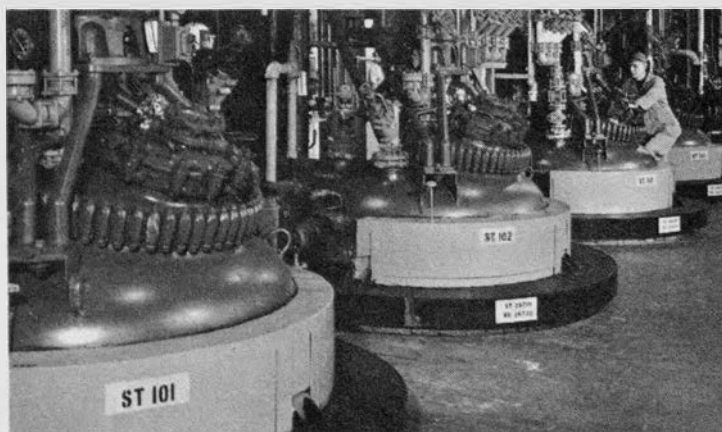
American Cyanamid chemicals are vital to daily living.



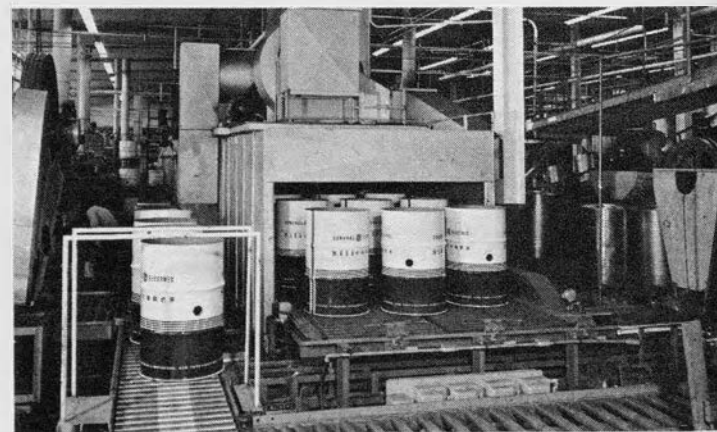
General Aniline chemicals perfect many end products.



Humble (Bayway) petrochemicals keep America moving.



Merck synthetic Vitamin A is better than Nature's own.



Rheem containers take best-known products to market.



Linden's 210-acre, 24-hour airport has 4100-ft. runway.



Newark Airport to everywhere is six miles from Linden.

Industrial Muscle - A Linden Asset

EACH YEAR IT PRODUCES PRODUCTS WORTH TWO BILLION DOLLARS

\$2,000,000,000

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THE FACT that each year industries in Linden produce products worth 2,000 million dollars (two billion dollars) is not happenstance. Linden is good for industry and industry is good for Linden.

UNEXCELLED TRANSPORTATION

First of all, Linden is strategically located for air, rail, marine and highway transportation. Linden's airport offers air-taxi service within a range of 1,000 miles. Freight planes, executive planes and other private planes use the field.

METROPOLITAN ADVANTAGES

Second, proximity to New York (18 miles) and to Newark (12 miles), plus the availability of labor and nearness to allied industries are intrinsic factors. In short, they give Linden (1) all the advantages of a great metropolitan area plus (2) the mobility of movement and breathing space of a small city.

IN HEART OF NO. 1 MARKET

Third, Linden lies in the heart of the nation's largest consumer market. The new Narrows Bridge between Staten Island and Brooklyn and new connecting highways will greatly enlarge the radius of Linden's markets both east and west.

CITY COOPERATION

Fourth and equally important is a city administration that provides the utmost in municipal services and at the same time keeps the municipal budget within reasonable bounds. Sound fiscal policies have kept the tax rate down.

Through the Industrial Relations Committee and the Labor Relations Committee of the City Council, a close liaison exists between industrial management and the governing city body. This has fostered a mutual respect and favorable "business climate" that have contributed a great deal to Linden's extraordinary industrial development.

The Public Service Electric and Gas Company operates a huge generating plant in Linden, an asset to the community and its industrial growth.

BUSINESS FACILITIES COMPLETE

The banking facilities include two banks with three branches, and two savings-and-loan associations. These four institutions provide full and complete financial services.

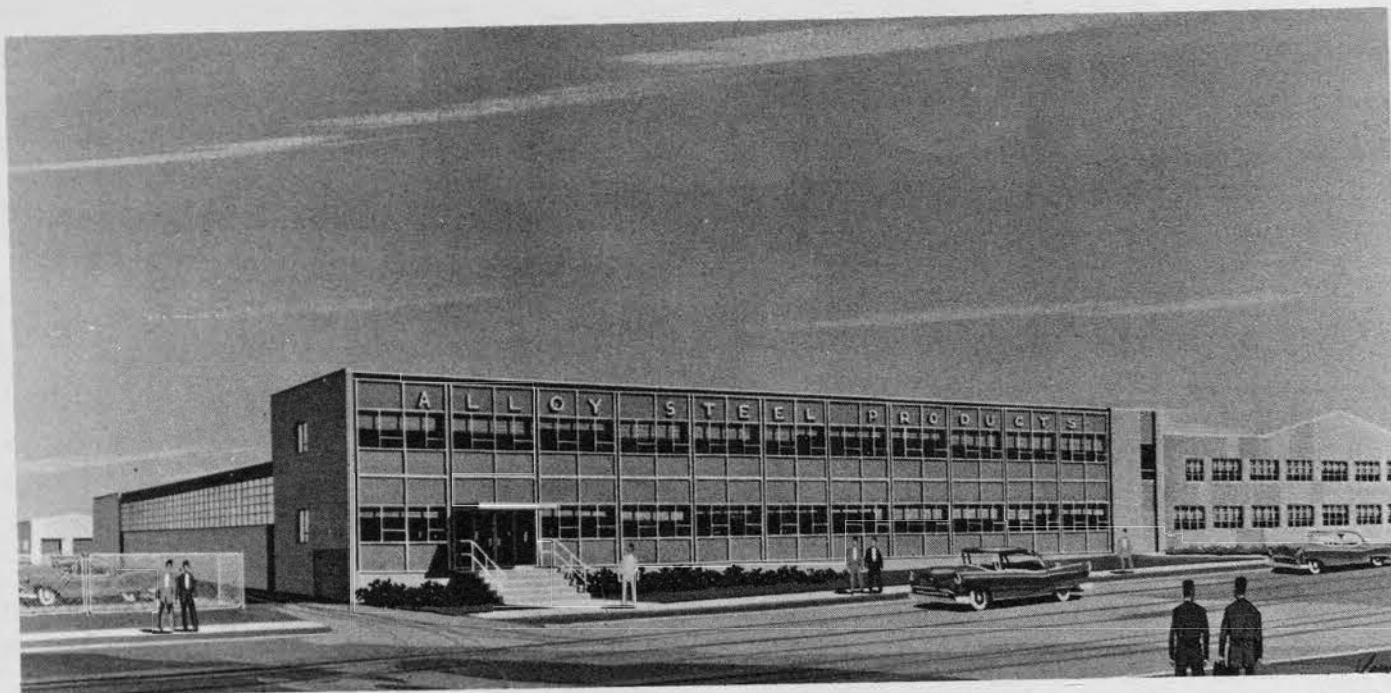
The Pennsylvania Railroad, the Baltimore & Ohio (Staten Island Rapid Transit Company), and the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey offer rail transportation. An expansive bus system provides rapid transit facilities. The adjacent Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike provide excellent motor transport. Staten Island Sound and Rahway River are accessible for marine transportation. Staten Island bridges are within easy reach, as are all surrounding tunnels, bridges and super highways.

On the other side of the coin, industry brings to Linden (1) more than two-thirds of all municipal taxes collected and (2) jobs for our citizens.

Linden's industry actively participates in the affairs of the community and is always ready to cooperate on projects of civic importance.

A panorama of Linden's industrial muscle is displayed in the following pages. Again, the civic interest and generosity of these Linden businesses has helped to make this Centennial Book possible.

STAINLESS STEEL AND CORROSION RESISTANT VALVES



THE FIRM of Alloy Steel Products Company wishes to congratulate the City of Linden on its 100th Birthday. For over a quarter of a century we have enjoyed being a part of this prosperous community and are proud of having had a share in its industrial growth.

Raymond M. Davis,
President

ALLOY STEEL PRODUCTS COMPANY

Founded 1928 — Linden Plant 1935

1300 West Elizabeth Avenue • WAbash 5-4600
Linden, New Jersey

AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY

For American Industry and Home . . .

As the City of Linden starts its second century of progress, American Cyanamid Company is advancing well into its second half-century of progress.

Starting with but a single product—a nitrogen fertilizer—in 1907, American Cyanamid Company today ranks among the largest chemical producers and researchers in the world.

Cyanamid's large plant in Linden, called the Warners Plant, was built in 1916, and today its buildings are spread over nearly 30 acres of waterfront property.

As a result of the company's intensive program of diversification, the plant in Linden now manufactures compounds not even dreamed of in earlier days.

Out of Cyanamid chemical research and development work is coming an increasing variety of materials and products which contribute to industrial progress, promote human

welfare, and help America make better and fuller use of its farmlands, forests, mines, oil wells, and other natural resources.

Here at the Warners Plant in Linden, for example, hundreds of our people are making products for American industries and homes. The plant makes oil additives to prolong the life of motor oils, fumigants and insecticides to protect our farmlands and orchards, aluminum sulfate to safeguard our drinking water, rubber accelerators to make our automobile tires last longer, sulfuric acid for use in the manufacturing of unlimited products.

American Cyanamid Company is proud to be a part of this community, contributing not only to an industrial growth but also to the welfare and prosperity of its people.

Cyanamid and its people are happy to be a member of the industrial complex of Linden as the city enters its second century of progress.



WARNERS PLANT
American Cyanamid Company

Linden, New Jersey

Congratulations

and

Good Wishes

LINDEN PLANT

American Flange & Manufacturing Co. Inc.

1100 West Blancke Street • HUnter 6-8222 • Linden, New Jersey

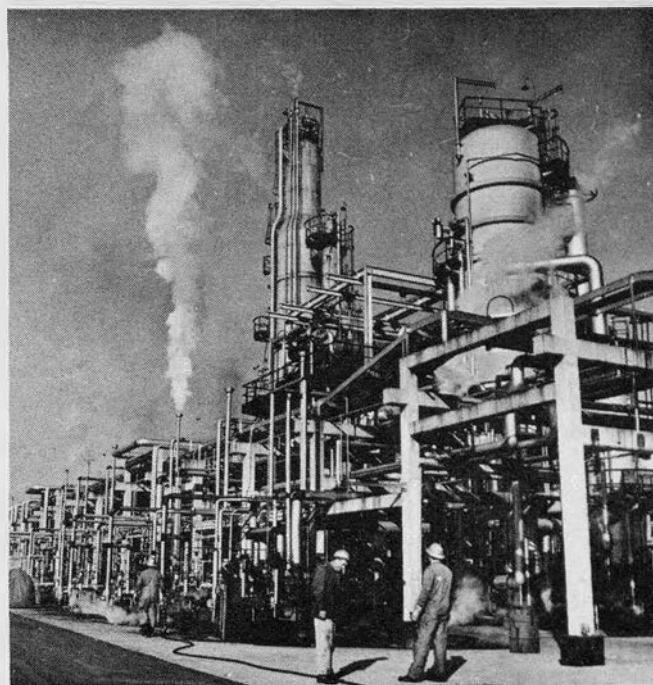


A Vital Part of Linden's Growth

For more than half a century, the Cities Service Linden Asphalt Refinery has made important contributions to the economic growth of Linden.

Originally, it was operated by the pioneer in asphalt manufacturing, the Warner Quinlan Company, for whom Warners, the geographical area of Lower Wood Avenue, is named. After Cities Service Oil Company, one of the leaders of the petroleum industry, acquired the refinery, further improvements were constantly made to produce the best products in a more economical manner. Recently, a new asphalt refinery—the world's most modern—was put into operation here in time for America's interstate highway construction program.

Crude oil comes here in ships and is then converted into more than fifty products, ranging from road oils to very firm industrial asphalts used for roofing and siding. The capacity of asphalt production in this ultra modern refinery amounts to 400,000 tons a year. Gasolene and fuel oils are by-products at this asphalt refinery. In addition to asphalt



Part of the Cities Service asphalt manufacturing plant at Linden

refining, this location is the Cities Service terminal for the metropolitan New York area. The finished products arrive from other Cities Service refineries by super tankers and on the average close to two million gallons a day are shipped out by barges, tank trucks, tank cars and pipeline.

Cities Service has always taken a major interest in the growth of Linden and has encouraged employees to participate in civic government, supplying many councilmen as well as two mayors, namely, H. Roy Wheeler and the late Myles McManus. Mr. Wheeler, after serving as Mayor for a period of ten years, has returned to Cities Service and resumed his duties in the Sales Department.

The present Plant Manager is Mr. A. Kirkpatrick, who has been at the Linden Refinery for 32 years.



CITIES SERVICE OIL COMPANY

Producers — Refiners — Marketers — Exporters

Box 228 • Linden, New Jersey

74 Years of Progress...The City Savings Story

Progress has been the byword for City Federal Savings ever since its founding meeting on March 16, 1887 in the District Court Building of the old Arcade on Broad Street, Elizabeth.

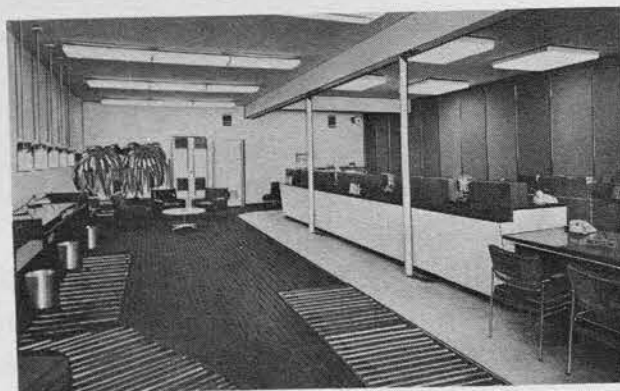
In recent years, under the leadership of President Everett C. Sherbourne and Executive Vice-President Gilbert G. Roessner, City Savings has grown to resources of over \$60,000,000 with offices in Linden, Elizabeth, Elmora and Kenilworth.

History has seen City Savings present one improved facility after another. In 1950, City Savings opened its office in Linden. Two years later in Kenilworth. The newest addition to the City family is the world's first air-dome office in Elmora. Soon this will be replaced by a new Super-Savings-Center at the corner of Elmora and Jersey Avenues.

**AND NOW, IN CONJUNCTION WITH LINDEN'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION,
CITY FEDERAL SAVINGS OFFERS THE NEWEST,
MOST MODERN FINANCIAL FACILITIES IN TOWN.**

Being a resident of Linden for the past 11 years, City Savings has always kept pace with the growth and progress of the community. It is now, during Linden's Centennial Celebration that City Savings is proud to be able to offer all savers in the greater Linden area, the ultimate in banking facilities . . .

- ULTRA MODERN INTERIOR — DOUBLED IN SIZE • SIDEWALK SERVICE COUNTER FEATURING TWO TELLER STATIONS • SHELTERED — ELECTRONICALLY HEATED IN WINTER • EXTRA BANKING HOURS



Open Daily 8:30-6:00, Saturdays 9:00-2:00; Evenings: Mondays and Fridays 6:00-8:00

Remember! *Where* you save *does* make a difference . . .

EARN
3½%
ON YOUR
SAVINGS

CITY FEDERAL
Savings
MAIN OFFICE
ELIZABETH
LINDEN • KENILWORTH • ELMORA



BANKING SERVICE



MAIN OFFICE:
601 North Wood
Avenue, Linden

Service to Please the Customer

The story of Community Bank of Linden is typical of the growth of Commerce and Industry in the favorable business atmosphere in the City of Linden.

The bank was founded by a group of long time residents who saw the need of modern banking facilities. The present stockholders number over 600, most of whom are Linden people.

Community Bank opened November 14, 1955 with capital and surplus of \$500,000.00 and has grown, in this short span, to a capital and surplus of over \$1,700,000.00 and to over \$19,000,000.00 in resources. In addition to its main office at 601 North Wood Avenue, it recently put into operation a branch at Stiles Street and St. George Avenue.

The name Community Bank was originally chosen because the founders felt that a community conscious, friendly and helpful attitude and atmosphere would guarantee the success that has been achieved by good customer service.

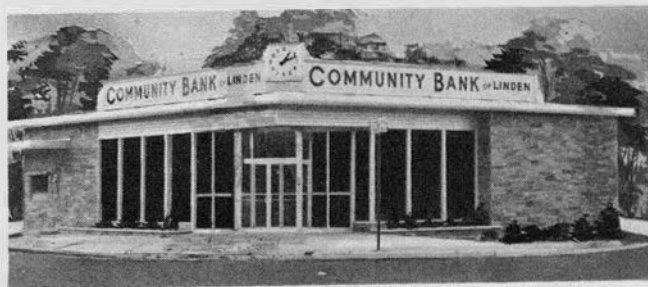
Community Bank brought to Linden the first Auto Drive-In Tellers Window and 60 customer hours of weekly service. From the beginning, it offered customer services from

8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Innovations in banking procedures and in customer services designed to "please the customer" have set a new tone in banking. Many of the Community Bank techniques have been copied by other banks justifying its claim that "Community Bank leads, others follow".

The stockholders, directors, officers and staff of Community Bank of Linden are happy to be accepted as an integral part of the City of Linden, and look forward, in the years ahead, to making further contributions to the Civic, Social, and Business growth of our City.

STILES STREET OFFICE: St. George Avenue at
Stiles Street



COMMUNITY BANK OF LINDEN

Main Office: 601 North Wood Avenue • WAbash 5-3500

Linden, New Jersey

DRY GIN (THE DISTILLERS CO., LTD.)



Gordon's juniper berries age to maturity in special wooden bins, just as they do in England.

In 1934, Gordon's moved London to Linden ...lock, stock and berry!

THE REMARKABLE GIN that Alexander Gordon introduced to London in 1769 was brought to America in 1934 . . . lock, stock and berry!

Under *lock* and key came Alexander Gordon's original formula, the basis for every

bottle of Gordon's Gin distilled anywhere in the world.

The *stock*, shipped directly from London to Linden, contained every element necessary to preserve Gordon's rare flavour and dryness, including ten copper pot-stills and bin-after-bin of the self-same juni-

per berries used at the London distillery!

Result: London came to Linden 27 years ago. Today, Gordon's is America's best-selling gin, and every drop is distilled, bottled and shipped by the 300 employees at the Gordon's home in Linden, New Jersey.



GORDON'S DRY GIN CO. LTD.

Linden, New Jersey

Distilled London Dry Gin. 100% Neutral Spirits Distilled from Grain. 90 Proof. Gordon's Dry Gin Co. Ltd., Linden, N. J. Product of U.S.A.



Canal Boats and Chemistry

In 1884 sulfuric acid was first made at Du Pont's Grasselli Plant site. Designed to serve New Jersey's rapidly growing oil industry, it was a risky venture. Only a few feet above high water, it could be reached only by boat or over a plank walk. Water was brought to the plant by earthen jugs or by wooden canal boats from Elizabethport. In winter, the cost of getting boats through the ice-filled Staten Island Sound was sometimes as great as the cargoes.

Other chemical products were soon added—relieving America's dependence upon Euro-

pean sources for basic chemicals needed for expansion and growth.

Today the Grasselli Plant produces chemical "building blocks" for hundreds of well-known consumer items, including cellophane, detergents, shampoos, rayon, paints, pigments and flashlight batteries. Du Pont's extensive research program has led to other new products such as fungicides to combat tomato, potato and other plant diseases. Proud of its 77-year association with Linden, the 430 employees of Du Pont's Grasselli Plant salute the city on its record of growth and accomplishment.



GRASSELLI PLANT
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.
Linden, New Jersey

BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING... THROUGH CHEMISTRY

Flicker and Flame

In
1861,
the year
Linden was
chartered, the
Elizabethtown
Consolidated Gas
Company was just a
seven-year-old flicker.
The then-new Borough of
Linden (population: 1,000)
contained just a few miles
of pipe and consumed rela-
tively little synthetically
produced coal gas to
light its streets,
lamps and
homes.

1861

In
1961,
as
Linden
observes its
Centennial,
Elizabethtown Con-
solidated Gas Company
is nearing the end of its
106th year. A good deal of
gas has passed through the
pipe in those 100 years. Eliza-
bethtown now serves 40,000 Linden
residents with natural gas. The uses
have changed from illumination to home
heating, cooking, drying and many indus-
trial and commercial processes. So have
the users: Today Linden is not only a grow-
ing residential community but a prosperous
industrial and commercial center, as well.
The availability of a dependable supply
of natural gas has contributed to this
growth. Elizabethtown Consolidated
Gas Company extends its best
wishes to the City of Linden
on its 100th Anniversary.
May the next hundred
years bring the con-
tinued glow of
prosperity and
growth.

1961



**ELIZABETHTOWN
CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY**

Elizabeth, New Jersey

Working Together Since 1894



It's been 67 years since the horse-drawn carts and the husky crews brought the first water pipeline to Linden . . . the one that ran across the fields from Elizabeth to the Grasselli chemical works. Before then Linden folks and factories got their water from private wells. But the growing town needed more water for more people, and Elizabethtown Water set out to meet the need.

By 1899 many employees of Grasselli had piped water in their homes. In 1904, more than two miles of ten inch pipe was laid along St. George Avenue to Wood Avenue, and hundreds of Linden homeowners gave up hauling water from their wells for the convenience of turning a tap in the kitchen. In 1907, the big 36 inch pipeline from Bound Brook

was installed and soon all of Linden could count on plenty of cool, pure water, right in their homes.

Today Linden's 39,933 residents are served by 547,000 feet of mains. On a hot summer day as much as 30 million gallons of water will go to Linden homes and industries. Almost 400 fire hydrants protect the city 24 hours a day. Big industry such as Bayway, General Aniline, Public Service, Sinclair, Cities Service, American Cyanamid and du Pont count on millions of gallons for their operations.

For two-thirds of a century, Elizabethtown Water has served Linden. Now, as in the past, our one aim is to provide all the water you want, when and where you want it.

ELIZABETHTOWN WATER COMPANY

Serving Central New Jersey Since 1854

Pioneer In Linden's Growth

John Fedor, Sr., President of The John Fedor Realty Co., Inc., is considered a true pioneer in the development of the City of Linden. Mr. Fedor's association with Linden dates back to 1903 when he came to the City as sales manager for the Realty Trust Co.

In 1907 he formed his own development company, originally known as the "Realty Estates of Linden" and later the John Fedor Realty Co., Inc. as we know it today. Mr. Fedor looks back with great pleasure on the Sunday excursions which brought to Linden many people who were sufficiently intrigued by the location and hospitality of the City to settle here for both business and residential purposes.

Mr. Fedor was able to visualize the great potential of Linden for both industrial and home development. He was instrumental in getting industry to locate here and has assisted them in their expansion programs. For some time he was Standard Oil Company's authorized agent to buy and sell lands for that company. It is only natural that with the passing of the years, the president of the John Fedor Realty Co., Inc. should become active in other fields of endeavor. A brief catalog of his activity is as follows:

1910—Organized and became director of the Fidelity Building and Loan Association

1920—Organized the Linden National Bank

1926—Organized and became vice-president of the Linden Trust Co.

Currently he is a director of the Elizabethtown Consolidated Water Co., a director of the Eastern Union County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Eastern Union County



JOHN FEDOR, SR., President of the
John Fedor Realty Company, Inc.

Board of Realtors and a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

Many community projects have been a prime interest to the elder Fedor. Churches and hospitals in particular have been the recipients of his benevolence.

Today the same pioneering spirit persists with the following roster of officers:

President and Treasurer.....John Fedor, Sr.
Vice-President and Secretary..John Fedor, Jr.
Assistant Secretary.....Walter P. Fedor

John, Jr. is an attorney and Walter specializes in insurance and real estate. He also is a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

JOHN FEDOR REALTY COMPANY, INC.

530 South Wood Avenue • HUnter 6-3545

Linden, New Jersey



The Story of Food Fair

Although it is the youngest of the major national food chains, Food Fair Stores, Inc., has played an important role in the establishment of the supermarket industry and in bringing to the American consumer better quality foods at the lowest prices possible.

It was in April, 1933—a period described as one of the blackest in our nation's history—that Food Fair took its bold step and opened its first supermarket in a renovated, re-painted garage in Harrisburg, Pa.

Today, after a relatively short span of 28 years, Food Fair has some 440 supermarkets. Known and respected in hundreds of communities from Rhode Island to Florida, it is the sixth largest food chain in the nation and ranks tenth among the largest retailers of all types in the world.

Ever since its inception, Food Fair has been guided by certain basic responsibilities which

it assumes in respect to customers, co-workers, and the communities of which it is part. The firm considers itself a member of every community in which it has a market and places great emphasis on participation in civic activities.

Through the Food Fair Stores Foundation, an extensive education-aid program has been developed. In five years, more than 1,000 scholarships have been set up at 28 leading colleges and universities.

The Foundation also established a professorship in marketing in the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania.

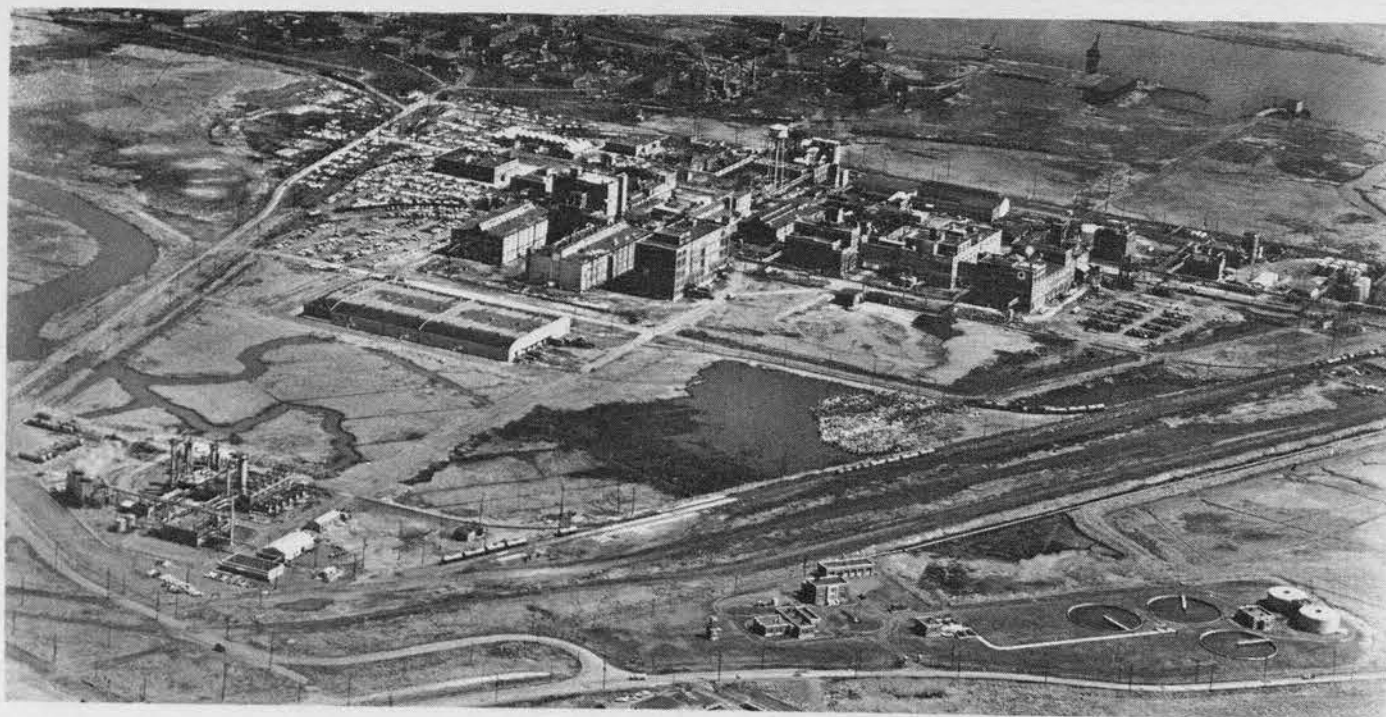
With an enlightened management to guide it; with its business prospects enhanced by an improving standard of living, a rising national economy, and a growing population, Food Fair looks to the future with confidence.

FOOD FAIR STORES, INC.

230 South Stiles Street • HUnter 6-2000

Linden, New Jersey

DYES AND CHEMICALS



Air view of the Linden, New Jersey plant of General Aniline & Film Corporation, looking east from over the New Jersey Turnpike toward Arthur Kill

From Research to Reality



Jay Williams (right), a 25-year employee, started in the warehouse as a laborer—is now in management as a carpenter foreman. With him is maintenance man Frank Sarnowski.

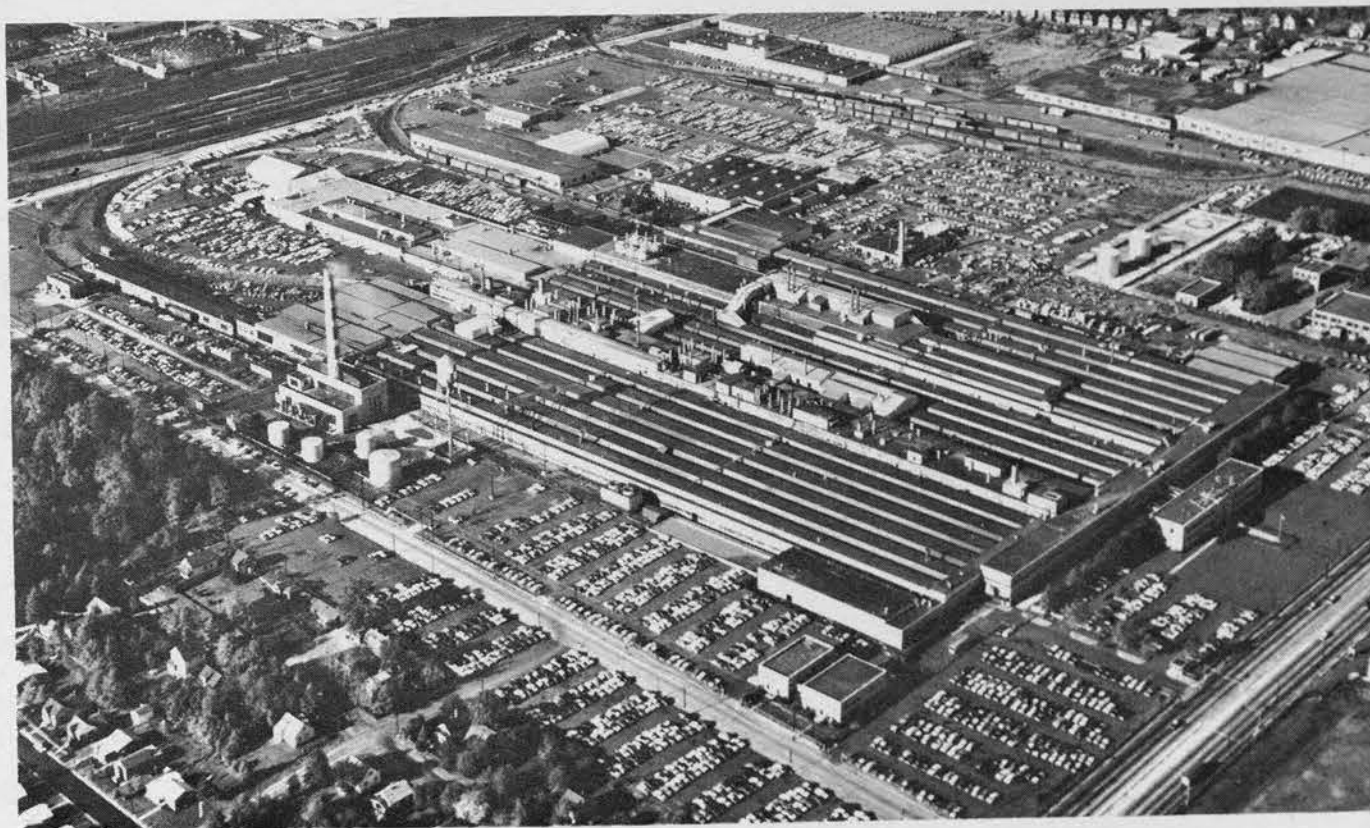
... the life story of dyes and chemicals manufactured by General Aniline & Film Corporation for use in making and finishing a wide variety of end products. The 1700 men and women in General Aniline's Linden plant are contributing in a big way to the world's highest standard of living. Established in 1915, the Linden plant now comprises 50 buildings and will continue to grow.



Chemical, Dyestuff and Pigment Divisions of

GENERAL ANILINE & FILM CORPORATION

Linden, New Jersey



Linden Assembly Facility

This facility assembles Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac Automobiles. It began production in April, 1937 and to date has assembled approximately 2,300,000 cars. The plant occupies a site of 85 acres on U. S. Highway No. 1, and encloses some 1,480,000 square feet of floor space.

The plant contributes many economic and industrial benefits which add to the growth and progress of our community area and extends out to some 250 towns and cities of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania where employees live.

Payroll, services and material purchases from local suppliers amount to millions of dollars a year. During World War II, this plant produced fighter airplanes for the U. S. Navy.

BUICK - OLDSMOBILE - PONTIAC ASSEMBLY DIVISION

General Motors Corporation

1016 West Edgar Road • HUnter 6-6700 • Linden, New Jersey

PETROLEUM AND ITS PRODUCTS

GULF OIL CORPORATION'S association with the Linden community began as a "neighbor" rather than as a "citizen". This was in the early 1900s, shortly after the organization that was later to become Gulf discovered oil near Beaumont, Texas, on January 10, 1901. The discovery well, known as Spindletop, was possibly the world's most famous gusher and when it came in, it can be said that it brought in with it The Petroleum Age.

With oil in abundance to sell, the Company took appropriate steps to reach the markets represented by the populous areas of the eastern seaboard. One of the earliest of these moves involved establishing a waterside terminal and storage and handling facilities at Bayonne, N. J. This distribution point, which served customers in much of the New York City and northern New Jersey areas, was supplied by tankers which brought in their cargoes of petroleum products from the Gulf Refinery at Port Arthur, Texas.

The operation at Bayonne continued as one of supply and distribution until the mid-1920s. In the early 1920s Gulf had discovered and soon developed prolific oil fields in Venezuela, South America. Since this new source of crude oil was about as close to the New York-Philadelphia area as it was to Port Arthur, Texas, it did not make economic or logistic sense first to haul oil from Venezuela to Port Arthur, refine it there, and then bring the refined products on up to the eastern markets. Consequently Gulf built refineries at Philadelphia, Pa. and Bayonne, New Jersey.

Somewhat later the Company acquired land on Staten Island and built a supply and storage plant at a location which is now known as Gulfport. In 1930 the refinery at Bayonne was seriously damaged by fire. When it was rebuilt the site selected was also Staten Island, largely because of the insupportably high tax rates at the previous location.

The next important step in Gulf's association with Linden, in fact, the one which made the Corporation a resident part of the community, was taken in the early 1950s. This was the construction of the Harbor Products System, an 86-mile-long, 16-inch-diameter pipeline which transports refined petroleum products for the great oil refining center of Philadelphia to the great consuming markets of Metropolitan New York. Jointly owned by Gulf, the Texas Pipe Line Company and the Sinclair Pipe

Line Company, the Harbor Products Pipe Line extends from Woodbury Junction, N. J.—slightly south of and across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, Pa.—to a northern terminus located about two miles southeast of the heart of Linden. From this terminus, connecting lines extend to the separate co-owner's distributing facilities, as well as to the Buckeye Pipe Line at Linden.

So far as Gulf is concerned, these connecting lines include a spur to the Company's waterside terminal at Gulfport on Staten Island and another link that extends to the storage depot, or tank farm, and motor transport terminal located on a 17-acre plot on the west side of Marshes Dock Road. The facilities here, referred to in Company records and operations as the Gulf Linden Terminal, consist of 12 storage tanks with total storage capacity of 1,880,000 gallons, an office building, a garage, a general storage building and loading racks to accommodate 12 motor transports, or tank trucks, at one time.

In this connection, the tank trucks furnish the mobile transportation by means of which products—such as home heating oil, diesel fuel, and automotive, aviation and marine gasolines—are moved over the road to customers and service stations located within an area extending, roughly, north to Newark, west to Hackettstown, southeast to the New Brunswick area and on beyond to the seashore below Asbury Park. In addition to the movement of products by motor transport, the pipe line extension to Staten Island is used to convey products to Gulfport from whence they are barged to many waterside customers and distribution points in the New York Metropolitan area. Further, the connection with the Buckeye Pipe Line system permits the forwarding of large volumes of products to Gulf's supply distribution points in central and western New York State.

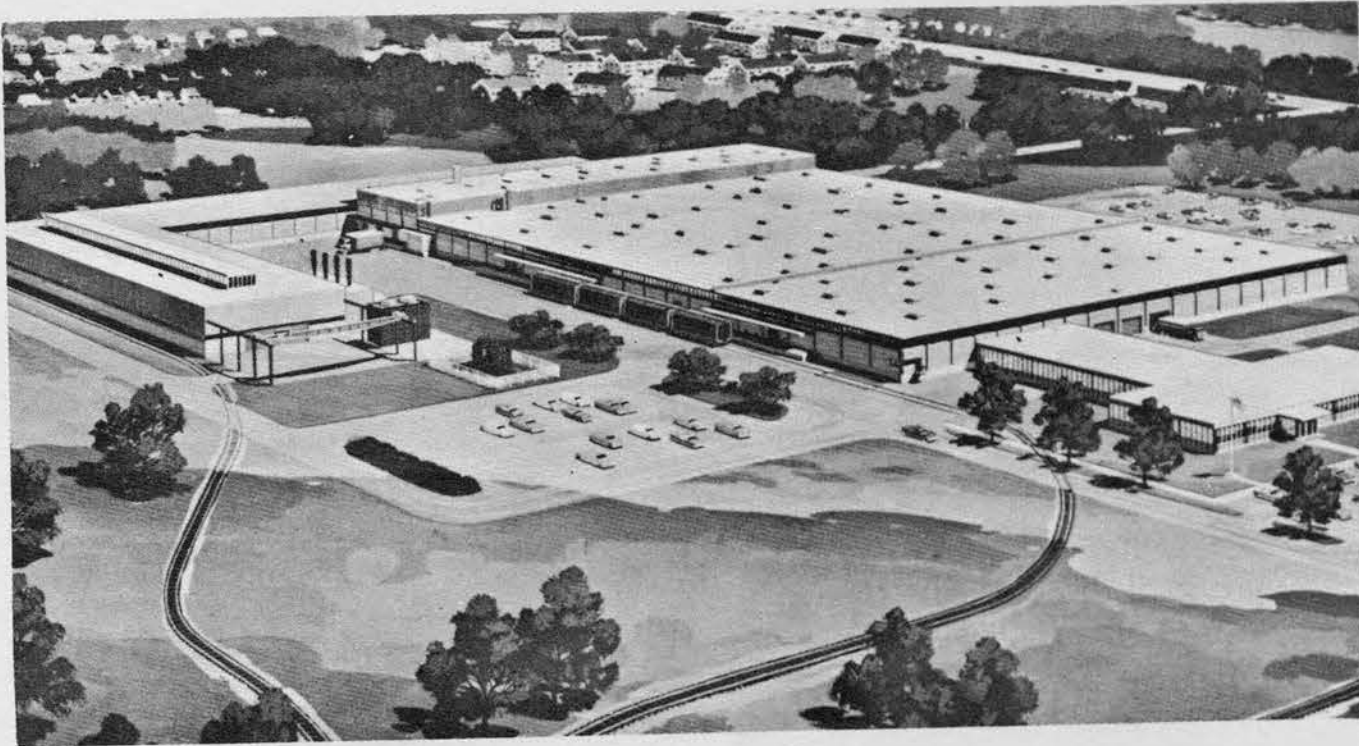
From this brief outline it readily can be seen that Gulf's Linden Terminal is a vital factor in the Company's distribution system. Put into operation in the summer of 1955, the Terminal now employs 85 men and women, and the volume of products handled here has shown a steady and gratifying increase. Looking ahead, it is Gulf's hope that its Linden Terminal will continue to grow with the area and that it will be permitted to play an increasingly important role of service to the Linden community.



LINDEN TERMINAL

Gulf Oil Corporation

Division Sales Office: 17 Battery Place, New York 4, N. Y.



A Half Century of Growth

Hatfield Wire and Cable's 50 years of growth and progress are reflected in this modern plant at Linden, N. J. Still growing to accommodate continually expanding production facilities, it will be among the largest integrated rod, wire, and cable plants in the world.

Every reel of cable that leaves Hatfield represents a half-century of experience in research, development, and production techniques. Many manufacturing methods were pioneered by Hatfield. And other techniques

remain exclusively Hatfield for outstanding product quality and dependability.

Hatfield designs, produces, and stocks a full line of cable to meet the growing needs of electrified America. From small electronic wires to multi-conductor high-voltage cables, the Hatfield line is the quality line.

Progress will continue to be the keynote of the never-ending Hatfield story. Already, advanced technology and new marketing techniques are beginning new chapters in the Hatfield story of quality products and outstanding service.

LINDEN PLANT **Hatfield Wire & Cable**

Division of Continental Copper & Steel Industries, Inc.
Hillside, Union and Linden, New Jersey

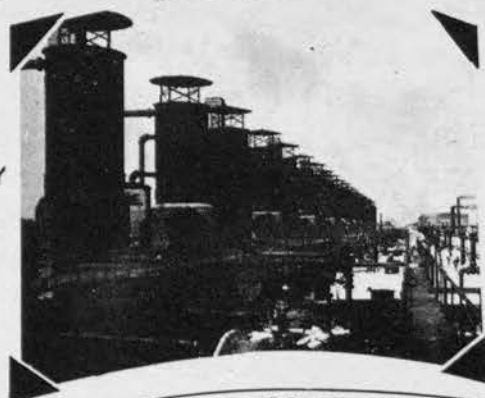
A Resident of Linden Since 1909...

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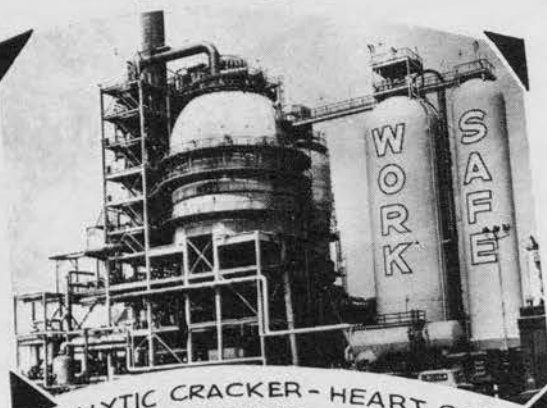


TYPICAL FARMHOUSE ON SITE OF
FUTURE REFINERY

BAYWAY
REFINERY
IN 1909



1961



CATALYTIC CRACKER - HEART OF THE
MODERN REFINERY

UNITED FUNDS
"PETE"
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OVER 50 YEARS OF ENERGY PRODUCTION

Happy Birthday

BAYWAY REFINERY
Humble Oil & Refining Company

Linden, New Jersey



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Linden, New Jersey

Merck Shares Linden's Sweeping Industrial Growth



SOME HISTORIC MERCK HIGHLIGHTS

- 1900—Move to Linden-Rahway area
- 1903—Start of Manufacturing Operations
- 1933—Dedication of Research Laboratories
- 1936—Synthesis of Vitamin B₁ in Merck laboratories in collaboration with Dr. R. R. Williams
- 1939—Synthesis of Vitamin B₆

1942—Production of Penicillin to treat first U. S. cases

1944—Synthesis of Cortisone

1946—Introduction of Streptomycin, after collaboration with Dr. Selman A. Waksman

1947—Discovery of Vitamin B₁₂

1950—Synthesis of Hydrocortisone

1957—Development of Chlorothiazide

1960—Development of Purified Polio Vaccine



Merck Medical Research Laboratory



MERCK CHEMICAL DIVISION

Merck & Co., Inc.

Rahway and Linden, New Jersey

Morey LaRue Top Laundry And Dry Cleaning Firm

Serves More Than 250,000 People in New Jersey, Pennsylvania And Staten Island—Anticipates 50 P.C. Increase In Business During 1960s

In every field of endeavor one firm stands out above all others and Morey LaRue—with more than 250,000 customers, 600 employees and an anticipated 50 per cent increase in business during the 1960s—has received worldwide recognition for its laundry and dry cleaning leadership.

Many of the important improvements in machines and methods have been tested and perfected at Morey LaRue's main Linden Plant located at Lidgerwood Ave. In addition, laundrymen and dry cleaners from all over the world frequently visit Morey LaRue to study its equipment and methods.

Today Morey LaRue's retail outlets—stores, package plants and route sales—total more than 100 in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Staten Island. Its rug cleansing and renovating plant is considered to be among the finest in the nation. Its huge cold storage vaults have a capacity of 60,000 garments. In addition to its Linden Plant, Morey LaRue also has large laundry and cleaning plants in Morristown and Easton, Pa.

Directing Morey LaRue's operations are Frank Scott, Jr., who became president in 1942, and Mahlon M. Scott, vice president and secretary, who was named general manager in December, 1960. The firm's other officers include Louis W. Haviland and Lester H. Wright, vice presidents; Albert L. Ward, treasurer, and Agnes M. Lauer, assistant treasurer.

In commenting on Linden's Centennial celebration, Mahlon M. Scott stated:

"It takes enthusiasm, energy, zest for work and zest for living to keep a community growing. It takes the same ingredients to inspire a company's growth. And Linden is one of the finest example-setters of them all. Our 600-member Morey LaRue family joins in a toast to Linden on its 100th anniversary. We happily and confidently look forward to year-after-year of growing together with our Linden neighbors."

Reflecting Morey LaRue's record of steady progress was the formation two and a half years ago of the Industrial Supply Company, a subsidiary of the main firm. The Industrial Supply Company is already serving more than 50 of the largest industries in the area with uniforms, coats, towels and allied items. Its operations are conducted in a recently constructed new building attached to Morey LaRue's main Linden headquarters.

Morey LaRue was founded as a partnership in 1890 in Easton, Pa., by Mahlon Morey and William LaRue. The firm expanded to this Linden-Elizabeth area three years later.

In addition to Mr. Morey and Mr. LaRue, the following past leaders of the firm made outstanding contributions to Morey LaRue's growth: Mrs. Morey, Miss Edna R. Portman, Frederic T. Faulks, Mrs. Minnie Bell, William C. Matlack and Herbert B. Koth.

FROM THE PAST . . .

A Challenge For The Future

By FRANK SCOTT, JR.
President, Morey LaRue

This Centennial Book commemorates Linden's 100th Anniversary, and what is it about? People, mostly! People of a hundred years ago, of today and of all the decades in between. We are celebrating the accomplishments made possible by hardy men and women of granite determination and lofty imagination.



Frank Scott, Jr.

1890 was the year which marked the birth of our Morey LaRue progress. And, although our Morey LaRue plant facilities have always been the finest available, we sincerely believe that "our people" have been the real ingredients most responsible for our continued growth.

Our people's pride in skilled workmanship . . . pride in the finished product . . . pride in providing fast, efficient service . . . pride in a loyal and able organization.

From our pioneer founders, the late Mahlon Morey and William LaRue, we learned courage and strength and faith . . . all three as necessary for today's existence as they were those many years ago.

Here at Morey LaRue the accomplishments of the past whet our 1961 appetite for what's ahead. You see, we believe that progress is unique—inasmuch as it must have a beginning, but it need never have an ending!

Morey LaRue

LAUNDERERS • DRY CLEANERS

2400 East Linden Avenue • Elizabeth 2-5000 • Linden, New Jersey

A Kinship with Linden . . .



At the beginning of the century, Linden was served by several electric operating companies.

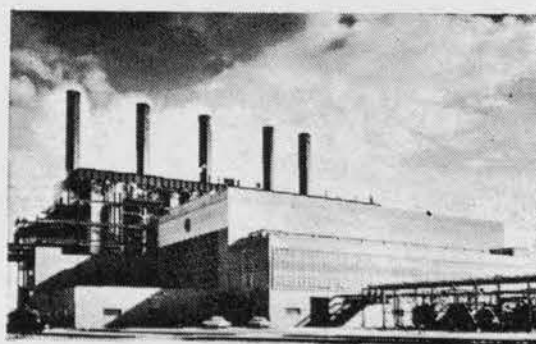
In 1903, Public Service was formed and many small electric companies were merged into its operation in order to give to the residents and industries of Linden a more dependable supply of electricity.

We feel a justifiable pride in aiding the growth of Linden to the point where it has become one of the most important industrial centers of the state.

Public Service has a kinship with industrial Linden. We have built a 100 million dollar generating station there, capable of producing 465,000 kilowatts — enough electricity to supply the needs of

672,000 homeowners. This station has a unique "swap" relationship with Esso, its next-door neighbor. Public Service supplies steam which has been used to spin the turbine-generators in the Linden Station to Esso for refinery processing and in return obtains residual oil to fire the generating station's boilers. This results in savings for both companies.

We of Public Service congratulate the City of Linden on its 100th Anniversary and know that the city will continue to progress in the years ahead.



Linden Generating Station



SHIPPING CONTAINERS



Container Division Headquarters, Linden, N. J.

From Linden to Melbourne . . .

A galvanizing operation in Emeryville, California, in the 1930's marked the beginning of Rheem Manufacturing Company.

Today, the five thousand men and women of Rheem are supplying American homes and industry with a variety of products from 17 plants across the country.

In addition, 32 plants in 16 countries overseas supply the people of the free world with home conveniences and industrial supplies.

Automotive parts, water heaters, home heating and air-conditioning equipment, semi-conductors, automatic assembly machines, bathroom, kitchen and laundry fixtures, teaching machines, and sound systems are produced and sold in the U. S.

Rheem is also the world's largest manufacturer of steel shipping containers. The plant in Linden makes steel containers in sizes from one gallon to 60 gallons that are used by food, chemical, paint and petroleum companies from upstate New York to North Carolina. It also serves as the U. S. headquarters for the Container Division. Seven other container plants in five states serve the balance of the country.

Through the excellence of its products, a sound marketing program, and research and development, Rheem will continue to contribute to its customers, employees, and the communities where it operates.

RHEEM MANUFACTURING COMPANY

1701 West Edgar Road (U. S. Route 1) • HUNter 6-5400

Linden, New Jersey



Open Letter to the People of the City of Linden

As Mayor William J. Hurst gathers together his friends and neighbors to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the City of Linden, Simmons Company takes pride in being counted among Linden's oldest friends.

Nearly half of the Simmons Linden Plant's employees have been working for the Company twenty-five years or more. Altogether, more than 93% of all employees have been with Simmons for at least five years. A good "industrial neighbor" is important to the city which it serves, for community prosperity is its direct result.

The plant payroll at Simmons amounts to over \$5,000,000 annually. Most of this money is spent in the community, and thus, local merchants and suppliers of services enjoy better business. The taxes, which Simmons pays, help to provide new and improved hospitals, libraries, and schools, and better police, fire, and health protection for all of us.

For years Simmons has meant opportunity and a wide-open door to advancement for many residents of Linden. Simmons employees are constantly encouraged to move up to more responsible, more highly-paid jobs. The Company offers two 18 month training programs—one for production and one for sales personnel. Many employees now in supervisory and executive positions are graduates of these programs.

Throughout the world Simmons Company is associated with better sleep equipment through its trademarked Beautyrest and Hide-A-Bed. We hope our friends among the citizens of Linden will always insist on these products when furnishing their homes.

Simmons Company looks forward to the continuing trust and loyalty of the Linden Community and is honored to join in the commemoration of its Centennial.

Very truly yours,
JOHN L. HURST
General Manager—Atlantic Division

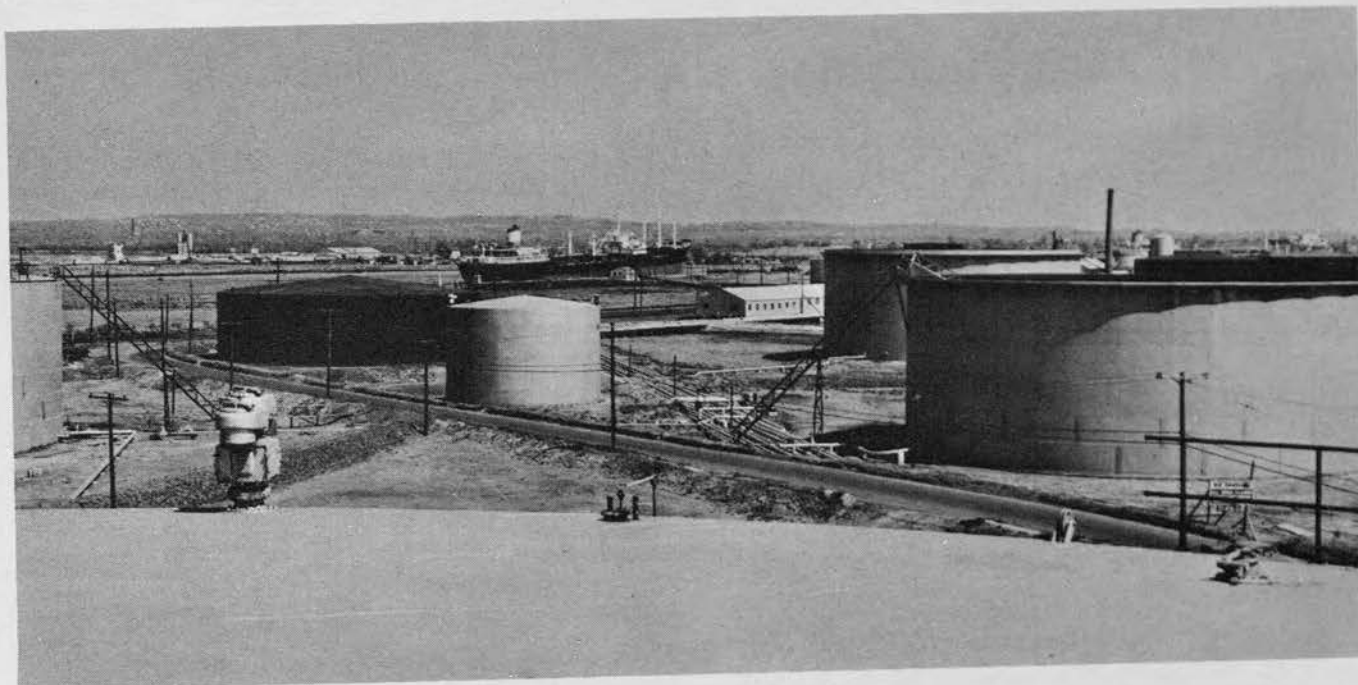


SIMMONS COMPANY

Linden

New Jersey

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS



Sinclair—a proud citizen of Linden since 1918

Sinclair Refining Company salutes Linden on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration.

We are happy that through our Tremley Point terminal, the company's major Metropolitan New York distribution point, Sinclair contributes to the economic strength of the city.



SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY

Tremley Point Road • HUnter 6-3831

Linden, New Jersey

SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

Serving Linden Since 1921

Stonewall Savings and Loan Association, established in April 1921, is the oldest existing financial institution in Linden. Organized to promote thrift and home-ownership, Stonewall has enabled many Linden residents to save money systematically, in order to be in a position to purchase their own homes. From 1921 to 1951 part time service was available to members.

The Board of Directors envisioned the need for full time operations in order to fulfill the needs of our growing community. Therefore, the office was moved to its present quarters at 225 North Wood Avenue in 1951. In that year also, Stonewall was approved for insurance of savings up to \$10,000 by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. The growth in resources, made possible by these actions, was accelerated during the past decade and now stands at about \$7.5 millions. Residential mortgage loans are now granted in an amount exceeding \$1.5 million per annum.

Because Linden has a limited supply of vacant residential land available, Stonewall has approved mortgages in neighboring communities. A branch office was opened at 1083 Raritan Road, Clark, in April 1958, which was the first charter for a financial institution in Clark approved by the State Department of Banking and Insurance.

The late Leon A. Watson was one of the founders of Stonewall and served as president and chairman of the board of directors until April 1960. Frank K. Sauer, also one of the original incorporators, has served as counsel since 1921 and still retains that position. Joseph S. Lindabury, president since 1959, served as vice-president from 1926 to February 1959. It was under the leadership and guidance of

these men and members of the board that Stonewall was able to meet all withdrawal requests and to pay dividends without interruption even during the depression years.

The present board of directors consists of the following members who have served continuously from the year indicated below:

Mr. Lindabury, counsellor at law, 1926; H. H. Zeitlin, medical doctor, 1930; Louis Weitzman, assistant tax collector, 1931; Emanuel Margulies, President, Community Bank, 1932; John P. Voynick, retired, 1936; A. F. Krutzner, Jr., Executive Vice-President of Stonewall, 1944; Elvin D. Palermo, real estate and insurance, 1947; Caroline B. Guinan, retired, 1947; Morris Levine, real estate and insurance, 1948; A. Edward Mrozek, auto dealer, 1951; John J. Horan, lumber dealer, 1961; Dominick Caruso, retailer, 1961.

A well trained and experienced staff is under the supervision of the following officers:

J. S. Lindabury.....	<i>President</i>
A. F. Krutzner, Jr.....	<i>Executive Vice-President</i>
Viola K. Oravsky.....	<i>Secretary</i>
Louis Weitzman.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
Anne Grosshans.....	<i>Asst. Secretary-Asst. Treasurer</i>

In addition to savings accounts and residential mortgages, Christmas Club accounts, sale of travelers checks, account loans, and free money orders are among the various services offered by Stonewall.

Land has been purchased in both Linden and Clark for future office locations. Plans are now being promulgated for buildings with sufficient off-street parking so that Stonewall will be better able to serve its customers' needs.

STONEWALL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

225 North Wood Avenue • WAbash 5-1111

Linden, New Jersey

Research — Key to the Future

Tenco was not in existence ten years ago. It came into being because ten coffee roasting firms realized that research was the key to the future in the coffee business. Instant coffee is not new—in theory, at least. Men have known for a long time that coffee could be made that would dissolve in water. However, until very recently the actual methods for manufacturing a really good soluble coffee eluded the industry.

The ideal is a coffee that pleases even the most discriminating coffee drinker in a way that encourages the use of instant product as the way to make coffee, not as merely an occasional method to substitute for freshly brewed coffee.

Soluble coffee manufacturing is today going through such rapid advancement in technology that there are no "standard" ways to make it. Machinery improvements are made so rapidly that many pieces of equipment are virtually obsolete long before they even begin to show signs of wear.

Guiding engineering and production in the search for the ideal instant coffee is research. Here scientists of many skills work in fully equipped laboratories to develop new ways to make the product better and new ways to insure quality during manufacture.

Tenco's basic research centers on coffee bean analysis—learning the secrets of coffee aroma and flavor. These secrets are hidden within the chemical elements instilled in the bean by nature.

The making of instant coffee from the green coffee bean is not unlike the method of making coffee in the home in its basic elements.

Green coffee beans are received from all over the world. The beans are carefully roasted being checked every few minutes day and night to insure proper development. The roasted beans are then ground for the coffee brewers. It comes out of the coffee brewer in a rather thick liquid where it receives a number of further quality checks. It is then conveyed to the giant dryers, seven-story high cylinders. The liquid enters the top of the dryer under pressure and on its trip to the bottom has the water removed. The powder which emerges is instant coffee. This, however, is not the end of the process. For some customers these coffee powders

are again "post-blended" to make a particular blend required for a specific customer. Blending is very rigidly controlled electronically by equipment designed by engineers and scientists from Tenco.

After blending and final testing for quality the completed coffee is sent to the packaging operation where it is put into glass jars or other special containers, and boxes for shipment to customers.

Instant coffee is not exactly a "powder" in the sense that it is a "finely-ground" substance. Under a microscope instant coffee resembles tiny hollow balls, and looks like light brown bubbles. The spheres are soluble coffee. No residue or solid matter remains in properly made instant coffee when water is added. Air is sealed into the tiny bubbles and is released when water is added to dissolve the coffee.

Quality Control is a vital and constant part of the Tenco operation which begins when the green beans are introduced into the plant and continues at every stage until the final product is "cupped". "Cupping" is the process of dissolving 2 grams of instant coffee into a cup of boiling water and tasting it. Even at this late stage if it doesn't taste right, it doesn't go into the market. The importance of this operation can be seen from the fact that production is a 7-day, 24-hour, 3-shift proposition.

The bulk of production goes into the "private" label market. That is, distributors and retailers who do not have their own production facilities contract with Tenco to produce their coffee, making their selection from standards established by Tenco.

In order to meet competition and gain wider distribution, Tenco has gone into coffee production outside the United States. Tenco has established operations in El Salvador and Guatemala and is now completing a manufacturing and packaging operation in Canada. Packaging facilities have also been established in Hamburg, Germany and London, England.

The growth potential for instant coffee is very large indeed. Today about thirty percent of all coffee consumed in the home in this country is the instant product. Someday, the figure may be a hundred percent.

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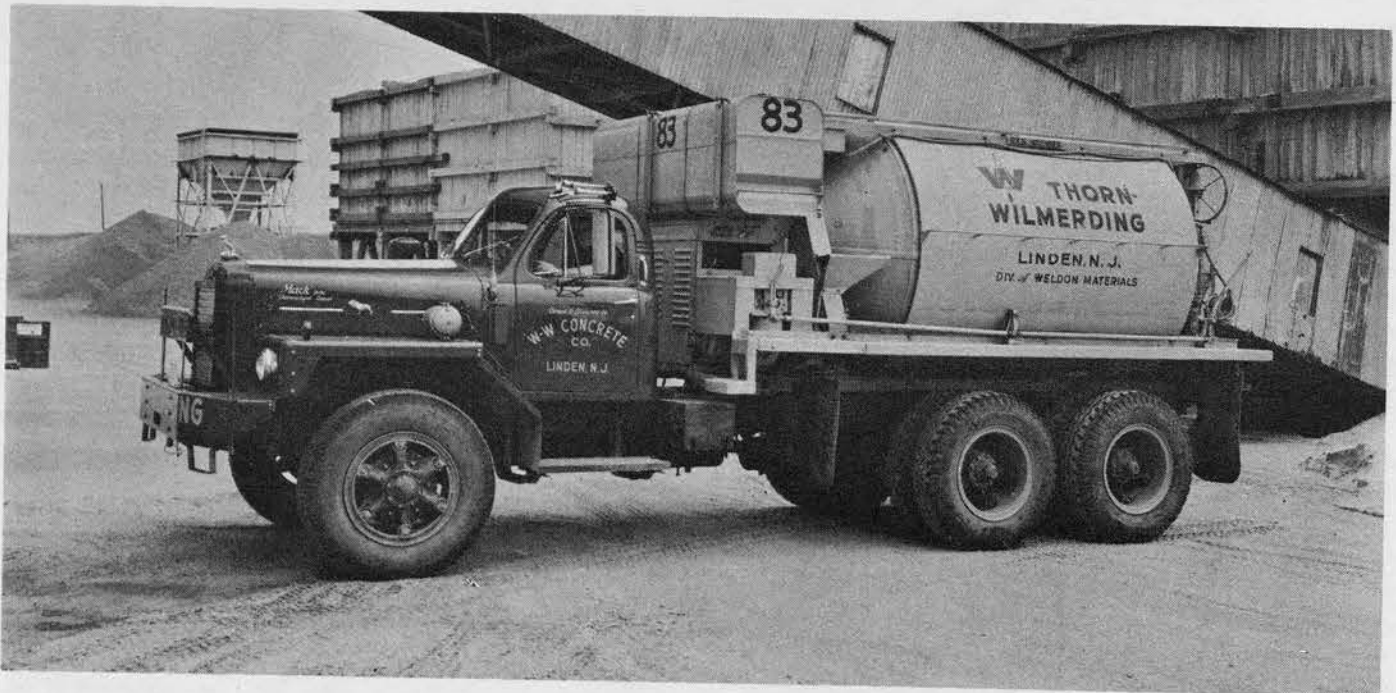
A Division of The Coca-Cola Company

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Linden, New Jersey



READY MIXED CONCRETE—MASON MATERIALS—BLACK TOP



Materials To Build Linden

THORN-WILMERDING CORPORATION, a division of Weldon Materials, operates a ready-mixed concrete and mason-materials business on the Rahway River at the foot of Marshes Dock Road. It is reached by driving south on Stiles Street across Route 1 and then along Lower Road.

This plant is situated on land that was once part of a beautiful prosperous farm owned by Stuart C. Marsh. In those days there were several pretentious houses, various farm buildings, a tree-lined lane along the river and a dock from which boating, fishing and bathing were enjoyed. Much of the farm produce was shipped by boat to New York City.

In 1919, P. W. Lambert, with assistance of John Fedor, leased this property from the Marsh Estate. He improved the dock facilities so that materials could be brought in on barges and engaged in the sale of cinders, sand, gravel and-crushed stone. He

took title to the property in 1931 and started the ready-mixed concrete phase of the business.

However, the depression took its toll and the business was dormant for several years. In 1936 it was acquired by D. A. Thorn and H. B. Wilmerding and operations were resumed. The present owners, Weldon Materials, who also operate a stone quarry, two blacktop plants and two other ready-mixed concrete plants, purchased the business in 1950.

WELDON ASPHALT CORPORATION, engaged in the manufacture of blacktop for roads, driveways, etc. also is located on Marshes Dock Road. This business was originally operated by Gallo Asphalt Company, then by Paving Materials Corporation, and since 1960 by the present company.

Weldon Asphalt Corporation is another division of Weldon Materials.

THORN-WILMERDING CORPORATION

HUnter 6-4422

WELDON ASPHALT CORPORATION

WAbash 5-0646

Marshes Dock Road, Linden, N. J.

Divisions of Weldon Materials, Inc.

The Transco Story

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation is in the wholesale gas and gas transportation business. Transco, as the company is popularly known, buys natural gas from producers in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, moves it across the continent and sells it principally to local utility companies, and local gas distributing systems, which in turn deliver the premium fuel to homes and businesses of millions of people in ten states.

Thousands of gas-producing wells on land and offshore in the Gulf of Mexico supply Transco's main lines via lateral lines. Parallel main lines, up to 30 and 36 inches in diameter, span the Deep South and travel northward up the eastern seaboard and into New York.

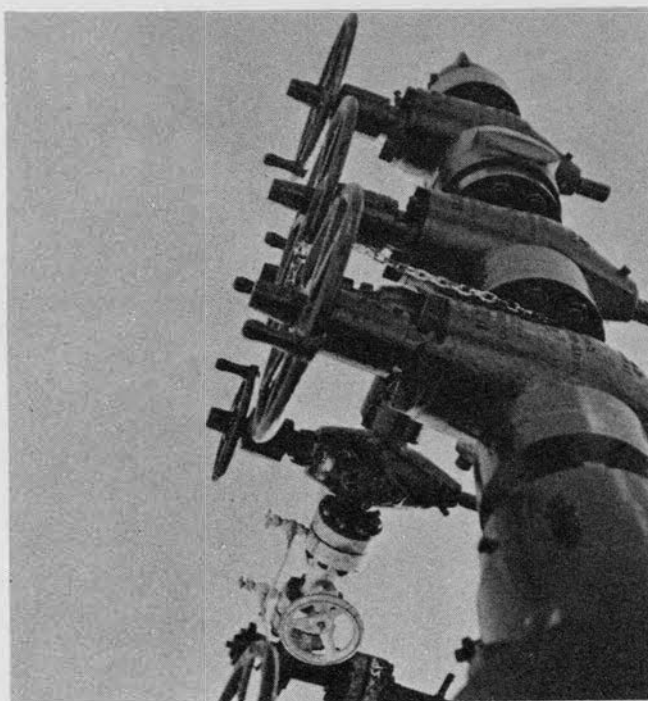
In 1960 Transco moved more than 444 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi gas-producing fields to its customers in Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. Largest volumes of Transco natural gas go to the utility companies in the New York City-New Jersey-Philadelphia metropolitan areas.

Transco sells natural gas to more than 65 separate utility distributing companies and municipalities. Many of the distributors in turn serve numerous communities.

The home office of the company is in the Transco Building at 3100 Travis Street in Houston, Texas. Division offices are at Corpus Christi, Texas, Baton Rouge, La., Decatur, Ga., Charlotte, N. C., Charlottesville, Va., and Linden, N. J. In Newark, N. J., at 744 Broad Street, is Transco's Eastern Division Headquarters. The Marketing Department makes this its headquarters, along with representatives of the Engineering, Measurement, Gas Supply, and Land Departments.

Linden is the focal point for Transco's maintenance and operations in New Jersey. The installation there includes the Gas Control, Measurement, Pipe Line, Corrosion, and Communications Departments. Chief dispatcher of Gas Control at Linden is John B. Coker; pipeline division superintendent is W. G. Glenn.

Communications are carried on by use of Transco's microwave system, VHF radio, and telephone lines. The Houston Office is linked by these systems with



A Christmas tree starts natural gas on its long journey to the New York-New Jersey-Philadelphia metropolitan area market via Transco's double big-inch main line. The multi-valved gas well is on Transco's Southeast Louisiana lateral pipeline.

the gas control station at Linden, with Eastern Division Headquarters in Newark, with each of the compressor stations, and with pipeline district offices.

Tall steel towers transmit microwave impulses like television waves. The signals go in a straight line from one tower to another. Transco has 65 of these towers ranging from 70 to 400 feet in height.

The Transco operation is a long-term program, involving 20-year gas purchase and gas sales contracts, with continuous regulation by the Federal Power Commission. Before the pipeline could be built, the adequacy of available gas supply had to be approved by the FPC. Transco had to show that it had more than enough gas under contract to meet its long-term commitments. This means that trillions of cubic feet of natural gas in fields along the Gulf Coast are dedicated to Transco and its customers. In order to satisfy the ever-increasing demands of its customers, Transco maintains an active and continuous program of contracting for new reserves.

TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE CORPORATION

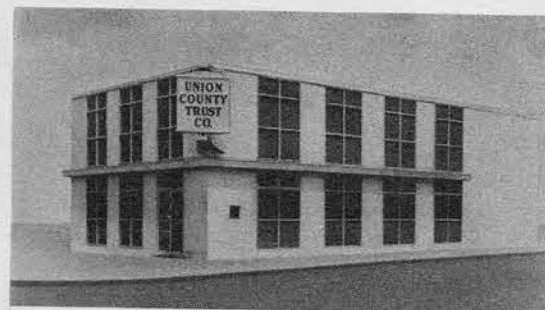
3100 Travis Street • P.O. Box 296

Houston 1, Texas

BANKING SERVICE



MAIN OFFICE of The Linden Group at Wood Avenue and Price Street. Bank operations began here in 1926.



ST. GEORGE OFFICE opened in 1935 at St. George Avenue and Charles Street.



SUNNYSIDE OFFICE at St. George Avenue and DeWitt Terrace has served since 1949.

Regional Resources—at Local Level

Experience is part of a bank's strength, and experience comes only with years of serving.

As Linden Trust Company, this bank has served and grown with Linden for 35 years.

With sound growth a bank adds strength, friends, finds more opportunities to serve—and develops greater resources.

It gains strength, too, by weathering storms, as Linden Trust did in 1931, when the depression forced the closing of the two other banks then in Linden.

This year, Linden Trust took a further step forward to enlarge its capacity to serve Lindenites. We call the step "REGIONAL RESOURCES—at Local Level."

On March 30, Linden Trust joined forces with Union County Trust Company of Elizabeth to form a new bank with combined resources exceeding \$130,000,000—the largest in Union County.

The two banks had known each other for years. It was a natural step for them to unite into one

banking organization serving the County of Union from 10 offices—with the resources and facilities of all 10 behind each one.

Expanded resources administered by Officers and Directors long identified with this community combine to establish a *Full Service Bank*, meeting every banking need, at day and evening hours convenient to the public.

We congratulate all City officials and the entire Linden community on a century of progress—and are happy we were privileged to play a part in it.



GEORGE W. BAUER, President of Union County Trust Company and founder of Linden Trust Company. His contributions as Linden public official and local banker bridge 40 years of service.

UNION COUNTY TRUST COMPANY Linden Group Offices

Wood Avenue • St. George • Sunnyside

Member: Federal Reserve System • Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

We Make Food More Flavorful

Our firm has gained a unique place in business over 100 years, of which 62 years have been in Linden. We are manufacturers of Essential Oils and Flavorings.

The prime finished materials extracted from spices, beans, fruits, plants and flowers are Oil of Almond, Aniseed, Bay, Bergamot, Birch, Caraway, Cassia, Cedarleaf, Cedarwood, Celery Seed, Citronella, Cloves, Dillweed, Eucalyptus, Geranium, Ginger, Grapefruit, Lavender, Lemon, Limes, Mandarin, Nutmeg, Orange, Orris, Patchouli, Black Pepper, Peppermint, Pimento Leaf, Rosemary, Sage, Sassafras, Spearmint, Tangerine, and Vetivert.

The flavors we make are Almond, Apple, Banana, Brandy, Butter, Caramel, Cherry,

Chocolate, Coconut, Coffee, Currant, Custard, Fig, Grape, Grapefruit Peel, Lemon, Lime, Maple, Orange Peel, Peach, Pear, Peanut Butter, Pecan Nut, Pineapple, Pistachio, Plum, Raisin, Raspberry, Rhubarb, Rum, Strawberry, Tangerine, Vanilla, and Walnut.

The ingredients used in the above products, with the exception of what may be obtained in the United States, are imported from every part of the world.

The officers in charge of the R. D. Webb & Co., Inc., are: Richard D. Webb, *President*; Robert G. Haefner, *Vice-President*; Benjamin Jarvis, *Vice-President*; Aubrey Evans, *Vice-President*; Wallace G. Brindise, *General Sales Manager*; Thomas E. Butchko, *Sales*; John Fuyat, *Foreman*; George Konecni, *Foreman*.



R. D. WEBB & CO., INC.

(Formerly W. J. Bush & Co., Inc.)

Stimpson Avenue and Stiles Street • WAbash 5-4950 • Linden, New Jersey

Branches at Chicago, Ill.; Los Angeles, Calif.

ROAD BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION



"ON-THE-JOB" VIEW of a Winans construction project (Esso Refinery—10 acres of parking). C. H. Winans Company, which had its beginnings in Linden, now operates throughout New Jersey.

Linden Is Our Heritage

Linden "came out of the mud" early—and it was our privilege to play an active role in that important development of this community.

Our specialty then—as it is now—was road building. For a long time, we paved most of the streets in Linden. Our first big job, in fact, was constructing Edgar Road (Route 1) from Rahway to the Elizabeth line.

From 1900 through the '20's, Clarence H. Winans, our first president, laid out and cut through Wood Avenue and dozens of Linden streets.

The company, through the years, has remained a "family organization." In 1940, Raymond

W. Winans succeeded his father as president and since 1944, upon his death, George W. Bauer, a founder of the firm, and his son, Raymond W. Bauer, have served

as president and treasurer respectively.

During recent years the activities of C. H. Winans Company have been enlarged to provide specialized equipment and the staff of engineers that modern highway construction requires today.

The company has long enjoyed an "unlimited" classification rating with the New Jersey State Highway Department. This permits it to submit bids on any road-construction project to be awarded by New Jersey, regardless of scope.

Our company salutes Linden on its 100th Birthday—and heartily wishes it "many more of the same."



THE LATE CLARENCE H. WINANS, who played a prominent role in building Linden's street system.

C. H. WINANS COMPANY

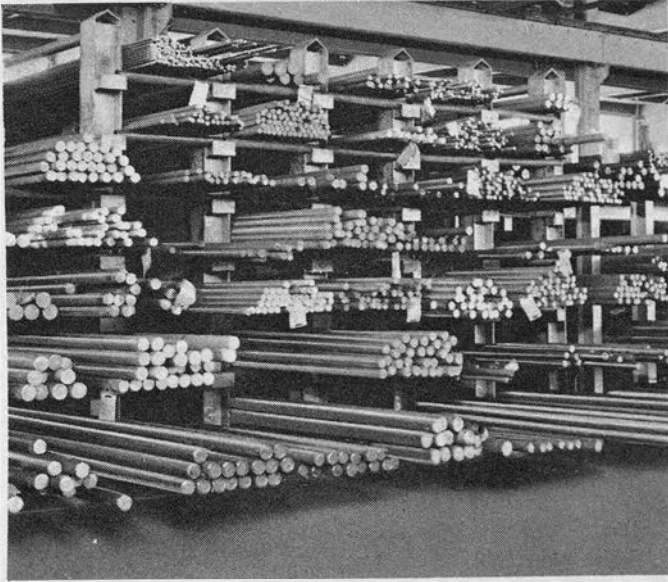
Road Builders Since 1888

616 West First Avenue



Roselle, New Jersey

STEEL BARS



COMPLETE ALLOY STOCK

BOWSTEEL has the most complete stock of commercial and aircraft alloy steel bars available. This stock consists of rounds, hexes, squares and flats in a wide variety of sizes . . . over 1000 items using 35,000 square feet of storage space; all carefully selected to meet a definite alloy specification. Such variety makes possible the filling of virtually all orders regardless of quantity, grade or shape within 24 hours.



BOWSTEEL



DISTRIBUTORS CORP.

601 East Linden Avenue • HUnter 6-4000 • Linden, New Jersey

OIL-PRODUCTS TRANSPORTATION

Congratulations

to the City of Linden on the occasion
of its 100th Anniversary!

THE BUCKEYE PIPE LINE COMPANY
Eastern Products Division

Linden, New Jersey

POLYESTER RESINS

Celanese

**... HAPPY
TO BE A
PART OF
LINDEN**



This, Linden's Centennial Celebration, marks the 8th anniversary of the Celanese move to Linden. How do we feel about it? We just wish we could have been here the whole hundred years. Thank you for making us feel so much at home. We hope and expect to continue producing polyester resins here for the *next* hundred years, too.

Celanese®

CELANESE POLYMER COMPANY **A Division of Celanese Corporation of America**

1711 West Elizabeth Avenue • Linden, New Jersey

FLEXOGRAPHIC INKS

A Record of Growth

Converters Ink Company, manufacturers of Flexographic Printing Inks, was founded in 1952 employing but a few people. Since then we have expanded and now employ approximately 35 people. Speaking as a small Company we wish to say Linden has proved to be a most satisfactory location.

We wish to thank the Linden City Officials, Police, Fire and other Departments for their

help and cooperation. They have served us well at all times.

Our thanks also go to the various local trucking companies. Their services are most important to us and needless to say have never failed us.

It is our sincere hope that we may have many more pleasant years in Linden.

CONVERTERS INK COMPANY

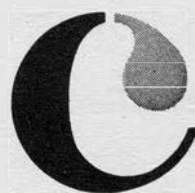
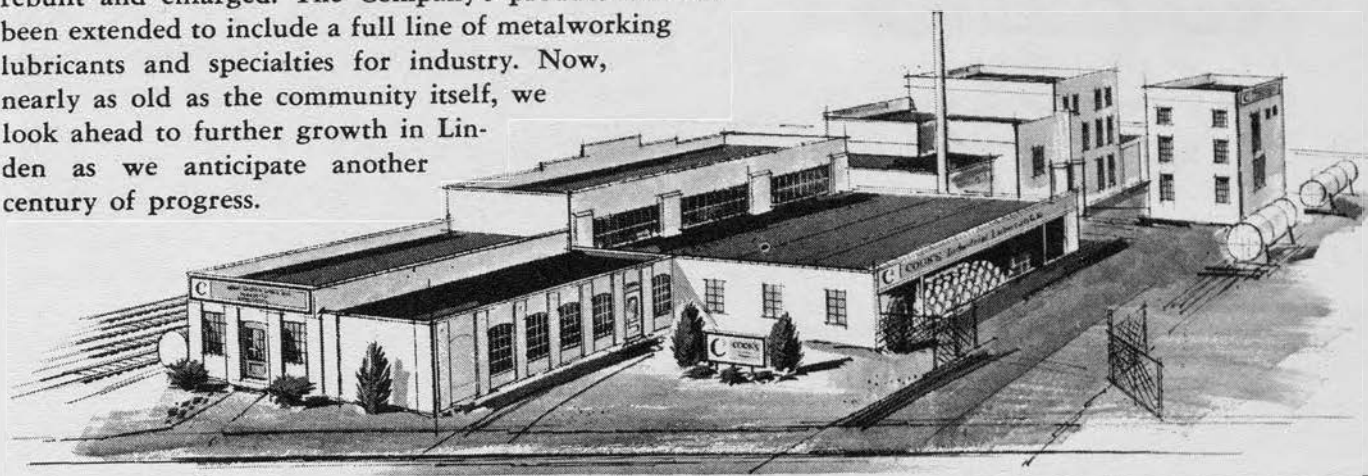
1261 West Elizabeth Avenue • HUnter 6-5125 • Linden, New Jersey

Branch: 4910 South Monitor Avenue, Chicago 38, Illinois

INDUSTRIAL LUBRICANTS

Our First Century of Progress . . .

In just seven years, Adam Cook's Sons, Inc. will celebrate 100 years of growth and achievement. Founded in 1868 at Albany, New York, the company came to Linden in 1926, occupying the old Transatlantic Chemical plant. The original structure has been rebuilt and enlarged. The Company's product line has been extended to include a full line of metalworking lubricants and specialties for industry. Now, nearly as old as the community itself, we look ahead to further growth in Linden as we anticipate another century of progress.



ADAM COOK'S SONS, Inc.

5 North Stiles Street • WAbash 5-2500 • Linden, New Jersey

PHOTOGRAPHY AND SUPPLIES

A Complete Photographic Service



Start with over 30 years experience . . . make that service speedy, dependable and economical . . . and you've got a good start toward providing the kind of service the DAILY client is accustomed to receiving.

Daily's specialty is fast service on developing and printing and processing of all color movie, 35mm and all roll film.

Daily's experience and huge inventory of photographic equipment and supplies, assure you of the technical assistance and material needed to successfully operate your own photographic department.

DAILY PHOTO SERVICE

117 North Wood Avenue—HUnter 6-2818 • 24 West Price Street—HUnter 6-7700
Linden, New Jersey
Branch at 559 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey

STATIONERY - PRINTING



Office Supplies—Printing • Engraving •
Business Cards • Bar Mitzvahs • Wedding
Invitations • Rubber Stamps Made to Order

Meeting Every Business Need

Pearl Moss and Charles Fogel established this business in 1931, in an upstairs office on Wood Avenue. Admittedly, the business was small.

Today, as one of the oldest stationers in Linden, the stock is very large and facilities are available to provide items on special request.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Levine are the proprietors.

FOGEL STATIONERY CO.

7 East Elizabeth Avenue HUnter 6-4700
Linden, New Jersey

GUMMED AND REINFORCED TAPES

We've Grown in Linden . . .

General Gummed Products, Inc. was founded in 1939 in Richmond Hill, New York, where it manufactured primarily industrial tapes for the corrugated-box industry. In 1954, a new plant was built on North Stiles Street in Linden to which several additions have been constructed.

Today, the company is one of the largest manufacturers in the United States of industrial gummed paper tapes and reinforced gummed tapes. It also manufactures "HandleWrap" Handle Tape and paper tapes for retail use.

"ENCORE," "BLUE CHIP," and "GOLDEN KEY" Gummed Tapes and "GLARET" Reinforced Tapes are widely known. Gummed-tape brands in the eastern and midwestern United States, and the corrugated-container industry is a large user of "AMBASSADOR" and "LOKIT" Box Tapes.

The company employs approximately 150 men and 15 women in a modern plant equipped to manufacture reinforced paper and a great variety of tape products. These products are supplied in a multitude of colors and are printed in many designs.

The company is guided by Otto N. Weil, *President and Treasurer*; Fred Rothschild, *Vice President and Secretary*;



Gilbert Bloch, *Vice President*, and Alfred Kahn, *Office Manager*. Offices are maintained in Boston, Chicago, Detroit, and Atlanta, and the company's trucking fleet serves the entire eastern and midwestern United States.

Continued research at General Gummed Products is geared to serve industry with better corrugated-container closures and reinforced paper. It is the company's constant endeavor to furnish high-quality products and service to its customers throughout America.

GENERAL GUMMED PRODUCTS, Inc.

531 North Stiles Street • WABash 5-0900
Linden, New Jersey

GLASS-TO-METAL SEALS

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDEN ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

DESIGNERS and MANUFACTURERS of Glass-to-Metal

Vacuum Seals for the ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY



GLASSEAL PRODUCTS CO., INC.

James Anderson, Sr., President

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BAKED GOODS

The Busiest Ovens in New Jersey

Belong to



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We at Gourmet yield to public opinion! Pressure has been put upon us by Linden dignitaries to open our windows and let the public sniff the tantalizing aroma of our 99 varieties of baked goods.

We admit we've been selfish . . . but our

bakers have been unbelievably busy keeping up with the demand for Gourmet bread, rolls, cakes, pastries, pies, donuts and snacks. They're on sale, you know, in supermarkets throughout New Jersey, New York, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

GOURMET BAKERS, INC. • GOURMET SNACKS, INC.

1601 West Edgar Road • WAbash 5-4700
Linden, New Jersey

CUSTOM STAMPINGS



Hometown Industry

Owners of this business are two brothers, Frank and John Hammer. Both are graduates of Linden schools and residents of Linden for the past 35 years.

We started Short Run Stamping Company on Linden Avenue in 1949. This company was sold in 1955.

We then formed Hammer Manufacturing Company in 1956 and now have approximately 20 employees, with plans for expanding in the very near future.

Our company specializes in Custom Stampings for Electronics, Aircraft, and many other industries.

HAMMER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

417 Commerce Road, P. O. Box 163

WAbash 5-1730

Linden, New Jersey

AUTOMOBILE SALES AND SERVICE

Most Complete Dealership In Linden

Mrozek Auto Sales started in 1926 when Mr. A. Edward Mrozek began selling gasoline at 421 Roselle Street. He gradually expanded the business and moved to a separate building at 415 Roselle Street. By 1934 when he became a dealer for Pontiac, he had been a sub-dealer for both Ford and Chevrolet.

Mrozek Auto Sales took on Rambler in 1957 and with this combination expanded with an additional structure for a showroom at 520 East St. George Avenue. The Roselle Street facilities were then transformed into a complete

and efficient service operation.

Mrozek Auto Sales is now the most complete dealership in Linden, being able to offer its customers not only the usual sales and service of a new-car agency, but also the services of a service station and one of the most complete stocks of Pontiac and Rambler parts in the state.

Mrozek Auto Sales does not sell only in Linden; Union County is thoroughly covered by its sales force. Also a great number of cars is sold in Staten Island, Newark and other areas.

To the surprise of most Linden residents, Mrozek Auto Sales employs 25 men and 3 secretaries, making it probably one of the larger employing organizations in the community. Mrozek Auto Sales, under the direction of Edward A. Mrozek, has almost doubled in size and employees in the past five years, not to mention a tremendous increase in the number of units sold.

The next five years should prove to be one of even greater growth resulting from the population explosion combined with the ever-growing demand for automobiles. The Mrozek Auto Sales plant is equipped to handle twice the volume it now does.

MROZEK AUTO SALES

520 East S. George Avenue • HUnter 6-1616

Linden, New Jersey

INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE



Alfred Bill, Sr. Bill, Jr.

Specialists

Insurance has been part of my life dating back to 1922. I established my own business in 1944. Bill, Jr., a graduate of Drake University, formerly with Price Waterhouse in Dallas, Texas, joined me in 1949, specializing in insurance underwriting, and has qualified and received the most coveted awards in the insurance field, namely, the C.L.U. and the C.P.C.U. My other son, Alfred, a graduate of Rutgers University, formerly with Esso Standard Oil Company at Bayway office, joined us in 1955. He specializes in real estate brokerage.

We provide complete service in the field of insurance and real estate.

WM. G. PALERMO, INC.

441 North Wood Avenue • HUnter 6-2626
Linden, New Jersey

AUTOMOBILES

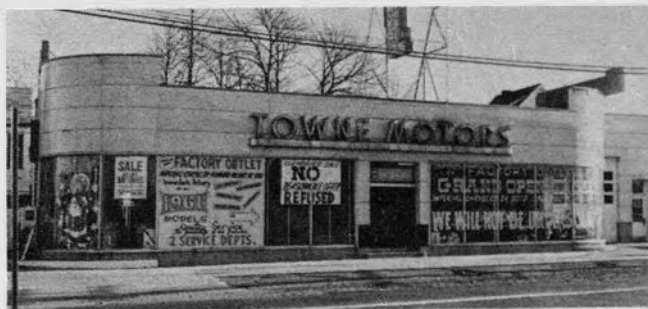
HISTORY OF TOWNE MOTORS, INC.

Towne Motors, Inc. was founded in 1946, after obtaining the franchise to sell DeSoto and Plymouth cars from the Chrysler Corporation.

Today after fifteen years of serving the people of Linden we have grown to one of the bigger dealerships in the Metropolitan area, selling Imperials, Chryslers, Plymouth and Valiant cars. We employ twenty-five people, having expanded our service department, gas station, used car lot and body and paint shop so that we can take care of our customers' needs with the service that is required.

Our 8,000 square feet of service area is equipped with the finest in equipment, staffed by factory trained mechanics and supervised by factory trained technicians. We can service anything from a flat tire to a complete engine and body rebuilding job.

The Chrysler products that we sell are available from the lowest compacts to the most luxurious car on the road today. Our used cars are completely reconditioned before being



sold so that our customers can have many miles of trouble free driving.

Our aim is to continue to serve the people of Linden in the future as we did in the past. May we congratulate the people who are connected with this Centennial for a job well done and may we grow together for the next hundred years.

TOWNE MOTORS, INC.

15 West St. George Avenue • HUnter 6-1400
Linden, New Jersey

FOOD WHOLESALING



Serving New Jersey's Finest Supermarkets

From a tiny operation in an old garage to one of the foremost warehouse food cooperatives in the country. This is the story of TWIN COUNTY's growth in the City of Linden.

TWIN COUNTY GROCERS, INC.

1601 W. Edgar Road • WAbash 5-2345
Linden, New Jersey

INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE

Success Story

The biography of Dennis J. Valvano, Sr., the guiding hand of this enterprise, reads like an Horatio Alger Story.

Mr. Valvano came to Linden in 1910. He lays claim to two "firsts" in Linden: the first shoe shine boy and the first newspaper boy. These two jobs served to whet his appetite for business and led to greater responsibility as manager of a Butler Grocery store by the age of 17.

All of this time, Mr. Valvano was increasing his knowledge of the business world. In 1938, while working as a collector for Public Service Electric and Gas Company, he started into the real



estate and insurance business on a part-time basis. In 1946, after increasing his knowledge in the field, he opened a full time office at 101 N. Wood Ave. with the aid of one secretary. Today, at its present location, Mr. Valvano employs nine people in his organization, including two sons, Dennis, Jr. and James.

During these years Mr. Valvano has made thousands of friends in the City of Linden, both business and in civic organizations. He attributes the greatest part of his success to the 51 years of living in Linden. This has made each customer a close friend.

In looking to the future, Mr. Valvano keeps his staff educated on all new forms of insurance which in turn keeps his customers up to date. He looks forward to long life for his organization with his sons soliciting young customers to replace the old.

In addition to handling insurance and real estate, Mr. Valvano has been the local agent for the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles since 1955.

DENNIS J. VALVANO, SR.

12 West Elizabeth Avenue • HUnter 6-4047
Linden, New Jersey

AUTOMOTIVE SALES AND SERVICE

Serving the Automotive Public with Fine Cars and Service

Our service to the Automotive Public goes back to 1919—and our beginning years in Newark.

Shortly after coming to Linden, we became an authorized Chevrolet dealer in 1957 — Linden's only one.

Our service today includes both sales of new cars, "OK" used cars and efficient, con-

scientious service to owners of Chevrolet and other makes of automobiles.

We have prospered in Linden, for which we express our appreciation to Linden residents.

We look forward to further growth based on rendering an even more complete and helpful automotive service.

WALLACE CHEVROLET

U. S. Route 1 at Winans Avenue • HUnter 6-4900
Linden, New Jersey

PRINTING

Specializing in Short Run Snapouts

WILLIAMS PRESS

Walter Williams

1415 East Elizabeth Avenue • HUnter 6-4952 • Linden, New Jersey

AIR HANDLING AND POWER PLANT MACHINERY

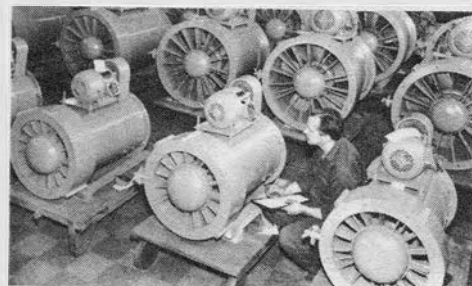
Where **O.K.** Is Never Good Enough

Since its establishment over 80 years ago, L. J. Wing Mfg. Co. has maintained this aim—that the products it makes shall be the *finest* in quality, performance and engineering concept.

Today, powerful Wing supply and exhaust fans are on-the-job in industrial plants throughout much of North America.

Others ventilate ships of the Merchant Marine, the U. S. Navy and the Coast Guard.

Wing fans with special construction features have been installed at vital national defense sites.



Final inspection of a shipment of fans

In winter, revolving discharge unit heaters, an original Wing development, keep workers comfortably warm in thousands of plants from coast to coast.

Numerous other products are built regularly by Wing while new lines are being designed to fill tomorrow's industrial needs and carry the name of Wing and Linden far and wide.

L. J. WING MFG. CO.

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Since 1926

Linden Has Helped Us

We Hope We Have Helped Linden

W. A. BIRDSALL & CO.

1819 West Elizabeth Avenue • HUnter 6-4455

Linden, New Jersey

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LINDEN'S FUTURE RESTS SOLIDLY ON
NEW OPPORTUNITIES NOW ESTABLISHED

1961-2061

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A RECENT STUDY, "Industrial Location in the New York Area" by John L. Griffin, places Union County as the second most desirable location in New Jersey. In this significant rating, Linden with its prime location in the industrial heart of Union County, may claim a part.

LINDEN'S LABOR MARKET— STABLE, FORWARD-LOOKING

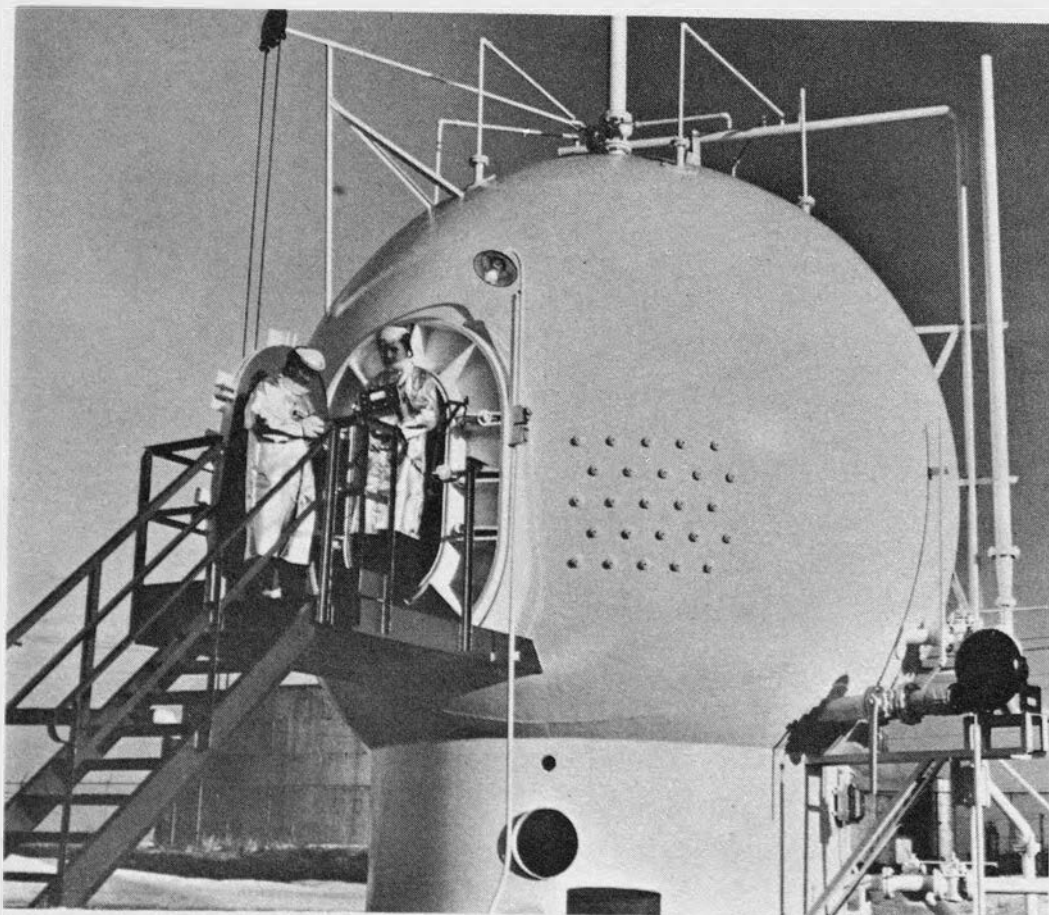
The labor supply in the Linden area is of high caliber. Naturally it is highly organized. The unions include both company unions and AFL-CIO unions. The union leadership is of the finest. Comparatively speaking, there is little contro-

versy between labor and management. Both groups may be characterized as reasonable, responsible, and forward-looking.

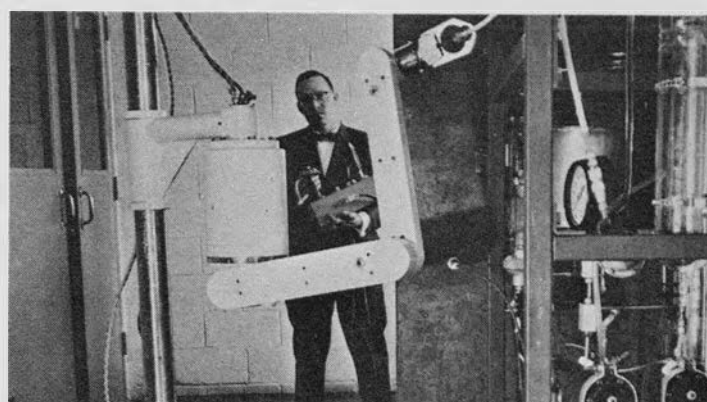
WASTE DISPOSAL ASSURED TO 1980

Without waste disposal industry cannot grow. The Linden-Roselle Sewerage Authority was organized in 1948. It is a tax-supported operation, handling both municipal and industrial waste. The plant itself consists of seven buildings in a park-like area on Tremley Point Road.

In planning this facility, provision was made for the waste-disposal needs of a growing population and industrial expansion to the year 1980.



This 18-foot sphere, operated by Linden's Esso Research and Engineering Company, simulates space conditions and is a recent facility for testing super-powerful, solid rocket fuels, on which the company is working under the direction of the Defense Department.



With electron microscope and electric-powered robot, Linden industrial scientists pursue advances of a new age.

THE EMERGING MEGALOPOLIS

The entire eastern seaboard of the U. S. is undergoing transformation. Within the next quarter of a century, the entire area from Boston to Washington, D. C., will be one large continuous city. Sociologists and economists refer to the area as either the "strip city" or the "megalopolis" (very large city). Whichever you choose, Linden will inevitably be a part of it.

LOOKING AHEAD

The city administration and informed citizens recognize that Linden's first hundred years

have been merely a prelude to an even more vigorous growth.

A concerted attempt is being made in all municipal projects to provide for the increasing needs of Linden's people and industry.

The recent adoption of an ordinance to create a Planning Board is added evidence that Linden intends to anticipate the changing times.

One of the most intriguing things about the times in which we live is that no ideas, no dreams, no plans can be too visionary.

The experience gained in the past 100 years and the progress made in that time will form a solid foundation for Linden's new world to come. In America's great destiny, Linden will play its part.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS...AND APPRECIATION

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Linden's 100th Centennial Seal

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VIOLA R. MAIHL, *Editor*

September 27, 1961

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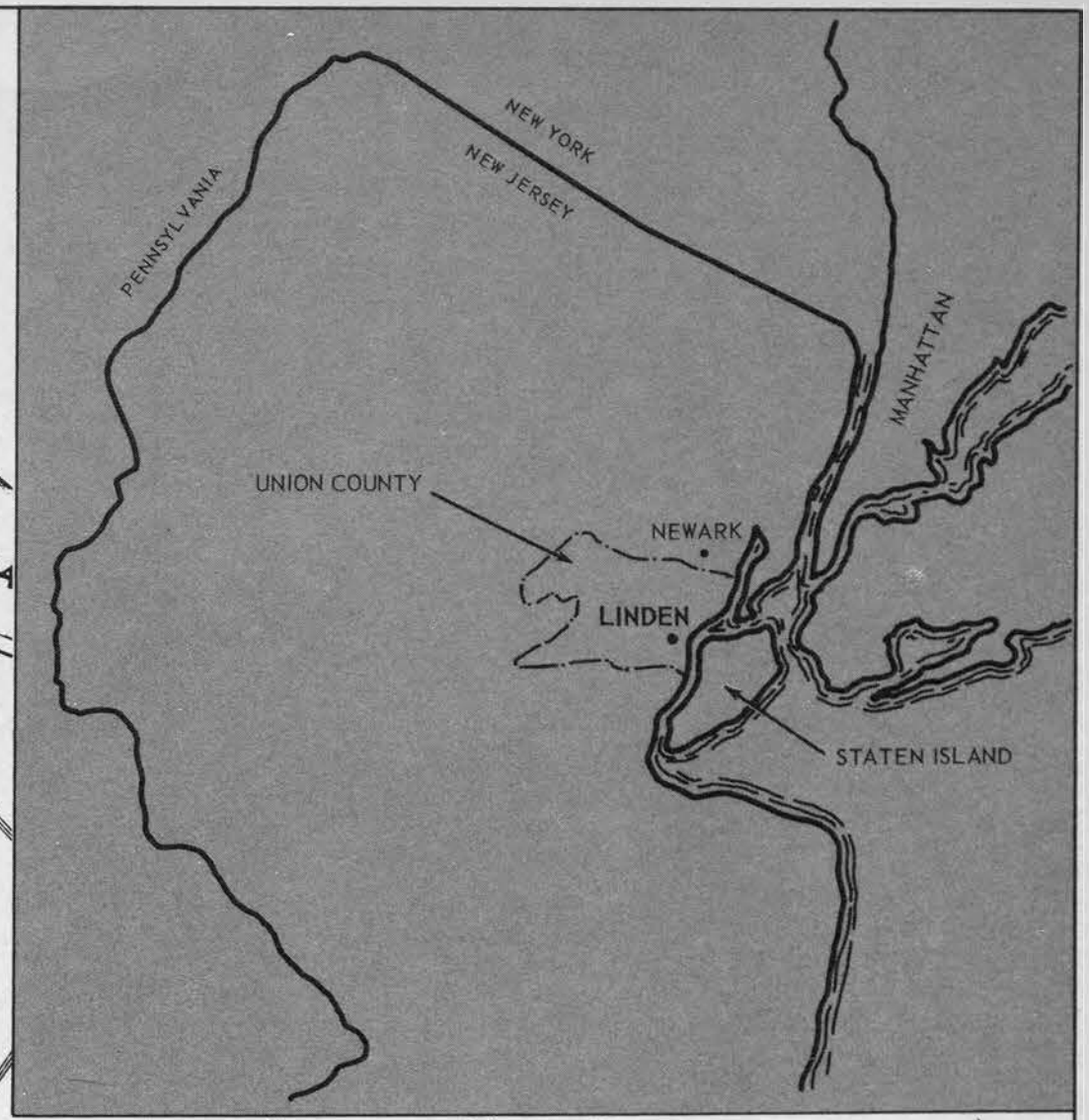
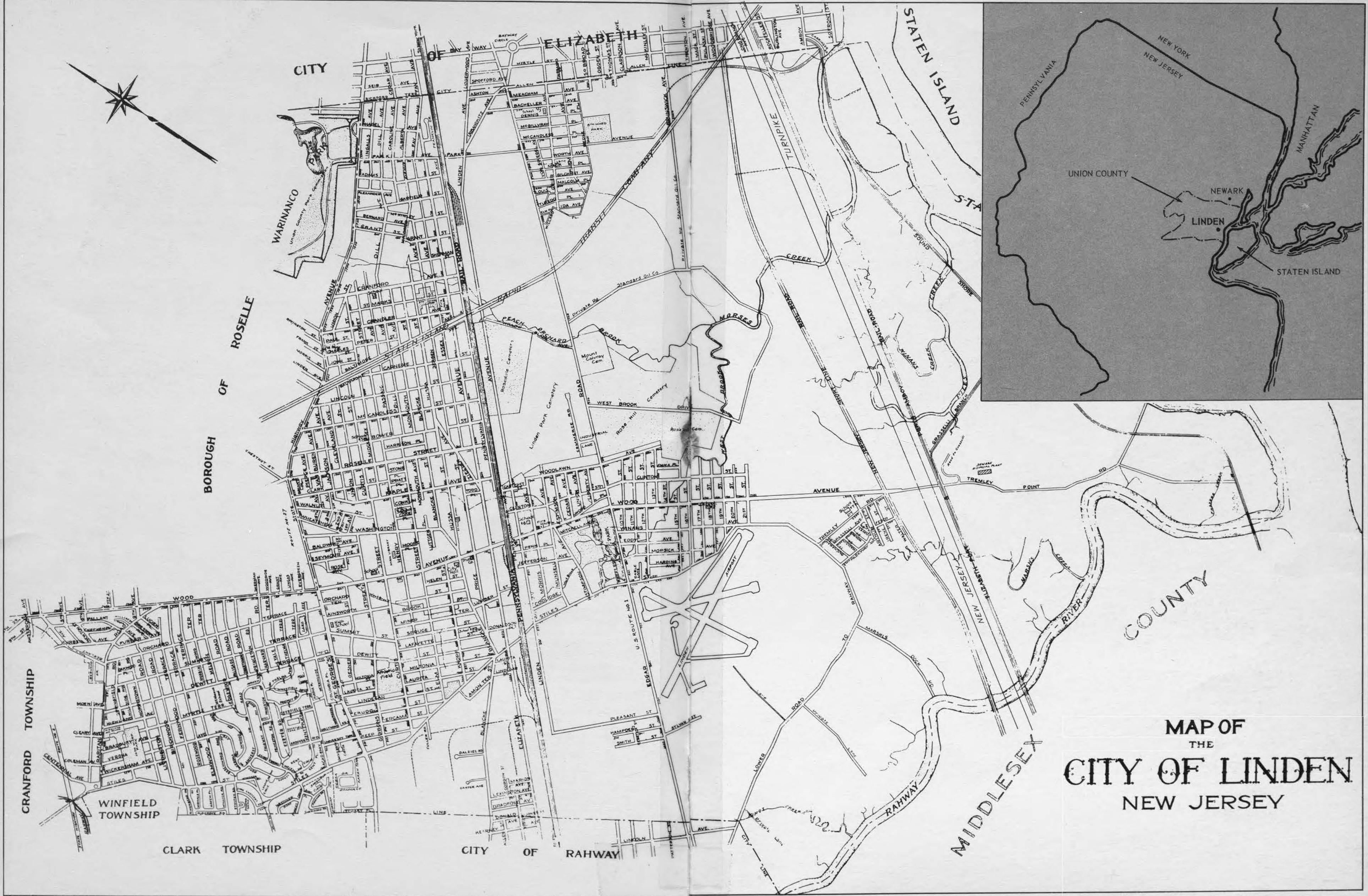
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