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East Brunswick traces history to 1685

As our country celebrates its Bicentennial, it is important to remember that our own state is much older. New Jersey celebrated its 300th birthday in 1964, and East Brunswick was one of the early settlements.

John Reid, who was deputy surveyor under Keith of East Jersey, made a crude but accurate map in October of 1685 which shows boundaries of the Raritan River, Millstone River, Lawrence Brook and the South River, with plantations along these waterways. A 1000 acre tract also showed on early maps lots laid out, long and narrow in the section known as Washington, which was to become part of East Brunswick, but is now part of South River.

Abraham Barkalow settled along the road to Old Bridge from Washington about 1730. The Bissetts, Oberts, Vreelands and Stults followed shortly.

Before white settlers came into the area, Sagamore and Delaware Indians lived and traded in the area. There are a number of stories of disputes between the white settlers and the Indians.

In the Riva avenue area, one of New Jersey's earliest families settled. The DeHarts had come from Holland to Massachusetts with the earliest colonists. They came on down to New Jersey and settled in South Brunswick. Abraham and Cornelius DeHart traded with the Indians along the banks of what we now call Farrington Lake. Very early 17th century maps show several DeHart plantations. The one recently called the Smith property off Hardenburg lane that various organizations and individuals tried to save was the last DeHart property in East Brunswick. The house, before vandals ruined it, was a gem of 18th Century fireplaces and stairways. The boat basin in the new Bicentennial Park will be adjacent to the site of the house.

The Van Wickles and Gen. James Morgan were among the earliest potters in the Old Bridge area, now designated a state historic district through the efforts of the East Brunswick Historical Society. The red clay still found here made it natural that the pottery industry should flourish here. Some of the pottery marked as South Amboy and Cheesequake in pre-revolutionary works is from the area now in the historic district. Some residents of the area have found glazed kiln bricks, pottery shards and pieces of the cobalt blue and holly design patterns from the potteries that followed. From about 1750 to 1830, there were at least three potteries operating in the area.

At the time of the Revolution, East Brunswick was part of East Jersey. It was basically plantations and farms. The only real settlements were the Washington and Old Bridge areas. There were skirmishes in the area, and claims against the government for war damages were filed. For instance, Abraham Barkalow put in his claim for "36 pounds, 10 shillings for property damage, including cows." A battle at Lawrence Brook by Neilson and a band of 200 patriots is well documented. They took the area in the name of the Revolution in 1777.

Following the Revolution, potteries were joined by such industries as a snuff plant, fanning mill, licorice mill, shipbuilding and a distillery along the South River in Old Bridge. Small businessmen such as blacksmiths, innkeepers and storekeepers, served the residents and travelers. Stagecoach inns were located along Dunhams Corner road near where M McGinnis School now stands; on Old Bridge turnpike; and in the Lawrence Brook-Weston Mills area.

The soil was good for produce, such as strawberries, peaches, apples and potatoes. First by boat, then by railroad, farmers sent their crops to the New York and Philadelphia markets.

The township was chartered as East Brunswick in 1860. The town committees of North Brunswick and New Brunswick met at the inn of Stephen Barkalow. The inn of Saxon Tice served as the site for dividing the real estate, personal property and surplus moneys of the parent town.

The township remained basically agricultural in the early 20th Century. The only paved roads in the town were Old Bridge turnpike, a two-lane Route 18, and Cranbury, Dunhams Corner and Milltown roads. The town began to explode with new housing in the 1950s, after the New Jersey Turnpike was built. In 1940, the population was barely 2,500 -- in 1950, 5,000. In 1960, the town had built five new elementary schools and the high school, and was still growing rapidly.

The character of the town has changed drastically in the last three decades. There remain pockets of the past in the farmlands still remaining, and scattered typical 19th Century farmhouses. Scarcer, but still to be found, are 18th Century homes and buildings. The Historical Society's project of marking such buildings after research will help identify them for the future.

This brief history of East Brunswick was prepared by Marion Whitman of the Historical Society.

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This special Sentinel Bicentennial / Business edition focuses on our past. Histories and old photos of many communities are published on pages 2-12, running alphabetically. Special features are on pages 13-21; calendars of local events for the year 1976 on pages 20-23; and some brief salutes to some of the advertisers who made this section possible are on pages 27-31.

The Sentinel wishes to thank Bicentennial Committees, local historians, and others who helped assemble the material for this edition. Last, but not least, thanks to our own writers, salespeople, typesetters, art department, production crew, and press room personnel for the many extra hours it required.

Lola F. Spritzer and Alexander V. W. Ingham, Editors

on the cover. .

TOP PHOTO:-- South River was a thriving riverport in the 19th Century, and this painting in 1882 by Edward Lange shows sailboats docked at the foot of Jackson street, loading cargos of produce.

MIDDLE RIGHT--The Old Bridge Hotel, now torn down, was on the corner of Kossman street and the Old Bridge turnpike. In the 1860's, it was a stagecoach stop. The Rockefeller family supposedly stopped there many times on its way to a summer home in Lakewood. At the time this picture was taken, the hotel was owned by Steve Selover (standing on the porch). The building was torn down several years ago.

MIDDLE LEFT--The Old People's Hotel on Main street, Sayreville, as it looked in 1896. Today, it's Maliszewski's Funeral Home.

BOTTOM--The Parson's Snuff Mill provided employment for many early Milltown area residents; the buildings, located on the banks of the Lawrence Brook in North Brunswick, are said to pre-date even Bergen's Mill, Milltown's first name. The dam on the left of the picture is an earthen dam, which was replaced in the depression with the present concrete Farrington Lake dam.



Lone Pine Farm, the homestead of John J. Smith on Cranbury road, East Brunswick. The house has since been completely remodeled.

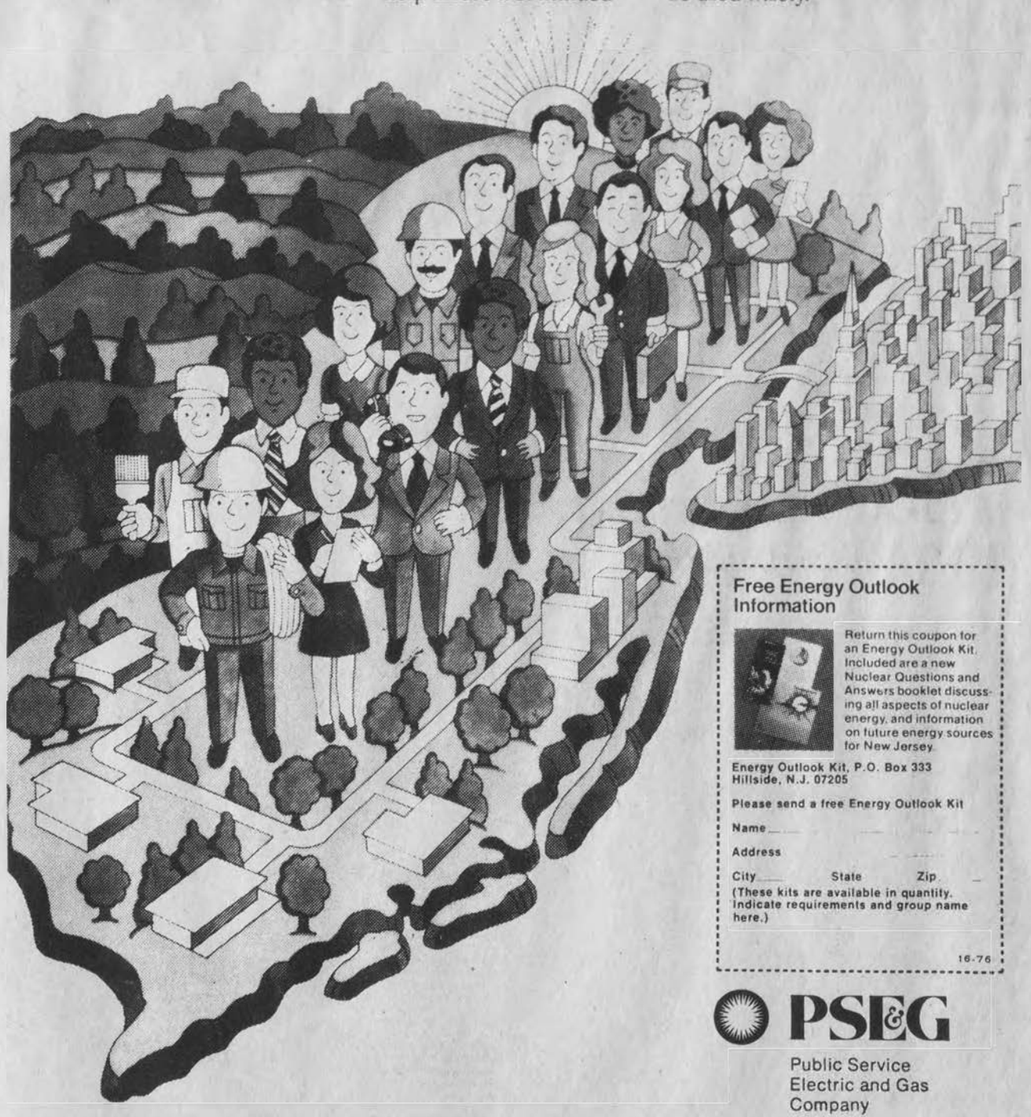
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From Raritan to Edison Township

Edison Township used to be called Raritan Township, which Township took its name from a tribe of the Lenni-Lenape Indians who lived in this area. These Indians made a trail along the Raritan River to an inlet of the Atlantic Ocean (now called Perty Amboy).

Different groups of people lived in Raritan Township. The first Europeans to explore the coast of New Jersey were the English navigators John and Sebastian Cabot in 1498. A century later, Henry Hudson explored the same area for the Dutch East India Company. (He was trying to find a shorter route to India). Although Hudson did not find the route he was looking for, the reports of his travels brought the first European settlers to the area--the Dutch.

Naturally the English people thought that the land belonged to them (because it had been originally "discovered" by the Cabots), so fighting broke out between the Dutch and the English. Finally in 1674, the English gained control of this area. The area extended from the Raritan River to the Rahway River and two townships were formed; Woodbridge and Piscataway.

This area was expanded in 1681 when a group of settlers bought 10,000 acres of land from the Indians and established a ferry across the Raritan River (near the crossing of the present Albany St. Bridge). In 1683, Middlesex County was established with Piscataway as the County seat.

As the population increased farms were cleared and cultivated and schools and churches were established. The first church was built in 1689 on the site of the present Stelton Baptist Church. In 1695 the first school was built. In 1714, the second church, The Episcopal Mission Church of St. James was built on Woodbridge avenue. The earliest public road, which is still in use, was the Old Post Road through Bonhamtown and Piscataway.

New Jersey stayed under the control of the British until 1774 when the First Provincial Congress met in New Brunswick to join the other colonists to revolt. No major battles were fought in Raritan Township, but some fighting did take place in 1777 at Bonhamtown (because it had a good observation point), Fords and Piscataway and elsewhere along the road now known as Woodbridge avenue.

The area was crossed many times by Washington and his troops and by the British Redcoats. When the war ended, Washington rode to his inauguration along the Old Post Road from the Raritan Ferry on his way to New York City.

Like Old Post road, King George road and Oak Tree road (whose name was derived from an ancient oak tree which stood in this area) were built along Indian trails.

Except for a tornado, which destroyed many buildings in New Brunswick and Piscataway in 1835, the township became a prosperous farming community in the 1800s and improvements were made in transportation and communication. The Pennsylvania Railroad came into the township in the 1830s and in 1840 the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company provided another route from New York to Philadelphia. In the 1870s railroad stations were constructed at Menlo and Stelton. Many wealthy New Yorkers built summer homes in Menlo and Oak Tree sections.

It was about this time that Edison was at work at his Menlo Park laboratory.

In 1870, a group of residents asked the Legislature to grant them independence from Woodbridge and Piscataway townships. They won and on March 17, 1870, the boundary lines were redrawn to create a new municipality: Raritan Township.

The construction of a trolley line in 1900 brought more city dwellers into the township and as the township developed, problems arose. In 1900, the residents of what is now Metuchen asked the state for a separate charter because of a disagreement over city funding. So the community of Metuchen was formed, leaving a "hole" in the middle of Raritan Township and reducing the area by three square miles. In 1905, residents of Highland Park followed Metuchen's example and further reduced the area by two square miles.

Raritan Township lost land to the federal government during WW-I to create the Raritan Arsenal and during WW-II to create Camp Kilmer.

Because the name "Raritan" had been used by several townships and municipalities in New Jersey, in 1954 the township changed its name to Edison.

5 British regiments billet in Bonhamtown

Five British regiments were stationed in the Bonhamtown - Piscataway town area during the Revoluntionary war, while the loyal government was in control of this area.

According to contemporary accounts, the men assigned to these units "robbed and harried the residents for a considerable period, burning the houses and barns, and committing other outrages".

Perhaps the excesses alleged to His Brittanic Majesty's troops were due to the attitude of the people of the area who were, for the most part, loyal to the patriot cause.

At least one of the British units was composed of Highlanders, who were reported to have taken part in the skirmishes that occurred in April and May of 1777. British occupation of the area lasted from December 2, 1776 to June 22, 1777.

The location of Bonhamtown was as important to the British as to the Americans, since Lord Cornwallis (later to surrender at Yorktown) had his headquarters in New Brunswick.

The American troops had cut off all communications into and out of New Brunswick, except for the Raritan River. On at least one occasion, March 8, 1777, General William Howe attempted to open the communications at Bonhamtown, but failed -- in fact, he was nearly captured, so effective was the blockade of New Brunswick by American militia units.

Descendants still around

Most of the first families of what is now Edison Township came from the area of Newbury, Massachusets, and the rest as passengers aboard the vessls Henry and Francis and Caledonia, both of which sailed from Scotland and landed at Perth Amboy late in the 17th Century.

Names of these pioneer families are still to be found among the present-day inhabitants of the township.

They include descendants of the Stelles, Martins, Campbells, Bonhams, Dunns, Dunhams, Edgars, Comtons, Tappens, Thornalls, Hamptons, Achens, Laings, Kellys, Ayres, Fitzandolphs, Freemans, Bloomfields, Paynes, Robins, Mundys, Carmans, Rowlands and Laforges.

Their settlements were Piscataway (1668), Stelton (1668) and Bonhamtown (1682).

Train made tracks at 15 mph

When the first steam train passed through what is now Edison Township on January 2, 1836, on its way to New Brunswick, it signaled the beginning of an active railroading career for the Edison - Metuchen area.

Tracks on the New Jersey Railroad were completed between Jersey City and New Brunswick in 1835. The first train, drawn by a new locomotive, New Brunswick, pulling thirteen cars decorated with banners bearing the name of counties, cities and villages along the line, came down from Newark at the high speed of fifteen miles an hour.

Passengers had to transfer across the Raritan River bridge in stages at a charge of 6 1/2 cents each. A railroad bridge was built across the river and opened for service on January 1, 1838. This line became what is today the high - speed electrified main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The next railroad to run through the township was the Lehigh Valley, chartered on March 11, 1858. Chartered as the Perth Amboy and Bound Brook Railroad Company, construction was delayed until after April 2, 1872, when the PA&BB RR Co. was consolidated with the Bound Brook & Easton, becoming the Easton & Amboy Railroad.

At one time the Reading Company had planned to run through service from Central Avenue, Metuchen to New York, with three trains daily. This idea never materialized, and service to New York was limited to the Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania.

While the Reading Railroad never organizd through service to New York, it has passed through this area since 1892. Construction began a year earlier, , with traffic beginning in September, 1892. The Woodbridge Branch was opened in July, 1900.

This was primarily a freight line, but there are indications that passenger trains were operated at various times.

An interesting industrial line was that constructed to serve the clay pits that were located in what is now Raritan Arsenal. Surveyed in 1880, what was known as the "Raritan Ridge" railroad was constructed over a right of way filled in with sand, gravel, and strippings from the clay banks. A light locomotive and horses were used for motive power. As the tracks kept sinking, Charles Bloomfield, the owner, had to keep filling in the right of way.

When the arsenal was constructed during World War I, this railroad became the "Arsenal Road," and was connected with the gravel railroad at Bonhamtown. It was also extended onto the salt marshes, and began hauling heavy freight with large motive power. In 1918, new rails were laid, but in two years these were as crooked as snakes. This resulted in army truck, fitted with heavy flanged wheels taking the place of heavy locomotives. The tracks were ripped up in 1936, as a connection had been established at the arsenal between the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley railroads.

In 1859, the New Jersey Railroad bought a tract of land at Bonhamtown, containing a deposit of yellow gravel. The railroad built a branch line from the main line at Amboy Avenue in Metuchen, to the gravel pit, a distance of three miles.

The single track gravel line was used for years as a siding for long freight trains which pulled in to clear the line for more important passenger trains. This is now the Bonhamtown Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

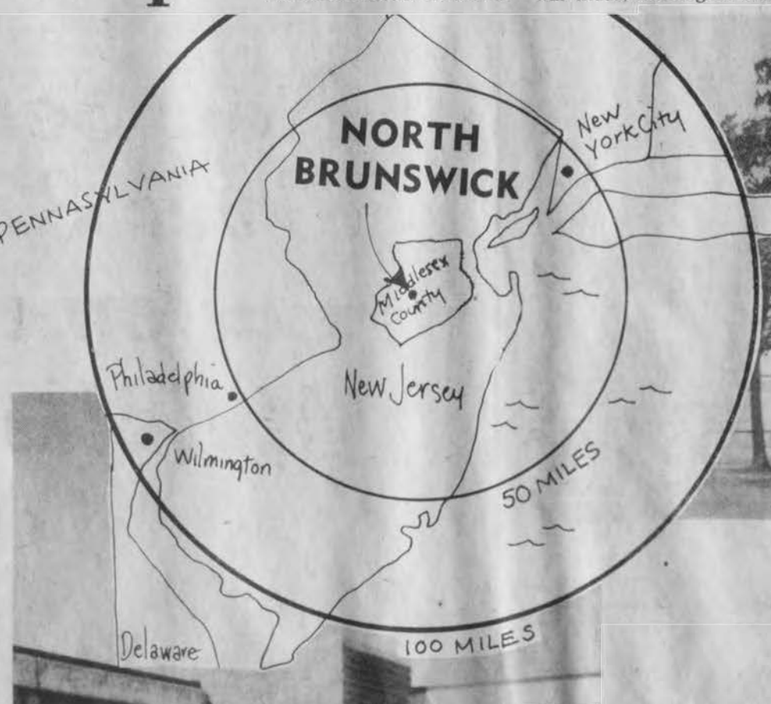
A lease was signed on June 30, 1871, taking effect the next day, whereby the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, the Camden & Amboy Railroad, and the Delaware and Raritan Canal Company, known as the United Companies, was leased to the Pennsylvania for a period of 999 years.

Since then, there have been few striking changes on the system. As time went on, trains grew longer, faster, and more powerful, with a through line from New York to Chicago and to Washington, D.C. and St. Louis.

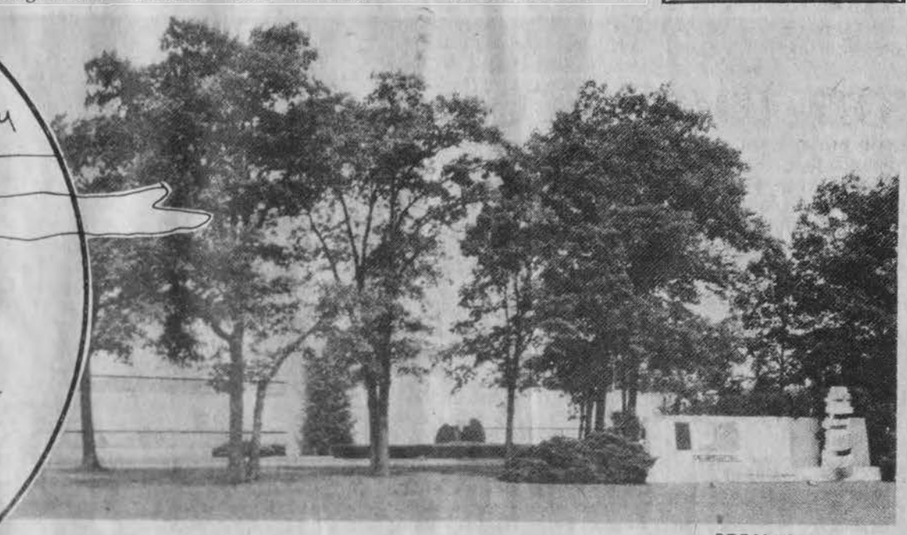
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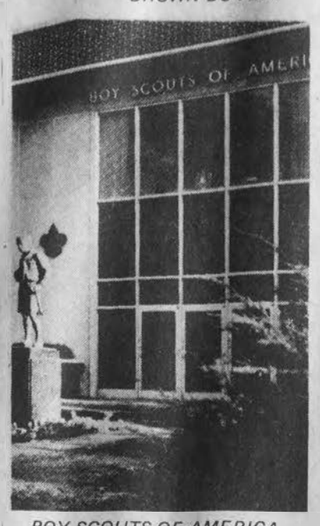
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Metuchen roots extend deep into past

The Borough of Metuchen is a compact residential community surrounded by larger townships with rapidly growing industrial sections. Approximately three square miles in area, it is entirely encircled by Edison Township. Metuchen is located at the central point of a triangle formed by the cities of Perth Amboy, New Brunswick and Plainfield, and is about five miles from each.

In early days residents of the area were Munsee Indians, members of a subtribe of the Lenape or Delaware Indians of the Algonquian nation. The Lenape word "Metachen means firewood, and students of Indian lore assume the name derived from an abundance of dry firewood found in the region. It may, however, stem from that of a Munsee subchieftain, Chief Metochshogan, who apparently ruled the "Metochshoning" area for 70 years between 1630 and 1700.

In the summer of 1665 agents of Governor Philip Carteret of New Jersey were in Massachusetts seeking settlers for the new colony which was owned by Lord John Berkely and Sir George Carteret. They had been granted both title to the province and the right to govern by James, Duke of York, heir to the throne of England.

The settlers were given articles of agreement to settle one or two plantations consisting of 40 to 100 families in the area between the Rahway and the Raritan Rivers. Provision was made for making land grants to the settlers, for choosing magistrates and military officers, and for electing deputies to the colony's general assembly.

The colony was named Woodbridge and was chartered as a township on June 1, 1669. The boundaries were the Arthur Cull (Kill) River on the east, Elizabethtown on the north, New Piscataway on the west and the Raritan River on the south.

One of the earliest records in this vicinity is dated 1677 and is a bill of sale from the Indians to Lord Carteret. Early settlers included New Englanders, Scots and some French Huguenots. Seven years' possession of the land secured it for the settler, and the tax was half a penny an acre.

Two hundred acres of upland and meadow were set aside for the maintenance of the ministry and 100 acres for a school, all exempt from taxes and from the Lord's rent.

In 1681 freedom of religion was specifically stated in the constitution for East Jersey.

The first meeting house in the town of Metuchen was built between 1715 and 1730 and the oldest marker in the old church burial ground is for John Campbell who died in 1731.

Farming was the chief activity of the people of Middlesex County before the Revolution. Winter wheat was the chief cash crop, but corn, rye, barley and oats were also grown. Cattle raising was increasingly important. Cabbages were grown and peaches and apples cultivated. New York was a major market for agricultural produce shipped through New Brunswick and Perth Amboy.

Women spun yarn, smokecured meat, brewed beer, peach brandy and apple cider, and made candles and soap. Rural social events were built around activities such as apple-paring bees, quilting bees and wood frolics to supply the minister with firewood. The church was the most important institution to bring people together.

Only a few dozen settlers populated Metuchen during Revolutionary War days. The British lines were stretched along the Raritan River from Perth Amboy to New Brunswick, and General Washington held the Watchung Mountains. The area in between, which included Metuchen, was harried constantly. The British considered it rebel territory and open to marauding attacks, so farming came to a standstill.

A highlight in Metuchen's history occurred on June 26, 1777. Between 6,000 and 8,000 British troops, including the Hessians, marched along the Woodbridge road (now Woodbridge avenue) to the Metuchen Meeting House in the Old Colonial Cemetery, then swung north on what now is Main street. Led by Sir William Howe, top-ranking British general in the colonies, they met a vastly outnumbered American force commanded by William Alexander, self-styled "Lord Stirling." After a brief but bloody skirmish the Americans were compelled to retreat. However, the whole effort, aimed at pushing Washington out of the Watchung Hills and giving General Howe a chance to move across New Jersey in the direction of Philadelphia, failed. Shortly thereafter Howe's army embarked on transports to attack Philadelphia from the mouth of the Delaware River.

General Washington, who frequently traversed Metuchen's roadways, rode along Woodbridge avenue en route to Philadelphia to be inaugurated as the first President of the United States.

Around 1800 came the era of turnpikes which greatly affected Metuchen, as two of the most important roads passed through the town. One was the Middlesex-Essex Turnpike, from Newark to New Brunswick, which was the beginning of the present Lincoln Highway (Route 27). The second road was the Perth Amboy Turnpike, from Perth Amboy to Piscatawaytown, which followed the present Amboy avenue. In 1835 Metuchen became a stop on the New Jersey Railroad (now the Penn Central Railroad) which extended from Newark to New Brunswick.

Metuchen's original school, the Old Franklin School House; was built in 1805 and it was moved to its present location on Middlesex avenue in 1842. The Borough Improvement League purchased the building in 1906. On July 15, 1963 a document was issued by the advisory committee of the Historic American Buildings Survey of the Department of the Interior attesting to the age and historic interest of the little house.

In 1818 the policy-making bodies of a local church took a stand against the continued existence of Negro slavery and declared it to be the duty of all Christians to work for the complete abolition of slavery.

The first commercial establishments in Metuchen were taverns and a general store. A tavern known as Harriot's Inn was located on the site of the present borough hall. Another, Mrs. Catharine Allen's Tavern, was on Durham Avenue next to the present Campbell School. This building, built in 1740, is one of the oldest in town and is currently a private residence. Metuchen's first post office was established in 1832. The Metuchen Inquirer, the borough's first newspaper, was founded in 1880. Our present weekly newspaper, The Recorder, began printing in 1894.

During the 19th century there were many private schools in Metuchen. After the Civil War many of these parochial schools ceased to exist and support of public schools became prevalent.

The response of the town to Lincoln's call for volunteers for the Civil War was very weak in comparison to the turn out for the Revolutionary War.

In the general post Civil War expansion Metuchen's role as a trading and transportation center became more fully realized. With its chief business areas concentrated along the west side of Main street, Metuchen had blacksmiths, carpenters, country stores, milliners, hotels, a carriage maker, a florist, a flour and grist mill, and a harness maker. Capitalists looking for investment opportunities began the development of clay deposits near Bonhamtown. Metuchen, a desirable residential area, was also developing a reputation for a healthful climate, fine landscape and easy access to large cities. Newly organized activities began to be established. In 1870 a reading room and a library were opened. The predecessor of the town's volunteer fire department was Nathan Robins' water brigade, and the forerunner of the police department was a farmers' protective organization to combat horse thieves.

One of the earliest public exhibitions of Edison's phonograph occurred in the Presbyterian Church in Metuchen before a capacity crowd that had come to enjoy the entertainment.

By special act of the New Jersey state assembly Metuchen became a borough on March 20, 1900, before which date it was a part of Raritan Township (now known as Edison Township). In 1957 a framed copy of the document of incorporation was hand lettered by a member of the Metuchen League of Women Voters and presented to the borough. It now hangs in the council chambers in the borough hall.

(Editor's Note: The above history of Metuchen is reprinted from "Know Your Town" which is published by the Metuchen League of Women Voters).

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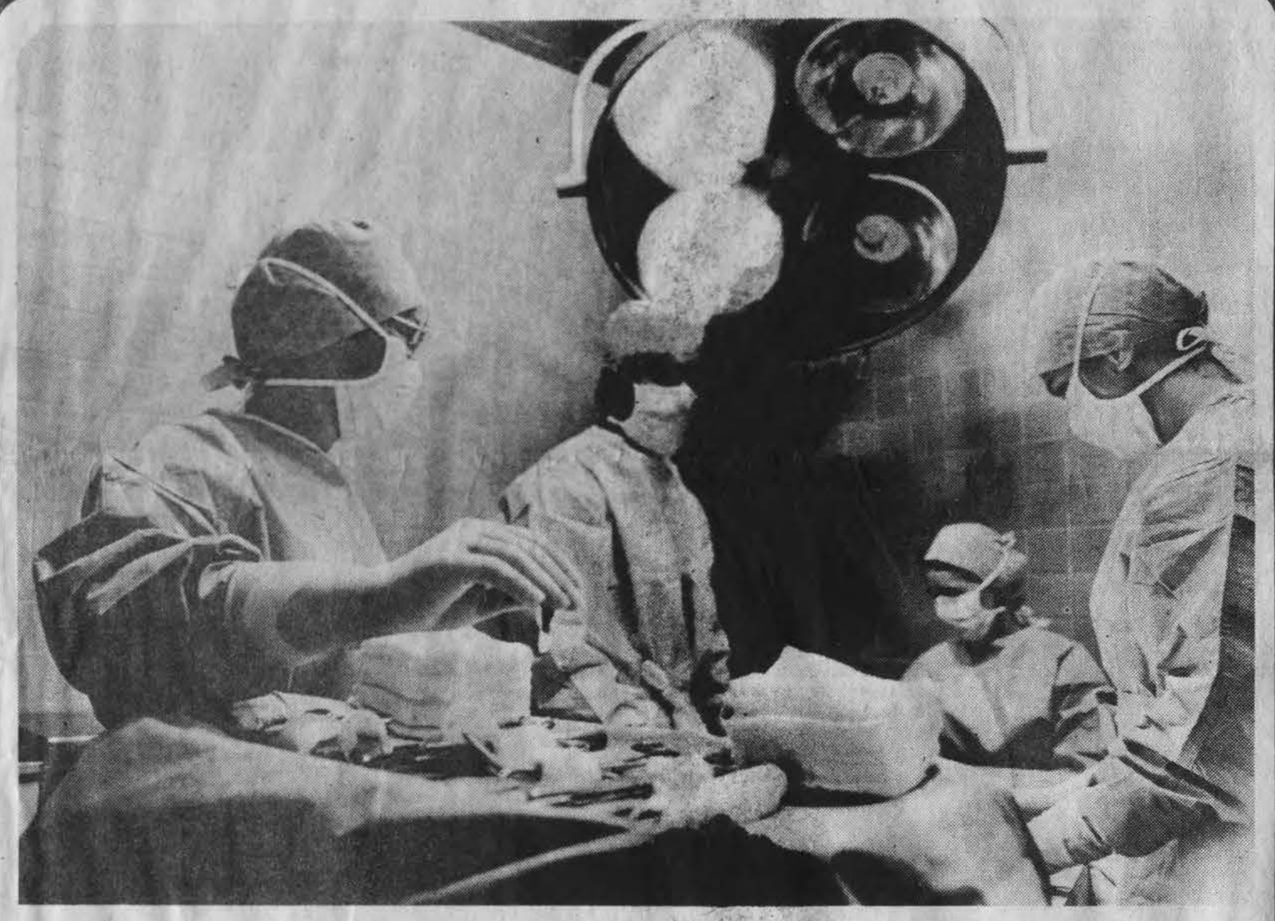
Park plans musical salute to Bicentennial

The Highland Park Bicentennial year opened on January 15 with the Trenton State Choral Group production of "Yankee Doodle Fought Here." This free performance sponsored by the Arts Commission was attended by 150 residents.

This musical salute to the founding fathers will be followed by a community-wide musical effort, the staging of the award winning Broadway and film version of "1776." Robert Stevens of the Highland Park Arts Commission and high school drama department will direct this play which has already gone into rehearsal. The cast ranges from teenagers to senior citizens, which is an effort at bringing diverse members of the community together in a common cause. It is expected that by the March 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 show dates over 200 local residents will have been involved.

The historical commemoration of the bicentennial will encompass an oral history project, involving both senior citizens and high school students. This project has been funded with a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission. A pictorial display of the earlier days of the borough is also being planned.

One of the major focuses of this year's program will be a town picnic to be held on Memorial Day, in Donaldson Park. The activities will start with the Highland Park-New Brunswick Veterans Alliance Parade, commemorating those men and women who have given their lives in the service of their country. The afternoon will be devoted to an old time community picnic. The Recreation Department will open its summer Little Leagues with games at 1 2:30, 3:30, 5 and 6 p.m.



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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash and due from Banks	1,937,172.80	CAPITAL	250,000.00
U.S. Government Securities	1,682,858.13	Common Stock $200,000.00	
Municipal Securities	4,190,392.43	Class "B" Preferred 50,000.00	
Other Securities	1.00		
Loans and Discounts	4,471,326.59	Surplus and Undivided Profits	2,018,095.24
Real Estate Mortgages	4,915,325.14	Other Reserves	50,000.00
Federal Funds	3,500,000.00	Deposits	18,297,079.80
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	22,135.91	Unearned Discount	109,786.33
Prepaid Insurance	1,296.08	Reserve for Bad Debts	149,902.90
Other Assets	154,356.19	Total	20,874,864.27
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North Brunswick at a crossroads, yesterday, today

by Ruth Mihalenko

Any historian looking back on the Township of North Brunswick 200 years from now may decide that the year 1976 was a key one in the community's development.

And well it might be, because statistics from studies of projected growth for the town show that North Brunswick today has attained just about one-half of its growth potential.

According to Paul Keller, director of planning and development in the township, a study by the Middlesex County Planning Board indicates North Brunswick, which today is home to 20,000 persons, will ultimately have 43,000 residents, possibly as early as the year 2000.

Along with this growth in population, of course, will come growth in schools and municipal services and commercial endeavors, until the town and its resources are being utilized to 100% of their potential.

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The town has undeniably come a long way since the early 1600's, when its only occupants were members of the Lenni Lenape Indian tribe who lived and hunted in much of the area along the Atlantic coastline. But civilization was quick to come, with the Indians soon finding they were sharing their land with settlers from Holland and England.

Some of the earliest settlements included the Black Horse Tavern, built in 1670 as a stagecoach stop, Lion Tavern (now site of the Villa Fiore). Both were on Georges road, named for the King. Several years later, families with such familiar names as Bodine (later to be pronounced as Berdine) and Adams and Ryder and VanVoorhees and DeHart were to establish homesteads here.

By 1750, a grist mill had been put into operation near where the present dam is located on Farrington Lake, later to be joined by a snuff factory and tanneries. These early industries were rare -- from 1775 to about 1900, the area was almost entirely agricultural.

Historically, North Brunswick was one of the first townships to be organized after the formation of Middlesex County by the General Assembly of East Jersey in 1682. It was formally incorporated in 1779, and at that time included a total of 23,000 acres of land. It was cut down to size over the years, with about 15,000 acres separated from it by 1860 when East Brunswick and New Brunswick were divided off, and in 1896, the Borough of Milltown broke away.

The name North Brunswick has been confusing for many people, since in reality the town lies south of New Brunswick. But history tells us that the town was at one time known as the "north ward of New Brunswick" and that the final name comes from its location in relation to South Brunswick, which was settled earlier.

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The township played a small part in the American Revolution, with Washington's troops and the British both marching over what is now Route 27 (once the Lincoln Highway) on their way to and from Princeton and Trenton.

The first school committee was elected in 1829, and homeowners of today struggling with taxes will be interested to know that the first annual school budget was $250. It was not until 18 years later that the first superintendent of schools, Henry B. Poal, was hired. It must be remembered, however, that the earliest schoolhouses were built by subscription and education was only for the well-to-do, with teachers being hired only by those who could afford them. Provisions were soon to be made for the poor, however, and the "free school" system was adopted in 1851.

Some of North Brunswick's history, like the snuff factory and the Black Horse Tavern, are recorded only in books, but remnants of other early days are quite evident in still-standing landmarks.

The town's first church, the Georges Road Baptist Church, was erected in 1847 and is still standing. It grew out of a missionary activity of the New Jersey Baptist State Convention, with the Rev. John Case preaching and conducting prayer meetings and leading Sunday School long before there was a building. Some of the first officers of the church included names like Edgerton and Buckalew.

Some of the earliest interments were made at old graveyards at Van Liew Cemetery and in an ancient burial ground at Three Mile Run. Even today, the inscription memorializing the death of Johannes Martinus VanHarlingen on October 22, 1768, can be read on a grave stone.

At one time, Livingston Park was a hamlet of the town, containing a union chapel and eight dwellings. And Adams Station really did contain a station of the Pennsylvania Railroad until not too many years ago.

Much of the community's early importance is overshadowed by that of New Brunswick, but by the dawning of the 20th Century, the township began to come into its own and project the image of the town we know today. It was in 1904 that the Trenton and New Brunswick Turnpike became a public road (now U.S. 1) and 1929 when the circle was constructed to take the ever-increasing Route 1 traffic around downtown New Brunswick. Industrial development began with the location of Permacel here in 1941 followed by Johnson & Johnson research laboratories and manufacturing plants in the 1950's.

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And what of North Brunswick today?

Mayor Charles Nicola says the township shares the same problems of surrounding communities and other towns all across the country. Even Keller admits the projected growth has failed to materialize because of slowdowns in the construction of new homes and the hard economic times.

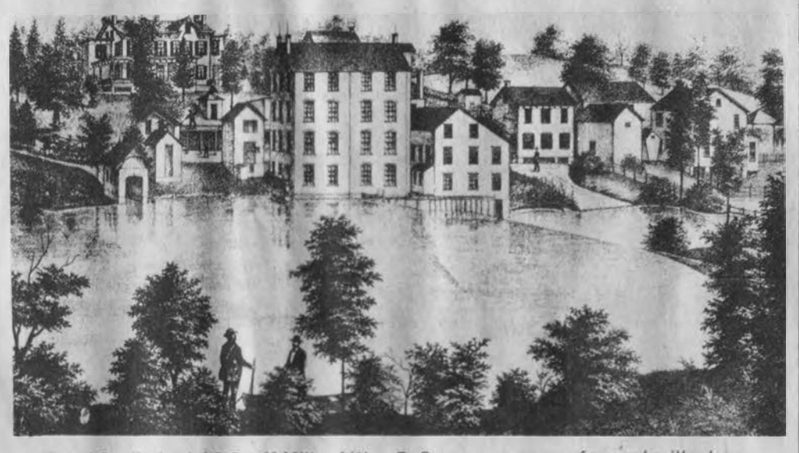
But the spirit of the community is its most enduring element, with Nicola impressed by the involvement of the citizens in township activities. He points to the recent construction of the new high school and last month's passage of a bonding referendum for sports facilities as examples of what people who care can accomplish.

Keller says that development, when it comes, will be based on current standards, allowing for the right type of land use and open space so the residential quality of the community is maintained. The foreseeable future brings up the possibility of another elementary school in the Hidden Lake area, major road improvements to Route 27 and, of course, the inevitable overpass at the Route 1-130 circle.

The lack of a "city center" and the separation of the township into different sections by the railroad and three major highways dictate that North Brunswick will remain a "suburb", in many ways different, but in some ways similar, to the community envisioned by the early settlers when they first called this land their home.



Travelers who violated local speed laws on the old Trenton-New Brunswick Turnpike (Route 1) met justice in this roadside court, now withering away on Aaron road.



'Brookford', the R&S Snuff Mills of Wm. G. Parsons, was one of several mills along Farrington Lake and Lawrence Brook in North Brunswick and Milltown in the 18th-19th Centuries.



Turn-of-the-Century workmen on the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at Adams Station.

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Insured by F.H.A.	551,140.87	511,627.47
Guaranteed by V.A.	1,405,350.74	1,456,895.50
Accrued Interest Mortgage Loans	101,312.07	
Passbook Loans	215,869.32	
Home Improvement Loans	175,869.71	253,678.83
Stock-Federal Home Loan Bank	110,700.00	147,000.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks	456,734.08	225,795.35
U.S. Government Securities	180,000.00	810,939.02
Other Investment Securities	827,657.82	1,162,883.13
Accrued Interest-Investments	15,984.50	28,351.81
Land and Building (Net)	242,037.34	324,064.26
Furniture and Fixtures (Net)	46,546.08	83,217.77
Other Assets	7,615.17	13,774.08
TOTAL ASSETS	$17,288,804.18	$24,140,562.64

LIABILITIES and RESERVES

Members Savings	$14,464,004.19	$19,384,682.13
Loans in Process	2,000.00	511,100.00
Loan Discounts-Deferred Fees	59,169.11	82,182.48
Escrow Funds	83,577.13	111,554.07
Advances--Banks	883,333.32	2,199,999.96
*Advances--N.J. Mortgage Finance Agency	1,187,426.00	1,104,608.00
Other Liabilities and Reserves	46,820.38	69,626.70
General Reserves	115,909.09	150,000.00
Undivided Profits	446,564.96	526,809.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	$17,288,804.18	$24,140,562.64

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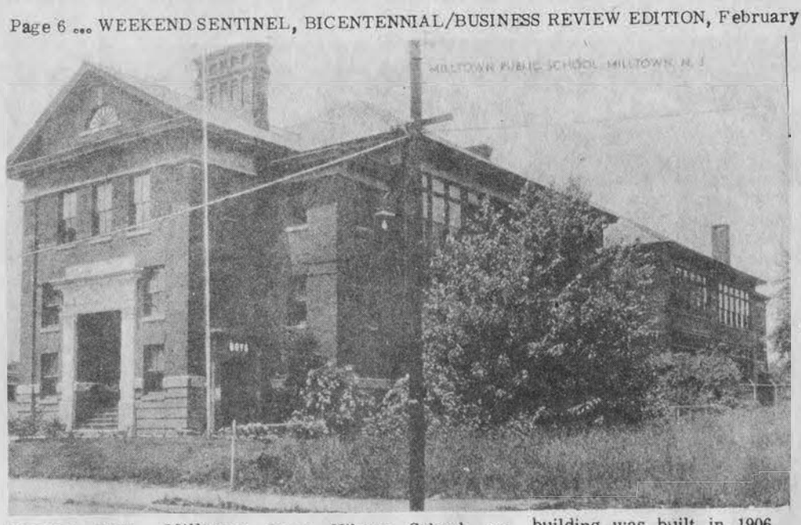
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THREE R'S --Milltown youngsters attended the Milltown Public School, now Joyce Kilmer School, on West Church street. The original eight-room brick building was built in 1906, and has been added to over the years.

Yorkshireman turned Yankee

by Diane Forgrieve

How does a transplanted Britisher feel about heading an American Bicentennial committee?

"Great! The degree of citizen involvement in community activities in Milltown makes it a real pleasure to coordinate the celebration here", says Laurence Dransfield, who came to "the colonies" and Milltown from Yorkshire, England, in 1953.

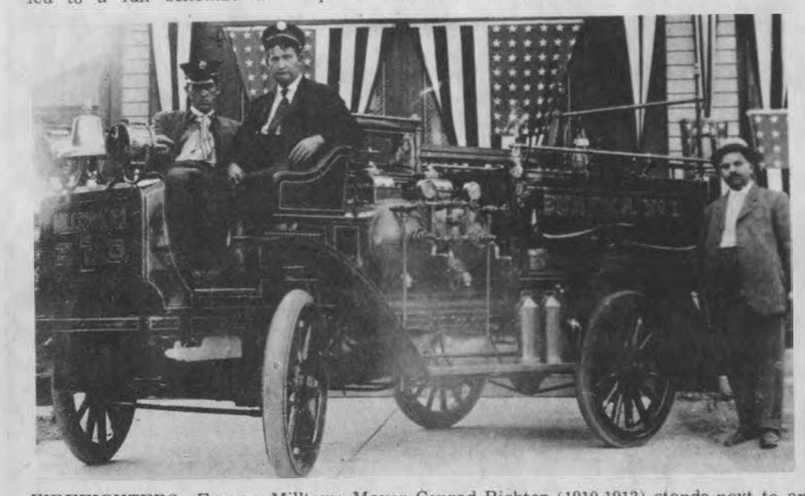
Dransfield, a councilman, and a vocational education teacher in Sayreville, says he didn't realize the scope of the celebration planned in the borough until after he had agreed to head the committee, but the enthusiasm and hard work of all local organizations has led to a full schedule of appropriate activities for the entire year.

He listed some of the high spots for 1976, beginning with a flag raising on New Year's Day, when the borough's official flag, designed by long-time resident Lillian Schwendeman, was first flown. The fact that Milltown will be celebrating the 80th birthday of the town during the bicentennial year makes the activities more significant; included will be a community birthday party, the appearance of the Rutgers University Queens' Guard, and re-kindling of the firemen's carnival, an event popular years ago. "It will be a great Fourth of July, again because we are a small town, people are involved and interested in all of our events and will participate," Dransfield stated.

His official role has helped him learn a great deal about the history of the area, specifically old families and businesses. "I learned that there was once an old trolley barn on the corner of Washington avenue, and many of the older residents of Washington avenue have Indian artifacts found on their land," he said.

Head of the town's department of environment, health and welfare, Dransfield says that he has had to curtail some of his activities with the Masonic Lodge to devote time to borough business and bicentennial activities.

Acknowledging that he takes a certain amount of kidding about his native country from local residents, even though he has been a citizen since 1956, Dransfield said that four years ago when he went back to England for a visit, he was referred to as the 'Yank', particularly at the "local (pub), when I asked for ice in my drink." The British prefer their whiskey neat.



FIREFIGHTERS --Former Milltown Mayor Conrad Richter (1910-1913) stands next to an early fire engine. Firemen seated in the vehicle are (l-r) Christian Kuhlthau and Nat Thompson.

Happy Birthday to Milltown too!

Milltown plans a double celebration throughout 1976 -- its own 80th anniversary of incorporation coincides with the nation's 200th birthday.

The Bicentennial Commission has already launched activities, offering specially-designed anniversary plates and mugs, Betsy Ross flags and Bicentennial license plates for sale. It will also honor the first baby born in the borough in 1976, and all babies born this year. And it plans to rename Main street "Bergens Mill road" from May through July, in recognition of the borough's previous name.

Here is a schedule of other events in 1976:

February 23 -- Regular Borough Council Meeting will be replaced and a re-enactment of an early Council meeting , 8 p.m.

March -- Talent Contest.

April 7 -- Planting of Liberty Tree, sponsored by Shade Tree Commission and Chamber of Commerce.

April 17 -- Annual Library Ball, Bicentennial theme. Chairman Ron Kirschembaum.

May 7 -- Borough 80th birthday party at Joyce Kilmer School. Birthday cake and ice cream to be served.

May 8 -- Official flag raising ceremony, 8:30 a.m. Then at 10:30 a.m., a Bicentennial parade, followed by Rutgers Queens Guard performance and Junior Olympics at Borough Park. And at 7 p.m., a borough birthday party ball.

May 9 -- Old fashioned strawberry festival, noon-7 p.m., sponsored by the Lions Club, chaired by Al Charles on his property next to municipal building.

June -- Display of pre-revolutionary items all month at Edison Bank.

July 4 -- Annual 4th of July parade, burying Jaycees' capsule, fireworks.

August -- Town booth at Middlesex County Fair.

September -- Olde-Tyme Towne picnic, featuring tug of war, various races between local organizations.

October -- Art and Cultural show.

November -- "Made in Milltown" industrial show involving items manufactured by local industries. Sponsored by Industrial Commission, coordinated by Ed Vetter.

December 4 -- Bicentennial Awards dinner.

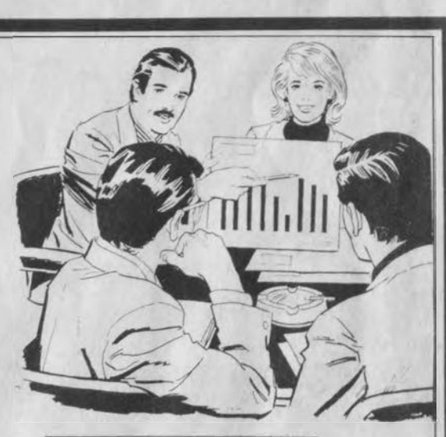
A good year to be born!

The Milltown Bicentennial Commission will honor all babies born in the borough during 1976 with special birth certificates, and gifts from baby product companies and local merchants.

Doris Goodwin, school nurse at Joyce Kilmer School and chairwoman for the bicentennial babies, says that two babies, both boys and both named Daniel, tied for the honor of being the first babies born in town this year. Daniel J. Pintauro of 180 North Main street was born at 4:56 a.m. on January 6, while Daniel A. Arbeiter of 24 Richter avenue was born at 10:41 p.m. the same day.

Statement OF Condition

DECEMBER 31, 1975



ASSETS

First Mortgage Loans	$21,123,103
Other Loans	147,261
Stock FHLB	180,800
Cash on Hand and in Bank	167,837
U.S. Government Bonds and Other Investments	1,323,139
Leasehold, Improvements and Equipment Less Depreciation	407,434
Other Assets	998,931
Total	$24,348,505

LIABILITIES

Savings Accounts	$21,309,367
Borrowed Money and Advances, FHLB	500,000
N.J. Mortgage Finance Agency	1,130,706
Loans in Progress	432,421
Members Tax Accounts	139,574
Deffered Income	53,558
Other Liabilities	34,290
Reserves and Undivided Profits	748,589
Total	$24,348,505

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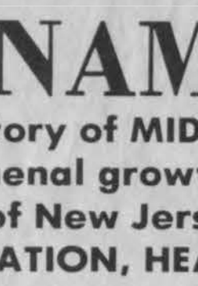
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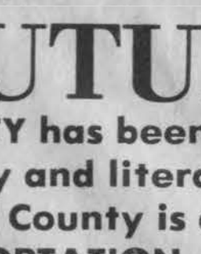
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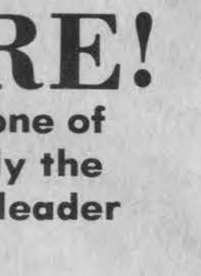
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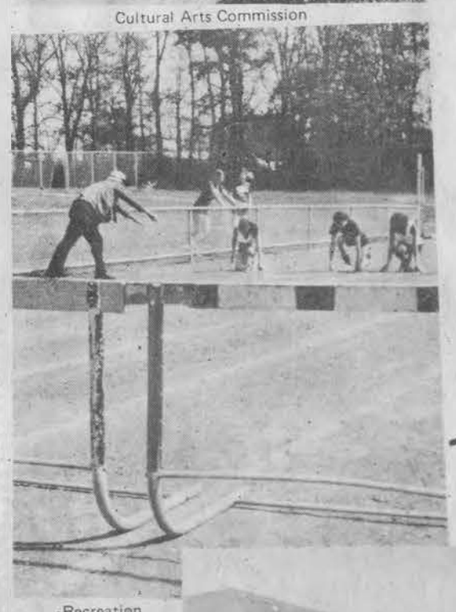


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Early dweller settled in wigwam

The history of Old Bridge (nee Madison Township) dates back to the 1600s when the Lenni Lenapi Indians came to this area to barter, but did not settle here.

Much of the 42 square miles (some 10,560 acres) were heavily wooded and undeveloped. The first people to acquire land here did not move onto it immediately. They were land speculators who acquired the land from the East New Jersey Proprietors with an eye to future property values.

Thomas Warne, one of the original Proprietors of East New Jersey, was listed as one of the early land owners in the area. His son is the earliest recorded resident of Madison Township. When he left his home in Perth Amboy, he came to live in a wigwam in the Cheesequake area of the township in 1685. This was the first white man's home in this vicinity. A granddaughter of the elder Warne, Elizabeth Warne, married Whited P. Brown, a descendant of John Brown, builder of the original Brown Homestead in Browntown. The home was built in 1737 by John Brown and his wife, Susanne. They obtained approximately 1000 acres through a grant from the King of England, called it Brownville and eventually Browntown.

As each of the sons married, John Brown gave them a portion of the land he had procured from the King of England. Many of the farms in Browntown today were originally owned by the nine sons. Mrs. Marion Bushnell, great-granddaughter of Abram Warne Brown, is the present owner of the Brown Homestead.

Among the early settlers of Cheesequake was the father of Major General James Morgan. The elder Morgan was a pottery manufacturer prior to the Revolutionary War.

General Morgan, a personal friend of General Washington, was a hero in the Revolution. Morgan and his son, Charles, were taken prisoner by the British at Cheesequake in 1777. Mainly through the efforts of his son, General Morgan escaped from the enemy. Another son, Nicholas, was shot and killed by the British, also at Cheesequake. while on sentry duty. General Morgan was a member of the First Continental Congress but had since moved to South Amboy, and the Morgan section of that city was named after the Morgan family.

Cheesequake was the only village in the township until this century and continued to be the main part of town even after the 1920s. How this oddly-named section got its title is unknown, but some records show that it may have had something to do with the marshlands there.

Historians believe that several of the early residents were probably men of means who purchased large tracts of land and engaged in the lumber and wood trades. Besides its wealth of lumber, this area also had extensive and valuable beds of fire and potter's clay. Clay products, pottery and bricks were in demand and were exported.

Several streams run through the township. Deep Run, which once was a mill stream and furnished the western portion of the community with a good supply of water power, is today nothing more than a trickle. The largest stream was Cheesequake Creek; it was navigable to its headwaters and was the main center of trade and livelihood for the early community. In the days before the Revolutionary War, a paper mill, lumber and sawmills, pottery factories, a gristmill and licorice factory all were established here. Most of these were destroyed or fell into decay, however, by the end of the 19th century.

In the years following, agriculture was the most important way of life, with most of the produce being shipped from the landings on Cheesequake Creek out through the Raritan Bay to New York City for market. Residents also used the water route to travel to New York by steamboat.

The community remained virtually unchanged for many years. In 1880 the population was 1662; there were 314 voters. It was not until 1920 that the population figures show any perceptible increase, and this was merely a reflection of the generally increased mobility of the country's population. It was only after the Second World War that any significant change took place. Sons of the farmers returning from war were no longer content to work the land but turned instead to find employment and higher wages in industrial plants. As a result, the agricultural system of the township declined rapidly. This was the time when enterprising men of means entered the community scene and bought up large tracts of land for residential development.

Mark your calendar

Following is a calendar of Bicentennial events for Old Bridge:

A block party to be held in Laurence Harbor at a date still to be amounced and sponsored by the Laurence Harbor Softball League;

May 22, Colonial Day. Everyone in the township will be asked to dress in colonial costume, local stores will participate, sponsored by Old Bridge Chamber of Commerce.

May 23, Colonial Champagne Ball, tickets will be $17.76 or $30 per couple. All senior citizens who will be 76 in 1976 will be honored.

July 4, Operation Sail, 200 ships from all over the world will tour the coastline that weekend. They will anchor at Sandy Hook. Old Bridge residents have volunteered to serve as overnight hosts for the sailors.

July 3, parade, every organization will be invited to participate with floats. Fife and drum and marching bands from all over the state are being invited to march and compete for cash prizes at Raceway Park. There will be picnicking and fireworks in the evening. The owners of the park will be celebrating their tenth anniversary at the same time and will sell refreshments at the prices that were in effect 10 years ago. There will be a mock burial of the time capsule which will be buried later at the municipal complex.

August 7, Salt Water Day. A block party will be held in the Sayre Woods South area in the fall.

At a yet to be announced date, there will be elections at the Madison Township and Cedar Ridge High Schools to select seven students to be councilmen for the day. They will preside at a regular meeting of the council.

The Bicentennial Committee is also designing an ad book which will contain historical information and pictures of Old Bridge. The book will be distributed to residents to keep as a souvenir of the Bicentennial Year.

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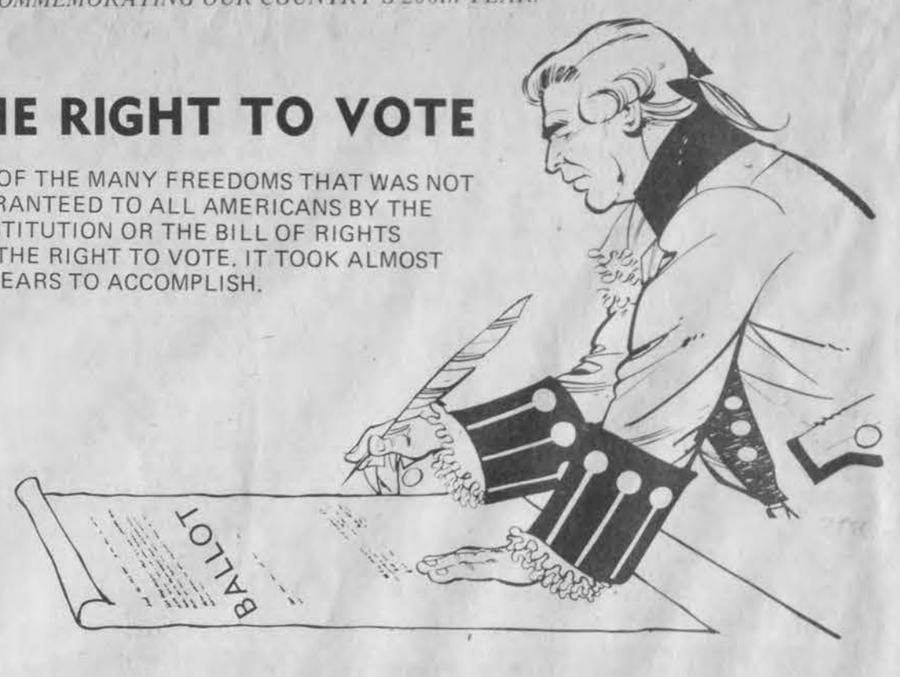
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Even the Constitution of the United States, adopted on July 2, 1788, and the Bill of Rights, adopted December 15, 1791, which guaranteed many freedoms did not guarantee the right to vote to all people. It left the question of suffrage to the individual states and in many states there were long battles about extending the voting rights. By 1845 religious qualifications had disapperared altogether and only one state required property ownership as a prerequisite for voting privileges.

After the Civil War the Reconstruction Act of 1867 gave citizenship and the right to vote to the freed Negroes of the south. The Fourteenth Amendment (1868) confirmed their rights. However, blacks were still excluded from the polls by various means and in 1870 the Fifteenth Amendment forbade any state from disqualifying a voter on account of "Race, color or previous condition of servitude". There were still many attempts to keep blacks from voting such as poll taxes and educational requirements. These restrictions were not eliminated until the Twenty-fourth Amendment was passed in 1964.

The last large group of American citizens to be given the right to vote were women. It is difficult to concieve that just fifty years ago only one half of our adult population was allowed to vote. The ratification of our Nineteenth Amendment in 1920 ended a long struggle on the part of the "Suffragettes" to gain equal political rights with men.

American citizens living in a certain geographical and political subdivision of our country were also denied the right to vote for the President and Vice President of the United States until the Twenty-third Amendment was passed in 1963. This allowed for the citizens of the District of Columbia (Washington D.C.) to vote for the President and Vice President every four years.

Finally, the last group of our citizenry to be given the vote were those between thae ages of eighteen and twenty-one. This was accomplished by the addition of the Twenty-sixth Amendment to the Constitution which was put into effect in 1971.

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Cash and Liquid Investments	7,976,284	5,743,397
Other Investments	1,107,539	2,026,543
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	2,000,000	641,700
Office Buildings & Equipment	1,131,825	902,629
Other Assets	2,754,027	1,242,048
TOTAL ASSETS	$147,682,506	$101,150,634
LIABILITIES		
Savings Accounts	$101,493,544	$ 77,149,547
Loans in Process	1,909,108	5,301,180
FHLB & Other Advances	31,488,248	7,500,000
N.J. Mortgage Finance Agency Funds	5,107,562	5,382,765
Escrow for Taxes	636,051	562,191
Other Liabilities	808,507	672,031
Deferred Income	2,573,563	2,009,137
Reserves and Undivided Profits	3,665,923	2,573,783
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$147,682,506	$101,150,634

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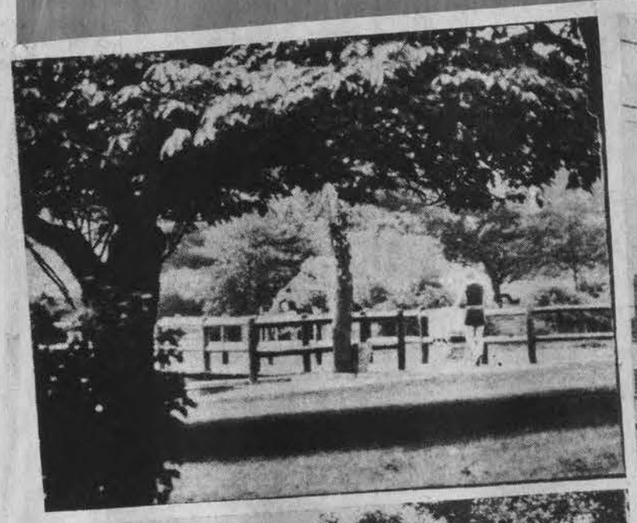
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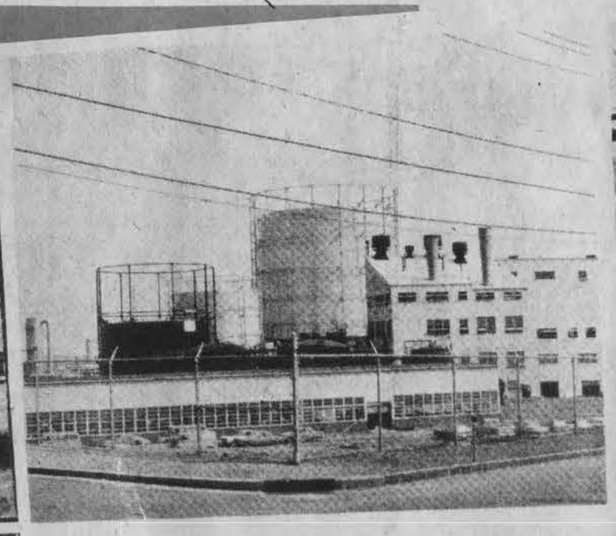
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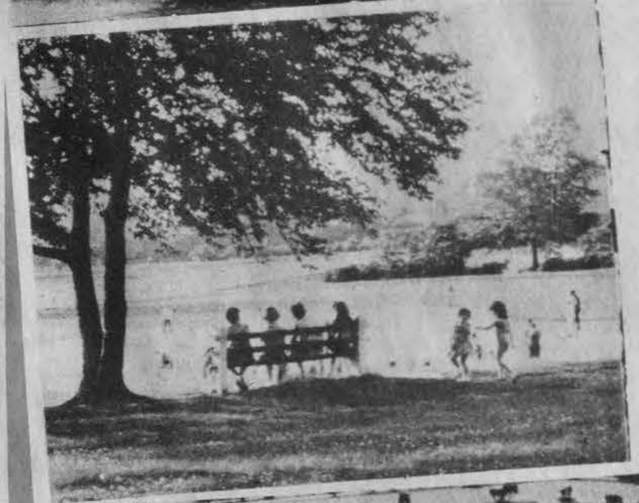


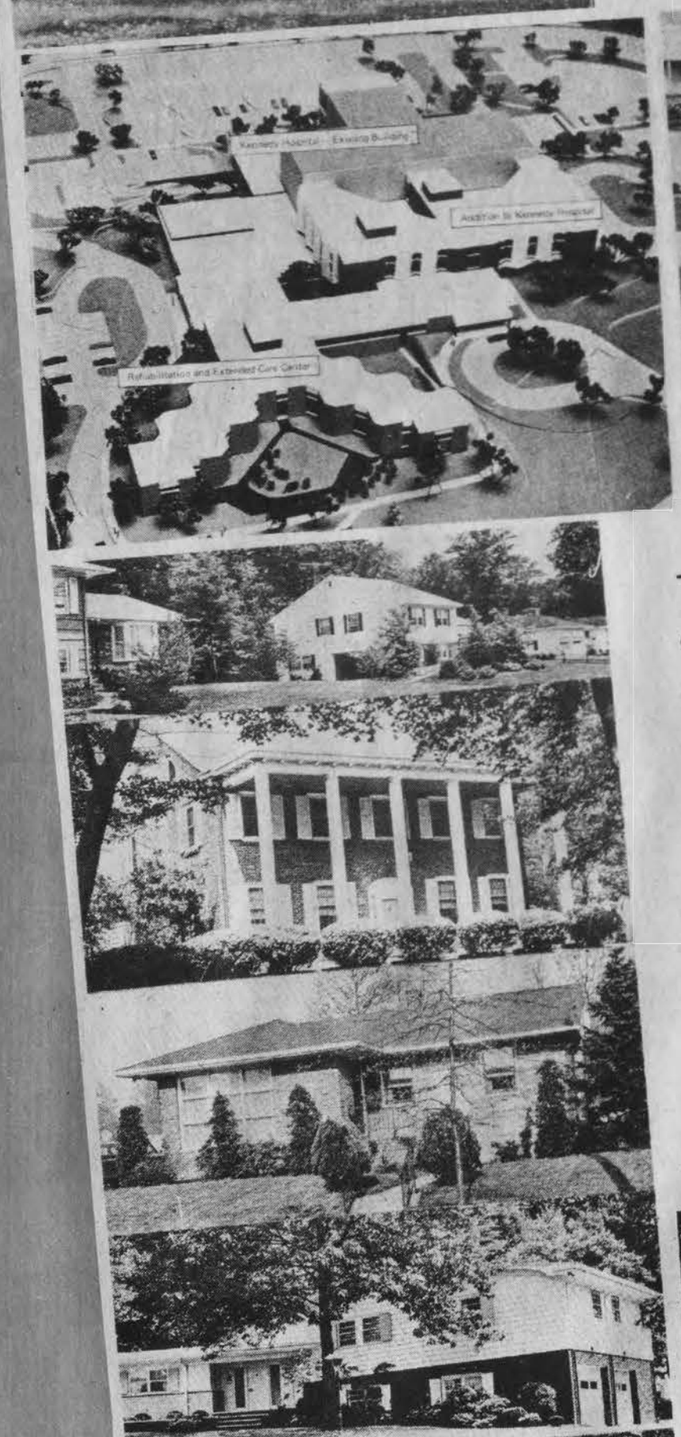


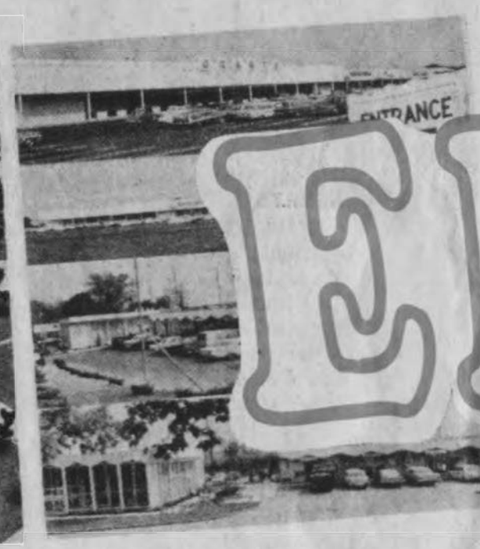


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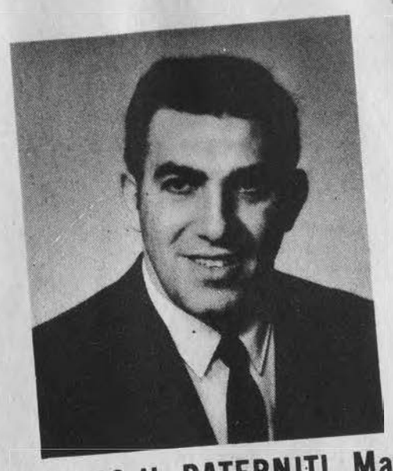
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Sayreville Methodists owe much to Fisher

by Patricia Moore

Back in 1848, there were less than a dozen homes in the community which would come to be known as Sayreville.

The place was commonly known "Round About" because of the circuitous route which led to the area, or "Wood's Landing" from the name of James Wood Sr., who owned and operated the community's only industry, a small brickyard.

The town was sparsely settled, with only a few farms, and there were not enough Methodists or Episcopalians who resided there to constitute a congregation.

The area was little more than a "preaching place" on the Bethel Circuit which also included Princeton, Fresh Pond, South Amboy and Cranbury.

When the circuit preacher made his intermittent stops, services were held in an old school house on a hill back of town.

However, in 1848, the Episcopalian and the Methodist citizens of Round About joined together to charter a Methodist Episcopal Church.

The original charter listed the names of eight people as members: John Selover, Mary Selover, Peter Vandeventer, Elizabeth Vandeventer, Peter Vandeventer Jr., Lorenze Vandeventer, Mrs. Bolton and Louisa Bolton.

Then in 1850, the man who would ensure the continued growth and stability of not only the fledgling church, but the entire community came to Round About.

His name was Peter Fisher Sr. He was from New York, and in 1850, he formed a partnership with James R. Sayre Jr., of Newark, to create the Sayre & Fisher Company.

According to Joseph T. Karcher, a borough attorney, a former director of the Sayre and Fisher Brick Company, and historian, Sayre furnished the capital, while Fisher furnished the practical experience for their new business endeavors.

In Karcher's historical pamphlet, "History of the Sayre & Fisher Brick Co. of Sayreville, 1850 to 1948", Karcher states that Sayre had been engaged in the lime, cement and building supply business in Newark, while Fisher had been the owner and operator of a sailing vessel which freighted brick and other products in and about New York harbor.

Fisher became a resident of the borough in 1852. He placed his membership in the Methodist Church at South River, but except for financial support, he was never actively connected with that church.

Instead he directed his efforts to the promotion of Methodism in his own community.

By 1867, because of the thriving brick industry created by Sayre and Fisher, the community of Round About was growing.

In 1869, largely through the support of Fisher, the Methodist Episcopal congregation built a church on Main street. Alongside the church stood the rectory, both provided a clear view of the Raritan River.

In 1876, the community changed its name to Sayreville, taking its name from Sayre.

In 1914, a beautiful pipe organ was installed in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Other renovations were made in 1938, and an Education building was added in 1962. But, pastor after pastor, throughout the church's long history, acknowledged the importance of the Sayre and Fisher families in the church's survival.

"Much of the past success of the church can be directly traced to these fine people. It was through the generous bequests, from both James R. Sayre Jr. and Peter Fisher, and a series of endowments from several members of the Fisher families that the church has been able to survive through the difficult days of the past depression," the former Reverend F. P. Patterson wrote in the church's 100th anniversary yearbook in 1948.

However, the church had other notable parishioners in its long history, one of whom was Dr. J.H. Beekman, who located in the township in 1888.

Dr. Beekman was the first physician to establish a practice in Sayreville, and he served the widely scattered residents of the township for many years.

Beekman served as medical inspector for the Sayreville public schools, and he and his wife were very active in township affairs.

"The late Dr. Beekman, whose courage and gentleness reached out to all the community during his splendid record of 50 years of service to the community and to the church, is one of the best examples of the fine men who helped make the Sayreville church what it is today," Reverend Patterson wrote.

On the occasion of the church's centennial celebration, it received the following letter:

Dear Dr. Patterson:

Hearty congratulations to you and through you to the congregation of Sayreville Methodist Church on the happy occasion of the centennial of its founding.

I trust that through long decades ahead this church will ever bear faithful witness to the rich spiritual heritage which has come to it because of the vision and sacrifice of the founders.

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Home Improvement & Other Loans	320,651.57
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	183,600.00
United State Government Bonds	400,000.00
Other Investments	950,000.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks	232,837.04
Land and Building	155,038.85
Office Equipment	99,113.86
Other Assets	137,461.22
	$24,120,503.69

CAPITAL, LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Savings Accounts	$19,673,243.25
Loans in Progress	157,000.00
Federal Home Loan Bank Advance	300,000.00
New Jersey Mortgage Finance Agency Funds	2,383,917.00
Other Liabilities	546,513.02
Reserves and Undivided Profits	1,059,830.42
	$24,120,503.69

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South River's rich history

This history of South River was written by Paul Schack, a borough native who now lives in North Jersey but maintains a great interest in his birthplace. The history was first published in 1970 by the Woman's Club, in conjunction with the borough's 100th anniversary of incorporation.

South River was known to white men as early as 1664. In that year John Sellers published a map of New Jersey which showed the area now occupied by our town as a series of hills, but with no habitation.

There was life here, however, for traces of the presence of the red man have been found near the river at the south end of the borough. Arrow heads and potsherds have been discovered which prove that the Leni-Lenape Indians made the area their home. And for good reason -- the river supplied fish, the woods had game and, in season, wild fruits and nuts were available.

Samuel Groome, one of the proprietors of East Jersey, wrote on August 11, 1683 concerning land in the area: "...but we must first talk to the natives about that. The last day of this month is appointed to treat with several Indians to buy several tracts."

Land was purchased in the area by Englishmen and Scotsmen, some of whom lived in New York, some in New Perth (Perth Amboy) and some still residing abroad but owning land in the new world.

One David Mudie, a merchant, wrote from New Perth to his brother James in Scotland on March 9, 1685: "I resolve to go to the country to the land which I have taken up, which is upon a place called South River, which is two hours going from my own home by water. I plan to settle some of my servants there. The land I have settled on, in my judgment, is extraordinary good. If any friends or acquaintances hath any inclination to come over here, I can assure them, if they be frugal men and have but 300 pounds sterling, they may live better than gentlemen with us."

A year earlier he had written to his wife, who apparently was still living in Scotland: "About the middle of February according as the weather, I resolve to go out where I have taken up my land, which is upon a river called the South River, which is an exceedingly pleasant river and place. I can go from New Perth to it in a boat in two hours and a half let the wind blow as it will."

The lots here were long and relatively narrow, extending east and west, bounded by the South River on the east. None of these early buyers actually lived here.

There is a legend, according to W.W. Clayton, who wrote a history of the area in 1882, that a man named Sheppard was the first settler in the borough, and that the place was at one time known as Sheppard's Landing. The first man to own land for the purpose of settling it, was Samuel Willett, the grandson of Sir Thomas Willett, the first English - speaking mayor of New York City. It may be interesting to note that among the descendants of Sir Thomas were Oliver Wendell Holmes, the writer; his son of the same name, who was a Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and Wendell Phillips, the noted lecturer.

When Samuel Willett settled in South River, he owned property extending from the river to Houssel's Corner (now Dunham's corner) which included a part of Old Bridge, according to Sarah T.M. Brown, his descendant and a former local school teacher.

The area immediately bordering on the river became known as Willettstown, but it still was a part of East Brunswick Township. It retained this name until about 1784 when the name was changed to Washington, because Abraham Barkelew, one of the pioneers, was a great admirer of General Washington. Over the years the name varied from Washington Village to Washington Woods to Little Washington. Because of other Washingtons in the state, the name was finally changed to South River.

Incidentally, the family of Abraham Barkelew is buried in a plot alongside upper Whitehead avenue, on the grounds of the new St. Euprosynia Church. The gravestones have been vandalized over the years and hardly a trace remains of the plot.

As to Samuel Willett and his family, they are buried on the farm of Henry Herbert (formerly the Thomas Smith farm) on Rhode Hall Road. The graves are overgrown with brambles and it is only with great difficulty that one is able to penetrate the undergrowth to view the gravestones. Some of these are merely stumps; on others the inscriptions are obliterated so that it is difficult to pinpoint the exact graves of Samuel Willett and his wife.

Willett, and the other settlers who followed, were essentially farmers and woodcutters. For reasons unknown, some of the early settlers whose names were Peter Van Zandt, William Cheeseman, Thomas Gordon, John Reid, and others, offered their lands for sale. As real estate agents were unheard of at the time, the owners advertised their properties for sale in the newspapers of the larger cities.

One of these advertisements, dated Perth Amboy, June 20, 1768, offered: "A lot of land, late the property of John Bissett, containing about 500 acres, lying on South River, on which there is a house, storehouse and a wharf, being the best and has long been the most noted landing on that river, and lays most convenient for the exportation of the produce from Cranberry, Allentown and Crosswicks."

This was the first indication of Willettstown as a shipping center. Various farm products, including wood, were brought to the dock and shipped from there to the eastern markets. This eventually led to the motto on the Borough seal, which now seems obsolete: "Our flowing tides can carry cargoes to the markets of the world."

Between 1750 and 1760 several advertisements appeared in the "New York Gazette" offering habitable plantations for sale. One of these was described as " a plantation of 500 acres in East Jersey adjoining on the South River, having a good landing for boats to transport wood. The farm has a good dwelling house, barn, orchard of 200 bearing apple trees, 60 acres of fresh meadow adjoining the upland with 150 acres of cleared land ... with convenient country road to the landing."

During the early settlement, the Indians still held title to some lands. All lands, however, were purchased peacefully from the red men and there is no evidence of ill feeling between them and the settlers.

As the eighteenth century progressed and the Colonies decided to become independent of King George III, Willettstown played its part. Samuel and Hartshorne Willett, sons of the founder, Peter Obert and Benjamin Ogden served in the Continental Army. Other familiar Willettstown names appearing on the Army's rolls were: Barkelew, Cheeseman, Booraem, Gordon, Martin, Bissett and Letts; but it is not certain that they actually came from within the boundaries of the village.

It is claimed that George Washington with a detachment passed through Willettstown in June 1778 enroute to South Amboy to inspect some naval stores. At another time he stopped here to have his men replenish their water supplies as this place was known for the purity of its water.

In the early part of 1777, when the British were in possession of New Brunswick and Amboy, a large force of their "soldiery" went to Old Bridge, passing Willettstown, destroying property and seizing cattle and desirable portable articles in their march. At Old Bridge they were met by a small detachment which took the men to Amboy by way of the South River.

Like many other villages in New Jersey, Willettstown was involved in the Revolutionary War. After the war, claims were filed against the government as "an incident of a state of war." Abraham Berkelew, Peter Letts, Peter Obert and Benjamin Ogden were among the local claimants.

Obert's and Ogden's losses were mostly in cattle; but there were also claims for a fishing net, two skiffs, and for Obert, his greatest personal loss was "one iron-bound cask containing four barrels of very good cider."

At the beginning of the nineteenth century there were only five houses in Willettstown. The first one of course was built by Samuel Willett between Main and Jackson Streets facing the river. By 1823 the number of houses increased to ten.

The growth seemed to stem from the shipping industry that developed here. During the War of 1812 great

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Furniture and Fixtures	29,798.53
Other Assets	203,873.66
TOTAL ASSETS	$18,836,884.55

LIABILITIES

Savings Accounts	$16,613,556.45
Borrowed Money	1,242,034.00
Loans in Process	265,000.00
Deferred Credits	39,244.36
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S. River

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quantities of goods were shipped for the government on sailboats. Several docks were in use and a store on Main Street was operated by Reden Wood and Elias Doughty to serve both the residents and the boatmen. The store apparently was purchased later by Vincent Barkelew, for in 1823, his was the only store in town.

It was several years before any tavern appeared, but in 1834 there were two; the stores increased to three; and the dwellings, to forty. Meanwhile, in 1825 Frederick A. Kleine opened the first post office in a small building near DeHart's Lane. The first church, the Old School Baptist, came to the village in 1785. The building still stands on Main Street, now occupied by the War Memorial Library. The first schoolhouse, however, was built before the Revolution. It was a log cabin structure located at the corner of Main and DeVoe Streets. This served until 1837 when a larger one-room building was erected at the corner of Main and Thomas Streets. The oldest school building still in use is the one on Thomas Street built in 1885.

As the village developed into a flourishing riverport, it was natural that ship-building followed. Jonathan Booream and his four sons organized Jonathan Booraem and Sons. They built sloops and schooners varying from 150 tons to 350 tons burden. The shipyard located between the river and Reid Street was still extant the early part of this century. Other shipyards also came into being.

It was the natural resources, however, that gave the place its important prosperity. Samuel Whitehead, who made his fortune raising fruit, established the clay and sand industry. These products were shipped to eastern markets for many years. From this beginning, the pottery, brick and tile industries developed.

Fron 1825 to 1860 much pottery was made here. A street off Main Street called Pottery Lane still exists. The first brickyard was established by John Griggs in 1850. A map published in 1865 by a man named Lloyd, however, shows only one brickyard. This was Pettit's, later known as Miller's, named after its superintendent Joseph Miller. Other brickyards were established later by James Bissett, Samuel Yates, the South River Brick Company and the American Enameled Brick and Tile Company. These gave employment to many and helped the town to prosper. Actually at one time South River was referred to as Bricktown."

A picture of the brick industry appears in a book entitled "The Making of an American" by a Danish immigrant named Jacob Riis. One day Riis walked from New York and finally arrived at New Brunswick, where he spent the night in a cemetery. The next day he continued to Washington where he obtained a job at Pettit's brickyard. He described his day as getting up at dawn to start work at five in the morning, and working in the blistering sun until the middle of the afternoon. After dinner he would sink to his bunk and sleep until the yard whistle awakened him for another tiring day. On weekends the workers would wash their clothes and spend their wages on drink. During the evening they would bury themselves in a sand pile with only their heads and arms protruding. This was to protect themselves from the mosquitoes which bred in the nearby meadows.

The time was the period of the Franco-Prussian War and the many German workers argued the war with those who took the French side. Many fights developed, particularly during the weekends.

Riis was finally promoted to drive a two wheeled horse-drawn dump cart. His duty was to drive a load of clay from the clay pit to the yard where he would back up the cart and discharge the load into a mixing pit. On one of these trips he neglected to remove the tailboard with the result that the cart, clay and horse all wound up in the pit.

After he was demoted to a less important job, Riis returned to New York where he eventually became an advisor to Theodore Roosevelt, then the police commissioner of New York City. Finally he became editor o the New York newspaper. Now he is commemorated by the Jacob Riis Park in Long Island.

Lloyd's 1865 map indicates a number of prominent streets in town. Whitehead Avenue, sometimes called River Road, is shown as are Main, Washington, Prospect, Reid, Thomas, Ferry, Water, Obert and Jackson Streets and Hillside Avenue. The Causeway and a road leading from the Turnpike to Pettit's brickyard, are also shown. Tanner's Corner was then called Hardenberg Corners; and there stood a house, a former tavern, once occupied by the widow of General Daniel Morgan. This general defeated Banastre Tarleton of the British Army at the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina during the Revolutionary War.

With the coming of the Civil War, a number of townsmen were either drafted or had enlisted in the Union Army. Among them were names such as Van Arsdale, Barkelew, Coburn, Johnson, Martin, Obert, Wood, Van Deventer and others. Some of these men now lie in the Grand Army of the Republic plot in the Monumental Cemetery. The Civil War veteran living in South River was John Bell

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Spotswood maps its past to 1682

by Gemma Philcox

Spotswood was the first white settlement in the southern portion of Middlesex County, and is known to have existed as far back as the late 17th Century. Indeed, an existing map showing settled portions of New Jersey as of 1682 indicates a Spotteswoode on Laurie's Road (the Amboy-Bordentown Road). What was called Spotswood at that time covered a large area, including much of southern Middlesex County and part of Monmouth.

The first white settler in the village of Spotswood was James Johnstone of Ochiltree, Scotland, a member of the Spotswood (also spelled Spottiswood or Spotiswood) clan from which the name of the town was derived. The land was owned by his father, John Johnstone, who had lived in Perth Amboy. Young Johnstone's letters to relatives in Scotland, containing glowing accounts of the beauty and abundance of the area and the friendliness of the Indians (the Lenni-Lenapes), were instrumental in bringing many more settlers.

Spotswood, during the American Revolution, had many Tory sympathizers. In at least one instance it was known to have aided and supplied guides to emissaries from British General Clinton. Following the Battle of Monmouth, American troops spent one night in Spotswood, although there is no indication that George Washington slept here. He, Washington, did date two dispatches from Spotswood on July 1, 1778, one of which was the order for General Charles Lee's court martial.

The famous Washington Call-to-Arms from Spotswood, long believed to have originated during the American Revolution, actually took place during 1789, when, according to the Encyclopedia Brittanica, "his (Washington) seclusion was briefly threatened when the prospect of war with France caused his appointment as Commander-in- Chief of the provisional army." This was after his retirement from the presidency.

The Spotswood name occurs in areas other than New Jersey. Spotsylvania, a County of Virginia, was named after Alexander Spotswood, a British Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Virginia from 1710-22. Alexander Spotswood was also of the Spotswood clan.

History has it that Spotswood was first settled by a half-breed Indian, Wee-Chueechley, long before any Europeans arrived. There is a map which shows a Spotteswoode on Laurie's Road (the Amboy-Bordentown Road) as early as 1682. Old records reveal that members of the Perry, Corne and Hayes families were living in Spotswood long before the Revolution, and a forge was being operated at the site of the DeVoe Snuff Mill, one of Spotswood's leading industries until recent years.

The first railroad in the state, the Camden & Amboy, ran through Spotswood. The first cars of this railroad were drawn by two horses, replaced in 1833 by the steam engine. In 1838, the village of Spotswood was included in a new town, Monro Township, and its first town meeting was held in Spotswood. Later, East Brunswick Township annexed the town. It did not become a separate borough until the early 1900s.

The first school in Spotswood was opened in the very early 1800's, and the first church was erected in 1757, although it is likely that the first services in Spotswood were held as early as 1703. This was St. Peter's Episcopal Church, chartered by William Franklin, last colonial governor of New Jersey and son of Benjamin Franklin. The church is still standing. A Reformed Church was organized in 1821, and a Methodist Church in 1873. The bell which still hangs in the steeple of St. Peter's was cast at the Allaire Iron Works, now known as the Deserted Village, in Monmouth County in 1827.

The Enterprise Hook and Ladder Co. was organized in 1898, with David A. Outcalt its first president. Other officers included such names as DeVoe, Skinner, Cornell, Cozzens, Hodapp, Vliet, Bowne, Sawyer, Brown, Arnold, Dill and Appleby. Many of these names are familiar to borough residents, either through descendants still living in the area, or as place and/ or street names.

The present Helme snuff mill was originally the site of a distillery, converted in 1818 by John Browne into a snuff mill, which eventually, in 1879, became the property of George W. Helme. That area is now Helmetta. Early industries included a grist mill, another snuff mill, and a forge.

Politically, Spotswood's government is still evolving. The original Mayor-Council was changed to a Borough Commission in about 1930. It will be changed back to a Mayor-Council after a municipal election in May.

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1975-YEAR IN REVIEW

1975

JANUARY

Educational programs promoting the Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center Open House.

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FEBRUARY

Annual OPERATION HEARTBEAT raised a record-breaking $10,400 for the Middlesex and Somerset County Chapters of the American Heart Association.

MARCH

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APRIL

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JUNE

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JULY

AN AMERICAN IDEA, a bicentennial feature noting events in American history, added to our schedule — to be continued throughout the bicentennial year.

Broadcast live coverage of the Apollo-Soyuz space link-up.

AUGUST

JOB MART, a daily feature listing job openings from three area State Employment Service offices, was added to our program schedule.

Sent 50 winners in our Fathers Day letter-writing contest to Shea Stadium with their fathers to see the Mets play the Padres.

Broadcast the Eastern Regional Little League Championship game played at Metuchen.

SEPTEMBER

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Rutgers Football Network established with WCTC as the originating station for the network.

OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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Revolutionary ideas in dressmaking

by Ruth Mihalenko

Every woman savors the prospect of a party invitation and the chance to wear a pretty new dress.

In North Brunswick, women are looking forward to just such a party, but the dresses most of them will wear, while new, will have an old-fashioned look. For, while the party date is June 5, 1976, the theme will definitely be 1776.

As part of its Bicentennial observance, the township is planning a costume ball at Forsgate Country Club. In order to make sure those attending are appropriately attired, it has scheduled a series of three sewing workshops this winter to instruct residents in the fine art of fashioning their own ball gowns.

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Leader of the workshops is Mrs. Nancy Gruninger of Franklin Township, a very modern woman who has come up with some interesting techniques in re-creating history. Ironically, it was the high cost in today's market which led her to make her own patterns.

"The Franklin Township Bicentennial Committee held a big celebration last summer," she remembers. "Sixteen young dancers from the Eleanor Stein Ballet Academy were to perform a 'minuet' in costume, but committee members were appalled at the rental fees."

Mrs. Gruninger, who had been sewing for herself and her two daughters for many years, thought she could make the girls' costumes, and volunteered to do so. It was so easy for her, she says, that she ended up making her own ball gown for the celebration, and several others as well.

She gives encouragement to even the most novice of sewers, explaining, "It's easy when you follow my charts."

When she first shopped for patterns, she didn't find any Colonial costumes offered by the major companies, so Mrs. Gruninger started out with a bridesmaid's dress pattern. For those with differing tastes, she has designed five different types of skirts and hem bottoms, which can be attached to a basic bodice.

"The gowns of 1776 were very elaborate," she says. "They had much of the influence of the French, who were very socially active at that time."

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The average gown can be made at home "for about $10," which, she adds, is about all she would want to spend for a dress which will most probably never be worn again. "You use your imagination to make it fancy," she adds, saying that even the most elaborate of fashions cost less than $15."

"I find drapery fabric, particularly the florals, just right," she says. "Most are 52 inches wide and are reasonably priced." From the basic pattern, women can add lace at the neck and sleeves and save money by using self-ruffling all around the hem.

"With such dresses the ladies of 1776 wore few accessories," Mrs. Gruninger says, adding that this also represents a savings. "They had a bit of lace or fruit or flowers in their hair, and added little jewelry, mostly only earrings and a brooch." Her designs produce a skirt so full that crinolines are unnecessary.

For North Brunswick's late spring ball, she recommends chintz or voile, with the average gown sizes 12 to 16 requiring seven yards for the most simple design and about nine yards for the fancier.

"Most women have difficulty fitting the bodice," she says, "but once that is accomplished, the skirt makes the dress." Her particular secret entails using three widths of material reaching from the waist to the floor and placing pins to guide ruffling so that the front and hip areas end up with the correct fullness. The final finishing touch is produced by attaching the six-inch ruffle all round the bottom so that all stitches are to the inside of the garment.

"My pattern also has a one-piece top," she says, explaining that the insetting of sleeves is often the most difficult for even experienced sewers. She has, at times, opened seams on the sleeves to add lace for another interesting treatment.

Mrs. Gruninger says costumes for men can also be made, but they're more complicated. Most of the Franklin men rented outfits. Her own husband, Louis, adapted a costume from a modern-day leisure suit, adding long white socks to simulate the knicker length, black evening shoes, an evening shirt, and a lace bow tie.

"Uniforms were also common in those days," she adds.

Until the Bicentennial, Mrs. Gruninger's only experience with sewing costumes had come from making them for Halloween. Of course, since she had two daughters she found herself through the years making such "pretty" costumes as brides and Spanish, Greek and Dutch dresses. Even now, with both daughters married, she is frequently at her sewing machine in her home at 17 Buffa drive working on new styles.

The workshops have been held for the past two weeks in the home economics classrooms at North Brunswick High School beginning at 7:30 p.m. The last one will take place tomorrow.

Mrs. Gruninger offers aid from the selection of pattern and fabric to the finishing touches of lace inserts. Admission is free, and she is willing to answer questions personally after the sessions end.

She hints that the township has a real treat in store at the ball, remembering with fondness her own hometown's celebration. Of course, she says, most women would go for such things, but experience has shown the men love it as well.

"They all scuffed at costumes," she says, "until the day of the dance. Then they were all scurrying about to rent suits or have them made."



SHADES OF THE PAST-- Mrs. Nancy Gruninger (l) of Franklin Township offers advice on how to make Colonial dance dresses to Mrs. Alton Dunn and Mrs. Claire Pardun of North Brunswick. Mrs. Gruninger is conducting workshops being sponsored by the North Brunswick Bicentennial Committee to teach women to make their gowns for a ball June 5 in Forsgate Country Club.

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who served in the 59th Regiment of the New York Infantry. He came to South River in 1879, and at one time was the commander of the Frank Lloyd Post Number 79 of the Grand Army of the Republic. He died in 1927.

In the late nineteenth century, the Hermann Aukumn Company established a large hankerchief manufacturing factory on Whitehead Avenue. Many residents were employed there until two men were killed during a strike in 1918. The firm then moved out of town and the plant became a silk mill. The buildings were destroyed by fire in 1969.

Transportation during the nineteenth century was mainly by stagecoach until the Raritan River Railroad established its line through the town in 1891. This linked South River with both South Amboy and New Brunswick. The Middlesex Traction Company opened its trolley line to New Brunswick in 1895 and a few years later, extended it to South Amboy. Thus the town was no longer an isolated community, and with rail facilities available, new industries were attracted to the town, with property increasing in value.

It was in 1870 that under an act of legislature the boundary limits were established and the village became a town, separated from East Brunswick Township. The first meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the East Brunswick Hotel on Main Street, operated by B.B. Walker, Prominent citizens served as commissioners until 1897. During that year a bill incorporating South River as a borough was introduced in the New Jersey State Legislature by Senator James Van Cleef of New Brunswick. Upon passage of this bill, South River entered upon a new era in its history.

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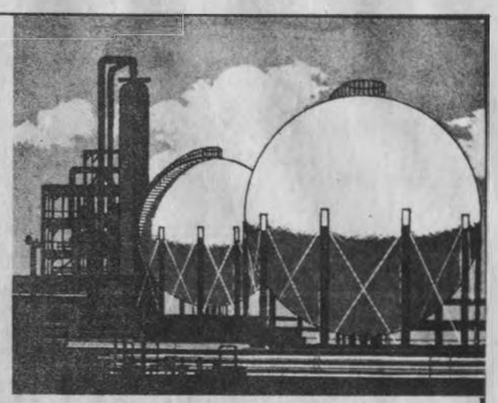
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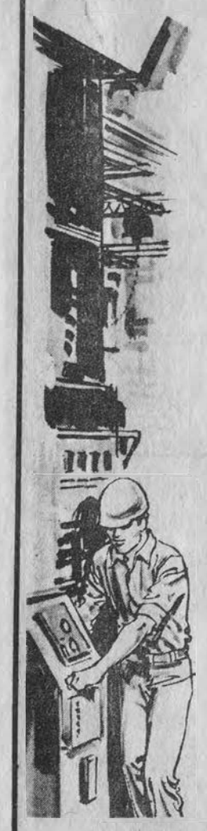
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V.A. Guaranteed	14,452,229.	13,358,339.
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Collateral and Other Loans	5,522,455.	6,529,047.
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Other Assets	1,405,232.	1,660,809.
	$244,307,707.	$276,725,400.

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Old cemeteries a grave concern

To mark the Bicentennial, the Old Bridge Council has adopted an ordinance preserving several historical sites and allowing for the designation of other sites in the future.

The introduction of the ordinance was due primarily to the efforts of council member Sonja Fineberg.

Four of the five properties being set aside are local cemeteries. The Provost Family Burial Ground in Laurence Harbor dates back to the early 1700s. The cemetery has come under discussion recently because the heirs have permitted it to fall into a state of disrepair.

Fenwick Cemetery on Route 34 is a Baptist Cemetery which dates back to the early 1800s.

New Methodist Cemetery of 1805 is located on 4.24 acres on Ernston road in the vicinity of Madison Park. According to Mrs. Fineberg, the deed for this cemetery carries a restriction against any structure being erected on the property.

The fourth cemetery designated is Mt. Hebron Cemetery on Morristown road which was established in 1928. It is the only Jewish Cemetery in Old Bridge and Mrs. Fineberg felt it had historical significance.

The other site selected is Steamboat Landing which is located on Cheesequake Creek. The landing, which dates back to 1708 was originally known as Warner's Dock. It was used by farmers in the Cheesequake area who shipped their produce to New York from there. There are still some pilings left to serve as a reminder that the landing was once the hub of much activity.

"I hope some day the landing can be restored," says Mrs. Fineberg, who enjoys investigating potential historical sites, but adds it is a time consuming job which often requires the services of several people. In order to facilitate the selection of future sites, Mrs. Fineberg's ordinance contains provision for the establishment of an Historic Site Review Committee of five individuals. In addition to seeking out new sites it will be their responsibility to ensure that any changes within an historic site or to a historically designated building will be done in a manner which will not materially change the characteristics of the site.

Mrs. Fineberg hopes to investigate and try to verify reports that there is an old Indian burial ground located somewhere between Pleasant Valley road and Route 18.

Another dream she would like to see become a reality is the restoration of Morristown School on Schoolhouse lane. The original deed for the building dates back to Jonathan Forman in 1788. The building was the township's first school. It was acquired by former Board of Education President William Kerr who deeded it to the board with the provision that it be used for educational purposes only. It was used as storage space for awhile but the interior has now been allowed to completely deteriorate although the structure is still basically sound.



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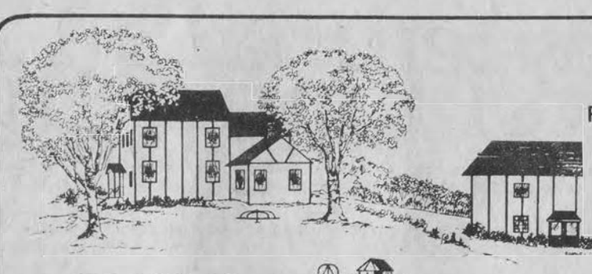
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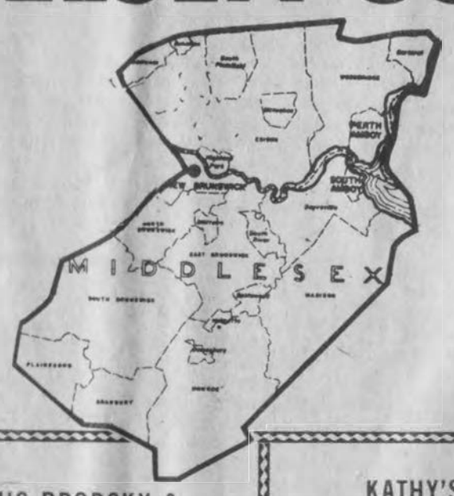
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Bicentennial's legacy: museums

by Diane Forgrieve

Long after the Bicentennial itself is only a memory, its legacy in three local communities will live on.

The interest in the history of our country has spurred plans to establish three museums of local history -- in South River, Old Bridge and Milltown. Progress toward opening each of them is anticipated in 1976.

In South River, the 150-year-old War Memorial Library on Main street is to be the site of a museum -- but not until a long-awaited new library is built. Mayor Charles Mannino promised action on this recently, and a possible library site at Thomas and Prospect streets has been designated. The old library is already well- stocked with written histories of the town and other artifacts of its past.

In the Old Bridge section of East Brunswick, the township has purchased the old Simpson Methodist Church on Maple street and the Historical Society is hoping to have it restored and opened as a museum this year.

The Milltown Historical Society has worked for years to establish its museum, and is determined the dream will become a reality in the Bicentennial year.

The group has leased a 100-year old home next to the firehouse on South Main street from the borough, and relocated it to permit more parking. The building known as the Seidner house, and once owned by tavern keeper Charles Denhardt, and is Victorian in feeling, according to society president Dorothea Frascati.

One room will be devoted entirely to Milltown articles, including the furniture from the first town post office, rubber boots from the Meyer Rubber Company, Michelin tires, the millstone from Parson's Snuff Mill, and other items of interest now located in members' homes.

Josephine Coles, one of the founders, originated the motto, "Preserve the Past to Ensure the Future." She has been a leading force behind the drive to establish a museum in Milltown, and was instrumental in securing a $10,000 grant from Chicopee Manufacturing Co. toward that goal.

Members of the society recently heard Betty Pate of Westfield speak on "How to Make a House into a Museum," and became more aware of the maze of details facing them. Mrs. Pate spoke candidly on the problems, pitfalls and joys of establishing the Historic Miller-Cory House museum, a "working museum" staffed entirely by community volunteers which teaches authentic early American crafts and skills.

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In East Brunswick community organizations recently received a letter from the historical society, asking for contributions of letters, artifacts, objects or ideas which contribute to the history of East Brunswick. "These donations will enable future generations of children to benefit from this significant material which will enrich their lives," says the letter, which also asks for citizens' views of the types of exhibits wanted.

Spotswood's Bicentennial

Spotswood's Bicentennial calendar:

FEBRUARY 16 -- Washington's Birthday - Bicentennial celebration at Schweitzer plant, 1:30 p.m. Spotswood;s American Revolution Bicentennial Association certificate will be presented by State Sen. Bernard Dwyer to Mayor Wallace W. Myers Jr.

MARCH 12 -- Deadline for Bicentennial photo contest.

MARCH 27 -- Bicentennial Ball at Immaculate Conception auditorium.

APRIL — Flagraising at public library. Outdoor glass display board donated by Schweitzer will be dedicated.

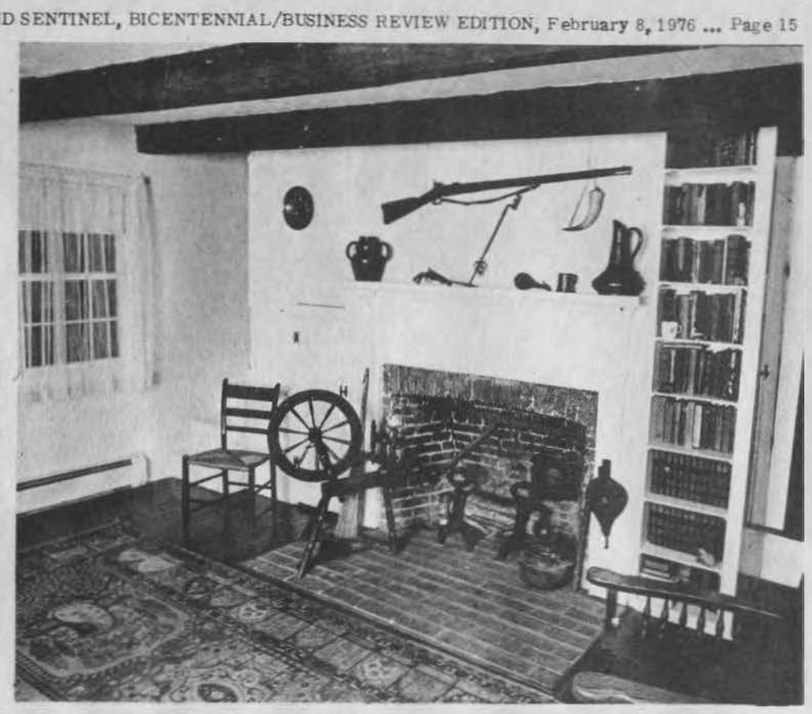
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JULY 3 -- Day-long celebration at Devoe Lake, preceded by a motorcade parade.





LANDMARK-- The home of Alice Kerr on Old Schoolhouse lane, Laurence Harbor, dates back to 1788. Mrs. Kerr and her husband, the late William Kerr, a former member of the school board, purchased the house 30 years ago and restored it as close as possible to its original state. The beams shown in the library are the original beams used when the house was constructed. The crane in the fireplace also dates back to the original building. The home originally belonged to Colonel Jonathan Forman. Kerr served on the Old Bridge Township Board of Education.

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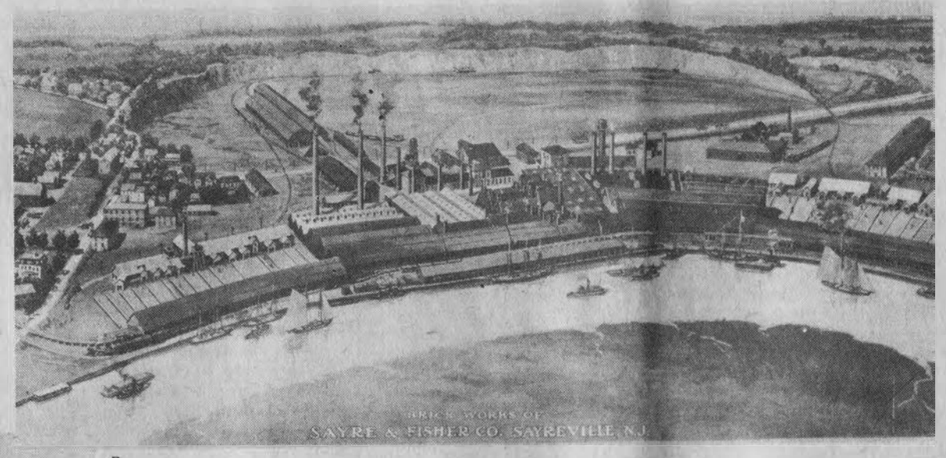
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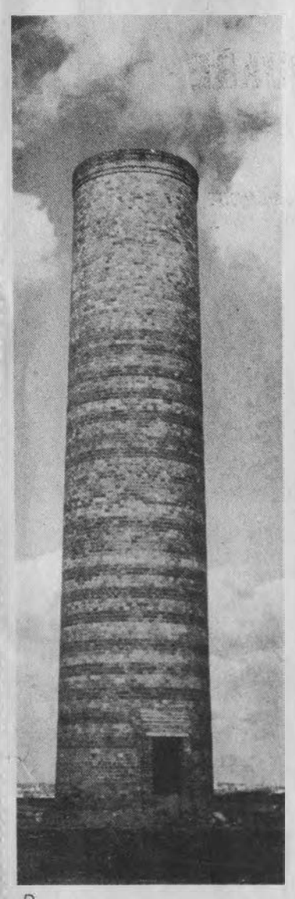
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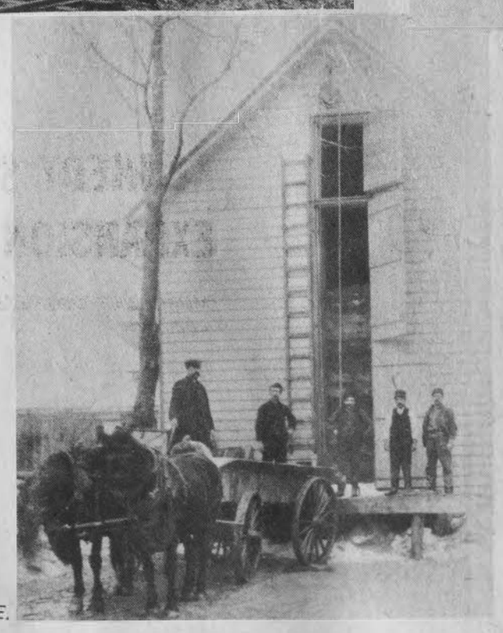
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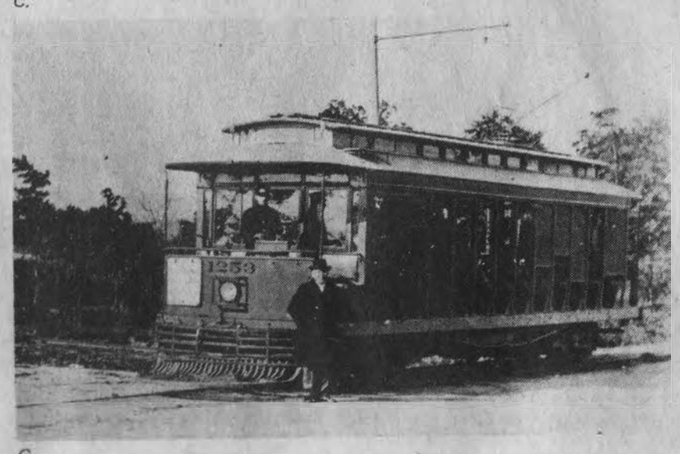
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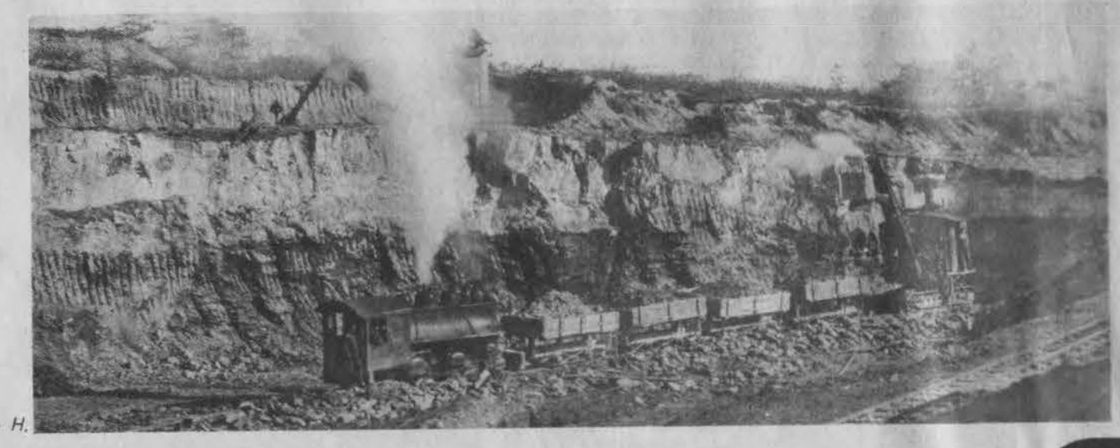
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Sayreville scenes

A. Parlin Railroad Station and Post Office, 1912.
B. Brick Works of Sayre Fisher Co., 1913.
C. Parlin Hotel (now Village Apothecary), 1910.
D. Water tower, circa 1890 which has been preserved by the Historical Society.
E. Allgair's Ice House, 1900.
F. Grzybek's Grocery Store, 1930, now Zamorski's Funeral Home.
G. Trolley car at lower Main street, 1925.
H. Natco's Clay Pits, off Jernee Mill road, 1930.



The Madison Township Police Deaprtment poses on the steps of the police station during the 1950's. rear (l-r) George Hanson, George Gillard, William Burlew, and Charles "red" Boice. front (l-r) William Wallace, Chief of Police Richard Adler, and Roger Blair. Gillard is now police chief, Burlew, deputy chief, and Hanson and Blair are captains. Boice later became chief and is now retired. Captain Wallace is deceased.



The original Madison Township Police building on Route 35. The building is now a branch of the municipal library.

Police expand from 3 to 84

by Edna Gordon

In little over 30 years, the Old Bridge Police Department has grown from a three-man force to the 84 man department it is today.

At the time the first department was organized in the 1940s, Otto Kengetter was Chief of Police and Gilbert O. Tier and George Franz were his officers.

The township's original police building was located on Route 35 in Laurence Harbor. Today the building has been remodeled and is the Laurence Harbor branch of the municipal library.

By the 1950s, the Police Department had grown to seven men. Richard Adler was Police Chief. Officers included George Gillard who is now chief, William Burlew, who is a deputy chief, Roger Blair who is captain in charge of the Traffic and Safety Department and George Hanson who is also a captain.

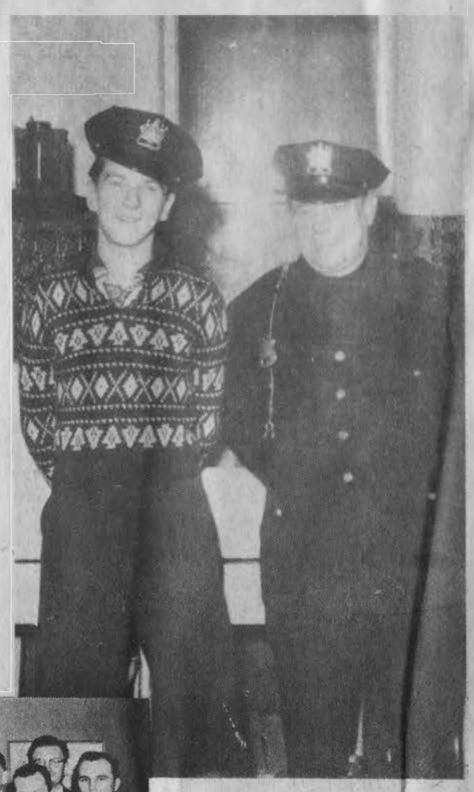
The other two members of the force at that time were Charles "Red" Boice who went on to become chief in the 1960s and is now retired and living in Florida, and Captain William Wallace who is deceased.

Today's 84 man force includes the chief, two deputy chiefs, four captains, seven lieutenants, 11 sergeants, eight detectives, and 51 patrolmen.

The next important step in the department's progress will take place when it moves to the new police building currently under construction at the Route 516 municipal complex.



Madison Township's first Chief of Police Otto Kengetter. At the time he was chief there were two men serving with him on the police force.



William Burlew, then 16, poses with Gilbert O. Tier, a member of the township's three man police department. Burlew, a life time resident of the township is now Deputy Chief of Police. Tier is employed in the municipal court.



Captain Roger Blair, Ex-Patrolman Bernard Fleming, Deputy Chief William Volkert, Ex-Detective Joseph Laskiewicz, Ex-Chief Richard Adler, Deceased Captain William Wallace.

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U.S. Gov't. Obligations, and Other Securities	3,010,073.05
CASH ON HAND IN BANKS & TIME DEPOSITS	1,296,419.25
OFFICE BLDG. less depreciation	588,815.24
FURNITURE, FIXTURES and EQUIPMENT less depreciation	47,052.80
DEFFERED CHARGES	65,190.55
OTHER ASSETS	389,890.38
TOTAL ASSETS	$34,060,710.01

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES

SAVINGS CAPITAL	$28,809,148.68
ADVANCES OTHER BANKS	3,187,500.00
LOANS IN PROCESS	223,226.13
OTHER LIABILITIES	558,403.29
DEFERRED INCOME	109,711.09
RESERVES and UNDIVIDED PROFITS	1,172,720.82
TOTAL CAPITAL and LIABILITIES	$34,060,710.01

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Delving into history is deeply satisfying



TUNNEL TO PAST-- Mrs. Fran Alvarez is digging deep into the history of this area. Here, she poses in front of an old tunnel beneath the Old Bridge turnpike in the claypit next to the new park-and-ride lot. It once carried a narrow-gauge railroad line from the pit to a South River brickyard.

by Louise Saul

Did you know that on Serviss road in East Brunswick there is a little house that was once the kitchen of the Eggers homestead, now located on Ruth street? Or that a house across from Chittick School on Old Bridge turnpike has a brick arch in the cellar that leads to a room with an outlet from an artesian well? Or that the Grote house built in 1838 is still supported by its original wood beams? Or that in the old sandpit next to Modells, there is a brick tunnel underneath Old Bridge turnpike, hiding railroad tracks that were once used to transport clay to a South River brickyard?

Or that there is a little old general store on Church lane and another old store now converted into a small business. Or that a gatehouse was once located across from Schoolhouse lane, where its guard collected dues from people using the Old Bridge turnpike, one of New Jersey's oldest paved roads?

Or that one day, supervised by Anne Alvarez, a self-taught local historian, youngsters gathered three baskets of old bottles near a chimney ruin off Ryders lane Or that the chimney where the bottles were found was the remains of an enamel brick factory.

Or that behind the Turnpike park - and - ride lot adjacent to the Lawrence Brook, E. Suydam and M. Danbury carved their signatures and the date 1876, and then crossed the brook and carved the same inscription on a rock there, adding the words "Centennial Year?"

These remnants of the history of East Brunswick can be seen firsthand by those willing to seek them out. Or they can be viewed in a slide show put together by Mrs. Alvarez, who lives on Gates avenue. She's shown her artifacts -- some she dug herself -- and slides to more than 1,000 school children already in this Bicentennial year.

That Mrs. Alvarez's findings make history real and immediate was obvious as she showed them to 80 students from Chittick School one day this month. "I've seen that house," a youngster calls as Mrs. Alvarez flashed a pre-civil war home on the screen. "I know where that is," another calls as she shows a picture of Mrs. Thomas's old stagecoach rest stop.

"What I'm trying to do is to make people here aware of their heritage -- that history happened here where they make their homes," Mrs. Alvarez said.

Chittick teacher Katherine Coady later explained her children are now looking forward to making their own dig in South River. "There wasn't a sound in that room during Mrs. Alvarez's presentation," Mrs. Coady said. "And to pull 80 kids together quietly like that on a Friday is no small thing. They were really amazed to know so much had happened in their own town."

Mrs. Alvarez'a interest in local history dates back to the 1970-71 fight to save Lilac Hill, an old abandoned house on Schoolhouse lane that stood in the path of New Jersey Turnpike widening. To convince authorities it was worth preserving, she researched it, learning to know her way around old deeds and wills. Unfortunately, the house was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin, but by that time Mrs. Alvarez was hooked on historical research. "Once you start," she said, "you open the door to some exciting data -- the kind not always learned about in history class. And so you just keep at it."

"For instance, Jehu Dunham, who lived on the corner of Dunham's Corner road and Ryders lane (Dunham's corner, some people still call it) left a will that said his wife was to get one - seventh of his estate, 'as long as she remains my widow and behaves in a woman - life manner.' And that he had a slave with a daughter whom he freed at his death, with instructions that she could take her bed and bedding and is to be paid $50 by my executor as soon as convenient."

Mrs. Alvarez hopes her slides will be useful to the public library or new museum proposed in the Old Bridge historic district. Rutgers officials have also indicated they'd like a set in university archives.

Since sharing knowledge is the ultimate goal of research for Mrs. Alvarez she'll continue to speak in schools. And she'll continue to track down information on old families, dig for artifacts from long-forgotten settlements, and take plane rides over Bennett's Island -- the island in the Raritan River near Lawrence Brook that was the site of the township's first settlement, to try to recreate what happened here before so many of us arrived.

Only now, there will be less time for these pursuits for Anne Alvarez, because she's enrolled at Douglass College, where she is majoring in -- of course -- American history.

Township chamber marks twenty years

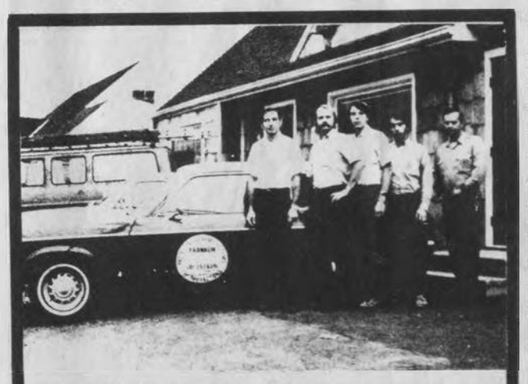
The Edison Chamber of Commerce started some 20 years ago. At that time Edison was a small community with little business or industrial activity and the chamber was a small group of businessmen with only a few activities, with the monthly Board of Directors its main activity.

There were various attempts to develop the chamber to meet Edison Township's growing needs, but they were never quite successful. Approximately five years ago, The Rairtan Valley Chamber attempted to have the Edison Chamber of Commerce become an affiliate member. This was almost accomplished because of the weak organization of the Edison Chamber. However, new leadership developed in Edison and they believed that Edison would be foolish to give up its identity and become a tag-along member of a chamber on the other side of the Raritan River. Edison had grown into the second largest community in Middlesex County and the projection for the future indicates that Edison will be the largest municipality. Edison is also the center of the greatest industrial growth in the county.

Anthony M. Yelencsics, a former mayor of Edison for 12 years was one of the new leaders and he argued the point that Edison needed its own chamber. The chamber was then re-organized and Yelencsics was elected president, a full-time executive director was hired and an administrative assistant was hired to run the chamber office.

Since that time, the Chamber has experienced a gradual and steady growth under two more presidents -- Douglas J. Campbell of J.M. Huber Corporation and Dr. Earle N. Peterson who is now serving as president. There are over 200 firms who are members of the chamber under the direction of a 21 member Board of Directors. They are elected for three year terms and may not be re-elected until after a lapse of one year. This means that seven new directors are elected each year.

The chamber has a good cross section of business interests among this membership having 40% industrial, 40% small business and retail establishments, and 20% professional and educational. All members are dues paying and this is the sole financial support of the chamber. The chamber is divided into five major divisions with a divisional chairman and each division is made up of small committees with individual committee chairman. The five divisions are: industrial; governmental; business & professional; organizational affairs; and area development and civic division. A monthly newsletter titled "Highlights" helps keep members informed of chamber activities.



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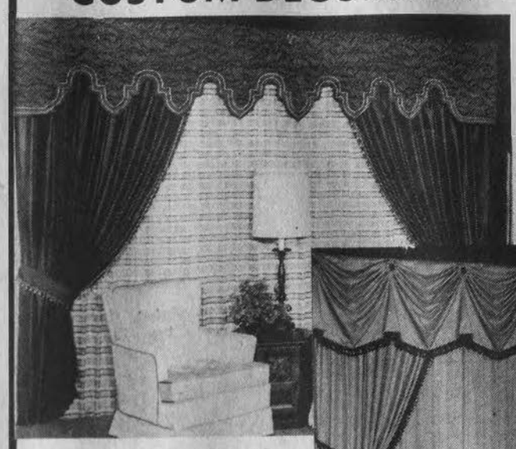
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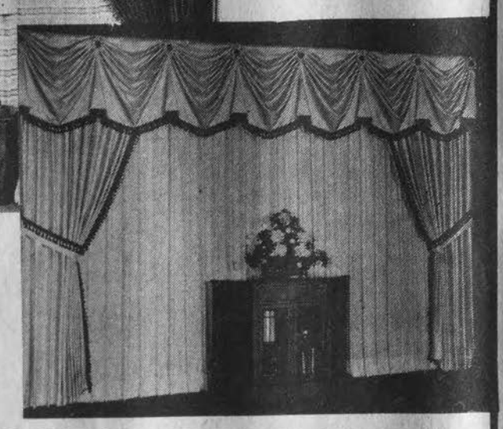
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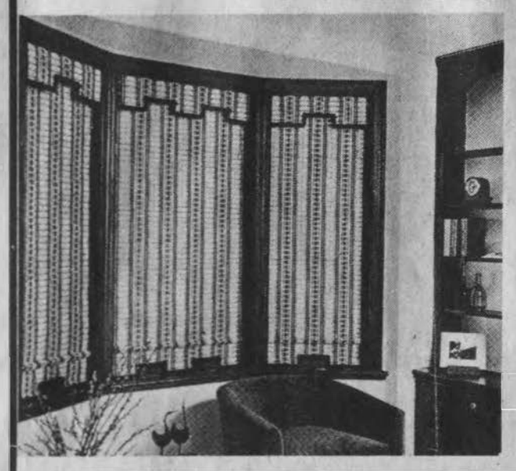


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Railway forerunner of trolley car era

Few people living in Edison Township, and even in Menlo Park, where it happened, realize that the giant electric locomotives flashing through on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad are directly descended from the electric railway's humble beginning in Menlo Park in 1880.

It was then that Thomas A. Edison built his first experimental railroad. The tracks, laid over rough ground, ran down a slope near Mine Gully. The 12 - horsepower motor of his first engine pulled three cars -- a flat car, an open awning car, and a box car, called "the Pullman."

Later, this line was dismantled, and Edison constructed, in 1882, a 2 1/ 2 mile narrow gauge road between Dark Lane (Grove Avenue), Metuchen, and his laboratory in Menlo Park. Later this line was extended to Pumptown, where a turntable was located.

Financial difficulties slowed up work, but tracks were laid between Highland Park, Piscataway town, Bonhamtown, and Metuchen via Woodbridge Avenue. At Bonhamtown, the tracks turned northward and entered Metuchen via Main street. The trolley era was to last for thirty - four years.

In 1898, the Perth Amboy Railroad Company began pushing a line toward the north to meet a line from Rahway, and west to meet the New Brunswick line. When opened, the two routes met at the corner of Amboy Avenue and Main Street, Metuchen. Three years later, these companies merged and were taken over by the East Jersey Traction Company. Another merger came along in 1904. This company and the East Jersey Street Railway Company were merged into the Elizabeth and Raritan River Street Railway Company.

The finest interurban line ran through the area -- this was the "Fast Line" operated by Public Service. The big green cars were equipped with leather seats, washrooms, drinking water, and lavatories.

Operation of the trolley lines in and about Edison Township was not without its tragedy. On May 11, 1903, a car bound from Metuchen to New Brunswick hit a brewery wagon at the Bonhamtown car barns.

Hear ye: the militia wants you!

The 2nd Regiment, Middlesex County Militia, is currently recruiting men 18 and older, willing to make or pay for a military uniform of the Revolutionary era, carry genuine replicas of old weapons, and attend meetings, parades and exhibitions. Anyone interested may contact the commander, Captain Louis Force, 199 Joseph street, East Brunswick.

The Fife and Drum Corps is also looking for youngsters 12 to 21, said bandmaster Lawrence V. Victor, 23 Ellwood road, East Brunswick.

"The Middlesex Militia has a great history -- it fought in some of the most important battles in the Revolution, distinguished itself in the Battle of Monmouth and at Trenton, and it fought from the Battle of Long Island through to the end at Yorktown," said Force. "Some of its members were present at Cornwallace's surrender. It also fought against General Howe and the British forces during the Battle of Perth Amboy to help keep the supplies and troops who were crossing over from Staten Island during Washington's retreat from Long Island. This is your chance to become part of that history."

Bicentennial essay contest for young, old

The third annual essay contest sponsored by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission was announced today by chairman Dr. Harris I. Effross. Developed in cooperation with the county superintendent of schools and the county division of aging, the contest encourages students in public, private and parochial schools in grades 10 - 12 and senior citizens to submit original works on one of these topics: 1. Toward a More Cultural Middlesex County: Ideas for Development of the Arts 2. My Town's Cultural / Historical Contributions to Middlesex County 3. My Ethnic Group's Cultural / Historical Contributions to Middlesex County 4. Bicentennial - Its Special Significance for My Town 5. Bicentennial - Its Special Significance for Middlesex County 6. Bicentennial - Thoughts for an Appropriate Celebration 7. The Way It Was Years Ago 8. What American Means to Me.

Each participating bicentennial committee will review the entries from its community and forward three representative essays from both the student and the senior citizen division to the county. Prizes totaling $350 will be awarded during the second Annual International Folk Festival June 13.

Entry forms may be picked up at public libraries, or the commission, 841 Georges road, North Brunswick (246-5788).

Washington, staff ate here

While there is no evidence that Washington "slept here", there is evidence that the General, his staff, and their horses ate here.

John Dunham, of Piscataway, gave a receipt to Alexander Hamilton, on July 10, 1778 for L 2: 4/ : 9d.

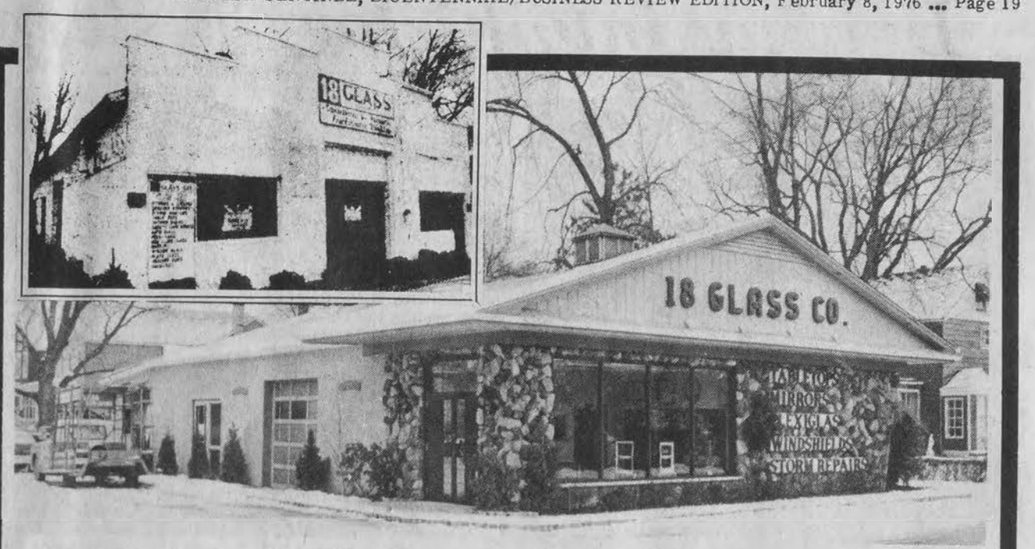
There were nine breakfasts, hay for the horses and a gill of bitters. Not one to waste time, Washington wrote a letter to Jeremiah Wadsworth about some cattle at Barbadoes Neck.

For a few moments, Piscataway was the "headquarters" of the Continental Army as the commander ate one of the "nine breakfasts."

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HISTORIC MOMENT -- Three past mayors of South River and the current one gathered with some representatives of the future generation at an open house at historic War Memorial Library in January to kick off the borough's Bicentennial. In colonial dress are William Hermstedt and Kay Cackowski. The mayors are (l-r) Ted Appleby (1965), Walter Kulik (1969 - 75), Charles Mannino (1976 -) and John Fitzpatrick (1936-43 and '50-53). The American Eagle in the background is part of the library's Bicentennial display.

A year-long parade of events

1976, the Bicentennial year, will be celebrated in South River with special events each month. It began with an open house at the historic War Memorial Library, and is climaxing with a colonial ball December 11. Here is the schedule compiled by the Bicentennial Committee:

February -- Display. Presidential Month. Exhibits and displays at War Memorial Library. Poster contest for school students.

March -- Historical play to be presented by Community Players March 26-27, April 2, 3.

April 17 -- Planting of Liberty Oak at SRHS. Essay contest, students of all schools.

May -- Memorial service at library. Historical plays and pageants throughout the school system.

May 3 -- J.F.K. baseball league opening parade and ceremony.

June 6 -- Flag Day ceremonies at BPO Elks, 2033 Lodge.

July 3 -- Reading of Declaration of Independence at library. Ethnic picnic, concert, and fireworks.

August -- Fire department and rescue squad Bicentennial parade.

September -- Junior Olympics, co-sponsored by Jaycees.

October -- Senior Citizens arts and crafts exhibits.

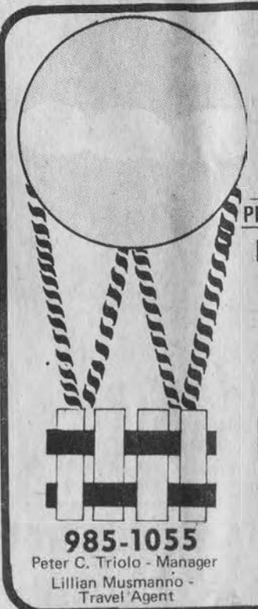
November -- Know your local government reception at Borough Hall.

December 11 -- Bicentennial Ball at the Knights of Columbus hall.

Washington would sleep here

The reason why George Washington did not sleep at the Freehold Sleep Shop, Route 9, Freehold, is because the store has been in operation for only the last 15 years.

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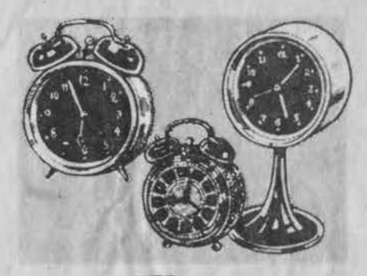
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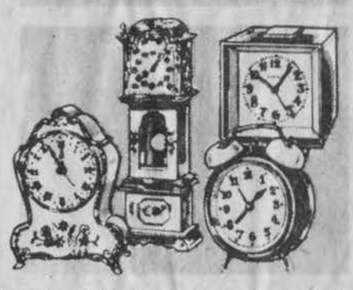
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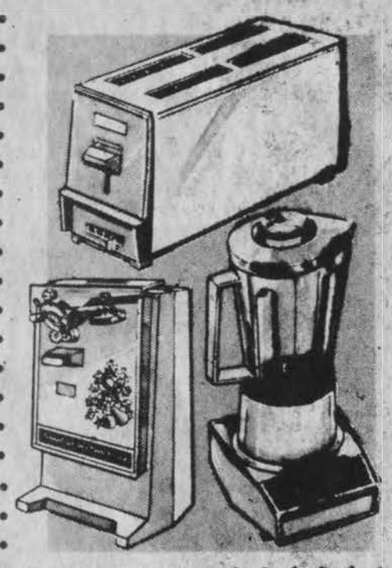


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Historical Society pieces the past



HISTORY LESSION-- Mrs. Ebner Martin of the Madison Township Historical Society lectures to members of the Memorial School PTA at the Thomas Warne Historical Museum, Route 516. The society receives numerous requests to lecture on the township's history at local schools. Members can't meet all the requests, but they have made slides and are training parents to speak at the schools.

by Edna Gordon

As the country enters its Bicentennial year, the Madison Township Historical Society is completing its basic history of the municipality. The publication should be available for purchase by the summer.

The Historical Society began with an exhibit marking the Tercentenary of New Jersey in 1963. The show, sponsored by Whitehead Brown PTA, brought together people interested in the history of the township. Many items had been borrowed from old families in the area and they made an impressive exhibit. And it was this, that led to the decision to the formation of the Historical Society which held its first organizational meeting in January, 1964.

The purposes of the society are to establish a historical library for the use of all interested persons; to preserve private and community historical records; to establish a community museum to include artifacts made and used in Madison Township; to preserve and restore historical sites in the community; to disseminate historical information; and to arouse interest in the township's past by publishing historical material.

The museum is located in the building that was formerly the one-room Cedar Grove School. Through various projects, the society raised funds to repair the building and install a heating system.

Mrs. Harry Lambertson, who taught for 40 years, most of them at Cedar Grove School, donated the red paint for the exterior. Mrs. Lambertson, the former Bessie Warne, began her teaching career in 1892. Her father, Ira Warne, was a teacher in the same district, but in a different building on the same site. Mrs. Lambertson had attended the school when she was a young girl, prior to teaching there. Her brother and sister also taught at the school. The volunteers who painted the building were all former students of Mrs. Lambertson. In 1969, a member of the society, Mrs. J. Nelson Smith drew the design selected as the township seal. Mrs. Smith was a former student of the one-room school and Mrs. Lambertson's daughter.

In May, 1969, William Cotter, president of the Madison Township Board of Education presented the deed to the school to the society. At that time, the school was formally dedicated as the Thomas Warne Historical Museum and Library.

Thomas Warne was one of the original 24 proprietors of East Jersey and owned 1,000 acres on the north side of Matawan Creek in Madison Township. Young Warne had a wigwam there in 1685, which may have been the first white man's home in the area. Warne was one of the few proprietors who actually lived upon his land, and his direct descendants still live on property from the original plantation.

Items on display in the museum include Indian articles, ladies' and mens' wearing apparel and accessories, children's clothing and toys, household articles, early farm implements, maps, books, papers, photographs, and various other items connected with the township. All were donated by interested persons and are displayed with the donor's name. The museum reflects Madison Township as the rural farm area it once was.

Last year over 1,000 school children toured the museum. The Leni-Lenape Indians are a favorite with them. The Minisink Indian Trail went through the township, and the children are encouraged to look in their own backyards for Indian artifacts. In addition lectures at the museum include detailed information on the school children of an earlier day. The teacher often boarded with local families and received a salary of $300 for working nine months.

In earlier days tuition was charged, books, supplies, and even fuel was paid for by the parents. Later coal was supplied for the pot-bellied stove by the Board of Education. The original stove, used at Cedar Grove School, is on display along with old desks, report cards, class pictures, books, and programs used in the school system. Children were graded by readers and progressed by their reading ability. They often had to assist the teacher with housecleaning chores and helped keep the fire going. In the 1930s, the janitor's salary was $5 per month, and the janitor was selected each month from students in the upper grades who volunteered for the job. During the cold winter months the janitor had to arrive at school very early to get the fire going and the school warm. The Cedar Grove School was closed in 1948.

In addition to the life of the school child the museum lectures give in capsule the social and economic changes which took place in the township, the impact of transportation changes from Indians trails, waterways, stagecoach routes, and railways, the geological features and the growth and development of the township.

When the history of the township is published by the society this year, it will contain much of this information in detail. The Historical Society is selling boosters ads for $1, patron, $5, and benefactors, $25. These will appear at the back of the book and will insure those who participate will also become a part of the towns' s history. Anyone wishi... urther information may contact Mrs. John Low, RD#1, Box 149E, Disbrow road, Matawan.

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EB in midst of 2-year celebration

The East Brunswick Bicentennial Commission formulated plans for a two-year celebration in 1975-76.

In December, 1974, the Bicentennial officially opened with the dedication of the Bicentennial flag, and groundbreaking for the new public library.

Arbor Day, 1975, Bicentennial Oaks were planted at all the public schools, with programs by teachers and students. The schools have played an active part in the Bicentennial. Teachers have obtained grants, and have worked with the students in a variety of projects, such as quilting, working with pewter, photography, and song writing.

The library is compiling a videotape of Bicentennial highlights, and gathering East Brunswick historical lore.

Nelson's Brigade, under the direction of Lou Force Jr. and son David, re-creates a brigade of costumed Colonial minutemen. The men perform and represent East Brunswick at other public and patriotic functions. It is now forming a fife and drum corps, directed by Larry Victor.

The Girl Scouts, under the guidance of Phyllis Miller are collecting material to be put in a time capsule to be buried till 2076. It will be placed at the new library at dedication in April.

Explorer Post #613, under Ed Matthews, in cooperation with the township and Bicentennial Commission, conducted a pre-Revolutionary mock trial enactment at the last July 4 celebration. A parade and fireworks at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds were other highlights.

In September, the Historical Society, under the direction of Doris Herbert, conducted an Old Bridge Village Fair. It was so successful it is to be repeated in 1976. And in December, residents of the historic village, under the auspices of the DeVoe Library, conducted a charming candlelight walking tour, with many of the historic homes holding open house.

Four American Heritage films were shown by Tom Hubbard in local schools.

The Bicentennial Ball at Battleground Country Club in November proved to be a social and financial success, with minuets, square and popular dancing. Several former mayors were presented with commemorative medals, and Mayor William Fox with a mayor's mantle to be worn on ceremonious occasions. Grace M. Auer, Bicentennial chairperson, was presented with a proclamation, signed by Gov. Brendan Byrne, appointing her as honorary colonel of a Regiment of Militia of the State Troop. The Bicentennial decor was enhanced by many antiques loaned by Marion Thomas.

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1976 will be an exciting year, commencing with displays and exhibits of the Revolutionary era at the municipal building in February, under the direction of Gloria Lee Meyer. After the dedication of the library in April, a "Cavalcade of Fashion" in June will show clothing from Colonial days to today. Marion Thomas and her students will be in charge.

On June 14, Flag Day, Route 18 will be declared a Bicentennial highway. In charge are the Industrial Advisory Board and Elks. Ed Ferlauto is chairman.

The Garden Club plans a flower show at the Brunswick Square Mall, entitled "The Spirit of '76."

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During the fortnight from June 20 to July 4, special days for youth, senior citizens, churches, arts and culture, civic organizations, and industry. This will culminate with a July 4 celebration at the fairgrounds, under the direction of Business Administrator John H. Runyon.

"A family picnic" is the July 4 theme. The day begins with an interfaith service at the fairgrounds at 9 a.m. Families may bring food, or purchase it; there will be demonstrations, sky-divers, hot air balloons, horse show, pony rides, wagon rides, square dancing, marching band parades and demonstrations, a colonial skirmish, performances by various cultural groups, dancing, singing, bell ringing and other activities.

Competition in softball, volleyball, tug-of-war, relay races, watermelon eating, pie eating contest, horseshoe pitching, tennis, rope-skipping contest, three-legged egg and burlap sack races, pie-throwing, egg-relay, apply dunking, badminton, and frisbee are also planned.

July 4 will culminate with the biggest display of fireworks in town history. All activities will be free, provided by the Bicentennial Commission.

Rain date will be July 5.

Boro calendar keeps growing

A virtual cornucopia of Bicentennial events and activities will fill the calendar for 1976 in Sayreville, and the list is still growing.

In the spring, the committee will sponsor an interfaith religious service, with clergymen from all faiths scheduled to participate.

On June 5, a Bicentennial parade will be held starting at 1 p.m. The parade will be dedicated to the youths and senior citizens in the borough. The celebration is for the Bicentennial of the country and the centennial of Sayreville which was founded 1876.

The parade will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Morgan Fire Company which was established in 1926.

A baby and youth parade will also be held, June 5 beginning at 10 a.m. Further information will be released later on this event.

A Sayreville Bicentennial Queen contest will be held in February. The borough's Bicentennial Queen will reign throughout 1976.

An elaborate fireworks display will be held at Kennedy Park on July 3 beginning at 9 p.m.

There are also two concerts scheduled for July and August at Kennedy Park.

The Sayreville post office has announced that it has developed a postal cancellation stamp focusing attention on the Sayreville's Centennial and the nation's Bicentennial.

A Centennial and Bicentennial Souvenir Booklet depicting the history of Sayreville will be prepared and published by the Bicentennial Committee and the Historical Society during the summer of 1976. The booklet will be distributed to every home.

A series of photographic and visual displays are being prepared concentrating on the Centennial. The committee is arranging for display boards to be located at Borough Hall, the Library, and various local banks.

A slide presentation focusing on Sayreville's past, present and future is being prepared and has a tentative premier showing for late spring.

"76 Flower Power" is a project encouraging groups and organizations to adopt a piece of land in the borough, prepare and maintain the area, planting bulbs, flowers, shrubs, trees, etc. as part of a lasting reminder to the Centennial and Bicentennial.

The Education Committee of the Bicentennial Committee has developed an extensive program listing suggested activities and ideas for use during the Bicentennial year. Elizabeth Marcinczyk should be contacted for further information.

A community athletic contest, using an Early American format will also be sponsored.

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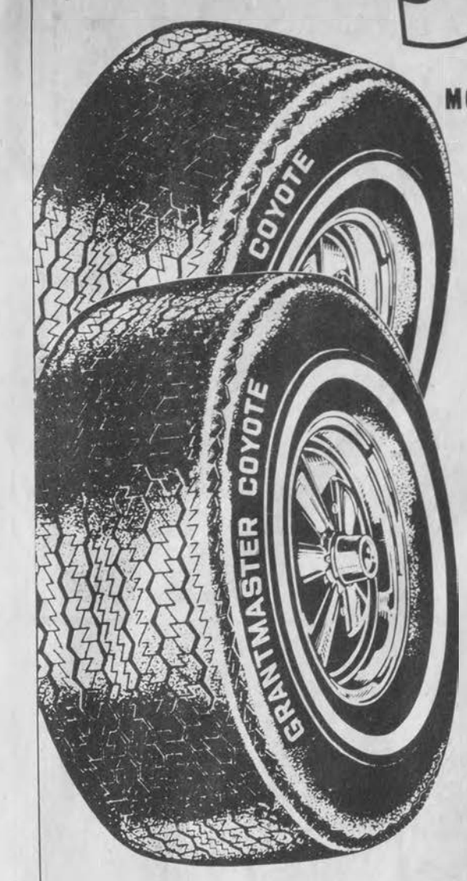
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To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Metuchen Bicentennial Commission will implement the guidelines of the National American Revolution Bicentennial Committee which suggest that commemorative projects focus on three themes: our historical heritage, our present and future.

In keeping with the heritage theme and the aim of including all community groups, a display of religious items from our colonial past will be located in the Metuchen Public Library from April 8 to April 22. Books, candlesticks, and other small articles will be collected. (The display case is approximately 5 ft. high, 3 ft. wide and 16 in. deep) Any religious organization that is interested in contributing to this display should contact Judy Elliott, Bicentennial Chairman, 102 Woodside avenue.

On May 1, the third annual House Tour will be held. Six homes of historical interest will be opened to the public between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. A craft exhibition will be shown and refreshments will be served at the Presbyterian Social Center, Woodbridge avenue.

Research on the methods of restoring and preserving the tombstones in the Old Presbyterian Cemetery was begun two years ago. In the past year the masonry and monument firm of Robert Young and Sons of Newark was employed by the Bicentennial Commission to patch and repair several of the old brownstone tombstones.

When the weather permits this spring, Chemsquad of Roselle will apply a chemical preservative to the sandstone and marble tombstones of the veterans of the Revolutionary War. This preservative process, developed by Dr. Seymour Lewin of New York University, involves the impregnation of weathered stone with an inorganic material that restores the original mineral strength of the stone by binding the grains of the stone together. In addition, the treatment gives the stone immunity to the action of air pollutants. Chemsquad has recently applied this preservative to the stone lion statutes in front of the New York Public Library.

Funds to finance this project have been raised by the House Tour Committee, the sale of Bicentennial license plates, and the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Elks Lodge.

To implement the theme which emphasizes the town's present activities have been planned to encourage community and civic involvement. In the spring of 1976, the Metuchen Exchange Club will sponsor a clean-up campaign. Last spring the club planted shrubs and trees on the embankment of the Old Colonial cemetery. This fall members planted daffodils and Cub Scout Pack #15 planted crocus bulbs on the embankment.

The scrapbook of all civic organizations and governing boards which is entitled, "The Way We Were in 1976" is in the process of being compiled and will be on display in the Metuchen Public Library. All groups are asked to compose a three page summary of their history and prominent activities. Pictures of club officers, members, and projects will be included in the scrapbook.

Entries for a photo contest sponsored by the Metuchen Public Library will be due between March 22 and 26. These entries will be displayed April 4 through 10. Prizes will be awarded. Rules for the contest can be obtained in the library.

On May 6, 7, and 8, the ninth spring musical will be sponsored by the Metuchen High School. Doug McKeown, drama teacher at the high school, is writing the script and Sandi Eisenstein will do the choreography. The music is being written by Gene Mayer, a graduate student in music at Rutgers University. George Coss is designing the sets.

The musical will depict lives of the ordinary colonial Americans. McKeown has drawn upon diaries, biographies, and autobiographies to provide a background for the episodes describing the lives of the European immigrants, the American Indians, and the Africans who lived in America at the time of the Revolution. The students in the cast are also involved in researching the details about the roles that they will play in the musical.

In keeping with the goal of involving all members of the community in the Bicentennial celebration, a parade and community-wide picnic will be held at noon on the Fourth of July. Paraders consisting of local bands and drill groups will march down Main street to the grounds of St. Joseph's high school where the picnic will be held. The theme of the parade will be "Let's Discover Metuchen--Traditions and Today". Parade participants are encouraged to revive different customs and styles of Metuchen's history since colonial times. Any service club who wishes to sponsor a marching group or a float should contact parade co-chairmen Stanley Lease, 106 Lake avenue. At the picnic, the St. Joseph's Father's Club will have its traditional fair-day food concession. Highlights of the afternoon will be games (gunny sack and three-legged races), pony rides for small children, and a concert of Bicentennial music given by the Metuchen High School band.

A costume ball has been tentatively scheduled for the fall.

North Brunswick Bicentennial year

North Brunswick will celebrate the Bicentennial with a ball, three plays, a book, a fair, Memorial Day parade, a published township history, and a July 4 extravaganza, among other contests and activities. Here's a calendar of events:

Monday, February 9-- The last of three workshops being directed by Mrs. Nancy Gruninger in the art of Colonial dressmaking for persons interested in attending the Colonial Ball in June in costume. Begins at 8 p.m. in the home economics classrooms at NBTHS.

March 6-- Family film festival, 8 p.m. in the auditorium at NBTHS. To be shown are three 30-minute films, "Mother Leads' 13th Child - The Jersey Devil," "Ghosts of the New Jersey Pines," and another on the Delaware-Raritan Canal, all acquired from New Jersey Public Broadcasting Co. Admission is free.

April 1, 2, 3-- "High Button Shoes" by the Recreation Adult Drama Group, 8 p.m., NBTHS.

Early April-- Arbor Day observance. Girl and Boy Scouts taking part in "liberty tree" plantings at sites around town, in cooperation with the Shade Tree Commission.

April 30-- The passage through town, along Route 27 (the old Lincoln Highway) of a caravan re-enacting the journey of George Washington to New York for his first inauguration. To include horse-drawn wagons and authentic costumes, it's being sponsored by Kiwanis International.

Late April-- Publication of a cookbook featuring local recipes and bits of history, edited, in part, by the Senior Citizens Club.

Early May-- Arts and Crafts Fair, jointly sponsored by the Bicentennial and Cultural Arts Committees and Woman's Club. Featured will be colonial crafts with demonstrations and entertainment all day at Linwood School.

May 7, 8 and 9-- Play with a Bicentennial theme by students of drama at the high school.

May 22-- Window-painting competition to be sponsored by the Policemen's Wives Association in stores in the Brunswick Shopping Center and along Georges road; prizes to be awarded on Memorial Day. Also, kick-off for the Blood Bank program in cooperation with the Red Cross; and "Ballad for Americans," a commissioned dramatization of the famous Paul Robeson recording at the high school, 8 p.m., produced by Eric Krebs, director of the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, and per-

Mid-May-- Publication of a history of North Brunswick, produced in cooperation with students from the high school.

May 31-- Bicentennial Memorial Day parade.

June 5-- Colonial Ball at Forsgate Country Club, featuring a costume judging, prizes, colonial decor, entertainment, dancing to music of Danny Holiday and His Orchestra. Cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres 7 p.m., followed by a Colonial menu dinner at 8 p.m. Ticket chairman is Mrs. Robert Whitescarver of 1228 Huron road.

July 4-- "Hometown Day" celebration, featuring a flag-raising ceremony, entertainment, contests, games, a picnic supper and fireworks.

November-- "Faith of Our Fathers" ecumenical services.

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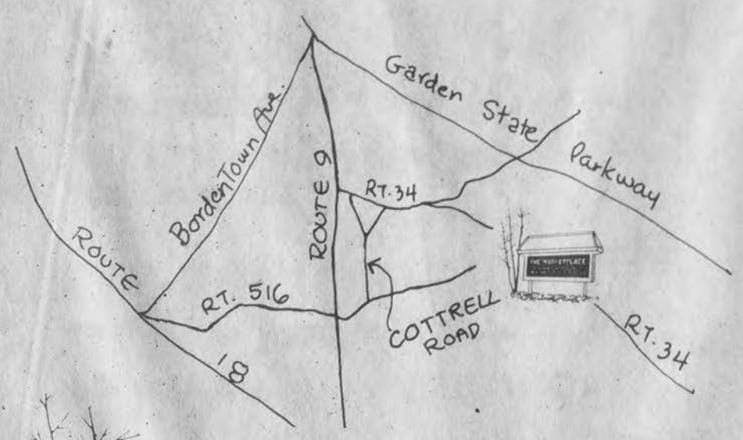
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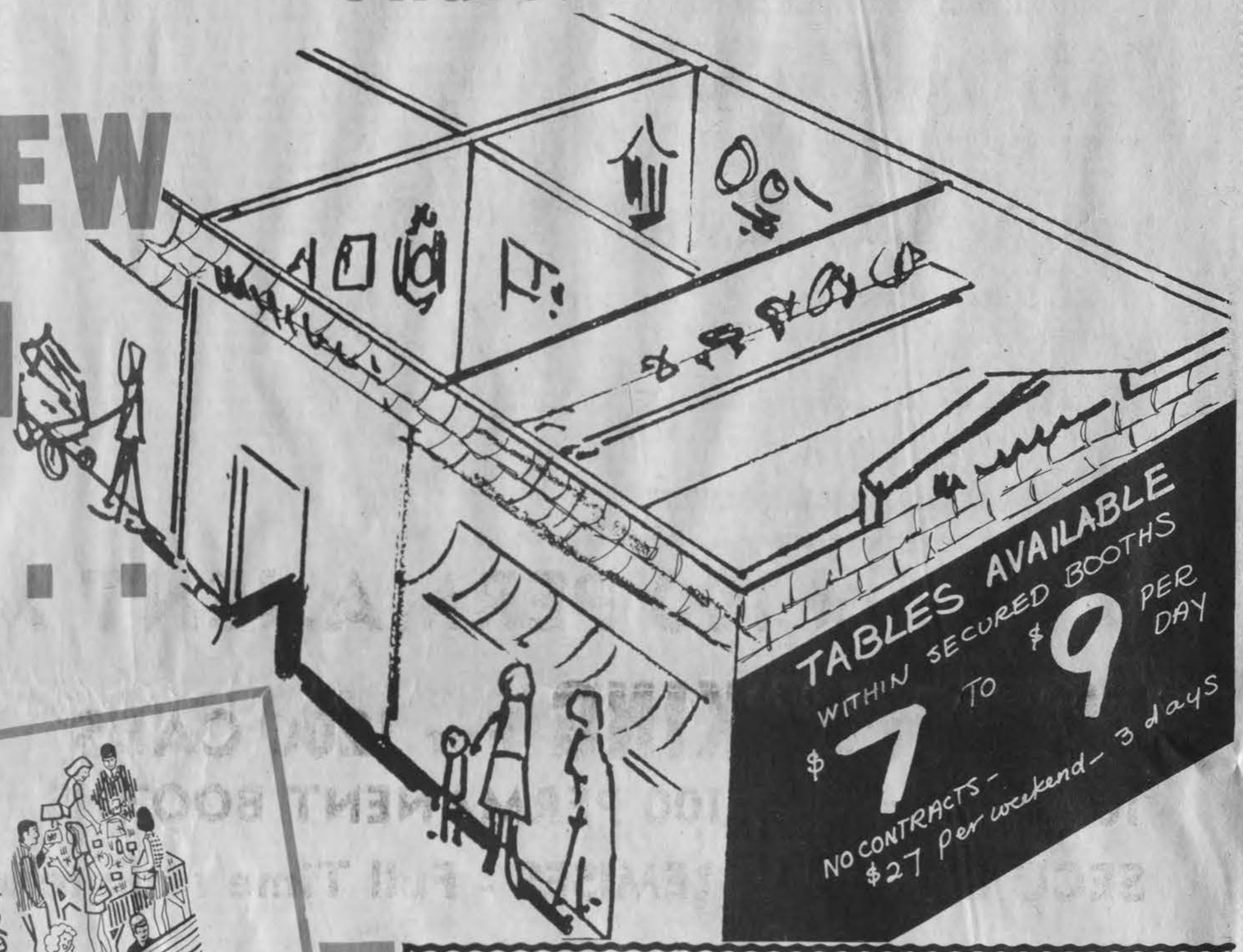
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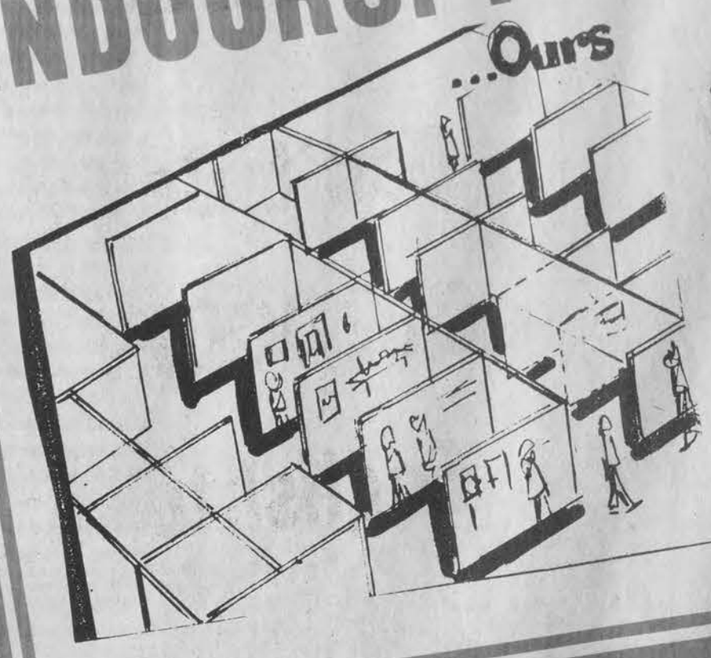
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Freeholder Director Philip N. Gumbs has announced plans for 1976 which include "meaningful and lasting projects as well as pageantry and special events."

The cornerstone of Gumbs' plan is "Project Heritage" -- a bicentennial work force of seven skilled laborers whose sole assignment will be the renovation of selected historic sites throughout the county.

"Pageants and parties are, of course a lot of fun, and appropriate for our birthday party," Gumbs said, "but I think the Bicentennial, while an occasion for celebration, should be more than just a birthday party."

The "Project Heritage" work force, which includes a carpenter, a glazier, a mason, a painter, and a plumber, is federally funded as part of the $1.3 million Title X grant the freeholders obtained recently.

"The work that these men perform will insure that the rich historical heritage of Monmouth County will be preserved for generations to come," said the freeholder director.

Local historical societies throughout the county are being asked to submit projects for renovation, Gumbs said.

Gumbs also stressed the importance of education and the involvement of local school systems in the bicentennial.

"Perhaps the most important aspect of the Bicentennial is the awareness of history and local heritage," he said. "Accordingly, I have directed our public information office to prepare specifications for printing projects geared to the Bicentennial."

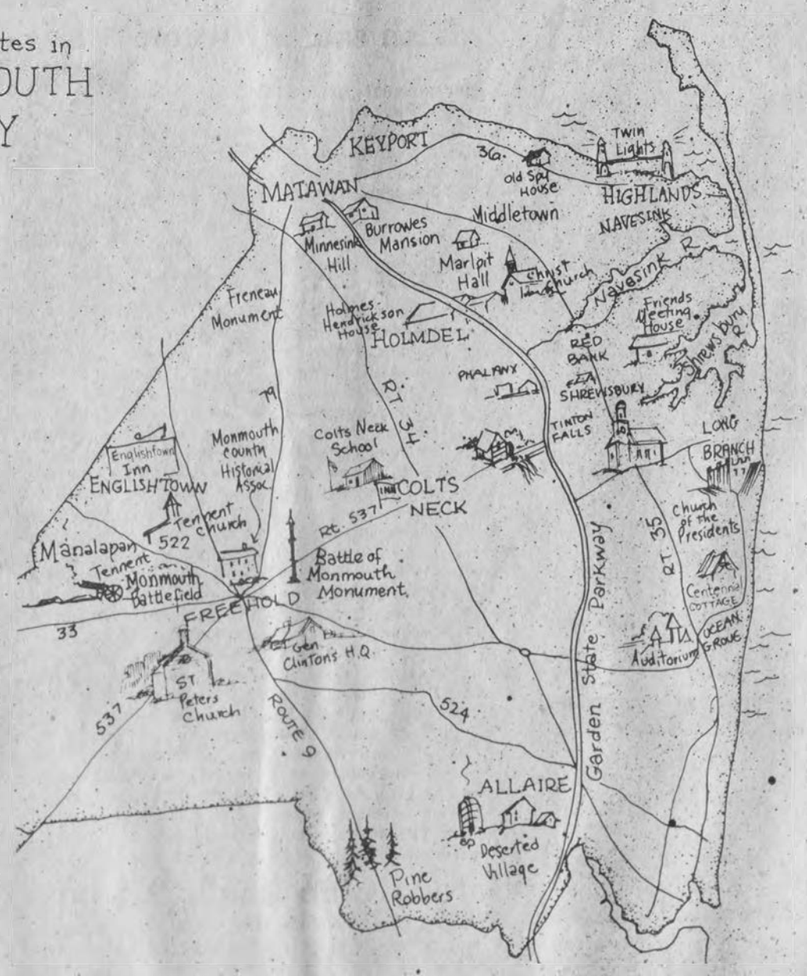
He said the extent of the printing projects would depend on the budget, which will not be finalized for a few months, but indicated that he was planning monthly pamphlets on selected historical topics of local interest, such as Molly Pitcher, Revolutionary poet Philip Freneau, and the Battle of Monmouth.

"These pamphlets would be of general interest to the community, and would also serve as teaching aids in our schools," the freeholder director said.

Gumbs noted that George Goodfellow, Bicentennial Committee chairman, is working closely with local authorities in planning such events as a patriotic rally in Ocean Grove, a Colonial Ball in Atlantic Highlands, and a fireworks display in Asbury Park.

Freeholder Thomas J. Lynch Jr. has been working in the Bayshore area to insure proper planning for Operation Sail, a fleet of Bicentennial ships scheduled to pass through Sandy Hook, in July, Gumbs noted.

Gumbs stressed that the county is working hard to coordinate bicentennial activities at the grass roots level.



A toast to Molly's pitcher

"...Drunk in a beverage richer and stronger than was poured that day from Molly Pitcher's pitcher."

So goes a toast of artillerymen to the heroine of the Battle of Monmouth, born Mary Ludwig and destined to be known in Revolutionary War legend as Molly Pitcher.

When Mary Ludwig married John Hays, he was an apprentice to a barber in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. With the onset of the Revolution, Hays enlisted as an artillery gunner, and two years later was serving in the infantry. He was at Valley Forge, and made the march to Freehold.

As wives did at that time, Mary joined her husband with the army and did the cooking and the washing. She, too, marched in pursuit of the British from Philadelphia to the eventful meeting in the fields near Freehold.

Sunday, June 28, 1778, one of the hottest dates on record in the state, was her day of destiny. In the smothering heat, she drew water from a nearby spring and carried it to the parched troops.

Her husband fell wounded. Because there was no one left to load the cannon, the officer in command ordered its removal. But Mary seized the rammer staff from her husband's hands, swabbed and loaded the cannon, and stood at her post under fire.

On the morning after the battle, General Nathaniel Green presented her to General Washington, who declared that she had done a soldier's duty and was entitled to a soldier's reward. He ordered that her name be enrolled as a sergeant on the army roster.

General Lafayette and other officers publicly complimented her, and Congress eventually voted her a forty dollar annuity.

She and her wounded husband returned to Carlisle, where she cared for him until his death. Mary then married a George McCauley. During her second marriage she began performing odd jobs such as scrubbing the court house steps, and after the death of McCauley she continued to earn a living by cleaning public buildings.

Her final recognition came in February of 1822, when the Pennsylvania Legislature passed an act which granted her forty dollars a year until her death in 1832.

There are memorials to Molly Pitcher in Manalapan and Carlisle.

ACA Nixon a TV pioneer

ACA Nixon Inc. dates back only 30 years, but in that time has seen revolutionary growth in the television and appliance industry.

ACA was founded by Leon Braun and Seymour Lieberman in Linden in 1946, right after World War II, and manufactured 78 rpm phonographs. "At the time, it was difficult to obtain parts, since there were still many shortages in materials, and an appliance-hungry public eagerly purchased goods as soon as they were manufactured," recalled a spokesman.

Motorola and Philco were just beginning to produce seven and 10-inch television sets, and ACA got in on the ground floor as a servicing agent for them. In the early 1950s, business flourished--35 people were employed, with 18 trucks on the road servicing customers and installing antennas for the increasingly popular TV sets.

In 1952, a branch was opened on Plainfield road, Edison, and ACA became a factory authorized service center for other top major brands. In 1960, Braun and Lieberman split up, Braun buying the Linden branch while Lieberman assumed ownership of the Edison branch with Lawrence Frank. They renamed the business ACA Nixon--Nixon being the section of Edison in which they were located. ACA then began doing service work for large department stores in the area. The firm has now moved to 2076 Woodbridge avenue. "Our technicians are well versed in the latest innovations in solid state technology for all televisions and stereos," said the spokesman. Servicing of air conditioners has developed into a fulltime sideline, and within the past three years, a department was created for the sole purpose of selling service contracts. "Each new appliance sold will eventually need repair, and ACA will be prepared to do the job," he concluded.

Glass company reflects past

Having relocated into the newly declared historical section of East Brunswick, 18 Glass Company has made the bicentennial a major interest. The remodeling of the building was coordinated with the Historical Planning Commission, and has just been completed. Frank Miller Jr., president of the firm hopes that all of his old customers from the Route 18 location will find him in the new building at 18 Matawan road, East Brunswick. The grand opening is scheduled for this month.

The company specializes in all types of glass, aluminum, tabletops and storm windows.

Divers' shop is ship-shape

The Diver's Cove, Route 35, Laurence Harbor, has taken on a Bicentennial look.

Owner Al Catalfumo, a commercial diver, teaches diving from basic to advance courses, and also sells equipment.

The shop has a display of port windows, old bottles, silverware, coins and helm wheels, all collected by the owner on his adventures. Activities for the Bicentennial include chartering a boat July 4 for a trip into New York Harbor to see the 1,000 ships that will gather for a Bicentennial Sail. In June, the shop will organize a dive to the sunken Andrea Doria.

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Winik firm charges ahead

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Walker, whose office is at 702 Route 18, credits his office manager, Mrs. Grace Baker, and secretaries Mrs. Theresa Costello and Mrs. Joy Reinwald, as well as his wife Mary, and children Jim, Pat, Kathy and Billy for his success.

He is active in the Chamber of Commerce and Imperial Chorus.

Yankee ingenuity at Quickprint

The old adage that anyone can be successful in the American free enterprise system if he or she has the will to try, has been proved by Paula and Ron Salvi who started Big Red Q Quickprint Center, Route 18, East Brunswick in 1974. Since that time, their business has improved 100%, necessitating the purchase of another offset press to handle the business and prepare for future expansion.

The firm offers services to a large variety of customers including small and large businesses, churches, schools, clubs and organizations and individuals.

Firmly believing in giving an opportunity to others, the couple hired Bill Brown a Madison Township High School co-op student, and have trained him in the business. Upon graduation in June, Brown will be employed full time and according to the owners, is a definite asset to the business.

EXTRA EDITIONS

In 1776 there were only 37 newspapers in America. Of the original 13 colonies only 11 published newspapers at that time, with Pennsylvania in the lead with a total of nine of the 37. By 1840, the number increased to 1,403. Today there are over 9,500 newspapers in the United States including dailies and weeklies.

Drive right in

Root beer, hamburgers and hotdogs, an American tradition, is being served at Mr. John's Root Beer Drive-In, Route 516 and Gaub road, Old Bridge. The drive-in has been in the present location for the past ten years, formerly being associated with A&W Root Beer, but now independently owned. A catering service has been added in the past four years.

NBSB assets top quarter-billion

New Brunswick Savings Bank has reported total assets soared past the quarter billion mark during 1975. NBSB ended its 125th year of service with $276,725,000.

President Edwin W. Baier announced that 1975 was a year of expansion and growth for the bank, despite a fluctuating national economy. Total assets climbed 13% over last year's figure of $244,308,000. The number of accounts rose to 52,314 while interest paid to depositors was up $1,593,000 to $14,387,000. Deposits were also up 13% from last year and stood at $254,038,000 on December 31.

New mortgage loans of $7,895,000 were granted in 1975, a smaller figure than the year before. Baier noted that this reflected the lower level of activity in the construction and real estate fields, which were hardest hit by tight money, spending cuts and spiraling materials costs.

The bank president saw the second half of 1975 as a hopeful omen for 1976. "The economy has taken an upward turn, although the best hope for housing is for a slow pickup. What we are seeing is a gradual recovery in many but not all of the vital sectors of the nation's business," he said.

The bank's geographical area further expanded during 1975, as November brought the grand opening of its third office, located at 3435 Route 27 in Kendall Park. In 1974 the Highland Park office at 400 Raritan avenue opened, marking the first branch of the 70 Bayard street institution. Plans for additional locations are pending.

"As the area we serve increases, we must answer our customer needs by making our services even more convenient," Baier explained. "This year we also initiated three valuable new services for depositors. We now offer Individual Retirement Accounts for those who are not included in a retirement or pension plan at work, and Keogh Plans for the self-employed. For senior citizens, we inaugurated a Direct Deposit service so they may have their monthly social security checks credited directly to their accounts."

At year-end, John A. Williard, a vice president, ended his 30 years of service with the bank, and entered retirement.

Founded in 1851, New Brunswick Savings offers to depositors the distinct advantage of the mutual savings bank structure. Mutual savings banks have no stockholders. "After setting aside the proper reserves", Baier explained, "the profits of the bank are given over to depositors in the form of interest or dividends. With this advantage the bank can function with a single purpose; to render the best possible service to the people who own the bank: the depositors."

$29 million growth at Perth Amboy bank

Assets of Perth Amboy Savings Institution grew by $29 million in 1975 hitting a total of $266,384,681 at the year end, it was reported by Ernest R. Hansen, president. Surplus and Reserves, for the protection of depositors' accounts, reached $16,974,349.

Hansen said, "People with savings at the bank increased their deposits by over $25 million in 1975, bringing their balances to $239,820,160". The Savings Institution paid its savings customers a total of $12.5 million in interest and dividends in 1975.

Last September the bank introduced a new dividend policy of paying 5-1/4% a year on regular savings accounts from day of deposit to day of withdrawal, compounded monthly. Previously savings dividends were paid from day of deposit to the end of the quarter.

Customers' personal checking deposits at Perth Amboy Savings Institution totaled $5,203,649 on December 31, reflecting a 50% growth in 12 months. There were 12,770 people using Perth Amboy Savings Institution for checking services at the end of 1975 compared to 8,920 at the end of 1974.

"The bank continued last year to provide significant financial assistance to home buyers", according to Hansen. Over $20 million was advanced in new mortgage loans and by the end of the 12 month period the bank was servicing a total of $166,235,742 in mortgages. In addition, assistance to the housing industry was reflected by the bank's year end total investment of $10 million in Government National Mortgage Association bonds.

Perth Amboy Savings opened its new Edison/-Metuchen office in November. It is located on Amboy avenue in Edison near the Metuchen border. Hansen said, "This first savings bank office in that area puts a convenient facility within reach of many existing and new customers". On December 31, after less than two months of operation, new customers had total deposits of $3.4 million at Edison/-Metuchen.

Perth Amboy Savings Institution has four other offices. One is in Sayreville. Another is on Florida Grove road, which is the Woodbridge municipal line, and there are two offices in downtown Perth Amboy.

First S&L celebrates 75th anniversary

First Savings and Loan Association of Perth Amboy began its 75th anniversary year with a record high of $116,728,991 in total assets.

Joseph S. Yewaisis, president of the institution announced that the December 31, 1975 figures represent a gain of $16,196,358, or a 16% increase in assets over last year.

"1975," Yewaisis stated, "was a year of substantial growth both physically and financially."

"In a physical sense, the renovation and enlargement of our main office was completed, in addition to the enlarged parking facilities directly across the street from the main office. Mid-year brought the grand opening of our new larger Edison office. The two story building replaced a smaller facility on the same site."

"Financially, First Savings had one of its finest years. Savings grew 18% to a high of $101,250,707. This represents an increase of $15,715,184 over 1974."

Despite the very difficult economic situation throughout New Jersey last year, First Savings was a substantial contributor to the two billion dollars in mortgage loans given by all the state's savings and loan associations. Our mortgage loan portfolio increased by $12,001,856 to a record high of $97,180,087. A major growth of 14%.

Yewaisis continued, "The year of 1976 promises to be even better for our customers and First Saving. For customers, we will continue to make available the highest interest rates allowed by law, commensurate with sound prudent management. We will always serve, as in the past, the residents in the Middlesex County area with mortgage loans, improvement loans or any of our other fine services."

"Our figures also reflect a continued confidence in the financial community and in particular First Savings," Yewaisis said.

First Savings has three convenient offices located at 339 State street, Perth Amboy; 325 Amboy avenue, Woodbridge and at 980 Amboy avenue, Edison. First Savings is a member of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

Bruskin heads savings & loan

Harold M. Bruskin of Highland Park has been elected the new chairman of the Board of Directors at First Savings and Loan Association, New Brunswick, succeeding Emil F. Klein of Somerset.

At the annual meeting January 21, Milton S. Patt of New Brunswick and Edward Birnn of South River were elected vice chairmen of the board, and LeRoy R. Terry of Metuchen, president, was newly-elected to the board.

Present director re-elected for three-year terms were Abraham R. Belsky, William J. Foley, Milton S. Patt, James H. Potter Jr. and Wallace Steinberg.

Other personnel receiving promotions were Howard S. Garfield II, vice president and treasurer; William J. Evans Jr., assistant vice president and assistant controller; Edwin C. Starner, secretary; Robert E. Evans, internal control officer; John Duca, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer; Kevin McCourt, assistant secretary; Robert B. Tafaro, assistant treasurer; Robert Linzer, assistant secretary; Anthony C. Wade, assistant secretary; Eleanor C. Poignant, executive assistant - student loan officer; and Charles A. Miller, assistant treasurer.

With assets over $147 million, First Savings is Middlesex County's largest savings and loan association.

Dinette store 10 years old

Deluxe Dinettes Inc., Route 18, East Brunswick, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, but Herman and Gloria Solomon, owners, have been in the business for over 30 years.

Deluxe Dinettes is a discount house for colonial, modern, traditional and Oriental furniture, and also offers custom-made dinettes, breakfast nooks, junior dining room and bars and stools. A large selection of pictures and plaques to complement any decor are in stock, and the Solomons specialize in custom-designing and color schemes. These services are free. Recovering chairs is another specialty.

Rapp opens plumbing firm

Stanley J. Rapp opened his new Marsh Plumbing and Heating Co. at 82 Marsh avenue, Sayreville, last month. The firm will specialize in trouble-shooting of heating systems, residential repairs, installations and humidifier systems.

Rapp, a plumber in New York City for the past 15 years, is also a plumbing instructor, teaching apprentice plumbers both in New York and New Jersey.

"Our primary purpose is to serve the homeowner," said Rapp. As a Sayreville homeowner himself, Rapp quotes "reliability, neat and professional workmanship, maintenance guidance and reasonable rates" as the key factors in selecting a plumber.

Rapp has initiated a "get to know your plumber" program. Homeowners are invited to call 238-9373 to speak to him and receive a free booklet about plumbing.

University S&L elects Pardun

Officers were elected at the January 5 annual meeting of the University Savings & Loan Association, 911 Livingston avenue, North Brunswick.

Chester J. Pardun Jr. was named chairman of the board and president; vice presidents are Stanley Kimber, Joseph Horvath, John Pellizzari and Anthony Sabatello. Frank Pelly was elected secretary, and Elliot Cohen treasurer.

Members of the executive committee are: Pardun, David B. Crabiel, Isidore Chibbaro, Pardun, Arthur Toman and Joseph Messina.

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20 years for shopping mall

As the nation celebrates its Bicentennial, the Sayrewoods Shopping Center celebrates its 20th birthday. The center is one of the most complete service centers in the area with a supermarket, banks, professional building, do-it-yourself center, automotive supply and service, restaurants, drugs, department stores and many small specialty shops.

Although a fire destroyed one supermarket, new tenants are expected to rebuild and a general refurbishing plan has been put into action with the replacement of the 20 year old lighting system with the latest type arc lighting and the redecorating of several stores.

Many merchants have seen customers' children grow up, get married and then become second generation customers. Personal service is practiced in the center and even though many new centers and malls have moved into the area, the friends the center has made are still with them.

Al Fried, president of the Sayrewoods Merchants Association, predicts a good future ahead with new stores added to the center.

LBS&L enjoys record growth

Assets of Lawrence Brook Savings and Loan Association, Milltown, reached $24,140,563, 39.6% increase over a year ago, Charles J. Herzog, president reported today.

Since February, 1969, when the Citizens Building and Loan and Milltown Savings and Loan Associations merged to form LBS&L, assets have risen from $1,868,434. Herzog called this "a record percentage growth in New Jersey, and probably the nation."

In 1975, LBS&L closed 209 mortgage loans, totaling $7,589,570. In addition, it more than doubled its present quarters in March, 1975, and added safe deposit facilities.

The association also applied to the New Jersey Department of Banking to establish a branch office in Hamilton Township, and is awaiting approval.

Two station stops vanish

Oak Tree and Potter's Crossing in Edison were two station stops on the Lehigh Valley Railroad until recent years. While the mainline still runs through the area, both stations have since disappeared.

The Middlesex and Somerset Transportation Company, in August, 1903, shut out the Raritan Traction Company from Plainfield to Metuchen. The line, which passed through Oak Tree, had the only good right-of-way through the area. It ran from Arlington avenue, two miles south to Oak Tree. From that point, the trolleys ran over the M & S line. Fare to Oak Tree was five cents.

Hear ye, hear ye says Zajac

"The most wide spread malady in this country today is hearing loss, more than 14.5 million are afflicted" says John Zajac, a licensed hearing specialist, whose firm is located on the Old Bridge Turnpike, South River. Most people who suffer hearing loss can be helped by available medical, surgical or amplification treatment, continues Zajac.

Zajac's Hearing Aid Center has been an authorized dealer from Zenith since 1957 and in recent years has become an agent for Telex, Siemens, Oticon, Starkey, Norelco and Audiotone. All make instruments are serviced and maintained.

John Zajac gives all his clients the opportunity to test their instruments for a period of time to make sure they are fully satisfied. Zajac holds a BS in biology and is presently working towards his master's degree in audiology at Kean College. He is a member of the National Hearing Aid Society, New Jersey Hearing Aid Dispensers Guild and Hearing Aid Dispenser, licensed by the state.

Firm forecasts rosy future

O'Connell and Salisbury is one of the oldest insurance agencies in Central Jersey. It was established in 1909 when James O'Connell opened a small real estate office on George street, New Brunswick, the present location of the firm. Today the company has a staff of 16 insurance professionals and is one of the largest insurance agencies in central New Jersey, representing eight of the insurance industry's leading companies.

O'Connell and Salisbury forecast even more opportunity for growth than ever before. The economic situation has forced many businesses to take a close look at their insurance program and seek the assistance of an agency like O'Connell and Salisbury who are equipped to act as their risk managers. Company president Bud Salisbury, believes in the slogan--"insurance from an expert, service from a friend."

Past is present at Peachtree

Peachtree Day School, a nursery school which offers a developmental full day program and is staffed by certified teachers, is located in a historic home at 357 Dunhams Corner road, East Brunswick, that was built in 1887 by Mr. and Mrs. John Miller. The Miller's granddaughter, Mrs. Matilda Smith, was born and married in the house and now lives on Herbert avenue, Milltown. Many of the original trees on the property have stood the test of time.

In addition to the nursery school, Peachtree also conducts a day camp for children ages three to 15. Rita Meehan, head of the school, states the basic objective of Peachtree is to establish a positive self-image in each child.

Bicentennial activities are planned by the school including a colonial procession displaying homemade costumes of the 18th century, re-enactment of the raising of the Independence Flag, crossing of the Delaware and Paul Revere's ride. There will also be a balloon contest where children will send up helium filled red, white and blue balloons with tags on them requesting whoever finds them to send the tags back to the school. The child whose balloon travels the farthest will be the winner.

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Sayreville S&L wins 2 Bicentennial awards

Sayreville Savings & Loan Association has received two first place awards in the New Jersey Department of Banking's Bicentennial Contest, according to a release issued by Deputy Commissioner Clifford F. Blaze, to Richard H. Beard, president of the association.

To honor the observance of the bicentennial, the New Jersey Department of Banking conducted a state wide contest covering all of New Jersey's financial institutions offering six separate awards to the banking associations under six categories.

The categories were: best self-compiled history of the institution: oldest continous charter: oldest operating office: most historic event or building: most historic person associated with a financial institution; best restored office of a financial institution; best reproduction or conversion of a building to an institutional office; best promotional campaign.

The person nominated for this honor was Assemblyman Alan J. Karcher of Sayreville, who has recently been elected to his second term in the Legislature. Karcher has also served as a director and as counsel for Sayreville Savings & Loan Association since 1968.

The historical background which won the association the award was the fact that his father, Joseph T. Karcher, had also served as New Jeesey Assemblyman in the years 1930 - 1931 & 1932, and also had served as a director and counsel for Sayreville Savings & Loan Association through all the intervening years, up to the present time. Thus it was established that two generations of this family had been active in the field of banking and savings institutions in New Jersey.

However, the unique feature of the Sayreville Savings' entry was the fact that a third generation of this family had been active in this field in the person of John J. Quaid, a great uncle of Assemblyman Karcher. Quaid had served in the New Jersey Legislature in the years 1898 and 1899, was a prominent realtor in the area for many years, and also served as the first mayor of Sayreville in 1920. It was Quaid who had actually organized Sayreville Savings & Loan Association back in 1923.

First court: June, 1683

The first court in Middlesex County was held in Piscatawaytown on June 19, 1683, Samuel Dennis presiding as both president and judge.

After this courts alternated between Piscataway, Woodbridge, and Amboy, for the remainder of the 17th Century.

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N. J. Bell bicentennial show will hit the road

New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. has officially opened its bicentennial presentation, "Proud Heritage", a multi-media production that will tour the state in 1976.

Robert W. Kleinert, company president, was joined for the ceremony by former New Jersey governor Robert B. Meyner, chairman of the state Bicentennial Commission.

The multi-media presentation is housed in the company's mobile bicentennial theater. It emphasizes the milestones in New Jersey's history and is being made available for community bicentennial observances throughout the state.

New Jersey Bell produced the educational exhibit as part of its corporate responsibility to residents of the state. The bicentennial of the nation also coincides with the 100th anniversary of the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell.

"Proud Heritage" is a 12-minute multi-media production which emphasizes milestones in New Jersey's history. The color presentation employs 10 slide projectors which project historical scenes on an 18-foot screen in coordination with a stereo music and narrative soundtrack. The production was designed and photographed by Donald M. Lunetta of Chappaqua, New York. Some 30 persons may view the presentation at one time.

The red, white and blue mobile theater housing the production is 45 feet long, 10 feet wide and 13 feet high. Several enlargements of artist Stanley Meltzoff's colorful caricatures from the company's directory also decorate the exterior.

The company also has produced, with other Bell System companies in New Jersey, a 25-minute film, "Tales of New Jersey." The film provides a view of the state's history and folklore with music provided by folk singer Oscar Brand. Shown recently on public TV, it's available to schools, clubs, church and civic groups, through their local Bell business office.

Laffin long a boro landmark

A history of South River should not be written without including Laffin Chevrolet Sales, since the firm has been in operation in the borough since 1929.

Annabel and Robert P. Laffin opened their dealership on Main street across from the present Memorial Library and introduced the 1929 Chevrolet to South River. The business grew slowly during the depression, but increased sales demanded several moves in the thirties until the firm finally settled on the banks on the South River on Main street. Raymond C. Laffin, son of the founder, is the present head of the firm and is now joined in the business by his son.

Laffin Chevrolet-Oldsmobile brings to the bicentennial year a proud heritage of its own and an optomistic outlook for the future. Its recently modernized facilities indicate a faith in the surrounding market area and plans for expansion of facilities, manpower and services are in the offing. Vehicle sales of over 1300 units are forecasted for 1976 with an associated increase in the service and parts business. The firm boasts the largest General Motors parts operation in the state, delivering auto parts within a thirty mile radius of South River, with parts sales of one million last year. An expanded body shop and increased customer services are now under way. Laffin's goal is to be a total transportation center in New Jersey.

First Savings assets over $147 million

LeRoy R. Terry, President of First Savings and Loan Association of New Brunswick, Edison, North Brunswick, Somerset and Cherry Hill, has announced significant increases at all levels of operation in 1975.

From December, 1974, to December, 1975, the association grew by $46 million, over 45%, in total assets, to $147 million.

Savings accounts now total $101,493,544, up some $24.4 million from the year-end 1974 figure; and mortgage loan volume is up more than $40 million to $130 million.

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Bryman School eight years old

The Bryman School in East Brunswick has completed its eighth year of training medical and dental paramedical personnel, hundreds of whom now staff medical offices of Central Jersey. An average of 400 students graduate each year from one of the three paramedical courses offered in the modern training facility. All courses include work in local medical offices.

The school is accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools and its medical assisting program by the American Medical Association. The school operates on a 12-month year, with classes beginning quarterly. "Job placement has kept step with the growing demand for personnel in the health care fields. Consequently, the combination of short-term training and open job opportunities has made these careers attractive to women of all ages," said director Robert E. Zoba.



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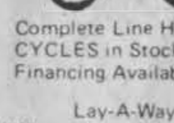
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