

1898

1948

*Fifty Years
of Progress*

*Hillsdale, New Jersey
Bergen County*

Calvin Piper

Dedication

TO THE men and women of Hillsdale, who have contributed so much, having met the challenge of life and discharged their duties of citizenship with honor to themselves and with credit to our Community:

We dedicate this Souvenir Booklet.

James C. Taten

Mayor.

Hillsdale, Bergen County, New Jersey

Indians

The first white man to explore the Pascack Valley found the Leni-Lenape Indians, members of the great Algonquin Nation. The traditions of these Jersey tribes were so ancient, their dealings just, even the powerful Iroquois referred to them for settlement, matters of dispute involving tribal custom. To this heritage of justice and fair dealing, all that remains to us of this ancient civilization is the occasional arrowhead of flint turned by a plow and the descriptive names they gave our streams.

Colonists

Bergen County, given its name by the Dutch settlers who came here from the old Dutch Community of Bergen, was settled in 1630. The Village of Bergen (now part of Jersey City) was created in 1661 and four years later became an English Colony.

Division Into Counties and Townships

On March 7th, 1682, the State of New Jersey was divided into four Counties: Bergen, Essex, Middlesex and Monmouth. Bergen—"all the land between Hudson's River and the Hackensack River." Essex—"all the settlements between the west side of the Hackensack River and the parting line between Woodbridge and Elizabethtown" A re-division of Counties was made in January 1710 and Bergen County was made to comprise "all the land between the Hudson's River and the Pequannock and Passaic Rivers." The creation of Passaic County in 1837 and Hudson County in 1840 shaped Bergen County mostly as it is today.

The division of Counties into Townships was made in 1693, pursuant to two acts of the Colonial Assembly; Bergen County and part of Essex County were divided into three Townships **Bergen Township** (now part of Hudson County which is contained between the Hackensack and Hudson Rivers) **Hackensack Township**—(all the territory between the Hackensack and Hudson Rivers beginning west of Bergen Township) **New Barbadoes Township**—(all the land between the Hackensack and Passaic Rivers).

Saddle River Township was created out of New Barbadoes Township in 1737 and just prior to the Revolutionary War in 1775, Harrington Township was created out of Saddle River Township. The next step was on January 30th, 1840, when Washington Township was formed out of part of Harrington Township "that territory extending from New York State on the North to Soldier Hill Road, Oradell, on the south—between the Hackensack River and the Saddle River." Out of this were formed in 1894, the Boroughs of Westwood, Park Ridge, Woodcliff Lake, Montvale and Old Tappan, all in that order. In 1898, just prior to the Spanish-American War, all that remained of Washington Township was

the territory that now comprises Hillsdale, River Vale, Emerson and Washington Township.

The good Citizens of Hillsdale Township, as the town was to become known, determined they could do better by themselves if given a compact territory and accordingly, on March 25th, 1898, Hillsdale Township was incorporated by an act of the State Legislature, comprising "All the territory between the Hackensack River on the east and Orvil Township (now Ho-Ho-Kus-Waldwick, etc.) on the west—between the Boroughs of Woodcliff Lake, Park Ridge and the New York state line on the north and the Borough of Westwood and an imaginary line due west, on the South."

The citizens adopted the name of "Hillsdale" after the name of Hillsdale School built in 1856 and the Railroad Station by the same name built in 1870. In 1906, "all the territory in Hillsdale Township east of Demarest Avenue-Cedar Lane and an imaginary line due north—and the north-east part of Westwood (then known as Eastwood)"—was formed into River Vale Township, leaving Hillsdale as it is today. On March 2nd, 1923—according to chapter 27, laws of 1923, an act incorporating the Borough of Hillsdale was passed by the State Legislature, and adopted by the vote of the citizens of the township on April 24th, 1923. The first Mayor and Council was elected on November 12th, 1923, and took office the same day.

According to record, the "prime movers" for the organization of Hillsdale Township were, Orrin S. Trall (later County Collector); John H. Riley (later Freeholder); A. C. Holdrum (State Assemblyman during this period); John F. Winters; David H. Demarest; Herndon Rohrs; and those who were elected in 1898 to form the first Official Family.

The adoption of the Borough form of Government in Hillsdale, was started by the then existing Civic Association in 1922, who canvassed the citizens and presented a petition to the Township Committee expressing the desire of most of the inhabitants that the town had out-grown its township method of government.

The Officers for the first Borough form of government were: Mayor, Henry J. Werner; Councilmen, G. G. Graf, W. W. Livengood, Frank Scott, M. Taradash, Harvey E. Hering and C. A. Lorentz; Collector-Treasurer, George W. Saul; Clerk, George M. Yates; Borough Engineer, H. G. Hering, Jr.; Assessor, John W. Kinmonth; Borough Bookkeeper, Elmer Parsils; Justice of the Peace, Fred E. Lee; Poormaster, Louis G. Meyer; Recorder, Albert W. Rawson; Constable, Frank L. Mead.

W. W. Banta was Township Clerk from 1898 through 1914
George M. Yates, 1915 through 1923 and Borough Clerk through 1924
Charles A. Lorentz in 1925 and Garrett A. Storms since January 1st, 1926.

Ernest Koester was Township Counsel 1898 through 1909 Luther A. Campbell in 1910 . . . Warren W. Westervelt, Jr., 1911 through 1921 Mackay and Mackay, represented by George W. Babcock from 1922, and later by him personally until his passing in 1945, when the present Borough Attorney, Charles Weleck, was appointed.

First Official Family



GEORGE H. SEAMAN



SANFORD BOGERT
Chairman



EDMUND L. GREENIN

Sanford Bogert, Chairman; George H. Seaman, Treasurer; and Edmund L. Greenin as Township Committeemen . . . William W. Banta, Clerk; Arthur J. Stever, Freeholder; Orrin S. Trall, Collector; John A. Storms, Assessor.

William P. Clerke, Henry C. Storms and William Ellen, Commissioners of Appeal . . . Garret H. Mead and John G. Ackerman, surveyors of the Highways . . . Charles J. Perry, Poormaster . . . James H. Demarest, Charles George and James G. Titus, Constables; and Cornelius DeVoe as Justice of the Peace.

The Chairmen or so-called "Mayors" of the Township from 1898 were as follows: Sanford Bogert, 1898-1902; Eugene E. Rich, 1903, 1904 and in 1906; Henry Brune, 1905; George W. Saul, 1907, 1908, 1913 through 1916, again in 1918; Franklin J. Myers, 1909; C. L. Van Wagon, 1910, 1911; A. Mohmking, 1912; Jenner R. Fast, 1917; Ralph H. Stever, 1919; James J. O'Brien, 1920; Leslie J. Forbes, 1921; A. H. Storms, 1922; Henry J. Werner, 1923.



ORRIN S. TRALL



WILLIAM W. BANTA



ERNEST KOESTER



JOHN A. STORMS



HENRY J. WERNER
1923 - 1925



EDMUND L. GREENIN
1926 - 27 — 1946 - 47

Mayors

of

Hillsdale

Since

1923



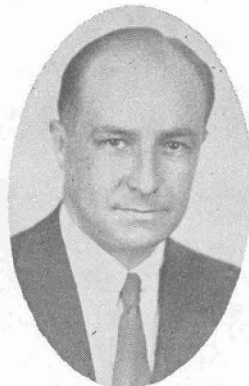
GEORGE M. YATES
1928 - 1929



WM. W. LIVENGOOD
1930 - 1931



JOHN G. HANSEN
1932 - 1939



JAMES A. TATEM
1948 -



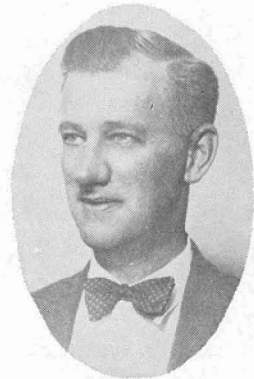
FRANK E. HAFEMANN
1940 - 1945



ELSIE M. HUBACHEK
Councilman



JAMES A. TATEM
Mayor



CHAS. W. HILLABRANT
Councilman



C. L. TOWNSEND, JR.
Councilman

Official

Family

Borough of

Hillsdale

1948



ADAM PECH
Councilman



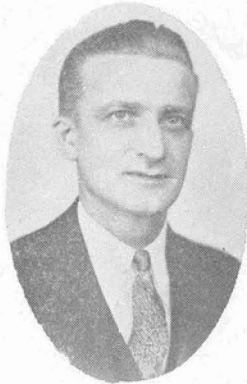
CARL R. ABBENSETH
Councilman



A. F. WESTERVELT
Councilman



CHARLES W. WELECK
Borough Attorney



GARRETT A. STORMS
Borough Clerk
Collector-Treasurer



MRS. EMILY BROEGLER
Secretary



ROBT. O. BENTLEY, JR.
Recorder



JOHN W. KINMONTH
Tax Assessor



JOHN KLEIN
Borough Auditor



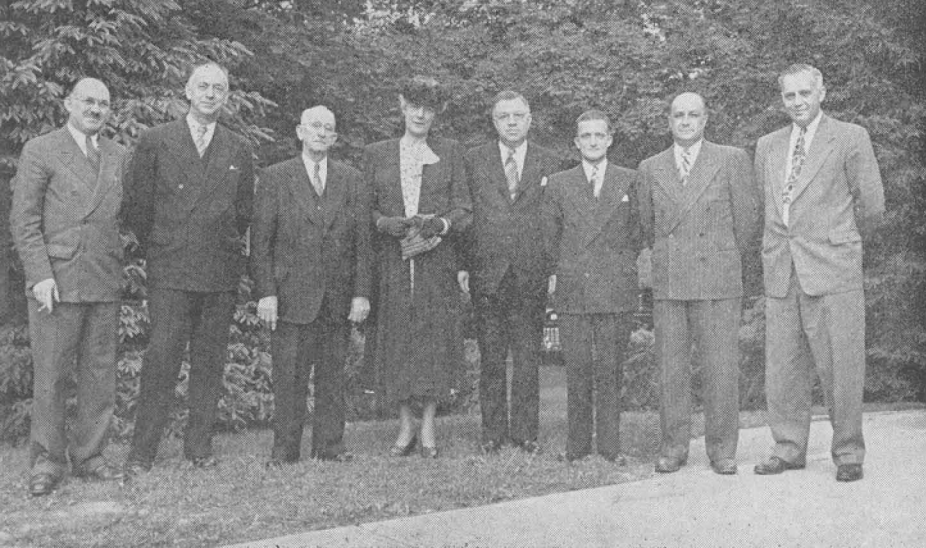
FRANK E. HARLEY
Borough Engineer



CHAS. S. WESTPHAL
Building Inspector



AXEL GUSTAFSON
Custodian



Borough Planning Board

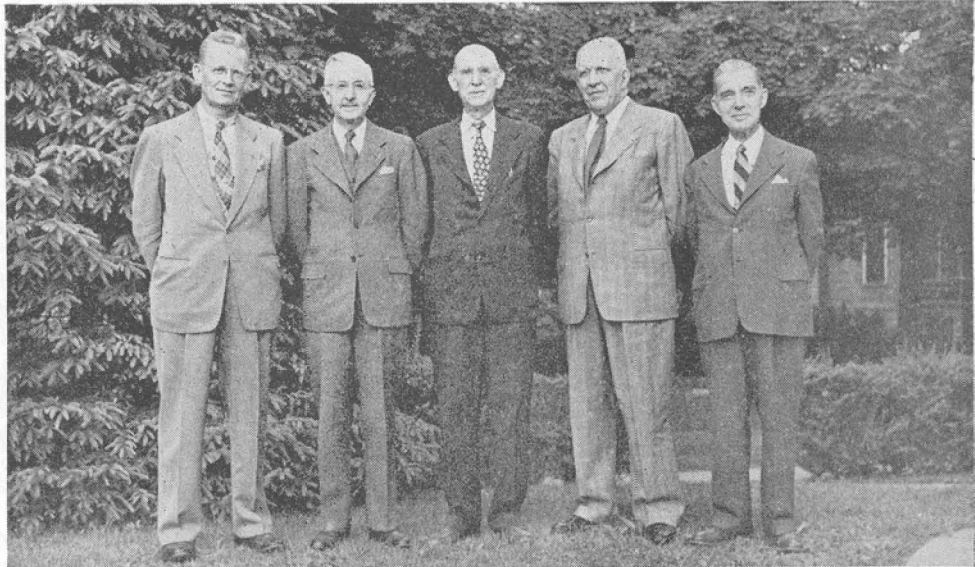
Left to Right:
 H. Randall, R. Jahelka,
 E. L. Greenin,
 Miss E. Hubachek,
 G. G. White, Chairman,
 G. A. Storms, Secretary,
 Mayor J. A. Tatem
 E. C. Kenyon,
 (Absent, C. DeBold)

First Planning Board
 appointed
 November 9th, 1927,
 consisted of
 W. W. Livengood,
 L. H. C. Geel,
 T. I. Haubner,
 H. J. Werner,
 F. Scott, R. H. Stever,
 J. G. Hansen,
 F. J. Myers.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Left to Right:
 W. Klees, H. Angell,
 L. H. C. Geel, Chairman
 H. C. Day, Secretary
 J. R. Fast

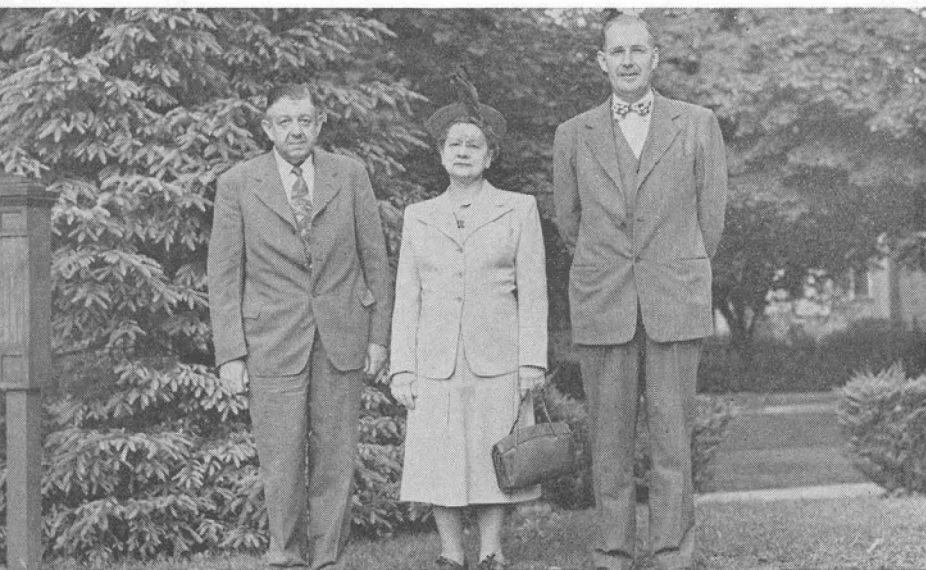
First Zoning Board of
 Adjustment appointed
 July 23rd, 1929, was
 J. G. Hansen,
 L. H. C. Geel,
 George Swartwout,
 Michael Higgins,
 Franklyn J. Meyers.



Shade Tree Commission

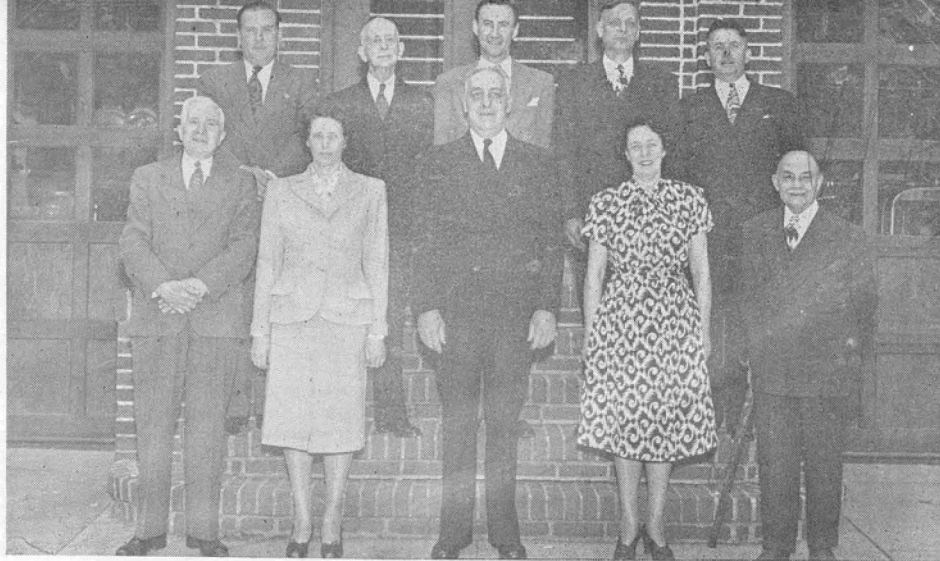
A. Scharf
 Mrs. E. Jahelka
 H. Drenning

First shade Tree
 Commission appointed
 April, 1931, was
 R. Lehman,
 Edgar Bergholtz
 Thomas Weston,
 R. Jahelka.

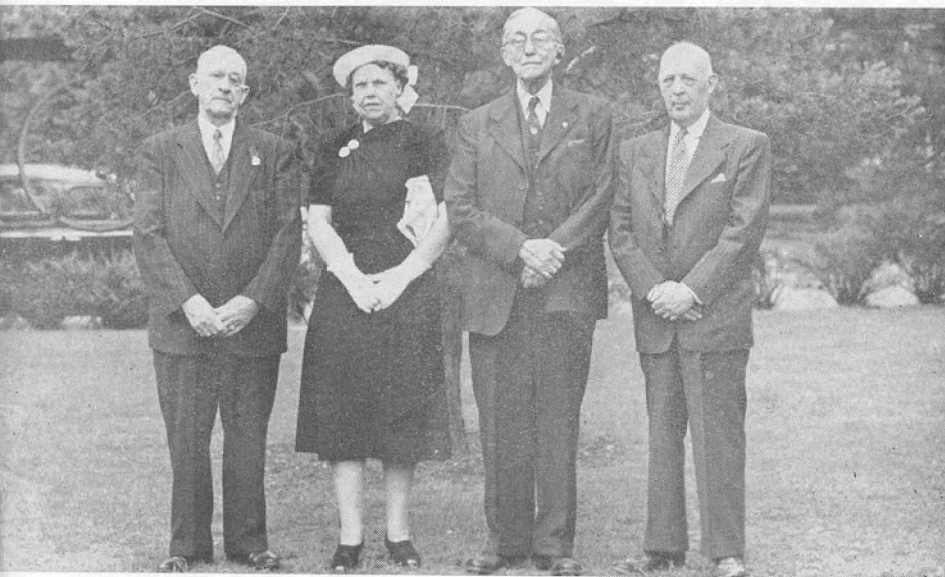


Board of Health

The First Board of Health was appointed at the Organization of the Borough in November, 1923, and consisted of Messrs. Ralph H. Stever, Dr. James Fox, Leslie J. Forbes, G. A. Storms, John Hartleib, Edward P. Davis and Reinhold Lehman. John W. Kinmonth has served since 1925 and Edward Roede since 1926. Mr. George Shaefer was the first health officer serving from January, 1917, until 1922.



Top Row: I. Matelusch; J. W. Kinmonth, Registrar; C. Heinz; L. Simon, Plumbing Inspector; W. Weaver.
Bottom Row: E. Roede, Secretary; Mrs. J. Conklin, Nurse; W. Ottignon, President; Mrs. Mae Phillips; C. Boudewyns, Health Officer.



E. L. Greenin, Member; Mrs. E. Gunther, Member-Secretary; T. I. Haubner, Welfare Director; C. L. Townsend, Member and Chairman.

Municipal Assistance Commission

The First Municipal Assistance Commission organized June 23rd, 1938, comprised the following:

William B. Terry, Member and Chairman,
Franklyn J. Meyers, Member

Mrs. Elsie Gunther, Member and Secretary

Theo. I. Haubner, Director of Welfare.

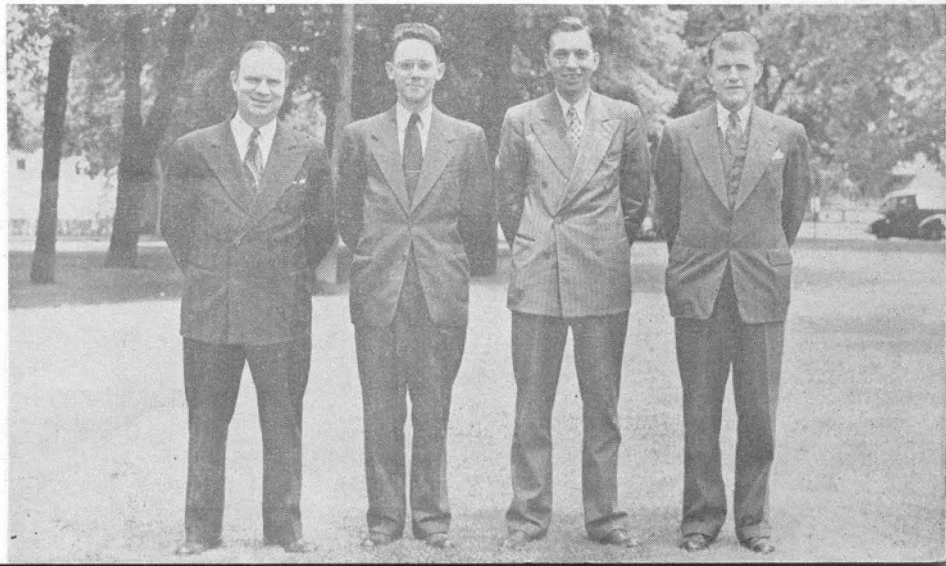
Parks and Playgrounds Commission

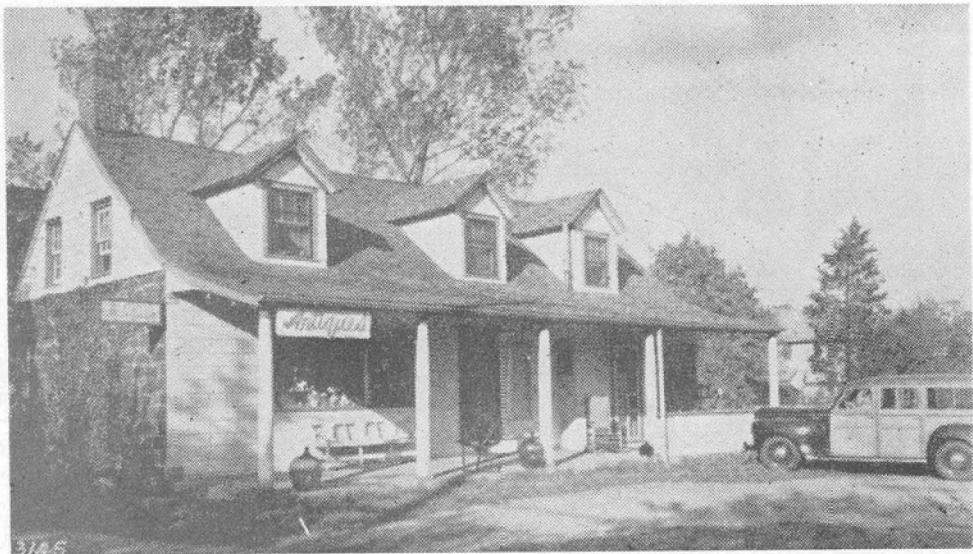
R. C. Appeld,
E. Arnesen,
G. Abelman, President,
J. E. Lohman, Secretary,
(Absent C. B. Gifford).

Parks and Playgrounds Commission organized on July 16th, 1945:

Geo. Abelman, President
J. Edw. Lohman, Vice-President
Wm. Van Tassel, Secretary

Other members were:
Edward Kenyon,
Donald Hasbrouck,
Harold H. Geise,
Edward Clark,
Walter Rosemund
Councilmen Jas. A. Tatem and Harry Gunther.

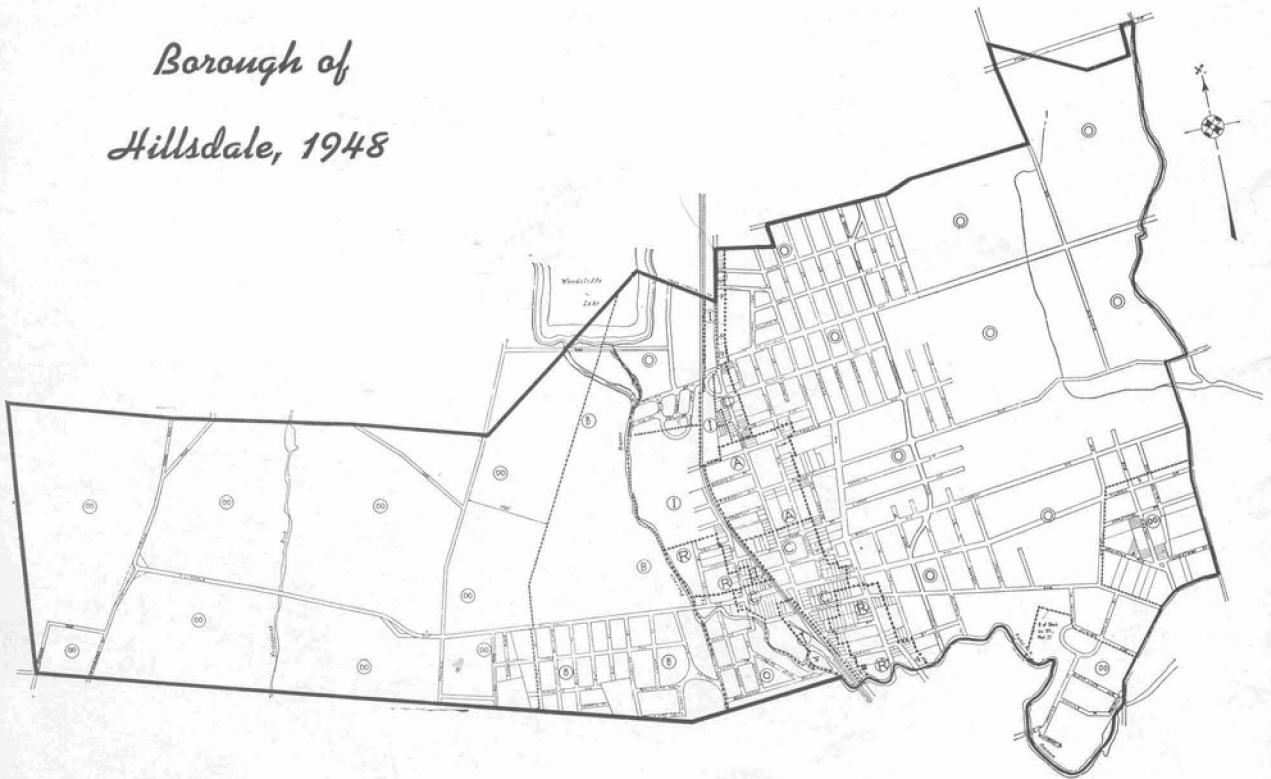




Said to be the oldest House in Hillsdale . . . Supposed to have been erected during Colonial Times. Now the Antique Shop of Mrs. M. Smith on Upper Broadway.

★ ★ ★

*Borough of
Hillsdale, 1948*





Election Day, March 15, 1900. A. C. Hering Store

Meeting Places

The Hillsdale Manor House (later the Lake View Inn) recently torn down was the scene of the first election held April 19th, 1898 and the subsequent township committee meetings beginning with April 25th, 1898 until March, 1899. From 1899 until March, 1901, the Township Committee met in a room over the store of Abram C. Hering (now Cala Bros. Building) on Broadway.

In March, 1901, returned to the Manor House until 1907 . . . From May 7th, 1907, until December, 1923, met in the Firemen's Hall . . . From December 4th, 1923, in the Council Room of the Old School Building until after the Borough acquired the present Borough Hall from the Exempt Firemen's Association in 1927, and held the first Borough Council meeting in the present quarters on December 11th, 1928.

Firemen's Hall — 1907

Borough Hall — 1948



Road Department
1948

W. Diefenbach, Foreman,
F. Raute,
F. Markle,



Roads and Highways

The oldest Roads in the Borough are said to be Pascack Road, Cedar Lane, Demarest Avenue, Washington Avenue, Werimus Road, Hillsdale Avenue (west of the Railroad), Broadway (formerly Summit and Railroad Avenue), Piermont Avenue and Magnolia Avenue between Piermont Avenue and Lawrence Street . . . (Land for Magnolia Avenue donated to the citizens about 1850 by David Patterson.)

The first Act of the newly organized Township Committee in 1898, after establishing the Hillsdale tax rate, was to set up the Township into three road districts, and they fixed the rate for road work at one dollar and twenty-five cents for nine hours' work; four dollars a day (nine hours) for one man and a team of horses. Each Committeeman had charge of a district: G. Seaman, the River Vale District; S. Bogert, all west of the Pascack Creek Bridge on Hillsdale Avenue; and E. L. Greenin, roads in the Township proper.



Road Department
in Action —
Spring 1899

Railroad and Summit Avenues changed by Ordinance in April, 1923, to be called Broadway, were the first streets to have macadam laid in 1902.

It was voted at a Special Election in 1907 to issue \$30,000 worth of bonds to macadamize all accepted streets; this was supplemented in 1908 with \$15,000 as a result of another special election. The registry list showed 240 eligible to vote—232 voted favorably, proving the citizens were resolved to have good roads.

State Aid was secured in the like above two amounts and the large program put into effect. In 1910, the County Freeholders replaced the Iron Bridge on Railroad Avenue (now Broadway) and as petitioned by the Township Committee—placed same to connect Hillsdale with Westwood via Robeson Street in Hillsdale and Hopper Street in Westwood—(Eastern Highway in 1929 and Kinderkamack Road since 1931).

The following year twenty-six trees were removed and the approach from the Hillsdale side built—in 1912 the approach was washed out by a flood and a new approach constructed from fill removed from the cutting through of Stockton Street beyond Washington Avenue. The Patterson Street bridge over the Pascack was built by the County in 1925.

Work was started on the Glenbrook Park Streets in 1926 and not completed until after 1928, due to the litigation arising prior to 1926 in the unsuccessful effort to have water mains laid in this part of the Borough.

The first assigned Road Department in 1925 was Mr. Axel Gustafson, and his equipment consisted of a wheelbarrow and other hand tools.

Our present Foreman of the Road Department, Mr. William Diefenbach entered the services of the Road Department in March, 1929.

Broadway — Looking North from Washington Avenue (Hemme's Corner), early 1900's



Parks

The present park sites in down-town Hillsdale, were donated to the citizens in 1871 by David P. Patterson.

A public mass meeting held in the Manor House, Saturday afternoon, April 7th, 1900, resulted in a petition being presented to the township committee authorizing them to spend the sum of \$200 to improve the "Park". Plants, flowers and trees were planted in the Park in 1908, and William Hozenhaler was regularly assigned Park Caretaker in 1921. This work is now assigned the Road Department.

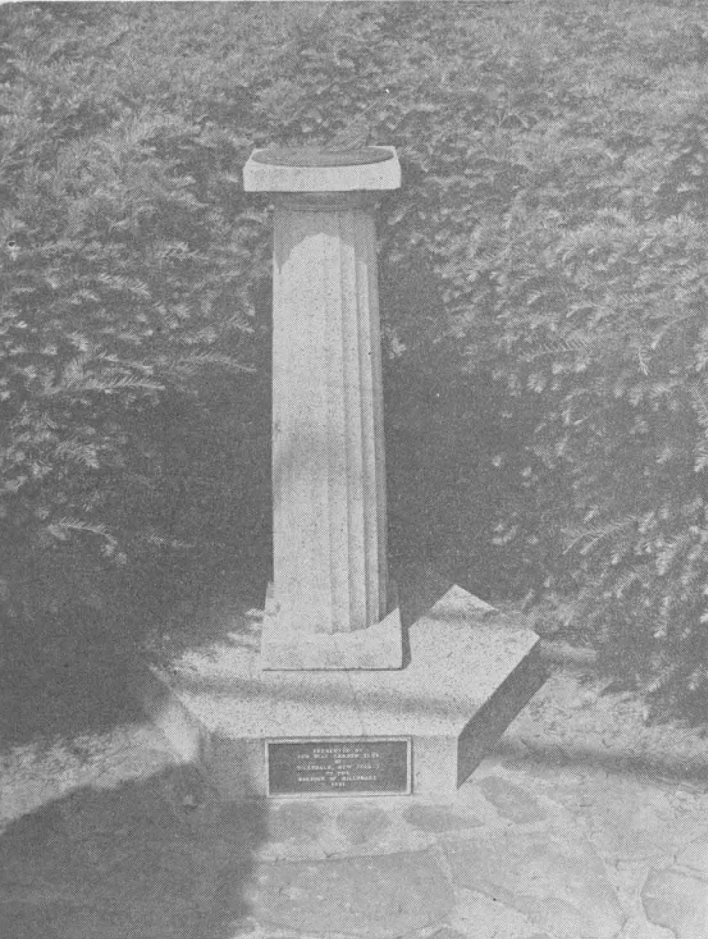
In 1921, a flag pole was purchased by the Township and set up in Memorial Park by a group of citizens.

An Honor Roll Committee was appointed in the latter part of 1921 to honor World War I Servicemen. A large boulder was brought to Hillsdale on a flat car, and in attempting to transfer same to the Memorial Park, the boulder broke away and fell to the ground. After several mass meetings, the citizens decided that the cost of raising the boulder and moving it to the Memorial Park was prohibitive. It remains still today where it fell. By a special election held in March, 1922, it was decided to erect the present Granite Memorial.

Assisting in beautifying the Park up to the summer of 1925 was the then existing Civic Association. This Civic Association, upon dissolving during July, 1925, presented to the Mayor and Council "a check for \$231.50, being the balance on hand in cash," when the same disbanded, with the request "the money be used for the beautification of Borough Parks."

Site of Present Park, early 1900's — (Hillsdale House now the Smith Department Store in Background)

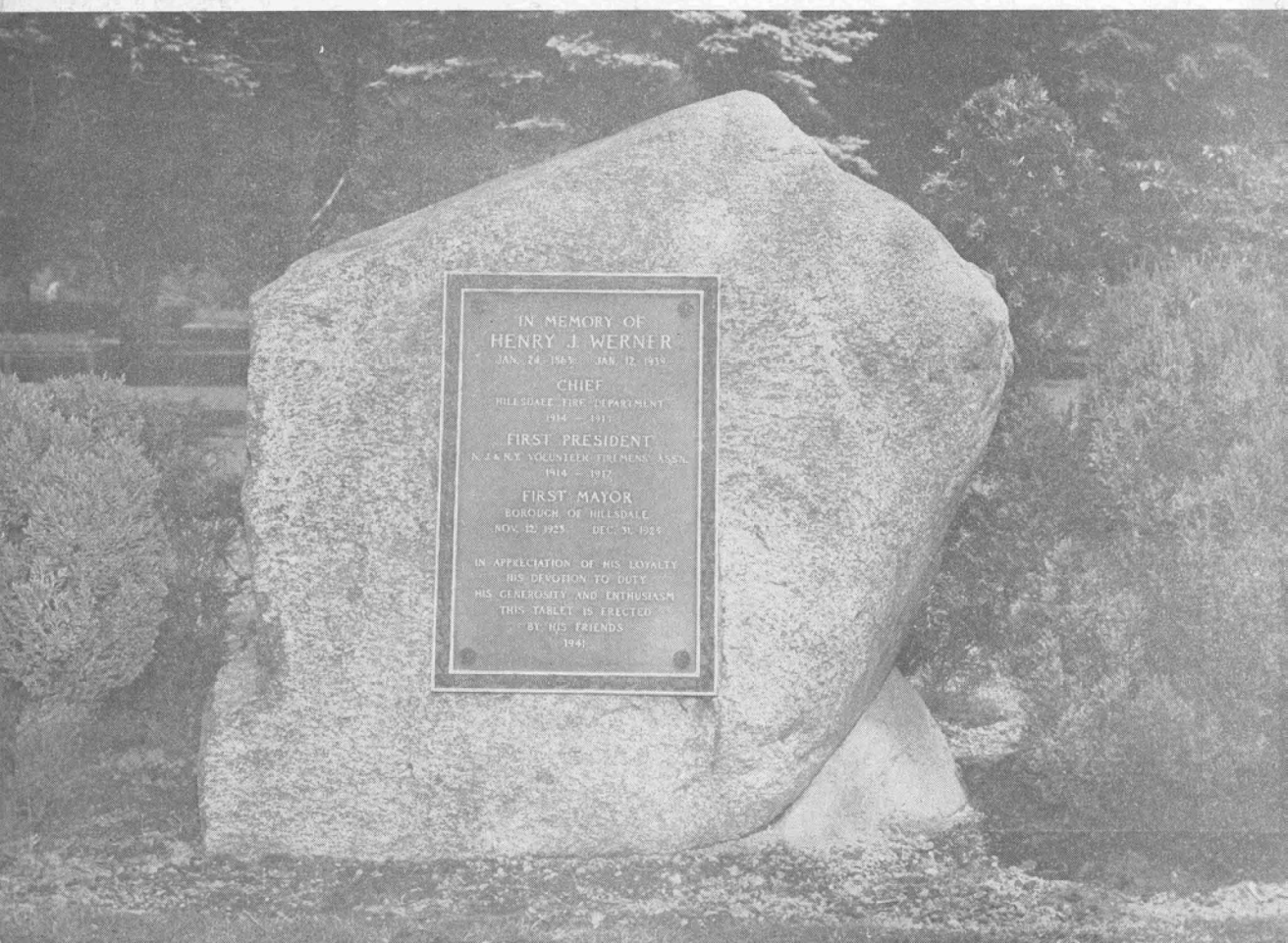


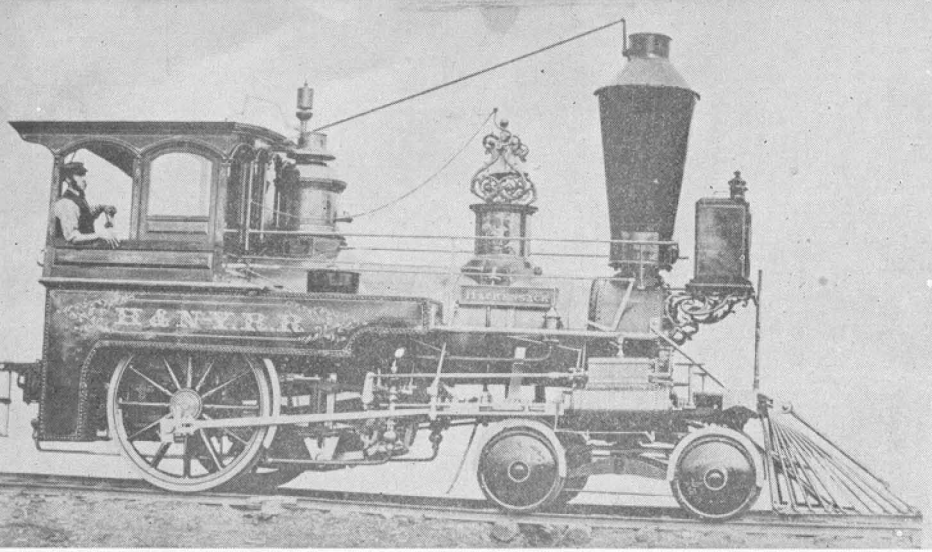


Sun Dial — In Park



Henry J. Werner Memorial in Park

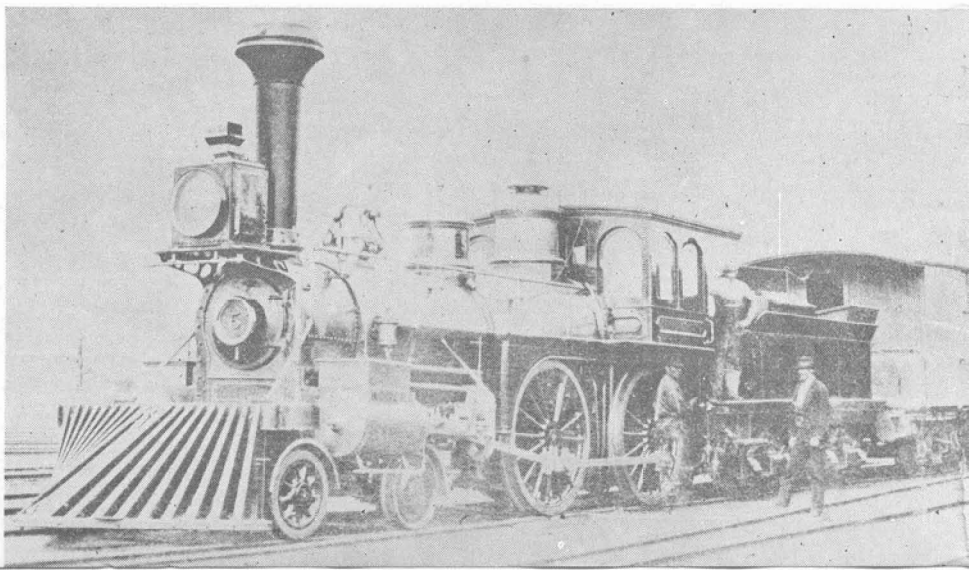




*First Wood-
Burning Locomotive*

Railroads

On March 14th, 1856, a charter was granted by the New Jersey State Legislature incorporating the Hackensack and New York Railroad Company, and construction commenced in the Spring of 1869. On Christmas day, 1869, the first engine crossed what is now Hillsdale Avenue. The little Railroad, twenty-one miles long, from the junction with the Erie Railway south of Carlstadt to a point just west of Hillsdale Avenue, had its Terminus at Hillsdale. There were six houses within a half mile radius of Hillsdale Station, when the line was formally opened to public use on Saturday, March 4th, 1870. The officers of the Railroad included David P. Patterson, President, and Henry G. Hering, 1st, Secretary (both of Hillsdale). John Alfred Storms was first Station Agent when the station was erected. Equipment consisted of wooden, open-platform cars for passengers. Oil lamps hung from the ceiling and wood-burning stoves were placed at each end of the cars for heating. One might keep warm provided one got a seat relatively near the stove in cold weather. These cars were painted yellow and lettered in black on the sides. The first engines, built in Paterson, were woodburners and were kept in service until 1879. Coal-burning engines came into use in 1874 with one engine being numbered #2 with the name "Hillsdale" on its sides. The Line from Hillsdale to Haverstraw was built after 1870 and known as the "Hackensack and New York Extension Railroad." It was consolidated with the original line in 1873 and called the New Jersey & New York Railroad Co.



*Coal-Burning
Locomotive —
Vintage 1874*



*Railroad Station
Early 1900's*

The New Jersey & New York Railroad in turn, was leased to the Erie Railroad in 1896. A copy of the 1879 "Time Table" shows five round trips between Jersey City and beyond Hillsdale, as well as one round trip of a scheduled freight train between Jersey City and Hillsdale. The fare, Hillsdale to New York, is listed as seventy-five cents—commutation \$14.50 per month.

In 1898 when Hillsdale Township was created—the Superintendent of the Railroad was J. S. Drake, who resided at what is now the corner of Broadway and Harrington Street. The Engine Roundhouse and Car Shops were located in Hillsdale, and Rubin W. Jepson of Hillsdale was Superintendent of Motive Power, and L. B. Van Wagonen of Hillsdale, was Superintendent of the Car Shops. The Engine Coaling Station was also located in Hillsdale, as was the turn table and the present Water Tank.

With the engines being parked at Hillsdale when not in use, the town had one of the best fire alarms in the County. Upon discovery of a fire in town, all the engines' whistles were blown and the noise was said to be something out of this world. (Old-timers recalling the Blizzard of 1888, state that drifting snow had filled the small cut between Hillsdale and the Manor, to a depth of twelve or more feet and an engine with 12 ballast cars, in trying to break through piled the snow so high it lifted the engineer's cab from the engine.)

The room over the Hillsdale Station, originally the Superintendent's office, later provided the meeting place for the Fire Association, Improvement Society, also Services of the Episcopal Church. Various Political Organizations met here. Later it was turned into a Real Estate and Insurance Office.

William F. Bartz of Washington Avenue, is the present Station Agent.

*Hillsdale Manor
Station, Recently
Demolished*



Hillsdale Manor Station

Utilities and Transportation

The first franchise relative to electric lighting and erection of poles and wires in the Township was granted the Union Electric Company on May 19th, 1900, through the proposal made by Genest M. Ottignon, three months prior to this date. The following year, in February, a franchise was granted to the Bergen County Gas & Electric Company (former Union Electric Co.)—both fore-runners of the present Utility Company—to lay gas mains and erect electric lines through the Township. An appropriation of \$200 was voted in 1902 “for the electric lighting of public streets, to replace the oil lamps, 32 candlepower lights to be placed on various streets in the Township.” There are at present 293 street lights in the Borough—mostly 100 candlepower.

On May 7th, 1900, a franchise was granted the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company to erect poles and string wires throughout the Township—later taken over by the New York Telephone Company, and at present the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company. The first telephone was installed in the home of Thomas Clinton Demarest on Summit Avenue (Broadway) supervised by E. L. Greenin. There are 1,060 telephones listed in Hillsdale today.

In 1903, Edmund L. Greenin was appointed a Committee of one to secure water for the Township, and on September 9th of the same year, a water franchise was granted the Hackensack Water Company. The Township got two miles of water mains and twenty-four fire hydrants.

Today, Hillsdale has 16.4 miles of water mains and 116 fire hydrants.

After the Bus Ordinance was adopted September 3rd, 1924, the first bus to operate in Hillsdale was a line running from Paterson to Hillsdale station and return via Pascack Road and Hillsdale Avenue, owned by the Avolia Transportation Company of Paterson, on September 15th, 1924. The following November 3rd, a franchise was granted the Park Ridge Transportation Company to operate two busses through Hillsdale via Broadway (between Pearl River and Westwood).

In January, 1927, a franchise was granted the Spring Valley Bus Company to run five busses through Hillsdale (Spring Valley to Jersey City).

The existing bus service is provided by the Rockland Coaches Incorporated, and consists of three buses in each direction per hour, between Spring Valley and New York City, except during the commuter hours, and a like local service between Pearl River and Westwood.

The A. J. Tiedeman Bus Line between Westwood and Ridgewood via Hillsdale operates one bus in each direction hourly.

Taxi service has been provided in Hillsdale by Mr. Tiedeman the past twenty-seven years.



Post Office 1948

- C. Fulmer, Mrs. L. Unger,
 J. Snow, Postmaster
 H. Stieh, H. Orfini,
 B. Netrada, A. Fromm,
 H. Pisacano, A. Zicker.

Post Office

Prior to March, 1870, mail was brought once a week to the tavern of Peter A. Jersey in Pascack (Woodcliff Lake). After this date, when the Railroad entered Hillsdale, mail was delivered to the Post Office once a day. Mr. Henry G. Hering, 1st, storekeeper of what is now the Leddy Building, was the first Postmaster, and as such he received the grand salary of twelve dollars per year.

(Mr. Hering, the First, is one of the legendary figures of our town. During his career, besides his other duties including storekeeper, secretary of the Railroad, Postmaster, Stationmaster, he was a Civil Engineer and Surveyor; also Township Clerk before Hillsdale was established. He surveyed and laid out most of the principal roads in the County. Just prior to the entry of the Railroad, he served a term as State Assemblyman, and from 1881 to 1886 served as Under Sheriff of Bergen County. He was a school teacher, farmer, Supervisor for Washington Township and Tax Assessor, all before Hillsdale was created. He owned and developed most of Hillsdale Manor, under the title of the Hillsdale Improvement Company).

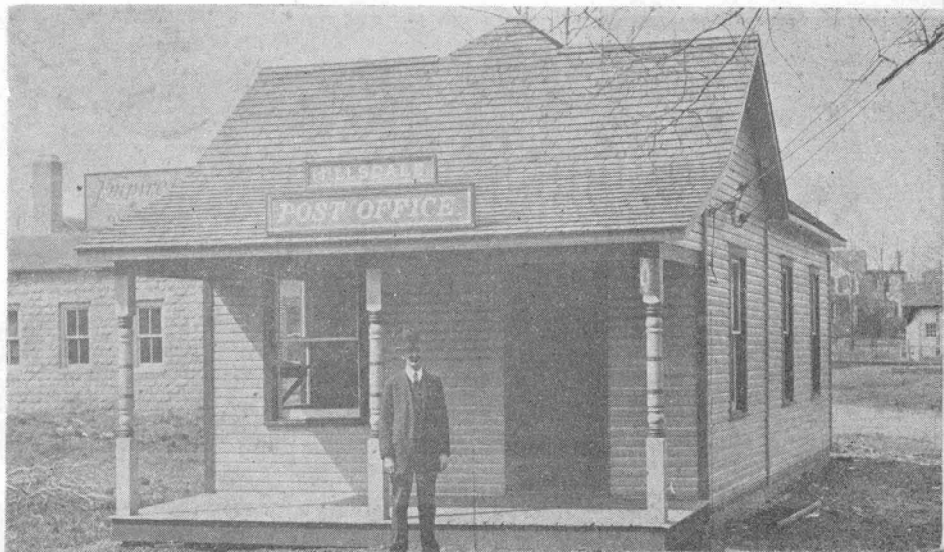
Mr. W. W. Banta, Principal of the School, then took over the job as Postmaster, followed by John W. Kinmonth, who moved it to his store on Broadway (now Cala Bros. Building). When Hillsdale Township was created, we find the Post Office back in the store then owned by John F. Winters (present Leddy Building), and he as Postmaster. In 1913 John W. Kinmonth again became Postmaster and a wood frame Post Office building was erected.

Messrs. J. Quinn, Charles Riley, John W. Barnett, and John S. Haines then followed. During the term of Mr. Barnett the postoffice was moved to a store in the Fedden Building. During the term of Mr. Haines, Mail Delivery Service was inaugurated, and later the postoffice was moved to its present location at 98 Broadway. Mr. John V. Snow is the present Postmaster.

First Post Office Building with John W. Kinmonth, Postmaster



H. G. HERING, I



Police Department

Law and order in the Township prior to February 4th, 1908, was maintained by the Constables duly elected each year . . . (On May 6th, 1901, the Township Clerk was authorized to purchase a pair of handcuffs for the Constable and again June 2nd, 1902, to purchase a second pair) . . . On June 4th, 1900, an ordinance "Prohibiting bicycle riding on the paths upon the Roadsides" was adopted . . . On May 5th, 1902, the speed limit was set at "Eight miles per hour through the Township for motorcycles, autos and bicycles" and on July 2nd, 1906, the Constables were ordered to enforce the auto laws of the State.

On February 4th, 1908, Messrs. A. W. Rawson and Christian Dies were appointed "Special Officers" to assist the Constables. They served until July, 1913.

On September 10th, 1912, the Bergen County Detective Association (later The New Jersey Rangers Detective Association) came into being and did various police work until the last recording as of June 6th, 1921. This Association maintained its headquarters on Summit Avenue (Broadway), Hillsdale, and consisted at one time of twenty persons (known as "Pursuers"). Albert W. Rawson was Agent; Alpheus E. Rawson, Robert Y. Hitt, Christian Dies and Harold M. Dean, all of Hillsdale, were Trustees.

C. E. McCleary Leads a Parade in 1913, followed by T. I. Haubner's Fife & Drum Corps and Fire Department





Hillsdale Police Department — 1948 — F. Scott, J. Greve, Chief R. Frank Stoeckel, G. Schmidt

The first "Uniformed Special Police Officer" in the Township was Charles E. McCleary, who was appointed on July 7th, 1913, at the grand remuneration of five dollars per week. He served until the summer of 1915, after which various citizens were appointed from time to time until 1921 to act as "Special Police Officers".

In May, 1917, John G. Ackerman was appointed the first "Recorder" for the term of three years and fifty dollars per annum. He resigned in June, and Mr. Theodore I. Haubner was appointed to complete the term.

In January, 1921, eleven Special Police Officers were sworn in, with John Hartleib designated as "Acting Chief"; Harvey E. Hering, Acting First Assistant Chief; and Benjamin Westphal, Acting Second Assistant Chief. The Township purchased badges and clubs for their use and the Acting Chief was directed to submit monthly reports to the Township Committee. Mr. Hartleib resigned in June and Mr. H. E. Hering was appointed in his place. Mr. Fred Walker took over as Acting Chief in 1922 and continued until April 11th, 1923, when the Special Police force was disbanded by the Township and Michael W. Dolinski appointed as full time "Special Police Officer" with the salary of \$125 per month. (Mr. Dolinski resigned in March, 1925). On May 15th, 1923, the Township Committee resolved "that John Wolfangel be employed as Special Officer in the absence of regular Special Police Officer Dolinski, or at such times as the Police Commissioner may require additional police service."

Leroy Unger was appointed to the Special Police Force in January, 1925, Lawrence J. Foley in 1926, and Alpheus Rawson and James A. Holland the following year.

A Police Ordinance was adopted and put into force on July 13th, 1928. Lawrence J. Foley was appointed regular Chief of Police; James A. Holland and William F. Bulach, as Patrolmen. Mr. Bulach was later appointed Chief and was followed by H. P. N. Koelsch as Chief. Julius Beissbarth and Charles Naden also served, as Patrolmen.

The Police Booth was donated to the Borough by the then existing Board of Trade on Christmas day, 1925. The first Traffic Lights were provided at the Booth in April, 1926, and on corners of Hillsdale Avenue and Broadway in July, 1927.

The first Police Auto was purchased in 1926.

The present Police Headquarters in the Borough Hall was located and furnished in January, 1931.

Hillsdale Fire Department in Action — 1915



Fire Department

In March, 1902, a group of fourteen citizens, namely: Cynric C. Davis, Sr., Thomas C. Demarest, Orrin S. Trall, John H. Riley, Louis C. Meyer, Harry B. Kinmonth, Al. D. Hogenkamp, H. A. Hering, Henry G. Hering, Jr., John H. Westphal, George W. Saul, Harry C. Robinson, J. Wilbur Banta, and Edmund L. Greenin, met in the store of T. C. Demarest (now Cala Bros. Building on Broadway) to discuss ways and means of combating fires and minimizing the fire menace.

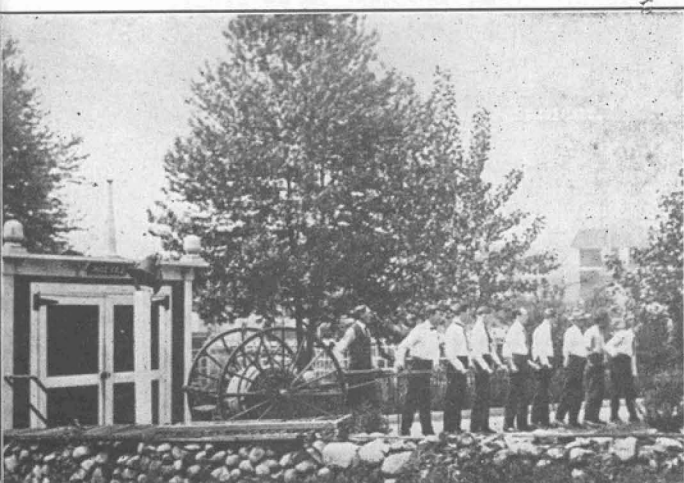
The following month, April, 1902, the Hillsdale Fire Association had its formal beginning in the room over the Hillsdale Railroad Station. The following officers were elected: John H. Riley, President; J. W. Banta, Recording Secretary; E. F. Taylor, Financial Secretary; O. S. Trall, Treasurer; William Neuberg, Franklin J. Myers, John G. Ackerman, as Trustees; Thomas C. Demarest, Foreman; and Henry A. Hering, Assistant Foreman.

The Association was incorporated the following year, 1903, and remained in being until dissolved in 1925.

In March, 1912, by resolution regularly approved by the Association, an active "Fire Department" was created, "its membership to consist of those in the Association who desired to do active service and become Active Firemen." Chas. E. McCleary was Chief. Others interested in the Fire Association remained as Social Members.

Until March 20th, 1914, the Fire Association was an independent organization. On this date a resolution of recognition was spread on the records of the Township, and the Hillsdale Fire Association designated the "Bona-fide Official Fire Department of the Township of Hillsdale." Henry J. Werner was Chief.

On December 10th, 1912, the Township Committee had recognized Hillsdale Hose Company No. 2. In 1919 this company merged with Hose Company No. 1 of the Association, and the equipment of Hose Co. No. 2, including a hand drawn fire apparatus plus 625 feet of hose, was donated to the Township in April, 1923.



*Hillsdale
Hose Company No. 2,
organized in 1912 by
C. V. Shuttleworth*



Hillsdale Fire Department — 1948

On March 14th, 1917, the Township recognized thirty-five citizens as members of the Hillsdale Fire Patrol, and they were vested "with authority to act as Fire Patrol with rights to arrest any person who attempts to hinder the rules and regulations of the Fire Department or the laws of the state of New Jersey, at a fire only."

On July 8th, 1921, under Chief A. Bachman, Ordinance 45 was adopted by the Township, which established the Hillsdale Fire Department and "the same to consist of the Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, Hose Company No. 1" and the Fire Patrol was designated as "Chemical Company No. 1" . . . on August 9th, 1926, Chemical Company No. 1 amalgamated with the Hook & Ladder Company. From February 1st, 1922, until August, 1926, the three companies; and since August, 1926, the existing two companies have operated on a Department basis under control of the Board of Fire Officers, as directed by the Fire Ordinances. J. E. Butenschon, Sr., was Chief in 1922.

The First Fair held by the Fire Association, from August 9th to 16th, 1902, with the assistance of the Ladies, enabled the purchase of an equipped hose reel and pump (called a "Jumper") and a building to house it. Before the erection of Fire Alarm Gongs, the tolling of the Methodist Church Bell or continued whistle blowing of railroad engines summoned the firemen to their quarters, from whence they pulled their apparatus to the fire by means of ropes. On arrival at the scene, a convenient water hole or the like was sought, the suction hose dropped in, and after much pumping, a thin stream of water was the reward; if insufficient hose, a bucket brigade was formed. Through continued affairs

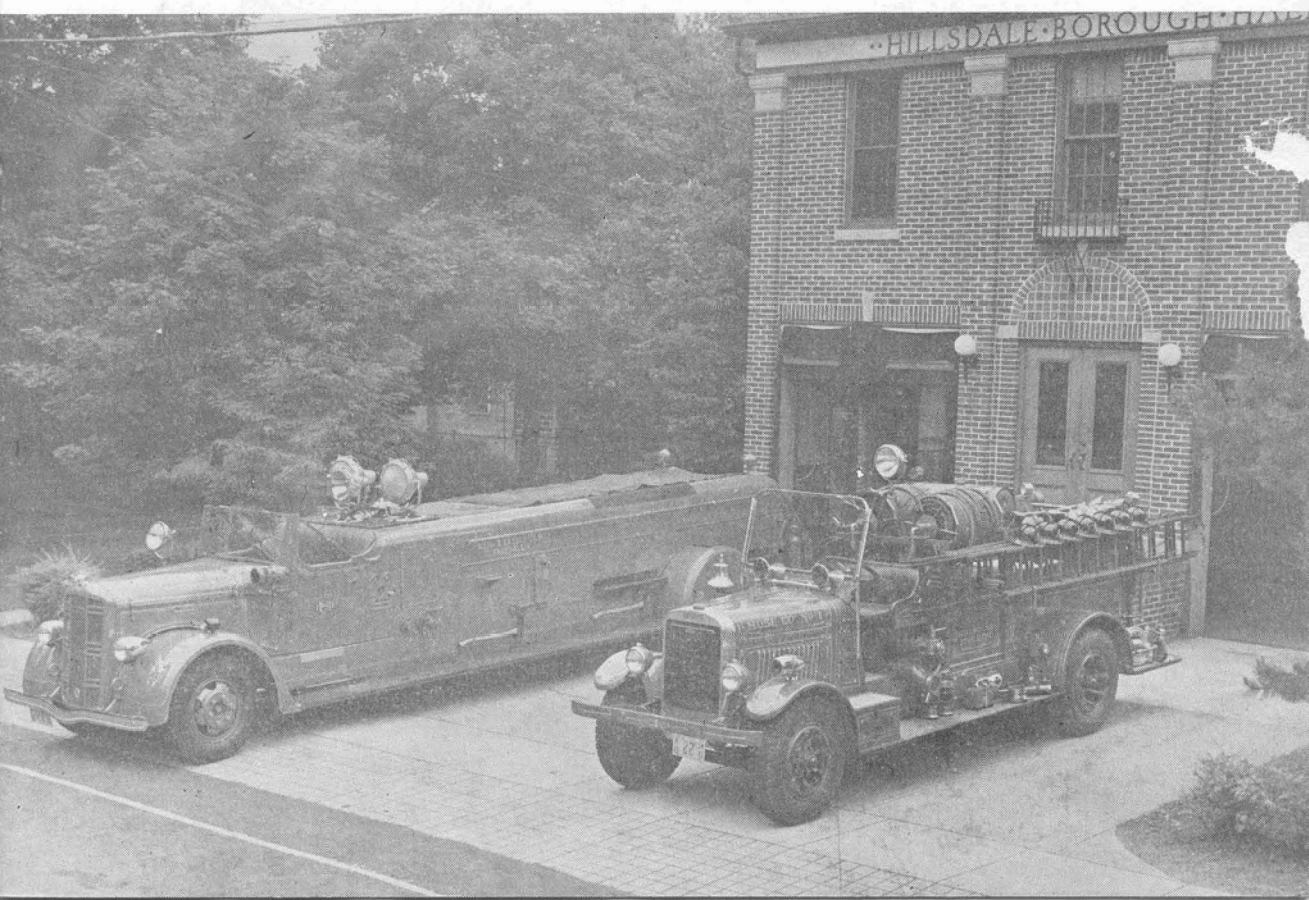
and by subscriptions in the form of script, the Association was able to secure horse drawn apparatus and also was able to build the present Fire Headquarters in 1906, mostly through the efforts of John H. Westphal, H. A. Hering, Cynric C. Davis, John W. Kinmonth and George Saul. (The building was remodeled by the Borough in 1928).

E. L. Greenin became the first assigned driver of horse drawn Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, carrying a 40 foot ladder and an undetermined amount of hose. Horses were rented from Mr. Calvin Gardinier's Stables located on Park Street and the response to an alarm was the signal for much activity getting the horses to Fire Headquarters. The following year a horse drawn hose cart was secured and fitted out.

During 1914, the Association purchased a Mathieson automobile, fitted it out and called it Hose Company No. 1, replacing the horse drawn vehicle.

During 1918, the Township replaced the Mathieson with an Alco Six auto which was made the Hose Truck and equipped the Mathieson as a Chemical apparatus; the Active Fire Department and the Fire Association raised a sufficient sum of money by subscription to purchase a Stutz Chassis and the Township purchased a two ton Smith Universal Truck, which was attached to the Stutz

Hillsdale Fire Fighting Equipment — 1948



Chassis and thus made a Hook & Ladder Truck, retiring the horse drawn affair. (Most of the work of equipping this truck was done by the firemen.) On July 8th, 1921, the Hook & Ladder and the Chemical apparatus were donated to the Township by the Fire Association.

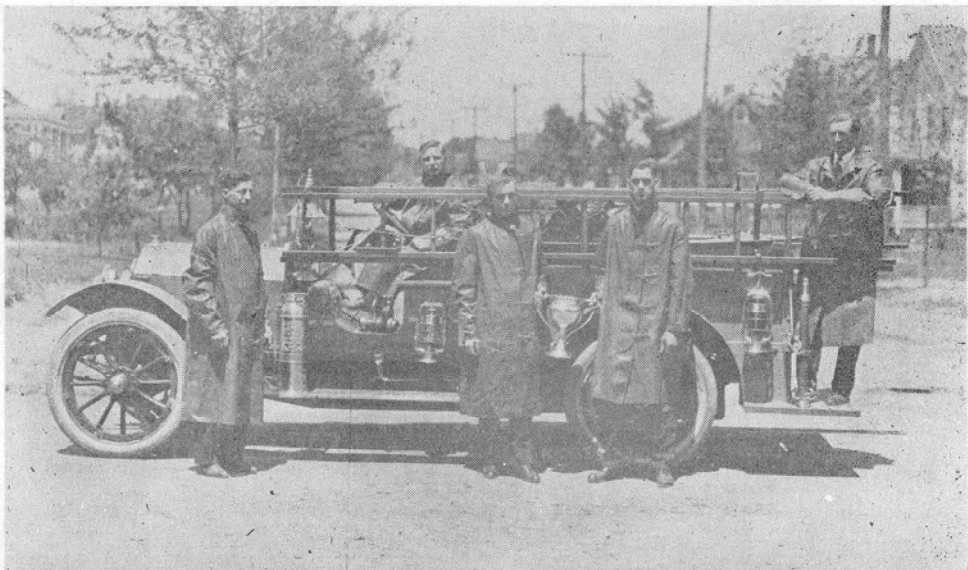
In April, 1926, the Borough purchased a Mack combination Hook & Ladder Truck, which was replaced in 1941 by the present Ward LaFrance Cities Service Truck (Hook & Ladder Company No. 1).

The present Sanford Pumper and Hose Truck was purchased by the Borough in March, 1929.

Since 1915, the Hillsdale Fire Department has won various first prizes and other awards in hose-laying, ladder contests—also best appearing in line of march at Parades . . . (on September 18th, 1915, at the Ho-Ho-Kus Fair Grounds, from a running start, on a quarter-mile stretch, 150 feet of hose was coupled to a hydrant, nozzle attached, and all ready for action in 41 seconds, a new world record, but this was topped by the Hillsdale firemen in a like contest in 1916 by four seconds. This record of 37 seconds will stand for a long time in the annals of hose-laying contests. On November 9th, 1931, at the State Firemen's Home at Boonton, in a ladder climbing contest, Albert Westervelt won first prize, making the fast time of 8¼ seconds climbing a 25 foot ladder after a 100 foot running start) . . . A visit to fire headquarters will disclose two glass cabinets containing quite a few trophies won by the Hillsdale Fire Department—also the Ladies' Auxiliaries and Exempt Firemen's Association.

The Hillsdale Fire Department was instrumental in beginning the Welfare Committee during the depression, handling this phase from 1929 until the fall of 1932.

First Automotive Hose Truck with Trophy — 1915



The Hillsdale Fire Department has been a member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association since 1916, a charter member of the New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, which was conceived in Hillsdale in 1915 (H. J. Werner was the first President)—also a charter member of the Pascack Valley Firemen's Association since its inception in 1945 (Oscar Bartalot of Hillsdale is President for 1948).

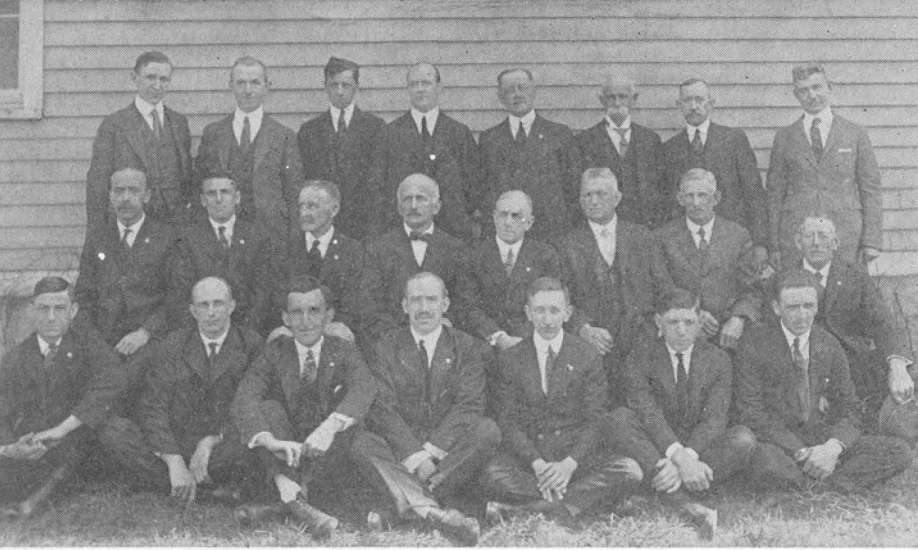
The records of the Fire Association between 1902 and 1909 are incomplete, but since 1909 the Presidents of the Fire Association were as follows: P. W. Fluhr, George Saul, H. G. Hering, 2nd., Fred C. Walker, L. J. Forbes, Theo. I. Haubner (organized the Fire Patrol), J. G. Hansen, L. H. C. Geel and Harvey E. Hering.

The Fire Chiefs since 1909 have been:

<i>C. Steinhauer</i> , 1909	<i>August Graf</i> , 1930
<i>John Westphal</i> , 1910-1911	<i>W. Diefenbach</i> , 1931
<i>Chas. E. McCleary</i> , 1912-1913	<i>W. Ottignon</i> , 1932
<i>H. J. Werner</i> , 1914 - until June, 1915	<i>A. Westervelt</i> , 1933
<i>Chris Deis</i> , June, 1915 - Dec. 31, 1915	<i>Edw. Broegler</i> , 1934
<i>F. L. Mead</i> , 1916	<i>Geo. Zengerle</i> , 1935
<i>J. Schlotterbeck</i> , 1917	<i>Louis Bartalot</i> , 1936
<i>C. C. Rickle</i> , 1918-1919	<i>William Weaver</i> , 1937
<i>C. V. Shuttleworth</i> , 1920	<i>Martin Schaefer</i> , 1938
<i>A. Bachman</i> , 1921	<i>E. O. Phillips</i> , 1939
<i>J. E. Butenschon</i> , 1922	<i>C. S. Westphal</i> , 1940
<i>Walter Hering</i> , 1923	<i>B. Margolies</i> , 1941
<i>Edw. Roede</i> , 1924	<i>W. J. Rawson</i> , 1942
<i>Fred Beneway, Sr.</i> , 1925	<i>R. C. Appeld</i> , 1943
<i>George Gosman</i> , 1926	<i>William Pitt</i> , 1944
<i>F. E. DeBaun</i> , 1927	<i>F. D. Whalen</i> , 1945
<i>W. A. Farley</i> , 1928	<i>Oscar Bartalot</i> , 1946
<i>Jacob Ackerman</i> , 1929	<i>H. G. Hering III</i> , 1947
	<i>R. S. Rawson</i> , 1948

Firemen's Band Association

Hillsdale Firemen's Band Association, Inc., organized April 7, 1948, and incorporated the same month, at present consists of twenty-six players. This Band Association, being patronized by the Hillsdale Fire Department, has the following officers: Oscar Bartalot, President; Martin Schaefer, Treasurer; Albert Loschman, Vice-President; and the following Trustees: John Markert, Albert Sampson, Francis Whalen and Wilbur Ottignon. R. C. Appeld is Secretary and Agent.



*Hillsdale Exempt
Firemen's Association
1918*

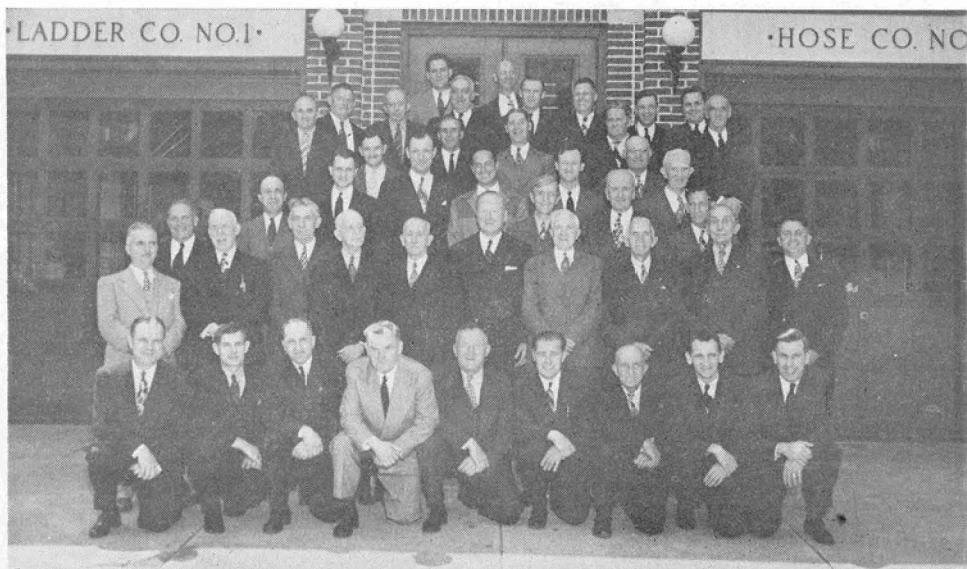
Exempt Firemen's Association

A Volunteer Fireman making sixty percent of the calls for each of seven years is entitled to exemption. He may still continue in active fire service as long as he is capable, as most do. An exempt Fireman receives the full benefit of a Burial Fund. In order to assist in maintaining this Fund and to provide fellowship for retired Exempt Firemen as provided by law, the Hillsdale Exempt Firemen's Association was organized on September 23rd, 1918.

The first Officers were: T. C. Demarest, President; H. J. Werner, Vice-President; L. J. Forbes, Secretary; Harvey E. Hering, Treasurer; J. G. Ackerman, George W. Saul, and L. C. Meyer, Trustees.

The officers elected in 1948 are: William Diefenbach, President; C. S. Westphal, Vice-President; Martin Schaefer, Secretary; Albert Westervelt, Treasurer; and Trustees, C. V. Shuttleworth, John H. Kinmonth and Harvey E. Hering.

The New Jersey State Exempt Firemen's Association held its annual convention in Hillsdale in June, 1922.



*Hillsdale Exempt
Firemen's Association
1948*

*Ladies' Auxiliary of
the Exempt Firemen's
Association
1948*



*Ladies'
Auxiliaries*

In 1902, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hillsdale Fire Association was organized, with Mrs. John Riley as Chairman. A re-organization was effected in 1906 with thirty-two members and Mrs. M. Clausen was chosen President.

The Ladies assisted at dances and carnivals and later took over the motion picture project of the Fire Association.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Association dissolved on May 12th, 1924, and immediately re-organized as the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Exempt Firemen's Association, with thirty-seven members on the roll, and Mrs. W. Werkeiser was chosen President; Mrs. N. Housman, Vice-President; Mrs. J. Kuhn, Treasurer; and Mrs. C. J. Potter, Secretary.

At present this organization consists of thirteen members, with Mrs. Arthur Stolting, President; Mrs. Jacob Ackerman, Vice-President; Mrs. August Bachman, Secretary; and Mrs. John Kuhn, Treasurer.

Mrs. Kuhn has held the office of treasurer for twenty-five years, and Mrs. A. Bachman as secretary for the past twenty-one years.

The present Ladies' Auxiliary to the Active Fire Department was organized in June, 1928, through the efforts of Fire Chief William A. Farley. Eighteen ladies were enrolled at the first meeting, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ann Farley (McGoldrick); Vice-President, Mrs. Florence Westervelt; Secretary, Mrs. Eudora Seckler; Treasurer, Mrs. Ann Gosman.

In June, 1948, the Auxiliary celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary with twenty-five members enrolled, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. G. Breitenbach; Vice-President, Mrs. Alva Bartalot; Secretary, Mrs. Emily Schill; Treasurer, Mrs. Cecelia Pitt.



*Ladies' Auxiliary of
Hillsdale Active
Fire Department
and Prize-Winning
Float — 1948*

Hillsdale Public School

The first Board of Education, consisting of Messrs. A. C. Holdrum, John G. Ackerman, William Blauvelt, William H. Bell, Arthur J. Stever, John A. Storms, George H. Seaman, Charles Fournier, George W. Demarest; was appointed by the County Superintendent of Schools, John Terhune, under date of April 12, 1898. This Board organized April 23, 1898 and elected A. C. Holdrum, President, and William Blauvelt, District Clerk. Mr. William Blauvelt, still residing in Hillsdale, is the only survivor of the original Board.

In 1898, Hillsdale had three school buildings: No. 1. What is now School No. 1 in Rivervale Township . . . No. 2. On Magnolia Avenue. Enlarged in 1906 by the addition of four classrooms . . . No. 3. On Pascack Road.

The present school building, consisting of ten classrooms and Auditorium, is the outgrowth of the original twelve room school erected in 1921 and enlarged in 1938 by the addition of six classrooms and auditorium. (Auditorium seats 800 and is also used as a gymnasium.)

The School Athletic Field was acquired in 1924. Over a period of years, considerable work has been required to bring the Field to its present condition.

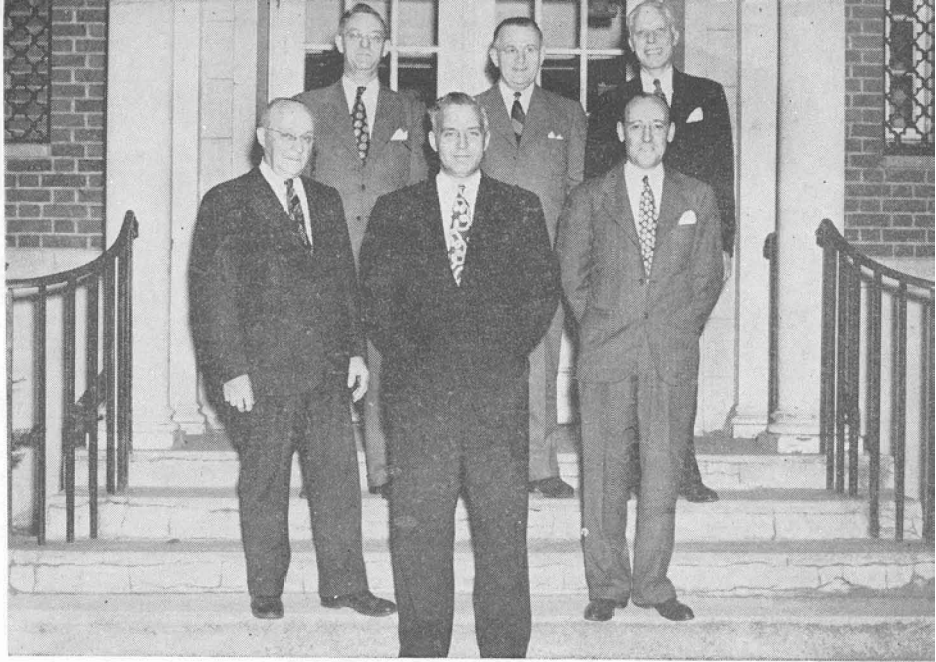
For School Elections prior to 1920 it was necessary to have two ballot boxes, one for the election of Board members, one for appropriations, for the reason that

Hillsdale Public School — 1948



Top Row:
G. Black, H. Stone,
W. Howerdell.

Bottom Row:
Geo. M. Strohsahl,
District Clerk,
E. C. Kenyon, President
H. M. Wendell.



Women Taxpayers were permitted to vote for appropriations, but not Board members. Nominations for members of the Board of Education were made from the floor, their names were placed on the blackboards, and the voters made their choice from those thus nominated.

At the present time the School Board has plans for an addition, consisting of a modern lunch room, kindergarten, and six additional classrooms.

The present School Lunchroom is operated separately and is self supporting. The present school enrollment is 496 grade pupils. There are 155 High

The Faculty of Hillsdale Public School





Hillsdale School
1898
Magnolia Avenue

School pupils from Hillsdale enrolled in Westwood High School and Park Ridge High School.

The Faculty of Hillsdale Public School consists of one Principal; sixteen Grade Teachers; one Kindergarten Teacher; one Music Teacher; one Art Teacher; one Domestic Science Teacher; one Manual Training Teacher; three Janitors; one Nurse; one Medical Examiner.

Parent-Teacher Association

In the school year 1922-1923 as a result of interest in the P.T.A. movement throughout the country, an Association was organized at the school pursuant to a petition prepared by Mrs. Della Fox and signed by many mothers. Mr. Long, then Principal, Mr. W. Livengood and Mrs. Fox arranged the first meeting with seventy-three in attendance. Mr. Livengood conducted the meeting. Mrs. Higgins was elected President; Miss Belle Nelson, Vice-President; and Mrs. Della Fox, Secretary and Treasurer.

The first activity was a reception given to the Teachers in the School Library. Furniture was purchased for the nurse's room and equipment for the playground. Entertainment was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Day and Mr.



Hillsdale School
1856
Pascack Road

and Mrs. Neil Stewart and Mr. E. E. Rich. The P. T. A. has assisted in getting the school lunchroom; gives annual party to the graduates; and provides supervision for the Friday night entertainment for seventh and eighth grade and alumni. The present membership is 336.

The present officers: Mrs. D. W. Scandlin, President; Mrs. J. Edward Lohman, Vice-President; Mrs. M. Ritchie, Recording Secretary; Mrs. G. Tracy Benson, Treasurer; Mrs. Olaf Hogrelius, Corresponding Secretary.

Hillsdale Library

The first actual step toward a free public library was taken at a meeting in the Parish Hall on June 16th, 1935, when a group of interested residents were addressed by several speakers, including Miss Sarah Askew, Secretary and Librarian of the New Jersey State Library Association.

From that date until the dedication ceremonies on January 20th, 1936, the Board of Trustees composed of Miss Sarah Vander Clute, who is credited with having originated the idea of starting a Library; Mrs. Sara Terry; Miss Elsie M. Hubacheck; Jenner R. Fast, Chairman of the Board; Herman M. Partridge; and

Hillsdale Library Board

Front Row: J. R. Fast, Treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Ward; Mrs. R. Newman, Librarian; W. J. McIntyre, President
Back Row: Mayor James A. Tatem; Mrs. D. Holgerson, Assistant Librarian; Mrs. L. Baker; Mrs. M. Wicks; R. Taege;
Absent, Principal G. G. White.



Judge Walter J. McIntyre, who served as Legal Counsel; labored steadily with Mrs. Ruth Newman, Librarian, Mrs. Cornelia Collins, Assistant Librarian, and a corps of volunteers to have all in readiness. On that date President McIntyre, in a brief ceremony, turned the key of the Library over to Mayor John G. Hansen.

When the Library opened for distribution of books on January 27th, two thousand, nine hundred and thirty-nine books had been donated and catalogued; the House Committee, composed of Miss Keffer, Miss Hess, and Maurice Ford, had renovated furniture; the American Legion Post had donated a Flag; an electrician, a plumber, and a carpenter gave many hours of service; many other residents, aware of the community need of a library, gave freely of their time and efforts.

The following Election Day, November 3rd, 1936, the Hillsdale voters indicated overwhelmingly their wish to make the Free Library a permanent institution. On January 1st, 1937, the Borough of Hillsdale received as a gift, a debt-free Library of 4,500 volumes with 780 members.

Having grown very rapidly and being so busy a place, the Library moved across Hillsdale Avenue to its present quarters in the Leddy Building in March, 1938.

The total circulation of books and periodicals from 1936 through 1947 was 342,100. In the same period 3,100 persons had taken out borrower's cards.

During its years of growth Mrs. Ruth Newman has been the popular, understanding Librarian, assisted successively by Mrs. Cornelia Collins, Miss Sara Vander Clute and Mrs. Walter Holgerson.

The Librarians conduct story hours of various kinds for children of different age levels; Reading Clubs are a pleasant and profitable Summer Activity.

Any resident of Hillsdale may register and in so doing is entitled to withdraw books and magazines. The Library is open every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon from 1 to 5; Monday and Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9, and on Saturday from 10 to 12 Noon, and 2 to 4.

The expansion of the Library is continuing at the present time with well stocked shelves of fiction, non-fiction, magazines, reference works and also juvenile publications.

The present Board of Trustees is composed of Judge Walter J. McIntyre as President; Jenner R. Fast as Treasurer; Mrs. Marion Wicks as Secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Baker, Chairman of the Book Committee; and Mrs. Dorothy Ward, Chairman of the Publicity Committee. The Mayor (James A. Tatem) and School Principal (George White) are ex-officio members.

Hillsdale Methodist Episcopal Church

Hillsdale Methodist Episcopal Church was organized on May 3rd, 1874, by the Rev. J. Switzer and the church was built in 1876 on land donated by David P. Patterson. The official board consisted of I. I. Cole, Abraham A. Post, Simon Mead, J. S. Ruckman, James J. Monfort, Robert Boyd, A. A. Hopper and Charles Marsh.

Twenty-two ministers have served the church since its inception and the present Minister is the Rev. Carl J. Conrad.

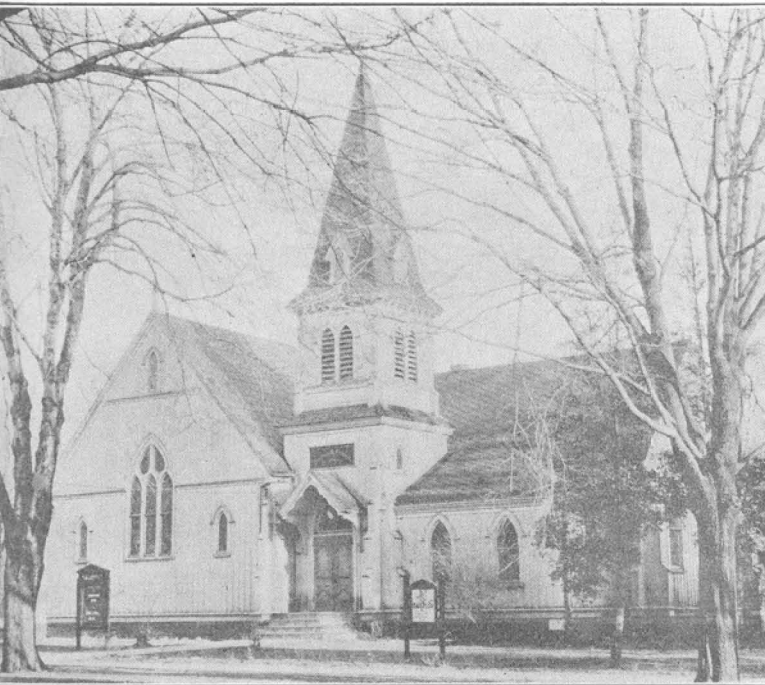
The parsonage was built in 1884 and later an addition added to it. An addition was built to the church in 1911.

Of the many residents who have served this institution, the outstanding are Mr. William Blauvelt, who has served as treasurer of the Church School for the past forty-four years; another is Mrs. August Bachman (formerly Jennie Mead), who has been the head of the Women's Society for Christian Service the past twenty-two years. Mrs. Bachman is also the president of the Women's Societies of the Jersey City District of the Newark Conference.

The Church School has an enrollment of 240, with seventeen teachers and five officers. John Brownsell is Superintendent and Fred Southard, Assistant Superintendent.

The Church has a membership of 190. The following are Stewards of the Official Board: Ira Durie, George White, Gerald Ackerman, William Holzenthaler, J. Edward Lohman, Edward Clark, Arthur Gill, Gilbert Forness, William Van Tassel, John Brownsell, Mrs. August Bachman, Mrs. Walter Klees, Mrs. Arthur Gill, William Oschman, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Conner, Melvin Chew, Mrs. G. D. Bogert, George Bender, Mrs. Paul Ackerman, Edwin D. Okeson, Mrs. William Fowler and Mrs. Lewis Bates.

Hillsdale Methodist Episcopal Church



REV. C. J. CONRAD

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

The first service of the Episcopal Church was held January 29th, 1890, in the residence of J. C. Finke, Patterson and Park Streets, with the Rev. Thomas Stephens of Spring Valley in charge. Later, services were held in the Railroad Station waiting room between trains and also in various homes.

The first church was built in 1890 on property located on Park Street and the Railroad (now vacant lot behind Bank) and was moved to its present location on Hillsdale Avenue in March 1894 on land donated by Mrs. A. C. Holdrum. The church was later remodeled as it is today.

During World War I, the Parish Hall then located on Cross Street, was used extensively by the Red Cross for the making of bandages and dressings. The present Parish Hall on Hillsdale Avenue was built in 1923.

Nineteen Ministers, in all, have served Holy Trinity Church, since its inception. Mr. Dwight S. Marfield, a theological student and lay reader, was in charge of the first church group from 1890 until May, 1891, when the Rev. Glenn W. White became the first Vicar. Holy Trinity Church became a self sustaining Parish in May, 1945, and the Rev. Richard Aselford became the First Rector of Holy Trinity Parish. The congregation today numbers more than 300 and there are 122 children enrolled in the Church Sunday School. The activities of the Parish are carried out by a Women's Guild, a Junior Guild, a Sewing Class, Altar Guild, and Acolytes' Guild.

Mrs. David Hughes is the present organist and choir director. Miss Minette Bell became the first organist in 1905. Mr. Gustave Lessor is the present sexton.

The first officers of the Church were John H. Kinmonth, Warden; Henry Kinmonth, Clerk; and William Simon, Treasurer. The present Vestry consists of C. V. Shuttleworth and Alton P. Kinmonth, Wardens; G. Tracy Benson, Clerk; Wm. P. Burhorn, Treasurer; Walter G. Rosemund, Sam Burrans, Donald Hasbrouck and Ernest Kuchar, Vestrymen. Bruce Snowden and Thos. Williams are in charge of the Junior Church School and Edward J. Hutton, the Primary Department. Mr. J. R. Fast has served as Warden for more than thirty years.

*Holy Trinity
Episcopal Church*



St. John The Baptist Catholic Church

The plot for the erection of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Hillsdale Avenue was donated by Mrs. Helen Riley, and ground was broken on April 4th, 1925, by Father O'Donnell and the lay trustees of the new mission, Mayor Henry J. Werner and John T. Buckley. The cornerstone was laid on June 25th, 1925, and the church was dedicated on December 13th, 1925. Father Cornelius A. Corcoran became the first resident pastor on October 14th, 1927. During Father Corcoran's administration the property on Yesler Way was purchased as a site for the Rectory and for future expansion. In December, 1937, Father Corcoran was succeeded by Father John A. Munley, who served as pastor until the appointment of Father Thomas J. Duffy on June 1st, 1945.

The congregation of St. John's now numbers approximately 1,000 men, women and children. A varied program of parochial activities is directed by the Holy Name Society, the Rosary Society, the Sodality and the C.Y.O. The Parish sponsors Boy Scout Troop 91, Girl Scout Troop 31 and Cub Pack 91.

During World War II, one hundred and twenty-six members of the parish served in the military forces and five made the supreme sacrifice.

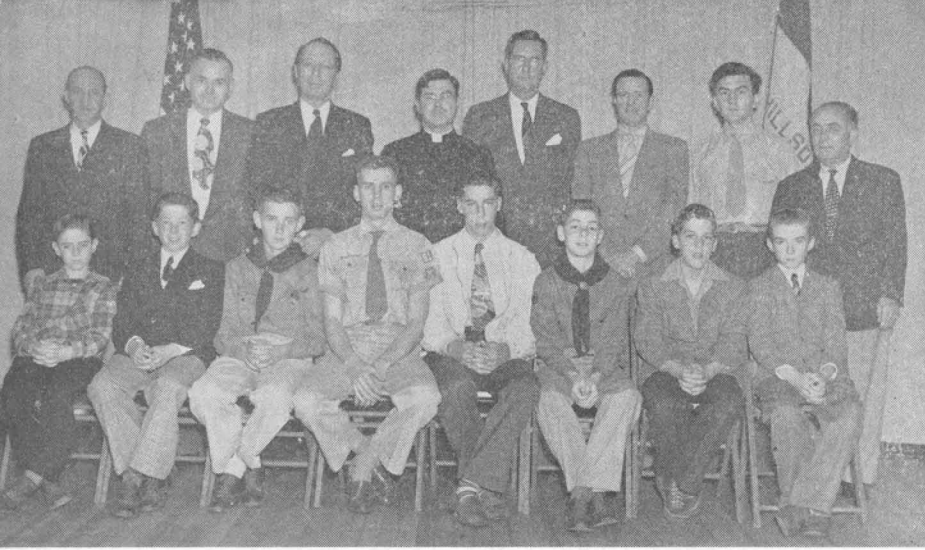
The present lay trustees are John T. Buckley and J. Robert Breitenbach.

"Thankful for the blessings of Almighty God and the sacrifices of the benefactors of the past and present, the Pastor and Parishioners of St. John's join with their neighbors in the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Borough and in humble yet confident anticipation of an even brighter future dedicated to the service of God and Country."

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



FATHER T. J. DUFFY



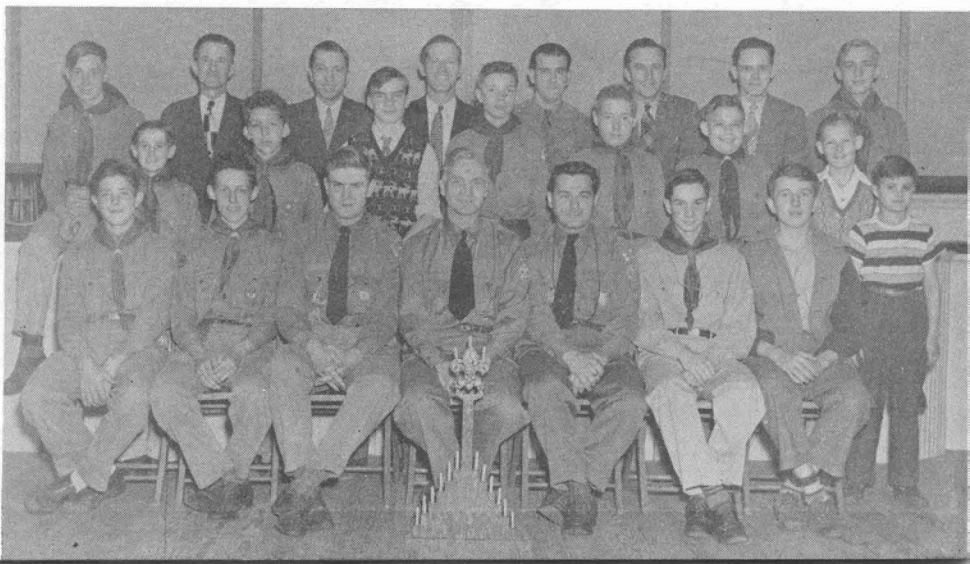
*Committee and
Scouts
Troop 91*

Boy Scouting In Hillsdale

Boy Scouting came to Hillsdale in 1916, when the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church sponsored Boy Scout Troop #1, with the Rev. A. R. McWilliams as Scout Master, and J. Harry Huser and Rollings Webster as Assistant Scoutmasters.

In June, 1920, a group of citizens consisting of Henry J. Werner, John G. Hansen, and Fred D. Day sponsored two Troops, with Walter M. Dwyer and Edward Singleton, Scoutmasters of Troops 1 and 2. Later Thomas E. Mullin and Fred Beneway, Jr. became the Scoutmasters. Several years later these Troops became known as Troop 52 and more lately as Troop 81. Troop 81 has been in an inactive status since November, 1947, while efforts are being made to find sponsorship among the local organizations. Some of the Hillsdale citizens who have served the committee have been Frederick Southard, who has served since 1926, Joseph Elbert and Howard Poellet since 1937.

With twenty-seven years of fine tradition behind it, old timers look forward to re-activation of one of Hillsdale's oldest Boy Scout Troops.



*Committee and
Scouts
Troop 108*

Troop 91

Troop 91, Boy Scouts of America, was organized May 1st, 1944, by the Reverend John A. Munley, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The charter was granted May 31st. The first committee was composed of Messrs. G. McAleer, Chairman; J. Haines, Secretary-Treasurer; P. Marra, J. Mackay and W. Walsh. William Kovar was Scoutmaster and the troop consisted of twelve boys.

The committee has been reorganized several times and currently consists of Messrs. H. Gregory Miller, Chairman; E. E. Lamy, Secretary-Treasurer; P. Marra, J. Fitzpatrick, J. Van Koolbergen and Chas. Sciannimanico; Fred Gute, Scoutmaster; James Volger, Assistant Scoutmaster. The Troop now consists of eight boys.

Troop 108

Troop 108 was formally chartered by the Council in February, 1945, under the sponsorship of the "Doubles Club of Hillsdale".

Twelve Boys became Charter Members of the Troop and were received into the Fellowship of Scouting at a formal investiture Service in the School Auditorium in March of 1945.

The above was all the result of an informal meeting of the following at the home of J. Edward Lohman late in 1944, to discuss the need for another Boy Scout Troop in town, namely besides Mr. Lohman, Messrs. W. E. Dathe, Harold Geise, George Abelman, Donald Hasbrouck and Walter G. Rosemund.

There are now twenty-four boys listed on the Troop register. Mr. Harold Geise is Scoutmaster, and Messrs. R. Pennell and R. Felten are Assistant Scoutmasters.

The Troop Committee consists of Walter Rosemund, Chairman; Walter Dathe, Secretary-Treasurer; George Abelman and Egil Arnesen, Outdoor Activities; Donald Hasbrouck, Advancement and Chairman of the Troop Board of Review; J. Edw. Lohman, Publicity; John Helyar, Special Events.

Three of the boys are within striking distance of the highest award in Scouting, "Eagle Rank".

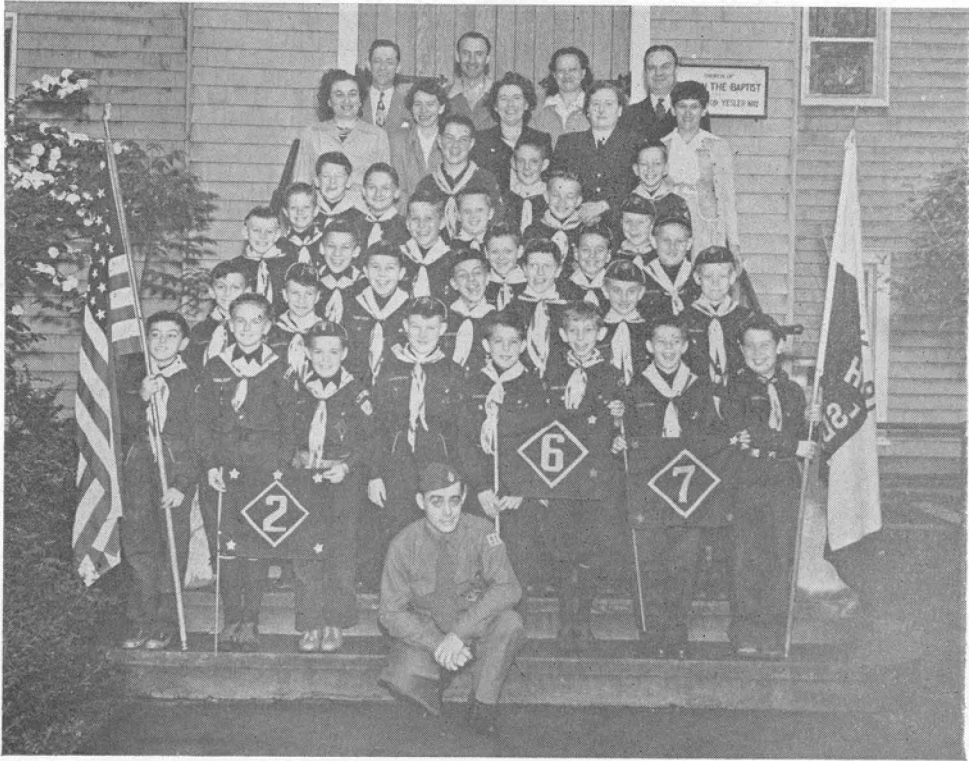
Troop 108 is an active, camping group of boys, with at least one over-night camp scheduled for each month, plus numerous day hikes throughout the year.

Cub Pack 91

Hillsdale, N. J., Cub Pack 91 (a non-sectarian organization), sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, was organized on May 18th, 1945, with thirty-one boys between the ages of nine and twelve enrolled.

Six dens were created with the following ladies as Den Mothers: Mesdames N. Parrasch, M. Carpenter, A. Savoia, W. Klees, M. McDevitt, Sr., C. Assman, J. A. Tatem, R. C. Appeld, J. Merritt, G. McAleer.

Following were chosen as committee: Michael Carpenter, Chairman; C. Fred Barrett, Cubmaster; James McGrath, Assistant Cubmaster; R. C. Appeld, Secretary-Treasurer; John Russo, Outdoors; Charles Heins, Achievements; C. J. Nelson, Activities.



Committee and Cubs — Cub Pack 91

Cub Pack 91 formally received its charter at the investiture service held at the Hillsdale School Auditorium on September 28th, 1945, at which time General Leonard Wood Post 162, American Legion, presented an American flag, and a Cub Pack flag was presented by Hook & Ladder Company #1.

Cub Scouting is a cooperative effort between the parents, boys and the committee, to prepare the boys to enter the ranks of scouting. Cub Pack 91 is noted as one of the most successful units in operation. The Dens meet weekly at the home of a Den Mother and monthly Pack meetings, (when the boys must be accompanied by one or both parents or guardians,) are held on the last Friday of each month at St. John's Church Hall.

At present there are forty boys enrolled in five Dens and the Den Mothers are Mesdames W. Diehl, R. Pamental, J. Doolittle, G. Ellin, M. Ratcliff. The number of enrolled boys varies according to the ages; during 1946 there were fifty-five boys enrolled in seven Dens.

The present officers for the term ending September, 1948, are: Michael Carpenter, Chairman; J. McGrath, Cubmaster; George Pamental, Assistant Cubmaster; John Russo, Secretary; Walter Ratcliff, Treasurer; Charles Heins, Achievements; Mrs. Freda Appeld, Handicraft; R. C. Appeld, Activities, Organization and Extension.



*Girl Scouts
"Lily-of-the-Valley"
Troop*

Girl Scouting In Hillsdale

Girl Scouting in Hillsdale was started in 1924. Mrs. John J. Merritt was Captain of that first troop, with Miss Elizabeth Gosman first Lieutenant and Mrs. Leroy Titus, second Lieutenant.

In 1927, Mrs. Wm. Bach became Captain of this "Lily-of-the-Valley" Troop, and Mrs. C. F. Gustafson, second Lieutenant. A drum and bugle corps was organized with the assistance of Mr. T. Mullen and Walter F. Brill, and led many a parade with their music. Mrs. Viola Meese nee Gustafson, in December, 1929, became the first Girl Scout in Bergen County to attain the rank of Golden Eaglet, then the highest rank obtainable. The troop flourished many years, finally disbanding in 1936.

The Hillsdale Parent-Teacher Association investigated scouting in this area and sponsored the formation of Troops 7 and 8 in April, 1939, with Miss Joan Hulsebos and Miss Elenor Pause, leaders of Troop 7; Mrs. Arthur Cofod and Mrs. Olaf Hogrelius, leaders of Troop 8. Troop 7 was disbanded in 1942.

*Girl Scout
Drum & Bugle Corps,
1927*





*Girl Scout Troop 18
Minstrel Show — 1948*



Brownie Troops — 1941



*Girl Scout Troop 23
1947*

Troop 8 has continued under Mrs. Donald Hasbrouck, Mrs. Theodore Sutton, Mrs. Wm. Fowler, and Mrs. R. Felten, the latter two being the present leaders. In earning badges, Scouts must work, but enjoy good times while doing so. Week-end camping teaches the girls such things as planning of meals, fire-making, cooking, and sharing responsibilities with others. Some of the troop's projects include the trimming of the Hillsdale Library window at Christmas, making favors to be given to shut-ins or the Children's Home, parent-daughter suppers, church-time nursery; also some of the Scouts have assisted in the school lunchroom. Troop 8 is proud that one of their girls, Norma Fowler, achieved the rank of curved bar, which is the highest award given at present; also numerous girls have become First Class.

Intermediate Troop 18 was started in June, 1941, with nineteen former Brownies, and with Mrs. K. P. Lockitt and Mrs. John Bush as leaders. The present leaders are Mrs. George Abelman, Mrs. J. Helyar and Mrs. Wm. Phair. Ladies who have served as leaders are Mrs. Chas. Fuhrer, Mrs. Chas. Schill, Mrs. J. Marino, Mrs. R. Lechner, Mrs. Ralph Pierce, Mrs. J. MacDonald and Mrs. D. Hasbrouck.

The American Legion Post 162 donated the Troop's American Flag in 1941. The Troop went week-end camping at Camp Gawtry where they learned Spanish songs and dances for their Hemisphere Friendship Scout Council. The highlight of the Troop's 1948 program was a Minstrel Show.

Troop 23 was organized in November, 1942, with eight girls, under the leadership of Miss Jeanne Gertsch. In 1945, under Mrs. R. J. Lyon the troop made five marionettes, giving many performances with them, including a show at the Hillsdale Library. Mrs. W. T. Anderson took over the leadership of the troop in 1947.

Troop 24, Hillsdale's only Senior troop, started under Mrs. John Marino in June, 1944, with nineteen girls. This was a service troop. During the war, the girls made stuffed animal toys to send to the English children. Mrs. H. Smith and Mrs. James McGrath were the leaders before the troop disbanded in 1946.

The World War II service of Troop 8 was the distribution of information for the Defense Council.

Troop 18 participated diligently in paper salvage drives.

Troop 23 put on a show, called "Station WORLD"; the entire proceeds were donated to the Red Cross.

Brownies

Fifty-four girls, forming three troops of Brownies were organized in April, 1939, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. Leonard Baker and Mrs. Edward Petersen are the present leaders of Brownie Troop 11; Mrs. J. Bush, Mrs. Wm. Burhorn and Mrs. Chas. Shapley have also served.

Mrs. Ernest Kucher and Mrs. Herman Partridge were the first leaders of Troop 12, and Mrs. Harry Tatem and Mrs. Robert Kennedy are leaders at present. Mrs. K. P. Lockitt, Mrs. M. Lichult, Mrs. Ben Paulsen, Mrs. Sam Burrans, Mrs. George Conner have also served.

Mrs. Fred Ackerly was first leader of Troop 13; Mrs. M. Ritchie and Mrs. G. Ackerman are present leaders. Mrs. W. Fowler, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. J. C. Klages have also served.

The Brownies have made holiday tray favors and gifts for local sanitariums and county homes. One of the community services rendered was the collection and destruction of tent caterpillar egg masses. During the war Troop 11 turned over to the Hackensack Hospital Auxiliary over 20 pounds of tinfoil.

Brownie social activities include hikes, cook-outs, singing, folk dancing, rhythm bands, cookie baking and craft-work.

Civilian Activities World War 1

On April 17th, 1917, a "Hillsdale Loyal League" was formed and duly recognized by the Township Committee and the 53 members, led by their "Chief", H. I. Knickerbocker, were sworn in as "Special Police", and before the end of the year twenty more members were added. In January, 1918, this group assumed the name "Hillsdale Home Guard" and presented a list of fifty citizens who were recognized and sworn in as Special Police . . . twenty-five rifles were bought for the "Home Guards" as the result of a Special Election held on July 5th, 1918 . . . The request for ammunition and bayonets was denied and the rifles were disposed of the following year when the unit disbanded.



Hillsdale Home Guard — World War I

World War 2

Pursuant to a law adopted by the State of New Jersey, Mayor Frank E. Hafemann appointed a Hillsdale Defense Council, which met for the first time on May 23rd, 1941. The members were John G. Hansen (Chairman); H. Clyde Day (Vice-Chairman); Garrett A. Storms (Secretary); Mayor Hafemann (Ex-Officio); Harry F. Gunther, Charles W. Hillabrant, Leonard Baker, George B. Metz, Elsie M. Hubachek, James A. Tatem, Benjamin B. Margolis, Police Chief Henry P. Koelsch, Fire Chief Martin Shaefer. Shortly thereafter Dr. Anthony M. Romano, Herman Partridge, Edmund L. Greenin, Michael Longo, Jenner R. Fast, Harvey E. Hering were appointed, while Fire Chiefs W. J. Rawson, R. C. Appeld, W. T. Pitt, and Francis Whalen succeeded each other on the Defense Council as they took office as Chief. Three men received training and qualified



Typical Air Raid Warden's Meeting

as "Bomb Experts" and were also added to the Defense Council—namely, Messrs. Milton Zabriskie, Henry Heins and R. C. Appeld. Before the Council was disbanded, H. Clyde Day had resigned as Vice-Chairman because of ill health and was succeeded by Harvey E. Hering—also Wm. P. Burhorn, Fred Anderson and Fred Acker were added.

By the Autumn of 1941, a Police Auxiliary of twenty-two men (before the end of the year forty-eight men), and a Fire Auxiliary of twenty-four men had been organized and were receiving training; a First Aid class of forty men and women was under way, and Hillsdale heard the siren for an Army air raid test for the first time in October of 1941. On December 8th, 1941, the day after "Pearl Harbor", pursuant to a State "Order" to each Defense Council, Hillsdale held a special "War Conference" and preparations were hurried but strengthened. Three men, Messrs. Hanson, Gunther and Police Chief Koelsch were put in general command to succeed each other in event of absence. Each area with its Deputy Commander, Zone Wardens, Air Raid Wardens, in all consisting of 141 persons, were ready to enforce "black-outs" and maintain order, etc. (By end of 1942 over 200 were enrolled). Headquarters was established at the Borough Hall, first aid and canteen stations were first at the school—later in an empty store in the Hemme Building.

A number of local citizens volunteered for service in the Air Craft Warning Service, organized by the Army Air Force under the jurisdiction and sponsorship of the American Legion of Bergen County, watching twenty-four hours a day and were given recognition by the Army at the close of hostilities.

Camp Shanks being located in a neighboring village and being interested in U.S.O. work, a number of young women were registered as "Junior Hostesses" and attended dances and entertainments at the U.S.O. centers in Hackensack, Westwood and Pearl River.

Every Saturday, during the soldiers' stay at the "Anti-Aircraft Stations" in the vicinity, Hillsdale women took homemade cakes, candies, and boxes of magazines, books and victrola records to the two camps and the soldiers were invited to share Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in Hillsdale homes, and were also guests of the Fire Department on occasions.

With the threat of "Air Raids", many important committees were formed, including a "Demolition and Rescue Squad of thirty-one men," also a committee to consider light, water, gas and electric as matters of hazard and need. Evacuation and safety routes were established by the Transportation Committee; they also listed available cars and trucks. The Bomb and Chemical Warfare group were responsible for demonstrations; they also installed sand piles and extinguishers at strategic points. A Consumer Interest Committee took care of Price Administration matters. An Evacuation Committee card indexed available rooms because Hillsdale was expected to take 2302 evacuees from North Bergen in event of an emergency. The Salvage Committee, an important committee from the beginning, served first on the "Aluminum Drive" in 1941, when pots and pans were piled high and trucked off to help the war effort. Later there were scrap drives, metal, paper . . . the local scrap box near the Borough Garage was never empty. Fats were sold to the butchers and housewives began in '42 to feel the pinch of war . . . Rationing became the "order of the day". The School Faculty helped on many days when ration books were issued—Gas, Tires, and other ration requirements sent citizens to the School Auditorium for their Ration Books.

Gradually store shelves grew emptier . . . Gas stations had a curfew . . . roads were empty (only necessary driving was permitted) . . . few young men were around and more service flags appeared in the windows.

Farewell parties were arranged for draft contingents from Hillsdale. The Borough sent a parting gift of a pen and good wishes to each draftee and volunteer and placed his or her name on the Honor Roll in Memorial Park. Questionnaires were twice sent every home asking for Defense Council workers and listing emergency supplies. An Air Raid Warning Card went to every home with advice for the citizens' safety. Victory Gardens were encouraged, canning was emphasized. Red Cross calls came for surgical dressings, and Red Cross Blood Banks were held regularly with nearly all men and women of Hillsdale participating. A canvass of Retailers showed forty-two Retailers in Hillsdale; every dwelling unit had to be listed by landlords in 1942 to establish the maximum legal rent. Stores

on closing were ordered to extinguish their lights, and lights were turned out in empty houses at night. While ours was a mild blackout, it was noticeable, especially during the holidays, when we are accustomed to lights and lighted trees. Overseas mail was heavy; the postmen were important visitors and many times a special "knock" would tell that a long-awaited letter had come. Local newspapers were important, too, local news about local boys was clipped out and mailed abroad.



LT. COL. F. A. HILL

Hillsdale honored a hero — On November 14th, 1943, when almost everyone who could walk, turned out to welcome home twenty-four year old Lieutenant Colonel Frank A. Hill, a resident of our town, who had participated in one hundred and sixty-six combat missions in Europe and Africa. He was the first American Flier to shoot down a German plane in World War II, an incident over Dieppe, France.

For his efforts he had received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star and the Air Medal with nineteen Oak Leaf Clusters. He was a full-fledged fighter pilot with six and one-half Nazi planes to his credit. He entered the Army Air Corps as a buck private, and as soon as he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, he got into action, and promotions came fast. He never lost a craft and never was wounded.

Through these trying and busy days, more men and women were employed than ever before, working night and day shifts at various industries. It changed the ways of living of many families. There was more money, but less to buy. Our retailers did the best possible for customers. News of the arrival at stores of sugar, butter, meat or coffee, sent housewives scurrying to the markets. Gasoline, fuel oil and shoe rationing were the subjects of conversation.

Through all the anxiety there were Bond Drives, War Fund Drives. Then came "D" day with special church services and then came "VE" day and "VJ" Day with general rejoicing.

A "Welcome Home" celebration was held in September, 1946, with a big parade, games at the Athletic Field and a gala dance at the School Auditorium. It was a fitting celebration for the end of the War Years. Clothing drives and Post War assistance to impoverished Europe took the place of War Work and remain the interest of Hillsdale folk even today.

The Hillsdale Defense Council, with Mr. John G. Hansen as Chairman, held its final meeting on September 30th, 1945.

General Leonard Wood Post 162

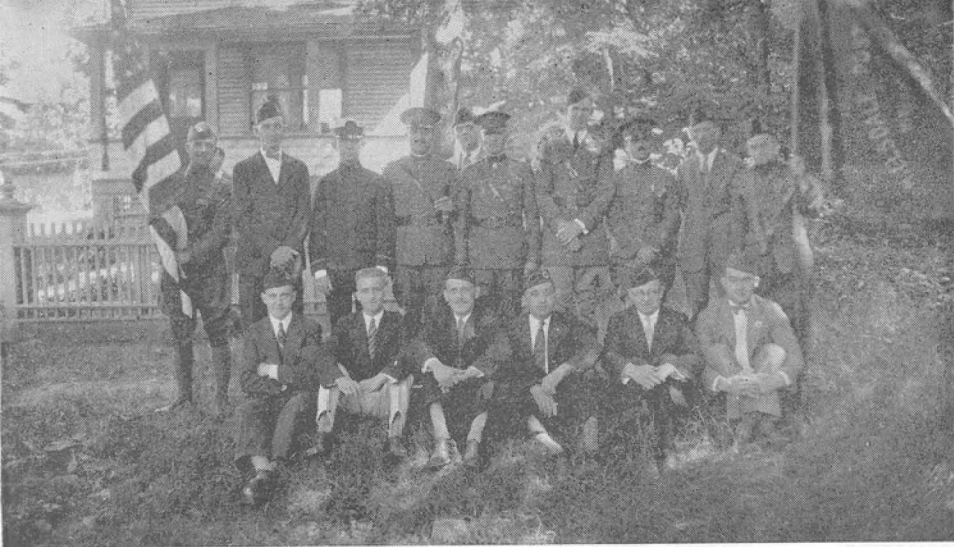
Hillsdale American Legion Post #162 was organized in 1919 by Veterans of World War I. The original colors were donated to the Post by the Hillsdale Fire Association, on July 4th, 1920. Among the charter members were Chas. K. Riley, Edward Riley, Percy Riley, Harry Angle, Garret A. Storms, Jerry and George Johnson, Robert Long, Vincent Moore and Joe Hirsch. Charles Riley was elected the first Commander. A reorganization was effected in 1925 by Carmel Canzoneri, Chas. Riley, William Gensheimer and others, and Kenneth Adelsten was chosen Commander.

In 1929 the Post was incorporated under the name of General Leonard Wood Post #162, American Legion of Hillsdale. Calvin G. Piper, the present Commander, was elected in 1946. The property located on Cawthorne Terrace (extension of Central Avenue) on which the Legion Hut stands, was purchased in 1930 with proceeds from "Uncle Don's Main Street Sketches". The Legionnaires erected the building mostly by themselves; labor was donated and cement blocks were sold at public subscriptions of One Dollar per block. Under incorporation papers of 1932, the building was dedicated "The Veterans Memorial Hall".

The ambitions of the Veterans of World War I are slowly being realized as the younger members are striving to build the Post into an institution the National American Legion and Hillsdale can be proud of.

American Legion Post No. 162 — Rifle Squad





*Legionnaires
World War I*

*Legion Baseball Team
1947*



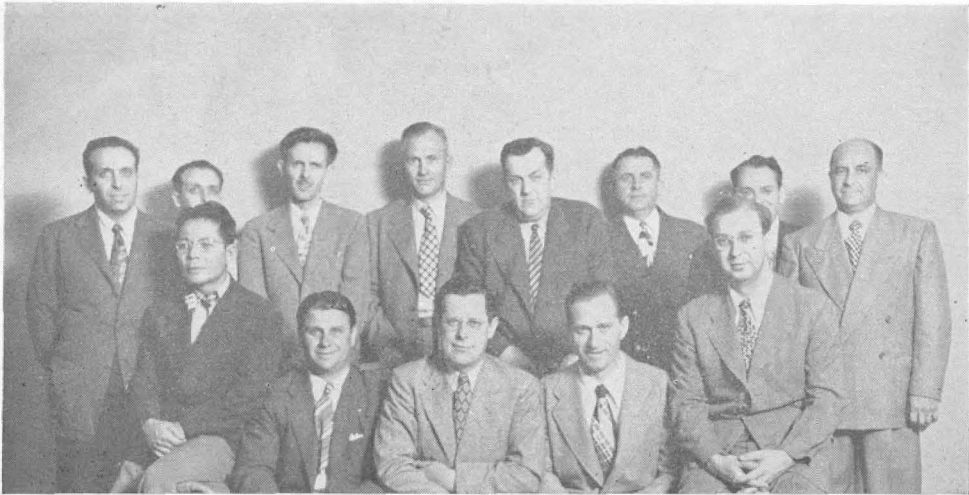
*Legionnaires
World Wars I and II*

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary of Post 162, Hillsdale, N. J., was organized and a charter granted on July 1, 1927. There were seven charter members, with Mrs. Elenore Volger as President. Mrs. Volger served the Bergen County Legion Auxiliary as County Vice-President in 1929, and later as County Secretary, County Chaplain and State Radio Chairman.

The following ladies have served as President of the Auxiliary besides Mrs. Volger: Mesdames Thora Adelsten, Margaret Hunter, Dorothy Storms, Helen Saul, Lorena Stieh, Katherine Tewes, Elsie Gunther, Leona Pellet, Nellie Herring, Christine Stone and Kathryn Mann.

Rehabilitation of service men and their families is the foremost purpose of this organization and the Child Welfare Program of Veterans children is also a very important part of the Auxiliary work. Many Veterans of World War I and II have been rehabilitated through Auxiliary efforts. The funds required for this work have been obtained from the annual sales of "Poppies".

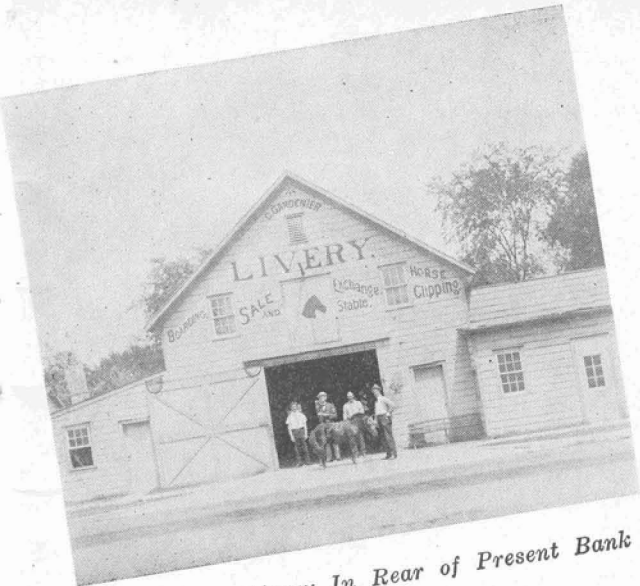


Business Association Members

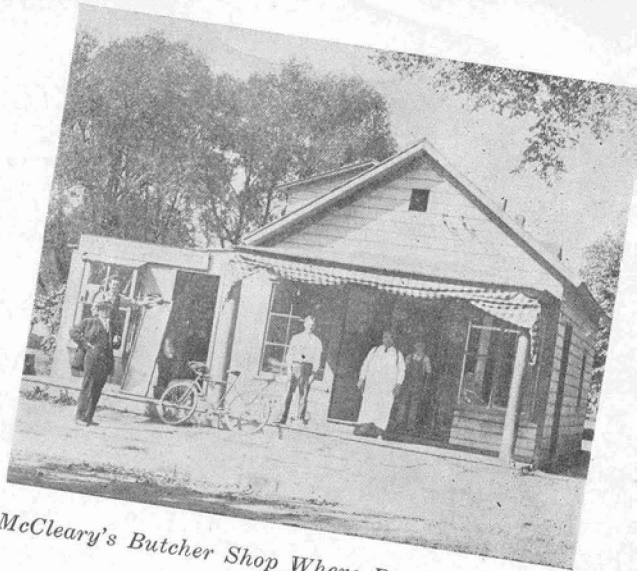
Business Association of Hillsdale

The Business Association of Hillsdale was organized in the latter part of 1932 and incorporated in June, 1933. The First President was Lucien Meyer and the following were Trustees: Milton A. Zabriskie, Ira Durie, William Gensheimer, Berthold Hemme and Jay T. Fast. The Present Officers are Robert Mason, President; Michael Tirak, First Vice-President; Dr. David Sosnow, Second Vice-President; John G. Kunze, Secretary; and Moe Eichenblatt, Treasurer.

The Association has been instrumental in getting more street lighting in the Business District and the widening of Broadway; also the prohibiting of the display of foodstuffs and merchandise on the sidewalks.



Gardenier's Livery In Rear of Present Bank



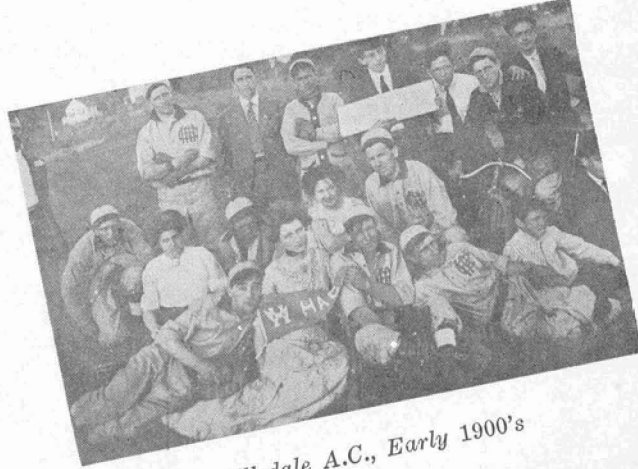
McCleary's Butcher Shop Where Bank Now Stands



Hillsdale House 1873 — Now Smith's Dept. Store Building



Hillsdale Saxon's, Early Twenties



Hillsdale A.C., Early 1900's



Sun Dial Garden Club

Sun Dial Garden Club

The Sun Dial Garden Club was organized at the home of Mrs. Paul Clerke on April 5th, 1929. Mrs. Paul Clerke was chosen President; Mrs. Charles Geel, Vice-President; Mr. Russell M. Guild, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mr. T. A. Weston, Director.

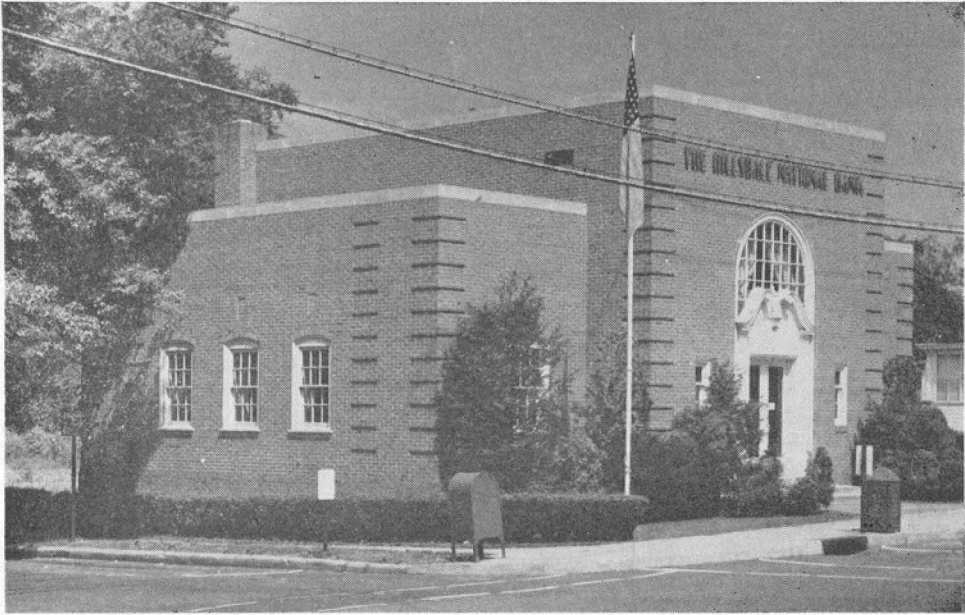
The original membership numbered twenty-eight and there are about twelve charter members still active in the club. The following have served as President of the Club besides Mrs. Clerke: Mrs. R. J. Jahelka, Mrs. W. J. McIntyre, H. J. Drenning, Mrs. L. H. C. Geel, Mrs. A. Ewert, Mrs. A. H. Huser, and Mrs. J. A. Bruning, since 1947.

The late Mr. Weston was Director and Vice-President from 1931 until his passing on May 6th, 1946. He was a distinguished horticulturist and breeder. He originated several new species, among them his famous viola, "Jersey Gem". The "Jersey Gem" has been adopted as the official flower of Bergen County. Mr. Weston was also noted for his willingness to impart his knowledge to others.

The objectives of the Sun Dial Garden Club are to aid in advancement of gardening, the development of home grounds, furthering of the beautification of our town, stimulate an interest in cooperative gardening, help in protection of birds, conservation of trees, wild flowers and forests, and to aid in the improvement of our town highways and parks; and last, but not least, to help "Make Bergen the Garden County of the Garden State."

The outstanding civic achievement of the Sun Dial Garden Club has been the improvement to the entrance to Hillsdale along Broadway. Other achievements have been the improvement to three roadside pieces of Borough-owned property into gardens and a park; the erection of the Sun Dial and T. A. Weston Memorial in the park; the planting of hundreds of trees on the various streets during the George Washington Bi-Centennial; the new plantings at the Public School; as well as the yearly spring and fall Flower Shows, which have the reputation of being the best presented shows in Northern New Jersey.

The Executive Board at present consists of Mrs. J. A. Bruning, President; Mrs. Theo. Weston, First Vice-President; Mrs. J. Marino, Second Vice-President; Mrs. H. Robert, Secretary; Mrs. J. Buckley, Treasurer; Mrs. A. Sielke, Corresponding Secretary. Directors are: Mesdames A. Harry Huser, W. McIntyre, A. Kirkpatrick and Mr. and Mrs. R. Jahelka.



Hillsdale National Bank

Hillsdale National Bank

Hillsdale National Bank was organized in 1926. The first Board of Directors consisted of John T. Buckley, Edward P. Davis, William W. Livengood, Charles A. Lorentz, Anton Maksche, Bernard F. Rafferty, John A. Schlotterbeck, Albert H. Storms, Henry J. Werner and George M. Yates.

W. Merle Hoffman was elected cashier in January, 1927, and he was assisted by Edward J. Hauck and Mrs. Claudine Davis. At the close of the first day the bank was open for business there was on deposit \$52,064.83, represented by 110 accounts and the total resources were \$101,919.83.

On April 1, 1936, or ten years later, the total resources amounted to \$667,971.46; also on this date the bank moved from the Gersten Building to its own building directly across the street. In the past twelve years, or from April 1, 1936 to 1948, the bank has grown from \$667,971.46 to \$4,484,810.79.

The present Board of Directors consists of Frederick W. Bader, Charles J. Beuerlein, A. Stanley Carlock, W. Merle Hoffman, Frederick W. Hunter, James H. Keesey and Harry Randall. The present personnel consists of fifteen officers and employees. Plans have been prepared for the enlarging of the Bank when building and business conditions permit.

Hackensack Hospital Auxiliary-Hillsdale Branch

In May, 1935, Mrs. Edna B. Conklin, President of the Hackensack Hospital Auxiliary, organized the Hillsdale Branch of the Hackensack Hospital Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Garrett Broadhead. Fifteen ladies joined at that time.

At the next meeting Mrs. Garrett Broadhead was elected President; Mrs. Thomas Mullen, Vice-President; Mrs. Joseph Farley, Treasurer; and Mrs. Martin Pazzia, Recording Secretary.

In December, 1937, Mrs. Thomas Mullen was elected President; Mrs. Margaret Herter, Vice-President; and Mrs. Joseph Farley, Treasurer; the same officers have carried on since.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Social Room of the School. Surgical dressings are folded, garments are made for use in the Hospital, towels, and diapers hemmed, layettes are furnished to charity patients, and the auxiliary gives to the Donation Day, which is held at the Hospital in November of each year. A donation of money is given annually and the last four years a house to house canvass has been conducted for the annual drive for funds to help operate the Hospital.

The Doubles Club of Hillsdale

"The Young Doubles Club" was organized in the fall of 1939, under the sponsorship of the Hillsdale Methodist Church and the leadership of the Rev. Earl Hampton. This club was non-sectarian, with the purpose of promoting Christian fellowship among the young married couples of Hillsdale.

In February, 1945, the "Young Doubles Club" organized and assumed the sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop #108.

A reorganization was effected in December, 1946—a "Doubles Club" replacing "Young Doubles Club" and retained its original purpose of promoting Christian fellowship through a monthly gathering. This new "Doubles Club" also retained the sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop #108.

Seventeen Couples now comprise the organization, with Mr. and Mrs. Egil Arnesen as President; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Grosser, Chaplain; Mr. and Mrs. John Marsala, Secretary; Mr. and Mrs. George Milne, as Treasurer. (Being a doubles club, they have dual officers).

The Doubles Club has aided various charities, national drives, and the Veterans' Hospital in Lyons, N. J.

Hillsdale Civic Association



On July 23rd, 1945, a group of public spirited citizens of Hillsdale met at the home of Mr. Frank D. Peters for the purpose of forming a group to bring about improvements in the Borough.

The first public meeting, held on July 27th, in what was formerly the old Post Office on Hillsdale Avenue, brought forth the name "Hillsdale Civic Association". Fifteen trustees and the following first officers were elected: Frank D. Peters, President; Maurice Ford, Vice-President; Ben Paulsen, Secretary; Henry G. Fuhring, Treasurer; and the Association was incorporated on August 8th, 1945.

After several meetings at the first location, the use of the Public School Social Hall was obtained and regular scheduled meetings are currently held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

The Hillsdale Civic Association has sponsored social activities with the view in mind of bringing neighbors closer together. Included have been picnics, a hobby show, Christmas Dance for the High School Youth, and the annual Kiddies' Christmas Party. "Welcome" signs have been placed at entrances to the Borough by the Association.

"The Civic News", published monthly by the Association, containing items of local interest, is mailed free to every resident of the Borough.

Present Officers of the Hillsdale Civic Association are: President, Sydney Pinnell; Vice-President, Henry Wildhack; Treasurer, Albert Graser; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. Toensman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. Gustafson, Usher, George Clark.

Hillsdale Republican Club

The Hillsdale Republican Club was organized in 1928, as the outgrowth of the Second District Republican Club, which had been in existence for several years with Clarence V. Shuttleworth, President. The object of the "Club" is to unite politically and socially, all Republicans in the Borough, and to advocate, promote and maintain the principles of the Republican Party, and the Welfare of the Community, and by sponsoring and electing to public office candidates that stand for "Good Government."

The present officers of the Club are: Garret A. Storms, President; Jack Williams, First Vice-President; Mrs. T. Mullin, Second Vice-President; Honorary Vice-Presidents, Frank E. Hafemann, A. C. D. Loucks, Mrs. Charles Hillabrant; Mrs. Florence Westervelt, Recording Secretary; E. O. Phillips, Treasurer; and William Diefenbach, Financial Secretary.

Hillsdale Recreation Committee

In 1934, the Hillsdale Parent-Teacher Association through its President, Mrs. William B. Terry, sponsored a committee of 25 local citizens to become known as "Hillsdale Recreation Committee", with Mrs. Terry as Chairman. The objectives were to promote leisure time activities throughout the year, including the sponsoring of Playground Activities during the summer months. This committee applied for and received the sanction of the Mayor and Council and the Board of Education.

Two trained instructors for the Playground project were provided, one by the Parent-Teacher Association and the other by the Bergen County Works Progress Administration, and activities included athletics, amusements, craftwork, swimming and horse-shoes.

Mr. Harry F. Gunther, assisted by various members of organizations active in civic affairs, was Chairman of the Committee from 1935 until 1942 when this Committee went out of existence because of the requirement of the personnel for the War Effort. From 1935 on, the Committee sponsored a Twilight Softball League and during winter months with the assistance of the Works Progress Administration, sponsored Adult Education classes which included Public Speaking, Spanish, Wood-working, Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting and Home-nursing.

The Committee also sent two Girl Scout Troops to Camp at Bear Mountain.

The "Junior Police Patrol" was conceived by this Committee during 1940 and was recognized by the Mayor and Council and Board of Education. Also the same year, through funds derived from a card party, the Committee was able to sponsor a trip for the Junior Police Patrol to Washington, D. C.

After the first year, the funds for the work of this Committee were provided by subscription from the various organizations, also citizens of the Borough.

In 1941 the Committee conceived the idea of supplying lunches, including milk and fruit juices for the summer playground activity. Arrangements were made with the Federal Surplus Commodity Commission to provide food supplies and local farmers donated vegetables. During the seven week summer activity 1761 lunches were served, including 1419 which were free. Average yearly registration for the playground was 250, with a daily average attendance of seventy-five.

The features of the Playground activity, besides athletic games and craftwork, included daily period of instruction with regards to respect for the American Flag and lessons in Safety . . . also weekly Hobby Shows, prizes for which were awarded the children at a Block Dance held at the end of the Playground season. Once a certificate was awarded the Hillsdale Recreation Committee by the Bergen County Works Progress Administration for the largest and best display of craftwork, which was on display in the Sears-Roebuck store in Hackensack.

50th Anniversary Celebration

October 10th-16th, 1948

Executive Committee

Mayor James A. Tatem, *Chairman, Ex-Officio*

Harry F. Gunther, *Chairman*

Miss Elsie M. Hubachek

Charles L. Townsend, Jr.

Carl R. Abbenseth

Garrett A. Storms, *Finance Officer*

Wm. W. Livengood, *Vice-Chairman*

Charles W. Hillabrant

Adam Pech

Albert F. Westervelt

Mrs. Emily B. Broegler, *Secretary*

★ ★ ★

Mrs. Elsie Gunther, *Publicity*

R. C. Appeld, *Historian*

Miss Elsie M. Hubachek, *Pageant Author*

★ ★ ★

General Committee

Souvenir Book Committee

Rudolph C. Appeld, *Chairman*

A. Gordon Black

E. Lawrence Clark

Mrs. Vera Potter

Garrett A. Storms

Jack Williams

Entertainment Committee

George G. White, *Chairman*

R. C. Appeld

Mrs. J. Bruning

Miss Gertrude Gersten

Miss Elsie M. Hubachek

Fred W. Hunter

Wm. W. Livengood

Mrs. D. Scandlin

Miss Blanche Smith

Dance Committee

Carmel Canzoneri, *Chairman*

A. Gordon Black

Alton P. Kinmonth

Mrs. Vera Potter

Joseph Sciannimanico

Mrs. Harold Shuttleworth

Mrs. Henry Stieh

Historic Displays

Ex-Mayor Frank E. Hafemann, *Chairman*

Ex-Mayor Edmund L. Greenin*

Jenner R. Fast

Theo. I. Haubner

John P. Helyar, Jr.

H. Gregory Miller

C. V. Shuttleworth

Decorations

E. Lawrence Clark, *Chairman*

John Kunze

Sydney Pinnell

Michael Tirak

Souvenir Stamp Committee

Charles W. Hillabrant, *Chairman*

Carl Abbenseth

Adam Pech

Charles L. Townsend, Jr.

Refreshments

Mrs. Harold Shuttleworth, *Chairman*

Mrs. Thomas Mullin

Mrs. Vera Potter

Mrs. Henry Stieh

Mrs. Peter Williams

*Deceased