



*75th Anniversary*

**1898-1973**

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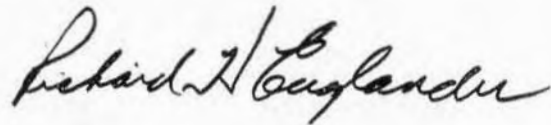
## AN OLD-TIMER SPEAKS

Youth laughs at us old-timers,  
And maybe youth has cause,  
For when your hair gets gray and thin  
You don't expect applause;  
Perhaps we're not so handsome,  
Perhaps we're not so spry,  
But when youth gets as old as us,  
Then youth won't wonder why.

For we have fought the battles,  
And we have led the van,  
And made this life an easier road  
For many a younger man;  
And he will do tomorrow  
A lot of things that pay,  
Because old-timers thought them out  
And tried them yesterday.

We know the world is changing,  
The ways of trade are new;  
Men put new labels on their goods,  
New roofs on houses, too.  
But still the old foundation  
That some old-timer laid  
Remains the cornerstone of all  
The progress men have made.

The 75th Anniversary Committee dedicates this booklet to all residents of Hillsdale, past and present.  
May it serve as a permanent tribute to the record of community achievements.



Richard H. Englander,  
*Mayor*

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# HILLSDALE, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

## Indians

When the first white man explored the Pascack Valley he found the Lenni Lenape Indians (in the Indian tongue "original or pure Indian"), members of one of the great families of Indian nations—the Algonquins. These Lenni Lenapes preferred the river valleys. They were a peaceful people. The early Dutch settlers with whom they came in contact reported these Indians did not wear the traditional "war bonnet" made of feathers as did other Indian tribes. The Lenni Lenapes frequently were intercessors for other warlike Indians such as the Raritanos from South Jersey and the Esopus of the northern New Jersey-southern New York region. Report was also made that they seemed quite industrious; they raised large quantities of provisions and manufactured wampum. The government of the tribe was a democracy (meaning the "Chief" would require the assent of his tribe to his leadership); and a unique fact was that "Squaws" were qualified to be elected "Chief"—their laws, or traditions, provided for this and their chants (songs) bore it out. This was not learned of any other tribe, reports state.

## Colonists

Bergen County, given its name by the Dutch settlers who came here from the Dutch community of Bergen in the Netherlands, 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. First maps of New Jersey show Bergen County as the area between "the Hudson's River and Hackensack River." Pascack Valley, according to a 1693 map, was in Essex County (between the Hackensack River and a parting line near Woodbridge from the mouth of the Raritan). Another map, dated 1709, shows Bergen County as all the territory from the Hudson to the Passaic Rivers. Hudson County was carved out of this in 1840 and a re-alignment was made in 1852 when part of Hudson County was annexed to Bergen County. Passaic County was carved out of Bergen County in 1837 with some re-alignment made in later years.

## Townships

The first division of the counties into townships was made pursuant to two acts of the colonial assembly, one approved Sept. 1692 and the other Oct. 1693. Bergen County and what was then part of Essex County were divided into three townships: Bergen Township (what is now Hudson County) between the Hudson and Hackensack rivers; Hackensack Township, all territory between the Hudson and Hackensack rivers west of Bergen Township; and New Barbadoes Township, all the land between the Hackensack and Passaic rivers (which includes the Pascack Valley).

In 1775, just prior to the Revolutionary War, Harrington Township was created out of Hackensack and New Barbadoes Townships.

Then we read in the State archives that on Jan. 30, 1840 Washington Township was formed out of part of Harrington Township as "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.

The borough system of government was first introduced in New Jersey March 28, 1789, and the first borough was Elizabeth. During the next 90 years a number of boroughs were formed in the State, each requiring a special act of the Legislature. A General Borough Act became law April 5, 1878, the gist of which was that "the inhabitants of any township, or part of a township, embracing an area not to exceed four square miles and containing a population not exceeding five thousand, might become a body politic and corporate in fact and in law whenever, at a special election to be called for that purpose, it might be decided by a majority of votes of the electors of the proposed borough qualified to vote at elections for the State and Township officers".

For the next 16 years few boroughs organized under this act, but in the spring of 1894 an act was passed establishing an entirely new system of public instruction. By this act the old school districts were blotted out and each township became a separate and distinct district. All the taxpayers of each township were thenceforth required to assume and pay, pro rata, the debts already incurred by the several old districts, as well as all future debts of the township for school purposes. The act applied only to townships, not to all incorporated boroughs, towns, villages and cities. Accordingly, a rush was made by many parts of the various townships in the state to create a borough form of government in 1894.

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Records indicate 26 such boroughs were formed between Jan. 23, 1894 and Dec. 18, 1894 in Bergen County alone.

The legislature hastily amended the act so "that no borough might maintain a school separate from the township unless there should be four hundred children within its limits". This checked the "borough movement". There have been only about six boroughs formed since — others have kept their original form of government of township, village, town or city. Now and then one reads where in the State other types or forms have been adopted for various reasons.

## HILLSDALE TOWNSHIP

We come now to 1898, just prior to the Spanish-American War, when all that remained of Washington Township was the territory that now comprises Hillsdale, River Vale, Emerson and Washington Township. The good citizens of Hillsdale, as the town became known, determined they could do better by themselves if given a compact territory. Accordingly, on March 25, 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/Saddle River) 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 "Hillsdale" after the Hillsdale School built on Pascack Road in 1856 (south of Hillsdale Ave.) and the railroad station of the same name built in 1870.

According to the records, the prime movers for the organization of Hillsdale Township were Orrin S. Trall, John H. Riley, A. C. Holdrum, John F. Winters, David H. Demarest, Herndon Rohrs and those who were elected in 1898 to form the first official family. Mr. Holdrum was a State Assemblyman during this period; Mr. Riley later became a Freeholder; and Mr. Trall later became County Tax Collector.

## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE 1898



G. H. SEAMAN

S. BOGERT

E. L. GREENIN

The first official family included Sanford Bogert, Chairman (Mayor); George H. Seaman, Treasurer; and Edmund L. Greenin, Township Committeeman; William W. Banta, Clerk; Arthur J. Stever, Freeholder; Orrin S. Trall, Tax Collector; and John A. Storms, Tax Assessor. Others were William P. Clerks, 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; Cornelius DeVoe, Justice of the Peace.

The Chairmen, or so-called "Mayors", of the Township from 1898 were Sanford Bogert, 1898-1902; Eugene R. Rich, 1903-1904 and 1906; Henry Brune, 1905; George W. Saul, 1907, 1908, 1913-1916 and 1918; Franklin J. Myers, 1909; C. L. Van Wagonen, 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 and Henry J. Werner, 1923.

In 1906 "all that territory in Hillsdale Township" east of Demarest Ave., Cedar Lane and an imaginary line due north and the northeast part of Westwood (then known as Eastwood) was formed into River Vale Township, leaving Hillsdale as it is today.

On March 2, 1923, according to Chapter 27, Laws of 1923, an act incorporating the Borough of Hillsdale as "a body Politic" in fact and in law, was passed by the State Legislature and adopted by the vote of the citizens of the Township on April 24, 1923. The first Mayor and Council were elected on Nov. 12, 1923 and took office the same day.

The adoption of the borough form of government in Hillsdale was started by the then existing Civic Association which had canvassed the citizens and presented a petition to the Township Committee at their Nov. 20, 1922 meeting. The petition stated that in the opinion of most of the inhabitants the town

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had outgrown its township method of government and expressed the desire that steps be taken to adopt the borough form of government. A resolution accepting the petition and resolving to take such steps as required was adopted at the Dec. 18, 1922 meeting of the Township Committee.

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; and Constable, Frank L. Mead.

W. W. Banta was Township Clerk from 1898 through 1914; George M. Yates, 1915-1923, and Borough Clerk through 1924; Charles A. Lorentz in 1925; Garret A. Storms from 1926 to March 1954; Bernard M. Caffrey, 1954-1963; and Mrs. Edna Smith Halloran since June 17, 1963.

Ernest Koester was Township Counsel from 1898 through 1909; Luther A. Campbell in 1910; Warren W. Westervelt, Jr., 1911-1921; Mackay & Mackay, represented by George W. Babcock, 1922, and later by him personally until his passing in 1945; Charles W. Weleck, 1945-1952; Harry Randall through 1954; George Freeman in 1955; and the present Borough Attorney, Walter T. Wittman, since 1956.



*Conductor J. O'Brien — NJ & NY RR — Mayor of Hillsdale 1920*

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#### Women in Government

Miss Elsie Hubachek was councilman from 1942 through 1951 — 10 years.

Mrs. Olga Marino was councilman from 1954 through 1955 — 2 years.

Mrs. Edna S. Halloran was councilman from 1956 through 1962 — 7 years and has been Borough Clerk-Collector-Treasurer since June 1963.

Mrs. Constance Avery has been employed by the Borough since 1956 and as executive-assistant since 1958.



Mayors of Hillsdale, since 1923 — starting with top row — left to right

Henry J. Werner	1923-1925
Edmund L. Greenin	1926-1927 and 1946-1947
George M. Yates	1928-1929
William W. Livengood	1930-1931
John G. Hansen	1932-1939

second row — left to right

Frank E. Hafeman	1940-1945
James A. Tatem	1948-May 1953
Adam Pech	May through Dec., 1953
Walter L. Drill	1954-1955
John F. Dowd	1956-1957

bottom row — left to right

Lester E. Bremer	1958-1963
Harold D. McAneny	1964-1965
Gilbert E. Busch	1966-1969
John J. Dunphy	1970-1971
Richard H. Englander	1972-

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**OFFICIAL FAMILY BOROUGH HILLSDALE 1973**



**Conrad W. Krafte**  
*Council President*



**Thos. D. Misciagna**  
*Councilman*



**Wm. J. Henderson**  
*Councilman*



**Richard J. Ryan**  
*Councilman*



**Richard H. Englander**  
*Mayor*



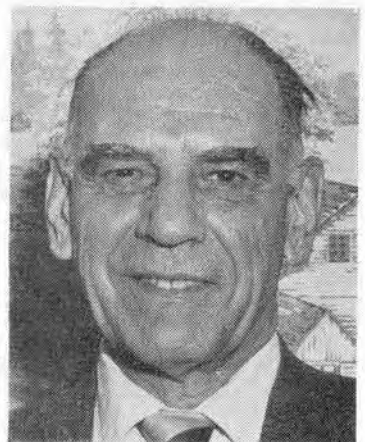
**John A. Koehler**  
*Councilman*



**W. T. Wittman Esq.**  
*Borough Attorney*



**Charles W. Morra**  
*Councilman*



**Charles E. Schill**  
*Borough Auditor*  
*since 1954 (except 1971)*



**Edna S. Halloran**  
*Borough Clerk*



**Mrs. Constance Avery**  
*Executive Assistant To  
Borough Clerk*



**Mrs. Mildred Lynch**  
*Boro Hall*



**Mrs. Florence Westervelt**  
*Boro Hall*



**Mrs. Evelyn Burke**  
*Boro Hall*



**Mrs. Elizabeth Rotar**  
*Boro Hall*



**Mrs. Victoria Cardinale**  
*Boro Hall*



**Mrs. Lucy Wagner**  
*Registrar - Vital Statistics*



**Mrs. Dorothy Mockel**  
*Secretary to  
Bldg. Inspector,  
Planning Board and  
Zoning Board*



**Mrs. Florence Ciccaglione**  
*Bldg. Inspectors Office*



**Mrs. Charlotte Keiss**  
*Court Clerk*



**Mrs. Marilyn Perrine**  
*Public Health Nurse*



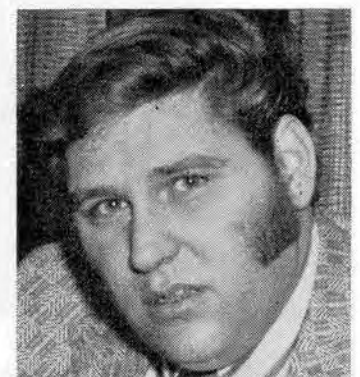
**Earl W. Bailey**  
*Borough Engineer*



**Judge Bernard Dorfman**



**Stephen Apollo**  
*Prosecutor*



**Joseph D'Amico**  
*Supt. D.P.W.*





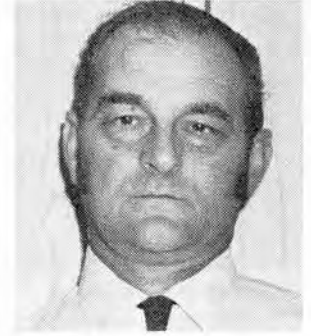
**Guy Stark**  
*Health Officer*



**C. Balik**  
*Sanitarian*



**David Presi**  
*Building Inspector*



**Walter Higinson**  
*Borough Mechanic*



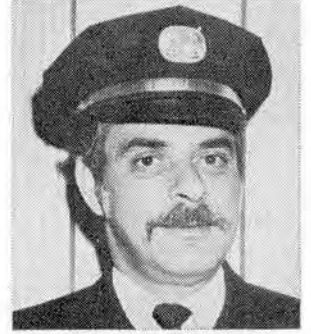
**Louis Zampolin**  
*Plumbing Inspector*



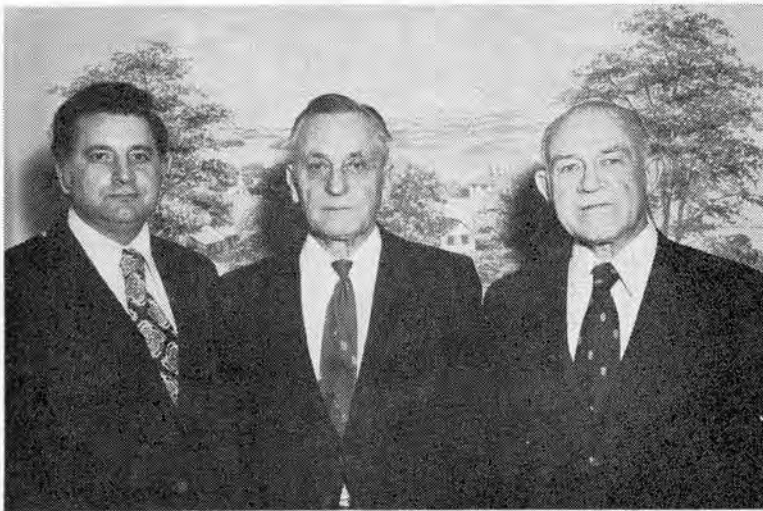
**R. C. Appeld**  
*Fire Inspector*



**R. J. Blinn**  
*Asst. Fire Inspector*



**W. G. Brindise**  
*Deputy Fire Inspector*



*Assessment Commission*  
**E. Sarubbi — J. Revis — G. Gerehty**



**R. T. Arigot**  
*Deputy Fire Inspector*

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## BOARD OF HEALTH



1st row — H. Jones, L. Wagner, J. Hammerstein, M. Perrine  
Back row — G. Stark, C. Balik, H. Stalb, C. Sanders, S. Cole

On Sept. 15, 1909 the Township adopted a "Code of Ordinances of the Board of Health of the Township of Hillsdale, New Jersey", by virtue of the provisions, of the Act of the Legislature of New Jersey entitled "An Act to establish in this State, Boards of Health and a Bureau of Vital Statistics, and to define their respective powers and duties", approved March 31, 1887, ". . . do hereby ordain . ." — it goes on to describe the nuisances in 23 sections, which also contain the penalties for violations. Other sections deal with duties of the Registrar of Vital Statistics, disinfecting rooms or places where contagious disease is said to exist, manner of collecting the fine ("If not paid, the Board of Health may file an injunction in a Court of Chancery . . ."), and, lastly, "Any fines collected are the property of the Board of Health, for use by the Board of Health in furthering their purposes".

The officers of the Board of Health were: C. S. Van Wagonen, Pres.; George R. Stegman, Clerk; and John W. Kinmonth, Registrar of Vital Statistics (through 1913). Franklyn J. Myers and A. Moming were members-at-large.

When the borough form of government came into being, there was a reorganization and subsequent new ordinances have been written since the original ordinance in 1909.

The first Board of Health under the borough form of government, appointed in November of 1923, consisted of Ralph H. Stever, Dr. James Fox, Leslie J. Forbes, Garrett A. Storms, John Hartleib, Edward P. Davis and Reinhold Lehman.

The first Health Officer was George Shaefer, who served from Jan. 1917 to 1922. He was followed by Celestin Boudewyns and E. Goemann. The present Health Officer is Guy Stark, who has served since February, 1954, and the Sanitarian is Christopher Balik, appointed Feb. 5, 1973 .

*John W. Kinmonth served as Registrar of Vital Statistics from 1925 until 1959, a total of 39 years. He passed away in 1960 at the age of 90. But, Mr. Kinmonth is best remembered as being Tax Assessor of Hillsdale for 42 years. He was Postmaster for 12 years, and served on the local school board, including a spell as Clerk of the Board. He also served as a fireman in town for 20 years, until 1923 when he retired and became active in the Exempt Firemen's Association.*

The present Board of Health consists of: John S. Hammerstein, Pres.; Harold J. Jones, Vice Pres.; James J. Doyle; Stanley J. Cole, Jr.; Cornelius T. Sanders; Ruth Snyder; Howard Stalb; Charles W. Morra (Council Liaison); Lucy Wagner, Sec'y and Registrar of Vital Statistics since Jan. 1, 1959; and Dorothy Mockel, Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics since Apr., 1972. Dr. Anita Curran has served as physician to the Children's Health Conference (which meets monthly) since Jan. 1, 1958; and Marilyn Perrine has been public Health Nurse since April, 1972. Louis Zampolin has been Plumbing Inspector since Jan. 1, 1972.



*Hillsdale Planning Board*

Left to right: T. Engkvist, R. Maloof, M. Bailey, J. Hayde, (chairman) H. Cummins, (Attorney) A. Volek, A. Schuette, E Bosco.

The first Planning Board was appointed November 9, 1927 and consisted of W. W. Livengood, L. H. C. Geel, T. I. Haubner, H. J. Werner, F. Scott, R. H. Stever and F. J. Myers.



*Zoning Board of Adjustment*

Left to right: C. McDevitt, C. Cicoria, A. Campbell, D. Mockel, (Secretary) J. Serbek, (Chairman) J. H. Bratt, (Attorney) L. Bogner, F. Anaya.

The first Zoning Board of Adjustment was appointed July 23, 1929, and consisted of J. G. Hansen, L. H. C. Geel, G. Swartout, M. Higgins, and F. J. Myers.

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*First shade tree commission, appointed April 1931, was R. Lehman, Edgar Bergholtz, Thomas Weston, R. Jahelka.*



Mrs. C. Albanis  
G. Demarest  
Mrs. C. Christie  
(left to right)

At the present time the Shade Tree Committee consists of three members, appointed by the mayor with the approval of the Borough Council, for one year terms. Its responsibilities consist of supervising the planting, maintaining, and removal of trees on Borough property as circumstances dictate. The work is carried out with the assistance of the Department of Public Works and outside contractors when expert help is required. Developers are encouraged to seek suggestions from the committee. Residents are free to call any member for advice or to report trees needing attention.

Present members of the committee are George Demarest, chairman; Mrs. Charles Albanis, and Mrs. Cecil Christie. Councilman Thomas Misciagna serves as liaison from the Borough Council.

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The first Municipal Assistance Commission was organized June 23, 1938 and comprised of the following: William B. Terry, F. J. Myers, Mrs. Elsie Gunther and Theo. I. Haubner, who was also Director of Welfare.



*Local Assistance Board*

Thos. D. Misciagna, Mrs. V. McQuade, Mrs. Jessie Conklin, Welfare Director since 1954, Mrs. F. A. Hard.

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*Youth Guidance Council*

B. Goldenberg

J. Butenschoen, Jr.

A. Hoffman

Rev. L. H. Richards

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## ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

A colonial map of the Pascack Valley shows a road that is now best described as Werimus Rd. to Hillsdale Ave. It came from the north; then went east to Yesler Way and south to Washington Ave. in Westwood; east to 4th Ave. in Westwood; through the park; over the railroad tracks on Jefferson Ave.; east to Kinderkamack Rd.; south to Old Hook Rd.; and east via Old Hook Rd. to Closter Dock Rd.; then to the Hudson River.

Another road branched off Old Hook Rd. at Bogert's Mill Rd.; ran through Harrington Park and River Vale; came into what is now Hillsdale at Cedar Lane; made a dog-leg turn left on Cedar Lane to Washington Ave.; went west on Washington Ave. to what is now Broadway; then headed north a piece to connect with Piermont Ave.

Still another road was the present Piermont Ave. which came into the area from Piermont, N. Y. When it reached what is now Broadway, it headed north to Coles Crossing Rd.; then due west and connected with Pascack Rd. (the old roadbed can be seen when the reservoir is dry).

Then Pascack Rd. came from Park Ridge way, through Hillsdale into what is now Washington Twp., etc. Later maps show a few additional streets.

When the railroad track came to Hillsdale, Hillsdale Ave. was cut east from Yesler Way to what is now Trinity Place, etc.

Land for Magnolia Ave. was donated to the citizens about 1850 by David Patterson, who also donated land for the school and the Methodist Church, and the park downtown.

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. They fixed the rate for road work at a dollar and twenty-five cents for nine hours of work, and four dollars a day (nine hours) for a 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 Ave., and E. L. Greenin, roads in the Township proper.

Please Preserve and Bring this Bill With You.

### 1898. Hillsdale Township Tax Bill.

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*M. Orrin S. Trall*  
 To TOWNSHIP OF HILLSDALE, Jr.

Acres assessed	Value of Real Estate	\$	27
Lots assessed	Value Personal Property	\$	27
	Exemption		

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION \$ 78

Rate of Taxation, \$1.48 per \$100.

.36	County Tax	\$	27
.04	Bounty and Interest		23
.16	Township		12
.12	Road		27
.16	State School		12
.64	Township School		48
	Poll Tax		
	Dog Tax		

TOTAL TAX \$ 1.16

Postage .04

Interest and Cost

TOTAL Received Payment, *Orrin S. Trall* Collector

Now due and payable to me at my residence before December 30th, 1898. No taxes received on this date. On the 31st, the list of delinquents will be returned to a Justice of the Peace. One per cent. per month and full costs will be charged on all bills not paid by the 30th of December. Commissioners of Appeals meet at the Hillsdale Manor House, on Tuesday, November 22.

ORRIN S. TRALL, Collector,  
P. O. Address, LOCK BOX 43, HILLSDALE, N. J.

Please Preserve and Bring this Bill With You.

### 1897. Washington Township Tax Bill.

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*M. Emil Berton*  
 To TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, Jr.

Acres assessed	Value of Real Estate	\$	20
Lots assessed	Value Personal Property	\$	20
	Exemption		

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION \$ 40

Rate of Taxation, \$1.8512 per \$100 for Township.

\$2.1112 per \$100 for late Borough of Eastwood.

.60	County Tax	\$	30
.08	Bounty and Interest		24
.02	Peer		02
.20	State School		10
.23	Road		12
.12	Township		06
.60	Township School		30
.26	Special School		
	Poll Tax		
	Dog Tax		

TOTAL TAX \$ 94

Postage .06

Interest and Cost

TOTAL Received Payment, *John Heck* Collector

Now due and payable to me at my residence before December 30th, 1897. No taxes received on this date. On the 31st the list of delinquents will be returned to a Justice of the Peace. Taxes will be received at the following places from 1 to 4 p. m.: On Monday, December 6, at Block's Hall, Elm; on Thursday, December 9, at the Hillsdale House. One per cent. per month and full costs will be charged on all bills not paid by the 30th of December. Commissioners of Appeals meet at Block's Hall, Elm, on Tuesday, November 23.

JOHN HECK, Collector,  
P. O. Address, BOX 23, WESTWOOD, N. J.

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Broadway, then known as Railroad Ave. from Washington Ave. south to and through Westwood to the Westwood railroad station, came later and is said to have taken an immense load of logs and Belgian blocks (and just about anything in sight) to fill in the swampy areas in spots. Broadway from Washington Ave. north was then known as Summit Ave. An ordinance of April, 1923 changed both Railroad and Summit Avenues to Broadway. This now-called Broadway was the first street to have macadam laid on it, in 1902, and was the first street to be taken over by the County, in 1913.

We read in the records that in 1903 "E. L. Greenin and F. J. Myers had returned from the State Capitol at Trenton, where they had secured promise of state aid in the amount of \$1,300 to lay macadam on certain streets in the Township."

Also in 1903, we read "a sum of \$500 is hereby authorized to be spent to repair the roads, due to the flood". It does not say what roads — the Glenbrook Park area was non-existent at the time except for dirt roads (not yet accepted by the Township) on which were private summer cottages along the Pascaek Creek.

On July 24, 1906 we note payment of \$2,800 for macadam laid on Hillsdale Ave. from Trinity Place to Werimus Rd.

At a special election in 1907 it was voted to issue \$30,000 worth of bonds to macadamize all accepted streets, and this was supplemented in 1908 with \$15,000 as a result of another special election. The registry list showed 240 eligible to vote (before Women's Suffrage), with 232 voting favorably — the citizens were resolved to have good roads. State aid was secured in like amounts and the large program was put into effect.

In 1910 the County Freeholders replaced the iron bridge on Railroad Ave. (now Broadway) and as petitioned by the Township Committee "placed same to connect Hillsdale with Westwood via Robeson St. in Hillsdale and Hopper St. in Westwood" (now Kinderkamack Rd.) The following year 26 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 with fill removed from the cutting through of Stockton St. beyond Washington Ave. A bridge was built over Pascaek Creek at Patterson St. in 1913 and rebuilt by the County in 1925. Records do not show the date the original Fairview Ave. bridge was built, but do show it was replaced by the County in 1946.

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

May 22, 1922 was the first "Clean-up Day" in the Township. Notices read "wagons will call for the refuse if placed in front of owner's premises". Thereafter annual clean-up dates were announced — today, we have weekly cleanup days.

We read that on Jan. 2, 1923 the "Compensation fixed by the Township for removal of snow is set at \$1.25 per hour for one horse and one man, operation to start when accumulation reaches 4 inches".



Working on the Roads of Hillsdale — 1899



The Department of Public Works

## THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The first Road Dept. headquarters was the old barn on the Werkheiser property (now the Borough parking lot adjacent to the Firehouse). In 1934 the Borough leased the Potter garage building at 50 Park Ave., and in 1950 the former Leddy garage building at 354 Washington Ave. (recently torn down) was acquired. In 1966 the Road Dept. occupied its present headquarters.

The first assigned Road Dept., in 1925, was Axel Gustafson. His equipment consisted of a wheelbarrow and other hand tools. William Diefenbach entered the services of the Road Dept. in March, 1929 and served as Foreman & Supt. of the D. P. W. for 32 years, retiring in August, 1962. He was succeeded by Robert Raute until Sept., 1969, when Joseph D'Amico was appointed Supt. of the Dept. of Public Works.

Under the supervision of the D. P. W. now is Trash & Garbage Removal, which started in Hillsdale as Ash & Garbage Removal on March 2, 1937 when a contract was awarded to James Frassa Sons in the amount of \$3,750 for rear door collection bi-weekly, and private scavengers handled this feature till 1950, when the Borough found it was more economical to handle its own ash and garbage removal and purchased two five ton garbage trucks.

Also under the supervision of the Dept. of Public Works is the Borough sewerage system. Efforts to bring sewers to Hillsdale started back on Oct. 5, 1923 when the clerk was instructed to write to the Hackensack Water Co. "When the trunk line sewer is constructed from New Milford to Westwood, will it be of sufficient size to be available for use also by Hillsdale?"

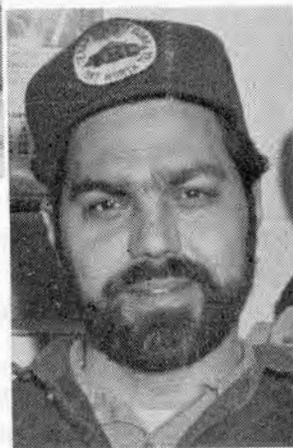
We note that in 1927 the Business Association inquired if sewers could be installed in the business area of town. Investigation developed that a zoning ordinance would be required in order to secure State aid and, accordingly, Ordinance No. 151, a zoning ordinance, was adopted July 24, 1928 and the first Zoning Board appointed Jan. 1, 1929.

On July 9, 1934 we note a letter was written to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, Washington, D. C. stating that Hillsdale would be glad to enter into a contract to utilize the sewerage system of the Hackensack River Sewer Authority (in line with a request of this authority to secure a loan for the construction of this necessary project). The plans and specifications were approved by the State Board of Health.





D. P. W. Hillsdale, N. J.



R. Sudol  
*Boro Mechanic*



Martin Hynekamp  
*Supervisor*



Hillsdale Sanitation Department



D. P. W. Sweeper



D. P. W.



In June, 1938 we note that there was a letter to the WPA filing application for the construction of sanitary sewers — than along came World War II. In 1945 we note “County proposes any sewer system should involve 49 other municipalities”. In 1953, we note that a sanitary engineer was hired to develop “how we can tie into the Bergen County Trunk Sewer Line”. Sewers finally came to Hillsdale in 1968.



The large boulder that almost became a part of a War Memorial

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## PARKS

The Park sites in downtown Hillsdale (Firemen's Memorial Park—also known as station square—and the Memorial Park) were donated to the citizens in 1871 by David P. Patterson.

The Memorial Park was quite swampy and it took many wagon loads of ashes from the Railroad yards to fill it.

The Firemen's Memorial Park, one day in the near future, is to have a Firemen's Memorial Statue erected in memory of the Volunteer Fireman.

Borough records indicate that a public mass meeting held in the Manor House, Saturday afternoon, April 7, 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 Hozenthaler was regularly assigned Park Caretaker in 1921. This work is now assigned to the Department of Public Works.

In 1921 a flag pole was purchased by the Township and set up in "Station Square" 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 March 1922, it was decided to erect the present granite Memorial to the First World War servicemen — now standing on the Park Avenue side of the Memorial Park.

A World War II Honor Roll, erected under the auspices of the Hillsdale Fire Department was presented to the Borough on Decoration Day, 1942. The Fire Department maintained this Honor Roll and added names till after the close of World War II when it was donated to the Hillsdale American Legion Post 162. It still may be viewed at the Legion Hut.

Through the years the then existing Civic Association assisted in beautifying the Parks until they dissolved in July 1925, whereupon they presented the Mayor & Council a check for \$231.50 "being the balance on hand in cash" with the request "the money be used for the beautification of Borough Parks."

Veterans Memorial Park (bounded by Hopper St. on the west - Washington Ave. on the south and Hillsdale Ave. on the north) was secured by the Borough in 1949 after a petition bearing 1214 names of Hillsdale citizens requested the Borough to purchase the land for recreational purposes — the full story is recounted in the story of the Recreation Commission elsewhere in this booklet.

An area, off of Sherwood and Birchwood Drives, which contains a pond that is used for skating in winter, was deeded to the Borough in 1950 by Tandy & Allen. One day it may be dedicated for year round recreational use.

In 1971, a "Mini Park" was created on the corner of Sycamore Ave. and Glendale Ave., on Borough owned property and designated "Glendale Park."

In 1972 another "Mini Park" was created on the north-east corner of Beechwood Park — corner of Hillsdale Avenue and Everdell Avenue.



Beechwood Park — Bandshell



Ernest Kaye

## BEECHWOOD PARK

The 23 acres of woodland situated on the northerly side of Hillsdale Avenue between Holdrum Street on the west, Liberty Avenue on the north, and Everdell Avenue on the east, was acquired by the Borough in 1939 by a decree of the Court of Chancery of the State of New Jersey in a tax lien foreclosure proceeding.

The area lay mostly in a wild state until 1955 when we note Ernest L. Kaye, Scoutmaster of Troop 81, appeared before the Mayor & Council on July 13, 1955, and urged the Mayor & Council to give consideration to making the woodland into a Public Park, for use by the Boy Scouts for overnight camping and for outings of the townfolk in general. He suggested the name of "Beechwood Park" because of the profusion of this type of tree. He further stated that, permission granted, he would undertake to furnish facilities without any cost to the Borough. Permission was granted and Mr. Kaye arranged for water, electricity and toilet facilities.

October 1, 1955 was declared "Beechwood Park Day" by Mayor Walter L. Drill and most of the town turned out to clean up the general area of the "park", including the Boys Scouts, and the Fire Department was on hand in case fires got out of hand. The ladies of the town established food kitchens and passed out food and drink.

Meanwhile Mr. Kaye suggested to the Recreation Commission, who in turn requested the Mayor & Council, to dedicate Beechwood Park for recreation and park purposes.

In February 1963 a four page report was rendered by Councilman John Hammerstein "A suggested plan for the orderly development of Beechwood Park" and on May 30, 1963 ordinance 63-5 was adopted dedicating the lands as a public park, said park to be known as "Beechwood Park".

Before all this, in 1961 Mr. Kaye had also recommended that the Park could have additional usage such as a "center for the Performing Arts" and he was given permission to develop such a center.

Mr. Kaye (an Industrial Designer) designed the Music Shell.

Through the cooperation of many industrial firms in Bergen County, material was made available without charge. Cooperating with Mr. Kaye in this effort was Mr. James O'Meara.

The work on the Music Shell was begun May 1, 1961 and labor and material were supplied without charge; the masonry work was donated by Julius Carpeno, Joseph Carpeno and John Olley.

The Music Shell was ready for the first program in July 1961. Since then approximately 58 concerts have been given (an average of 5 a year, during the month of July). Mr. Kaye has been Executive Director and Master of Ceremonies all that time, until 1972, when Mr. William Trembath came into the activity as General Manager and will take over completely, since Mr. Kaye is planning to retire from the Program.



Henry J. Werner Memorial



Veterans Memorial Field



*Recreation Commission*

Seated left to right: Mrs. R. Niedinger, Mrs. S. C. Pruett, J. Talamo. Standing left to right: Mac Miller, R. Ryan, R. Schlicht, L. Mundhenk, R. McCall.

## RECREATION COMMISSION

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 Assn. and the other by the Bergen County Works Progress Administration. Activities included athletics, amusements, craftwork, swimming and horseshoes.

Mrs. 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.

Starting with 1935, the Committee sponsored a Twilight Softball League and during winter months, with the assistance of the W. P. A., sponsored adult education classes which included Public Speaking, Spanish, Woodworking, Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting and Home-Nursing.

In 1948, by an ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, a Municipal Department of Public Parks and Playgrounds was established to be managed by a Recreation Commission to be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. There were 7 members assigned to the Board, one of whom was a Council liaison member. In 1971 an amendment was adopted which added two teen-age members to the Commission.

At the May 24, 1949 Council meeting, former Fire Chief Rudolph C. Appeld presented a petition (which he had been assisted in getting by some members of the Fire Dept. and American Legion Post) which contained 947 names of borough citizens requesting the Mayor and Council to acquire for park purposes the property on Washington Ave. which runs through to Hillsdale Ave. (formerly the Hills-

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dale Baseball Club property and then owned by the Hillsdale Bank). He was advised this was a worthy project but at a recent referendum the proposition to buy the property had lost by 800 to approximately 600 votes. In the ensuing discussion, Appeld was advised if he could come up with a total of at least 1200 names the Council would act accordingly. The June 14, 1949 minutes of the Borough Council reports that Appeld did present an additional list of 267 names. Borough Clerk Garret A. Storms announced he had checked and audited the total of 1214 names and verified same as correct. Whereupon, Mayor James A. Tatem polled the Council and an ordinance to purchase the property was introduced and subsequently purchased for \$7,500.

A fieldhouse was constructed on what was to become known as "Memorial Field" in 1955.

In 1956, Mr. Joseph M. Talamo was hired as the paid Recreation Director, reporting monthly to the Commission and organizing all town recreational activities including a summer day camp.

For many years, our day camp has been a model for other towns. We have three complete camps; Camp Crocket (1st Grade), Camp Hildaca (2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades) and Camp Hillsdale (5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grades) — each with their own Director and full staff.

As of 1972, we have had a Camp Coordinator, who works directly under Mr. Talamo and coordinates all activities.

In 1972 over 500 children were registered. When it was found there were some areas in which a complete activity could not be operated due to lack of facilities or interest, a Pascaek Valley Regional Recreation Committee was formed in which the four towns involved formed leagues and put on a complete program.

In the past ten years, many new activities have been added to the schedule. The program is being constantly analyzed, dropping activities when interests change and adding new ones when necessary.

The Recreation Commission sponsors the Senior Citizens 50 Plus Club and have an annual figure in the budget to help subsidize their programs and growing membership. A donation is made to ASK (Activities for Special Kids), a recreation program for handicapped children, because the Commission is unable to fulfill their needs within the program structure.

A Wrestling Clinic had been added to the Saturday morning programs and with all the interest in Chess, a Chess Club has been started.

For the past six years, there has been a teen canteen at the high school cafeteria 3 times a week during the summer months.

The Recreation Commission is either directly or indirectly responsible for 30 activities that run all year long.

Present members of the Recreation Commission are: Mrs. S. Clifton Pruett, Chairman; Lawrence P. Mundhenk, Vice Chairman; Joseph M. Talamo, Borough Recreation Director; Mrs. A. J. Neidinger, Secretary; Richard J. Ryan, Council Liaison; Bruno Arietta, Park & Playgrounds Maintenance; Brian Ferriek, Summer Canteens; William McCaffrey, Teenage Activities; Mac Miller, Basketball, Mens Activities, Wrestling; Roger Schlicht, Halloween Program, Midget Football, Easter Egg Hunt, Liaison to Environmental Commission; Alfred S. Bertellotti, Girls & Womens Activities, Day Camp; and John E. Butenschoen, Liaison to Youth Guidance Council.

Meetings of the Commission are held the second Wednesday of every month in the Hillsdale Free Public Library at 8 P.M. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome.



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## HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION

### — PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES —

ACTIVITY	FOR WHOM	WHEN	WHERE
1. Basketball Leagues	Boys grades 5-8	Dec.-March	G.G. White School
2. Basketball Leagues	Girls grades 5-8	Dec.-Feb.	A.B. Smith School
3. Basketball Leagues	Boys grades 9-12	Dec.-Feb.	PVHS
4. Basketball & Volleyball Rec.	Men age 18 and up	Oct.-May	G.G. White School
5. Basketball & Volleyball Rec.	Women age 18 and up	Oct.-May	G.G. White School
6. Basketball Summer League	Boys grade 8 through college	July-Aug.	Memorial Park
7. Bowling	Boys & Girls grades 7-12	Sept.-March	Montvale Lanes
8. Cheerleading Clinic	Girls age 6 and up	July-Aug.	Meadowbrook School
9. Cheerleading Squad	Girls age 9 and up	Sept.-Nov.	Memorial Park
10. Chess Clubs	9th Grade and older	Sept.-June	G.G. White School
11. Day Camps	Boys and Girls grades 1-8	July-Aug.	Smith & G.G. White Schools
12. Easter Egg Hunt	Boys & Girls ages 1-9	Easter Time	Memorial Park
13. Football League	Boys ages 11-13	Sept.-Nov.	Memorial Park
14. Halloween Dance	Boys & Girls grades 7 & 8	Halloween	White School
15. Halloween Parade	Boys & Girls ages 1-10	Halloween	Park'g Lot to White School
16. Ice Skating	Everyone	Dec.-Feb.	Woodale County Park
17. Physical Fitness	Boys & Mens (all ages)	August	PVHS
18. Project Ask	Handicapped Children	All Year	Fieldstone Schl., Montvale
19. Senior Citizens	Men & Women over 50	All Year	Hillsdale Methodist Church
20. Ski Trips	Everyone	Dec.-Feb.	Campgaw Ski Area
21. Sleigh Riding	Everyone	Dec.-Feb.	Beechwood Park
22. Softball	Girls grades 5-8	April-June	White School Field
23. Softball	Girls grades 9-12	July-Aug.	Smith School Field
24. Softball	Women H.S. graduates & up	June-Aug.	Smith School Field
25. Softball	Men age 18 and up	June-Aug.	White School Field
26. Summer Music Festival	Everyone	July-Aug.	Beechwood Park
27. Teenage Canteens	Boys & Girls grades 9-12	July-Aug.	PVHS
28. Tennis Clinic	Boys, Girls, Men, Women	July-Aug.	PVHS
29. Twirling	Girls ages 6 and up	July-Aug.	Meadowbrook School
30. Wrestling Clinic	Boys grades 5-8	Dec.-Feb.	PVHS

Residents should check newspapers for further information.

Hillsdale Recreation Commission—

Monthly Public Meeting — 2nd Wednesday — Hillsdale Public Library

BOROUGH RECREATION DIRECTOR — JOSEPH M. TALAMO — 391-1702



*Environmental Commission*

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

The Environmental Commission — a relatively new arm of the municipal government — was founded in February 1969 as the Conservation Commission (one of the first such Commissions in the state), but recently widened responsibilities caused the name change.

The idea of such a Commission was suggested to Mayor Gilbert Busch by Mr. Francis Costello who went on to be its first Chairman.

One of the first accomplishments of the Commission was to establish a Nature Trail and Conservancy in Beechwood Park; a valuable piece of open space in that it contains three distinct ecological sections which is quite rare for such a relatively small area.

To highlight the opening of the "Nature Trail" in 1970, the Commission planned a Maple Syrup Festival featuring a Pancake Breakfast cooked by the then Mayor John Dunphy and Council members.

The Maple Syrup Festival, an annual event, is used as an outdoor educational project for the school children. They tap the trees and collect the sap which is then boiled down to make syrup.

The scope of the Commission is far-ranging — it studies and makes recommendations in five broad areas:

- a. Open space preservation; including proper use of open land areas such as flood plains and wetlands.
- b. Natural Resources Management including water and soil conservation and development of conservation programs.
- c. Scenic, Aesthetic and Historic preservation including landscape protection and environmental appearance.
- d. Waste disposal.
- e. Water and Air Pollution and Noise Control.

Other responsibilities of the Environmental Commission are, the planning and implementation of educational programs for both school children and the public; such as outdoor education projects including Arbor Day plantings. For the adults, there are lectures, films and slide presentations.

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In the spring, the Commission provides seedlings and sponsors a planting program for the Scouts in town and also holds an Annual Fishing Contest.

The Commission is involved in planning recommendations for the various subdivisions in town and has published tree protection guidelines to be followed by builders.

The Commission produces books, maps and pamphlets on conservation measures and has issued a handsome field guide for the Nature Trail in Beechwood Park.

The members of the Environmental Commission appointed for 1973 are: John E. Stubbs, Chairman; Francis Costello, Vice Chairman; George Demarest, Shade Tree Commission Representative; Kenneth T. Forziati, Secretary; Enver Park, Roger D. Schlicht (Recreation Commission Representative), John J. Hayde (Planning Board Representative), John A. Koehler (Council liaison) and Nancy Vaviello, Commission Secretary.

The Commission meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Borough Hall.

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*Hillsdale Library Board 1973*

## **History of the Free Public Library of Hillsdale**

The Hillsdale Library story began in a 1935 adult education class in public speaking conducted by Elsie Hubachek in the old frame school located on the northeast corner of Hillsdale and Magnolia Avenues. When Sarah VanderClute's turn came, she enthusiastically addressed the class on "Books", concluding with "Why don't we have a library?". In a single voice the group replied, "Let's."

Miss Sarah Askew, Secretary and Librarian of the New Jersey State Library Association, addressed an interested group of residents on June 16, 1935. On August 26 of the same year, the first meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the school. The following officers were elected: President, Walter J. McIntyre; Vice-President, William W. Livengood; Secretary, Elsie Bessel and Treasurer, Walter M. Hoffman. Mrs. Ruth W. Newman was appointed Librarian and served from Nov. 24, 1935 until she retired in April 1956, working many months without pay and even later for pathetically little. She founded the Small Libraries Group and became its first President.

The first home of the Library was in the small store at the corner of Hillsdale and West Railroad Aves., opening formally Saturday, Jan. 18, 1936 with everything being donated — books, bookcases, chairs, table and labor. Jenner R. Fast helped financially as well as giving good advice to the Board of which he became President.

On Election Day, Nov. 3, 1936, the electorate decided by a large majority — 1053 to 330 — that the library should become a municipal subdivision. On Jan. 1, 1937, the Borough of Hillsdale received for the sum of \$1.00 a debt free library of 4,500 volumes with 853 borrowers and a circulation of about 2,000 units per month.

The Library leased the two stores owned by Edward Leddy, 411 Hillsdale Ave., and moved Feb. 1, 1938. This had been a general store and also was the first Post Office.



*Hillsdale Library Board in 1948*

*Front row — J. R. Fast, 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. Taeye (Custodian — absent G. G. White.*

In January 1956, Mayor John F. Dowd cast the deciding vote at the Council meeting to provide funds for the purchase of the Vorrath property at 509 Hillsdale Ave. The residence was remodeled and once again the library moved, but this time into its own home! This building was expanded into a beautiful, spacious library which was dedicated on June 25, 1972.

The Hillsdale Library is open daily Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m., to 9 p.m.; Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. According to library records approximately two-thirds of the residents are actively using the library facilities. In 1972, 67,295 books, magazines, periodicals, records and cassettes were circulated. The population of Hillsdale is approximately 11,890, residing in 3,356 houses and apartments. The activities are being expanded with, presently, storytelling hours for children of different age levels, craft programs and a film program presented the third Friday evening of the month. Folk guitar lessons sponsored by the Recreation Commission are a recent innovation. The Library has a good collection of fiction, non-fiction, magazines, reference works and juvenile publications. Civic groups meet in the Library. The Library staff includes: Acting Director, Willa Mae Levy; Librarians Beatrice Lucas, Eileen Reilly and Eileen Neal. The Pages are Jerelyn Scher, Lea Ann Rotar and Leslie Feiner.

The members of the Board of Trustees are: President, Dorothy H. Ward; Secretary, David J. Eickhorst; Treasurer, Nicholas Crane; Allan E. Atchison, Michael DeAngelo, Mayor Richard H. Englander, Council Liaison William J. Henderson and Superintendent of Schools Shepard H. Cynamon.

Mrs. Betty F. Melone began as Director March 1, 1973.



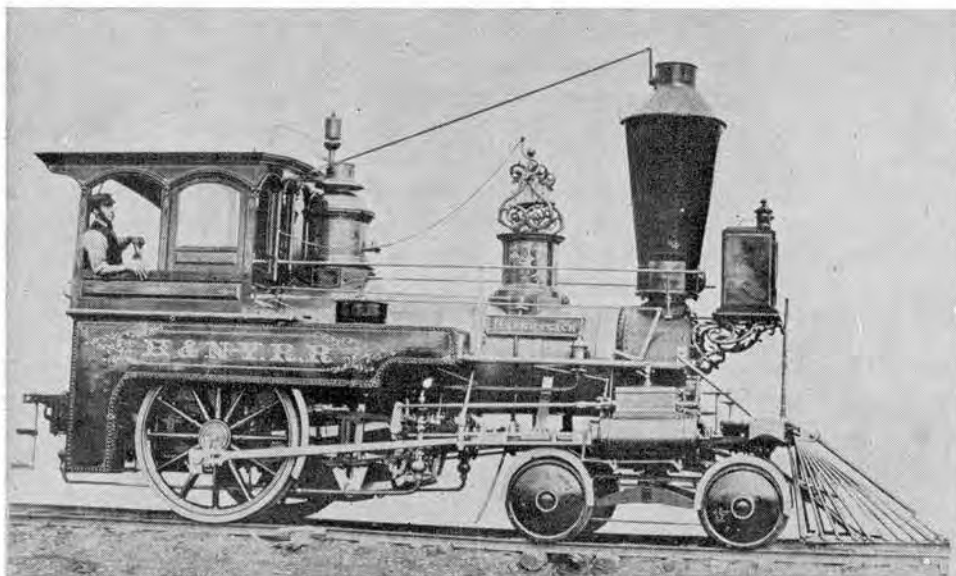
*Hillsdale Free Public Library  
509 Hillsdale Avenue*

## UTILITIES

The first franchise relative to electric lighting and erection of poles and wires in the Township was granted the Union Electric Company on May 19, 1900, through the proposal made by Genest M. Ottignon, three months prior to this date. In 1901, the Union Electric Company became the Bergen County Gas & Electric Company (forerunner of the present Utility Company) and a franchise was granted them 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 oil lamps, 32 candlepower lights to be placed on various streets in the Township". There are at present 791 street lights in the Borough — mostly 100 candlepower — and some brighter in the business area.

On May 7, 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 C. Demarest on Summit Ave. (presently 144 Broadway). The New Jersey Bell Telephone Company advises they have listed 7478 phones in Hillsdale today.

In 1903, Edmund L. Greenin was appointed a Committee of one to secure water for the Township, and on September 9, 1903, a water franchise was granted the Hackensack Water Company. The Township got two miles of water main and twenty-four fire hydrants; today Hillsdale has 43.4 miles of mains and 311 fire hydrants.



*1st wood burning locomotive on the Hackensack & New York RR*



*Hillsdale Depot — 1870*



*Hillsdale Depot — 1900*



*Hillsdale Depot — 1908*



*Hillsdale Depot — 1973*

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## RAILROAD

On March 14, 1856, a charter was granted by the N. J. 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 Ave. The little railroad, 21 miles long, from the junction with the Erie Railway south of Carlstadt to a point just west of Hillsdale Ave., had its terminus at Hillsdale. There were six houses within a half mile radius of the Hillsdale Station, when the line was formally opened to public use on Sat., March 4, 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.

The New Jersey & New York Railroad in turn was leased to the Erie Railroad in 1896. The Erie Railroad has been managing the Railroad since 1955, assuming full control on Dec. 1, 1966. It is now known as the "Pascaek Valley Line" of the Erie Lackawanna Railway.

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 75¢ — commutation \$14.50 per month.

In its heyday, before the George Washington Bridge and bus service to New York, the time table shows 21 round trips per day. Today's time table lists 6 round trips — the fare is \$1.25 one way to Hoboken and \$2.40 round trip — commutation is \$31.00 per month — \$8.50 for a weekly ticket and \$22.50 for a 20 trip ticket. There is one through freight train through Hillsdale and two switching crews working the eastern end of the railroad between Carlstadt and Hackensack.

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 Harrington St., Hillsdale, was Superintendent of Motive Power, and L. B. Van Wagonen of Hillsdale was Superintendent of the Car Shops. The Engine Coaling Station was located in Hillsdale, as was the turn table and water tank.

With 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 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, and also for services of the Episcopal Church. Various political organizations met there. Later it also was used as a Real Estate and Insurance Office.



*Water Tank — 1930*



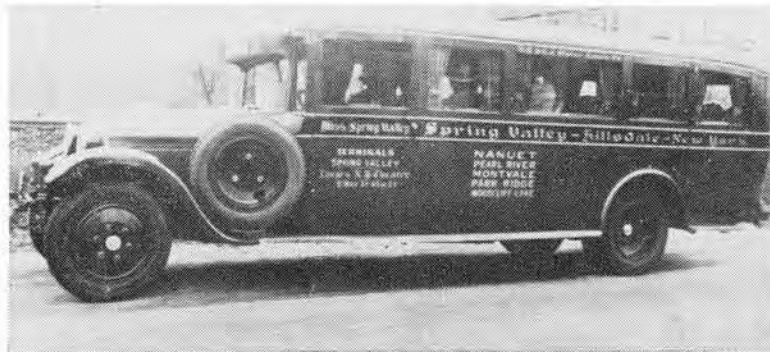
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We note in March of 1909 that crossing bells were provided for Hillsdale Ave. crossing and in 1913 they were provided for Park Ave. and Orchard St. A crossing watchman was provided for Hillsdale Ave. between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily, beginning October 1915 until August 1952 when automatic crossing flashers were installed. Automatic crossing gates were installed on Hillsdale Ave. August 1968.





1st Bus thru Town — 1925

## BUS TRANSPORTATION

After the Bus Ordinance was adopted Sept. 3, 1924, the first bus to operate in Hillsdale was a line running from Paterson to Hillsdale station and return, via Pascack Rd. and Hillsdale Ave. This bus made its first run on Sept. 15, 1924 and was owned by the Avolia Transportation Company of Paterson. The following November, a franchise was granted the Park Ridge Transportation Company to operate two buses through Hillsdale, via Broadway, between Pearl River and Westwood.

On May 4, 1926, a Hudson and Bergen County Bus Co. was granted a franchise to run an express service bus from Journal Square, Jersey City to Hillsdale. In January of 1927, a franchise was granted the Spring Valley Bus Company to run five buses through Hillsdale on a route from Spring Valley to Jersey City.

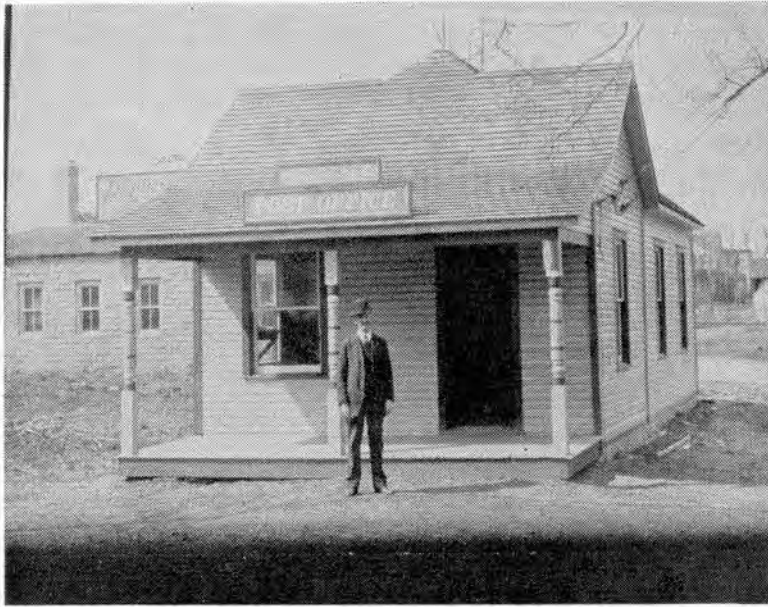
The Public Service Transport Co. purchased the Park Ridge Transportation Company bus line in January of 1937 and ran buses from Park Ridge to Hackensack. We note, in 1945, that the Spring Valley Bus Company (now known as Rockland Transit Corporation) was granted permission to run buses along Kinderkamack Rd. In May of 1946, Alfred J. Tiedeman (who had operated a taxi business in Hillsdale since 1921 and also provided bus service for school children) proposed and was granted permission to operate a bus line thru Hillsdale to Ridgewood - Westwood to Ridgewood via Hillsdale.

In 1948 we read of a bus strike that ran from April 4 to May 5, on the Spring Valley Line. Mention is made in the records of townfolk who appeared at a Council meeting and urged the Mayor and Council to take action to end the strike.

The Rockland Coaches Incorporated now provide the existing bus service — 3 buses run in each direction per hour, between Spring Valley and New York City, except during the commuter hours when additional buses are provided.



Rockland Coaches Inc. Bus to New York — 1973



*John Kinmonth — Postmaster — 1913*



Herman Orfini  
1973

## POST OFFICE

Prior to March 1870, mail was brought once a week to the tavern of Peter A. Jersey in Pascack (now Woodcliff Lake), N. J.

After this date, when the Hackensack & New York Railroad entered Hillsdale, mail was delivered to the Hillsdale Post Office once a day, which was located in the General Store at 411 Hillsdale Ave. (across the tracks) and Henry G. Hering, 1st, was storekeeper and Postmaster. As Postmaster, he received the grand salary of twelve dollars per year.

Mr. Henry G. Hering, 1st, 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 Township was established and was part of the then Washington Township. He surveyed and laid out most of the principal roads in Bergen 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 (in those days there were no Policemen, no Constables — the Sheriff and his deputies were the LAW). He was a school teacher, a farmer, Supervisor and Tax Assessor for Washington Twp. before Hillsdale came into being. He owned and developed most of the northern part of Hillsdale — known as Hillsdale Manor — under the title of Hillsdale Improvement Company. He resided with his family in a sandstone house at what is known today as 230 Broadway (just north of Piermont Ave.). Additions to the house came in later years.

After Mr. Hering, the job of Postmaster was taken over by a Mr. W. W. Banta, principal of Hillsdale School located on Pascack Road, and later Township Clerk when Hillsdale became a township. Mr. Banta possessed a most beautiful Spencerian Handwriting skill, as can be seen when one reads the minutes of the meetings of the Township Council. Mr. Banta was followed by a Mr. John W. Kinmonth, who moved the Post Office business to his store at 148 Broadway.

When Hillsdale Township was created in 1898, we find the Post Office back in the store at the railroad station (441 Hillsdale Ave.) and John F. Winters was Storekeeper and Postmaster.

In 1913, John W. Kinmonth again became Postmaster and a wood-frame Post Office building was erected on the corner of Hillsdale Ave. and West Railway Ave. Messrs. J. Quinn, Charles Riley, John W. Barnett, John Haines and John V. Snow followed as Postmasters.

During the term of Mr. Barnett, the Post Office was moved to a store in the Fedden Building (432 Hillsdale Ave.). During the term of Mr. Haines the Post Office was moved to 98 Broadway (now the Hillsdale Professional Building).

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Carrier delivery service was inaugurated in Hillsdale on Jan. 3, 1938, and twice a day delivery service was afforded to 688 delivery stops. On Saturdays, there was only one delivery. On April 18, 1950, the then Postmaster General (Jesse M. Donaldson) reduced residential deliveries (across the nation) from two to one daily.

By 1972, the Hillsdale Post Office was making 3357 total daily deliveries with 11 motorized and one foot carrier.

Calvin G. Piper became Postmaster on March 1, 1949 and served almost 24 years, retiring Dec. 31, 1972. His successor is Herman Orfini, acting as Officer in Charge.

On Feb. 27, 1960, the present Post Office building, located at 445 Hillsdale Ave., was dedicated by Congressman William B. Widnall representing President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield.

On July 1, 1963, Postmaster General Edward Day unveiled the Zip Code system for mail sorting and Hillsdale residents then had a new number to remember, 07642.

On Aug. 12, 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed into law the Postal Reorganization Act — authorizing the Postal System to become the U. S. Postal Service as of July 1, 1971, an independent government agency.

Under the new U. S. Postal Service our Hillsdale Post Office is part of Sectional Center, Hackensack, N. J., the Northern New Jersey District and the Greater New York Metropolitan Region.

With the advent of the Sectional Center, Hackensack, and the introduction of sophisticated letter sorting equipment at this major facility, a major portion of Hillsdale's outgoing mails are sent to Hackensack where it is processed with a "U. S. Postal Service" postmark.

The loss of the "Hillsdale, N. J. 07642" postmark may eventually come about, we learn, due to the increasing volume of mail which dictates the use of speed processing equipment.

Mail is received at the Hillsdale Post Office via truck from Hackensack, N. J. after being funneled into that Sectional Center from Newark and Paterson, N. J. and the bulk mail facility known as "The Meadows Facility" in Kearny, N. J.



*Postal Employees Hillsdale — 1973*



*Hillsdale School Pascack Road*



*Hillsdale School Magnolia Ave.*

## History of the Hillsdale Elementary Schools

The first grammar school in Hillsdale Township, erected at Magnolia and Hillsdale Aves. in 1889, contained four classrooms. There was one teacher and 36 students. This school was adequate to house the student body until 1906 when four more classrooms were added. 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, and George W. Demarest, was appointed by the County Superintendent of Schools, John Terhune, April 12, 1898. This Board organized April 23, 1898 and elected A. C. Holdrum, President and William Blauvelt, District Clerk.

A second school (Grammar School #2) was completed on Magnolia Ave. in 1922. It contained ten classrooms and a library. Pupils in grades one through six were transferred to the new building while those in grades seven and eight remained in the original school.

The township was incorporated into the Borough of Hillsdale on March 2, 1923 by an act of the State Legislature and adopted by the citizens of the township on April 24, 1923. In November of that year, the first Mayor and Council were elected.

Sixteen years elapsed before any further school expansion took place. In 1938 six classrooms, an auditorium and a cafeteria were added to Grammar School #2 (renamed the George G. White School in 1952 after the first principal of that school). By May 1940, all pupils in grades K through 8 were transferred to Grammar School #2. The first graduating class used the new auditorium the following year.

In the fall of 1948, school enrollment stood at 488. Three years later, the figure had climbed to 804. An addition to the cafeteria, a nurse's office and eight classrooms were completed at that time to house the increased enrollment. Partitioning of existing rooms also helped create additional space. The enrollment continued to spiral and in 1954 there were 1,177 students housed in 36 classrooms with 40 teachers.

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The Ann Blanche Smith School (K-6) was built in 1955 on a 13 acre site just east of the Garden State Parkway on Hillsdale Ave. An addition was completed in 1962. It is a one-story structure containing a kindergarten room, 13 classrooms and a multipurpose room used as a lunchroom, auditorium and gymnasium. This school also contains an art room and a library.

A second K-6 facility, the Meadowbrook School, was built in 1964 on Piermont Ave. and Ruckman Rd. Located on 8 acres, it is also a one-story building with a kindergarten room, 12 classrooms and a multipurpose room.

To accommodate the overflow of students by 1967, 4 relocatable classrooms and a central administration building were installed on the Meadowbrook School property. In addition 5 classrooms were rented in the Methodist Church Education Building. Enrollment swelled from 1,650 in 1967-68 to 1,730 in 1970-71.

In an effort to provide the classrooms and associated facilities needed, the Board of Education proposed a fourth school in a referendum for voter approval on Oct. 15, 1968. This and three subsequent proposals were defeated. The electorate did approve a proposal Jan. 18, 1972 for additions to the existing three schools.

The additions included: Meadowbrook School — three classrooms, an art room and enlarging the library; Smith School — three classrooms, art room, enlarged library, enlarged all purpose room and service area; George White School — three classrooms, 2 science rooms, a library, double station gymnasium and conversion of existing problem spaces.



*Board of Education Hillsdale, N. J.*



*Hillsdale School 1898 — Hillsdale and Magnolia Aves.  
Entire Student Body*



*George G. White School — Magnolia Avenue*



*Ann Blanche Smith School*



*Meadowbrook School*



*Pascack Valley High School  
Piermont Avenue*



*Faculty George G. White School*



*Faculty Ann Blanche Smith School*



*Meadowbrook School Faculty*



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## History of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District was founded in 1951 when the residents of Hillsdale, Woodcliff Lake, Montvale and River Vale were notified by Park Ridge and Westwood High Schools that their schools could no longer accept tuition students. Citizens from the four communities united, and through popular referendum, established our regional high school district.

In September 1955, with James A. McNeil as Superintendent and John V. Lewis as Supervising Principal, the original school plant, built to house 650 students, was opened in Hillsdale bearing the name of Pascack Valley Regional High School. Enrollments continued to rise rapidly, and in February 1958, two wings were added to the original building to house a new Science complex and expanded facilities for vocational education.

During the summers of 1960 and 1961, other additions were made to the building to keep abreast of rising enrollments and to provide additional educational facilities.

In October 1961, the voters of the Regional District approved a referendum for the construction of a second high school. This school is located in Montvale and began operation in the fall of 1964. At that time the name of the original building was changed to Pascack Valley High School and the second school was given the name of Pascack Hills High School. A major addition to the Pascack Hills school was completed and opened to the students in September 1968. During that school year the Pascack Valley principal, John V. Lewis assumed the superintendency when Mr. McNeil retired. Mr. Balkom J. Reaves became the new principal at the Hillsdale school.

A building program is currently underway to provide 35% additional space at Pascack Valley High School so that the combined enrollment potential for both schools approximates 3400 students — the total expected in the District by the late 1970s.

In December 1972, Mr. Lewis, who had been with the District since its inception in 1951, retired and relinquished the superintendency to Dr. Ronald J. Perry, formerly County Superintendent of Schools in Prince Edward County, Virginia.

In the eighteen years that the Regional High School District has been in existence, its student population has grown from approximately 600 students to almost 2900 in the two high schools. More than 285 employees are on the Board of Education payroll.

The building program currently under way on the Hillsdale campus will enlarge the physical education facilities, the cafeteria capacity, and add a speech/drama room to the music wing. To the rear of the building is rising a new wing which will contain an ultra-modern library/media center and the English and Social Studies departments. Extensive interior alterations and renovations, including the installation of an elevator, are also scheduled for the building which will eventually accommodate 1800 students.

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District offers a comprehensive high school education to students in grades 9 through 12. It also sponsors a number of special education classes through the Pas-

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cack Valley Council on Special Education. Besides the standard curriculum incorporating English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Business Education, Related Arts and Physical Education, the district provides Honors level courses in many areas, innovative "mini-courses", a comprehensive vocational program within the district's schools, including several work-experience programs, and a fruitful affiliation with county sponsored vocational satellite schools.



*Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education*



*Pascack Valley High School Faculty*



*Family Faculty Assn., G. G. White School*

## **Family Faculty Association G. G. White School**

In the school year 1922-23 as a result of interest in the P.T.A. movement throughout the country, George G. White school mothers organized the first Parent-Teachers Association in the school.

Fifty years have gone by and now we have changed the P.T.A. to the F.F.A. (Family Faculty Association). But, our goals and functions are about the same as then. The F.F.A. activities include kindergarten round-up, Friday night activities for the 7th and 8th grades, Friday afternoon movies for the younger children, book fair, cake sales, luncheon for the teachers, a graduation party for our 8th graders.

The present officers include Mrs. Howard Savige, Pres.; Miss Alice Gereghy, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Thos. Fay, Recording Sec'y.; Mrs. John Bergonzi, Treas.; and Mrs. John Kucks, Corresponding Sec'y.



*Ann Blanche Smith School P.T.A.*

## **Ann Blanche Smith School P.T.A.**

When the K-through-6 Elementary School was built in 1955 and named in honor of Ann Blanche Smith (former principal of the now George G. White School), a closely knit P.T.A. was formed, helped by the principal, Stanley W. Cole, Jr. Mrs. Jane Baldwin became president.

The young P.T.A. organized many fund raising events to purchase equipment for the school, such as outdoor play equipment, library books and equipment; and in following years, tape recorders, cameras, a TV set and many audio visual aids. One such fund raising event was the first school fair ever given by a Hillsdale P.T.A., which came to pass in 1958 when a spring fair took place on the school grounds, with rides, fun booths and much food, and complete with a first aid tent manned by Mrs. Barbara Jennings (then Miss Hamilton), the school nurse.

Parents' programs have also been presented on special town topics such as the timely "Up the Down Sewer Pipe" directed by George Alexander — timely because this was during the period the town was going through the trauma of its sewer installaton.

The P.T.A. has enjoyed a warm relationship with the school's staff, especially with Mrs. Mildred Jefferies, the school secretary; the Messrs. Ted Hazen and Bernie Milone, the school custodians; and our constant helper, Mr. Howard Schultz (fifth grade), who has held almost every office the P.T.A. has to offer; also our principal, Allan E. Atchison, who has coordinated all activities while the school is in the midst of building alterations.

The P.T.A. currently sponsors kindergarten registration and coffee hours for new parents; library volunteers (as we do not have a fulltime librarian); classroom mothers; telephone calling committee; and the Teachers' luncheon. Present officers are: Mrs. John G. Schumm, Pres.; Mrs. Stewart Klein, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Richard Nally, Recording Sec'y; Mrs. Murray Bernard, Corresponding Sec'y; and Jules S. Valley, Treasurer.

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ARDEN PLACE	E2	DOUGLAS DRIVE	A3	JOSEPHINE COURT	M9	PASCACK ROAD	F3	VINCENT ST	
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CENTRAL AVENUE	K4	HAMPTON PLACE	M5	MIDLAND AVENUE	P4	STOCKTON STREET	L4		
CHADWICK ROAD	G3	HARRINGTON STREET	K3	MILLARD PLACE	J6	STONY RIDGE DRIVE	D4		
CHELSEA COURT	E4	HAZELWOOD AVENUE	J3	MORRIS DRIVE	G5	STRAWBERRY HILL RD	M8		
CHERRY PLACE	F3	HERITAGE COURT	D5	MOUNTAIN VIEW TERR	A5	SUMMIT STREET	H2		
CHERRY HILL COURT	M8	HIGHLAND AVENUE	P5	NANCY DRIVE	G6	SYCAMORE AVENUE	J3		
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CHURCH ROAD	G6	HILLSDALE COURT	D3	NORTH RAMAPO LANE	G5	TRINITY PLACE	L3		
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CLINTON AVENUE	J6	HOMESTEAD STREET	P4	OAKLAND STREET	K6	UPPER BROOK LANE	D4		
COLES CROSSING RD	H7	HOPKINS STREET	N3	CAKRIE ROAD	L6				
COLONIAL BOULEVARD	G2	HOPPER STREET	M4	OAK TRAIL ROAD	E4				
COLUMBUS AVENUE	J7	HOPPER AVENUE	L5	ORCHARD STREET	J4				
CONKLIN AVENUE	L5	HOWELL AVENUE	J7	ORCHARD LANE	C5				
COTTAGE PLACE	M5	HUNTERS COURT	C3	OVERBROOK PLACE	N2				
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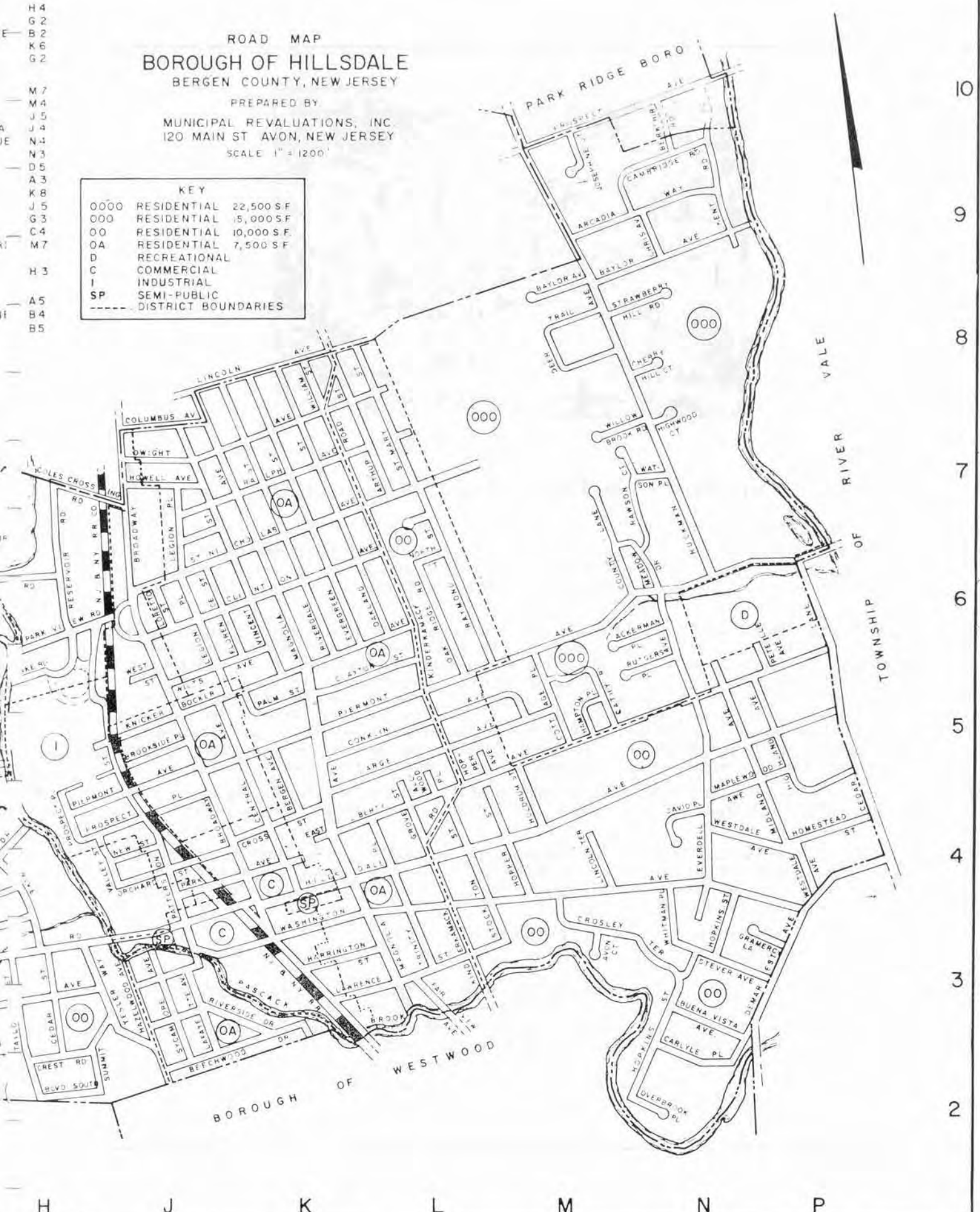


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*Meadowbrook Family Faculty Assn.*

## Meadowbrook Family Faculty Association

In May, 1963 the Meadowbrook School opened its doors for its first student body.

The first parents' group was organized through the leadership of Mr. & Mrs. Lee Kalfian. The original group which helped to get the organization on its feet includes Mmes. Alvin Cleveland, Louis Fitts, Uwe Grapengeter, Lawrence Handloser, Howard Rodin, Dorothy Ross, Robert Troast and M. Sobin.

During the 1963-64 school year the organization consisted solely of class mothers. A survey was sent home that year to all parents to determine the type of parents' organization the Meadowbrook community desired. The results of the survey indicated that only 5 desired membership in the national P.T.A. while the others were in favor of a local family-faculty organization. Under the direction of the Mmes. Sobin, Kalfian and Grapengeter by-laws were written and subsequently submitted to the parents and faculty and approved at the parent-teacher meeting at the beginning of the 1964-65 school year. The president of the newly formed Family-Faculty Association was Dr. Paul Meek, who served until his appointment to the Board of Education six months later. Mr. Lee Kalfian was appointed president to complete the 1964-65 term and was elected president for the 1965-66 school year.

The presidents of the F.F.A. of Meadowbrook School since then have been: Mr. Frank Oliver, Mrs. Dot Ross, Mrs. Lee Kalfian, Mr. Mike Cariello, Mr. Bill Thoens (two terms), and the incumbent, Mrs. Martin Lieberman.

Since its inception the M.F.F.A. has registered many worthwhile accomplishments in its efforts to enrich the educational environment of our children. Not only does it maintain communication channels between parents and faculty in the form of school activities, but by holding fund-raisers makes material contributions to the school as well.

Highlights of the programs during the 1972-73 school year are:

Kindergarten and Newcomers Coffee Klatch — a first day of school welcome to new parents.

Back to school night — an early-in-the-year function designed to help parents get acquainted with their children's new principal and teachers.

Grade level seminars — an in-depth look at what the typical school day consists of, conducted by the principal and teachers of each grade.

Meadowbrook Memos — all new format for the school newspaper.

Spaghetti dinner — a fund raiser to purchase a sound system for the school.

Book fair — includes cake sale and boutique.

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Hot Dog Day and Field Day — for the children.  
Teachers' Luncheon — at year's end.

1972 Officers and Committee Chairmen

Pres. — Lenore Lieberman  
Vice Pres. — Pat Thoens  
Sec'y — Carol Case  
Treas. — Donald Trichon

Corresponding Sec'y — Florence Gosdin  
Principal — Richard C. Rice  
Teacher Representative:  
Intermediate — Marie Hanlon  
Primary — Esther Horowitz

Hostess — Ann Brennan  
Class Mother — Jane Arlin  
Kindergarten Roundup  
& Coffee Klatch — Barbara Fitzpatrick  
Book Fair — Judy Decker &  
Marion Grapengeter (Co-Chairmen)  
Boutique — Berit Lundberg  
Teacher Aid — Carol Case &  
Joan deRosa (Co-Chairmen)

Membership — Judy Lee  
Meadowbrook Memos — Robin Weinstein  
Publicity — Pat Kelley  
Library — Berit Lundberg  
Hot Dog Day — Naomi DeVecchio  
Teacher Luncheon — Betty Gross  
Spaghetti Dinner — Sue Fairbairn &  
Carol Osterhus (Co-Chairmen)



*Parent Faculty Organization  
Pascack Valley High School, Hillsdale, N. J.*

## Pascack Valley High School Parent-Faculty Organization

In Feb., 1955 a steering committee with Mrs. Kenneth Baker as chairman began work to organize a P.T.A. at the new Pascack Valley High School. In Sept. a reception was held for all faculty, administrators and Board of Education members, and the P.T.A. was officially under way. Mrs. Werner Gygax was first president. One of the first commitments was to secure a piano for the auditorium.

In 1966 a vote was taken to disassociate from the national PTA and become an independent organization dedicated to local concerns. The objectives of the new Parent-Faculty Organization are to promote the welfare of students in home, school and community, and to bring into closer relations the home and the school.

One of the main functions of the PFO is to provide several scholarships each year to students. Countless dances, card parties, bake sales and theater parties have been held to raise money for the scholarship fund. The list of fine guest speakers includes Mr. Roy Larsen, president of TIME, INC.

Parent orientation meetings are being offered by grade level with the aid of the Guidance Dept. Each year the PFO organizes a class party for the graduating class on graduation night.

The Executive Board 1972-1973 is as follows: Honorary Presidents, Ronald J. Perry and Balkom J. Reaves; Pres., Mrs. P. Schult (Lou); Vice Pres.-Finance, Mrs. H. Decker (Judy); Vice Pres.-Membership, Mrs. U. Grapengeter (Marion); Vice Pres.-Program, Mrs. G. Alexander (Dot); Recording Sec'y, Mrs. J. Bauknecht (Diane); Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. E. Gorham (Joanne); and Treas., Mrs. A. Sandberg (Marilyn).





*P.F.O. Pascack Hills High School*

## **Parent Faculty Association, Pascack Hills High School, Montvale, N. J.**

The Pascack Regional High School, Pascack Hills, opened on Grand Ave. in Montvale, N. J. in 1964. Under the guidance of Dr. Donald Wyckoff, the first principal, a group of interested parents met and made the decision to break away from the National Parent-Teacher organization (the P.T.A.) and form an independent organization that would more fully serve the needs of the parents, faculty and students of the new school. The new group was named the Parent Faculty Association, or P.F.A. Mrs. Florence Leon served as the first president. Since then, the following have been president of that organization: Mrs. Arthur Becker, Mrs. Irvin Mermelstein, Mrs. George Ebert and Mrs. Anthony Porcelli. Mr. Bart De Paola has been an active participant in all P.F.A. meetings and activities since his arrival as principal in 1967.

The aims and objectives of the P.F.A. set up by the first executive board read: “. . . endeavors to create an interchange of ideas through timely programs and provide a channel of communication with the Administration . . . and make available, through a variety of projects, funds for an annual scholarship, assistance award (s) enabling further study for a deserving graduating senior (s) . . .” Annually, these aims have been accomplished by active and enthusiastic parents and faculty members; also each year the program has been enlarged.

Through the aid of the rapidly enlarging business community, the service organizations, and the increasing interest and support of the citizens of the Pascack Hills district it has been possible to help many graduating seniors to achieve their educational goals. At the Awards assembly in May, 1972 scholarships totaling \$2,100 were awarded to seven graduating seniors. “It is hoped that this very necessary and important function of the P.F.A. will grow larger each year”, to quote Mrs. Anthony (Mary Lou) Porcelli, the incumbent president of the P.F.A.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT



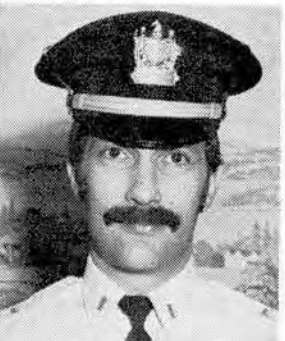
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Robert Schramm  
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V. J. McCarthy  
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Ronald Schramm  
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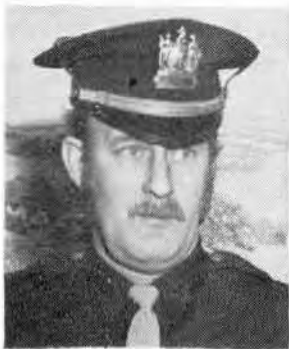
Law and Order in the Township before February 4, 1908 was maintained by the Constables elected annually. (On May 6, 1901, we read, the Township Clerk was authorized to purchase a pair of handcuffs for the Constable and again June 2, 1902 we read — the clerk was authorized to purchase a second pair). On June 4, 1900, an ordinance “prohibiting bicycle riding on the paths upon the roadsides” was adopted . . . on May 5, 1902, the speed limit was set at “Eight Miles per hour through the Township for motorcycles, autos and bicycles” and we note, on July 2, 1906, the Constables (we had two of them then) were ordered to enforce the ordinances of the Township and the laws of the State. On February 4, 1908, Messrs. A. W. Rawson and Christian Dies were appointed “Special Officers” to assist the Constables; they served until July 1913.

On May 2, 1911, a Township resolution offered a Reward of \$50 “for the arrest and conviction of any burglar or highwayman caught in the Township” and 100 posters were printed and distributed . . . another resolution was adopted November 6, 1911, offering a reward of \$25 to be paid any officer “for the arrest and conviction of any person committing a nuisance upon the public grounds or buildings of the Township or upon the property of any private individual of the Township.” Again, on April 22, 1915, a special meeting of the Township Committee and citizens resulted in a resolution “offering a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of party or parties who have burglarized several homes in the Township.” Further, on April 5, 1916 a Township resolution offered “a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction or information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who have burglarized several homes in Hillsdale Township.”

On September 10, 1912, the Bergen County Detective Association (later changed their name to “The New Jersey Rangers Detective Association”) came into being and did police work until the last recording as of June 6, 1921. This Association maintained its headquarters on Summit Ave. (now Broadway) Hillsdale, N. J., and consisted at one time of twenty persons (known as “Pursuers” in their contract with the Township.) Albert W. Rawson was Agent, and Alpheus E. Rawson, Robert Y. Hitt, Christian Dies and Harold M. Dean, were Trustees — all were of Hillsdale.

Records indicate some of the police work performed by this organization; such as, February 2, 1916 “one police officer of The New Jersey Rangers Detective Association is appointed for one week or longer if necessary and remuneration is not to exceed \$2.00 per night”. . . another, August 2, 1916 “two police officers of the N.J.R.D.A. are appointed for an indefinite period to take turns watching incoming trains, looking for questionable characters.” They served one month.

The first “uniformed Special Police Officer” in the Township was Charles E. McCleary, who was appointed on July 7, 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.”



Neal Stewart  
Sergeant



Frank Mikulski  
Sergeant



R. Francaviglia  
Sergeant (Detective)



David Vannoy  
Sergeant

(In addition to this chore, McCleary was also the Fire Chief in 1913. He owned and operated his butcher shop on the corner of Park Ave. & Broadway on what is now bank property).

In May 1917, John G. Ackerman was appointed the first "Recorder" (Judge) for the term of 3 years and to receive the remuneration of \$50 per annum. . . . He resigned in June 1917 and Theodore I. Haubner was appointed to complete the term.

On November 5, 1918 (general elections) Albert W. Rawson was elected "Justice of the Peace". At the November 1919 general election an H. L. Holdridge receive an even 100 votes as he was elected "Justic of the Peace" — in 1920 it was A. W. Rawson — in 1921 W. L. White — in 1922 it was A. W. Rawson again — and in 1923 it was a C. E. Seward — until the Borough form of government took over in November and a Judge was appointed.

We read, Albert W. Rawson was appointed "Judge" for the 1924 term under the new Borough form of government and his fixed salary was \$50 per annum, plus all fees except for violations of town ordinances.

January 1921, eleven Special Police officers were sworn in, with John Hartleib, designated as "Acting Chief"; Harvey E. Hering, as "Acting First Assistant Chief", and Benjamin Westphal, as "Acting Second Assistant Chief". The Township purchased badges and clubs for their use and the Acting Chef was directed to submit monthly reports to the Township Committee.

Mr. Hartleib resigned in June 1921 and Mr. Harvey E. Hering was appointed in his place. Fred C. Walker became Acting Chief in 1922 and continued until April 11, 1923, when the "Special Police Force" was disbanded by the Township and a Michael W. Dolinski was appointed as full time "Special Police Officer" with the salary of \$125 per month. Mr. Dolinski, a resident of Rutherford (later moved to Hillsdale), had responded to an ad in the newspapers, along with other applicants. Mr. Dolinski served until March 1925.

Mr. Leroy Unger was appointed a Special Police Officer in January 1925 — Lawrence J. Foley in 1926, Alpheus E. Rawson and James A. Holland in 1927. (In May 1923 the Township committee resolved "that John Wolfangel be employed as Special Police Officer in the absence of regular Special Police Officer Dolinski or at such times as the Police Commissioner may require additional police services".)

An ordinance creating a regular Police Department was adopted and put in force July 13, 1928. Lawrence J. Foley was appointed regular Chief of Police; James A. Holland and William F. Bulach were appointed as "Roundsmen" (as they were called in the ordinance).

The Ordinance listed the salaries as follows; for the remuneration of the Chief it shows \$2000 for the first year, \$2050 for the second year and \$2100 for the third year. For the "Roundsmen" it was \$1200 for the first year, to be increased annually by \$50 until the salary had reached \$1950 per annum. The Ordinance also provided for ten days vacation for each regular member of the Police Department, and special police officers were to be employed in their stead.



John Poliey  
Sergeant



Shirley Kovar  
Special Officer

Uniforms were purchased for the regular police department and we read on Sept. 11, 1928 "resolved that the Police Department be authorized to conduct a dance on Nov. 5, 1928 for the benefit of the Police Department Uniform Fund". Records indicate the Police Department has annually conducted such dances for the benefit of their uniform fund.

The first automobile of the Police Department, a Chevrolet Roadster, was purchased by the Borough in 1926, and was replaced in 1928 by a Graham Paige auto for use by the newly organized Police Department. The Chevy was turned in.

Prior to this, motorcycles had been in use since 1923. On April 11, 1923, we read, "Clerk is hereby authorized to purchase one Harley Davidson Motorcycle Model JD for use by the Police Department". This was sold in 1927. In 1929 we read "the Borough accepts a new Motorcycle that has been donated by citizens for use by the Police Department." Later on this was turned over to the Fire Chief to patrol the town, but in 1934 it was returned to the Police who had need of it to patrol "Eastern Highway" (now Kinderkamack Rd.) to curb the speeding. This was reconditioned in 1936 and sold in 1937 and a new motorcycle purchased for the Police Department which was kept in service until sold in 1944 for \$275.

The Police Booth was donated to the Borough by the then existing "Board of Trade" on Christmas Day, 1925. This served as Police H.Q. until 1931, when a Police H.Q. was created in the Borough Hall. In 1951 the Police H.Q. was moved to the D.P.W. Garage Building, corner of Broadway and Washington Ave., until 1958 when it was moved to the 2nd floor

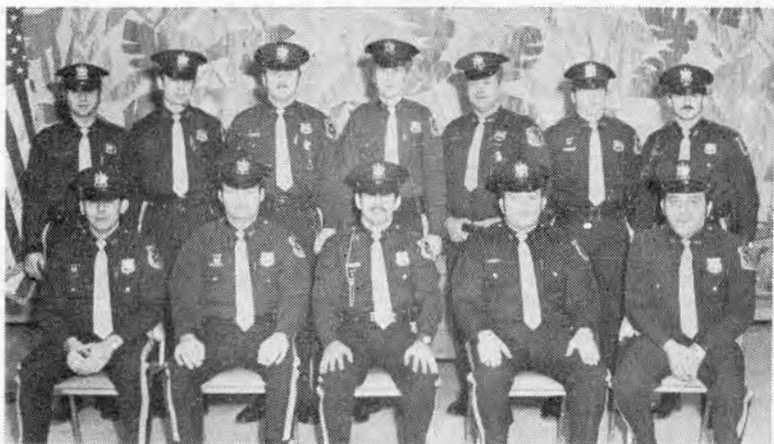
front-northwest corner of the Borough Hall. In 1968 it was moved to the first floor south end of the Borough Hall.

The first traffic lights were provided at the Police Booth in April, 1926, as provided by Ordinance "to authorize purchase of one three-way traffic signal and one four-way traffic signal at the Police Booth." Also included in the ordinance was a provision for the installation of a switch to control the siren on the Boro Hall roof, "all to be properly set up and installed and in working order and the sum of \$1000 is provided to cover the cost of the same".

Before this, Township records read (on Nov. 8, 1921) "resolved that Frank L. Mead be employed to supply oil and care for the lamps on the traffic posts for the sum of \$10 per month; also the clerk was authorized to purchase 6 green globes and 6 ruby red globes for lanterns on the traffic posts". The traffic posts were located on the corner of Hillsdale Ave. and Broadway and on the corner of Piermont Ave. and Broadway.

On April 3, 1922 we read, "resolved that Frank L. Mead is employed to clean, refill and trim lanterns on the 'one way street — Hillsdale Ave.'" (it was one way on Hillsdale Ave. from Broadway to Central Ave.) We read also, Piermont Ave. was one-way Broadway to Central Ave. On June 27, 1922, we read "resolved to abandon the use of lanterns on Hillsdale Ave. and Piermont Ave. one-way street traffic posts, will install signs instead".

According to the original resolution, the thinking was "to reduce the speeding on Hillsdale Ave. and Piermont Ave. because the "dashing out into Broadway is causing much consternation, annoyance and confusion" — one can well imagine the traffic using other streets to come out onto Broadway. This was eliminated, traffic lights were installed at the Booth and Police Department enrollment increased.



*Patrolmen Hillsdale Police Dept.*



*Special Police*



*Hillsdale Police Squad Cars*



*Auxiliary Police*

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On June 2, 1924, we read "resolved to have a telephone installed at the corner of Park Ave. and Broadway on a pole in the park for sole use by the Police Department. We note in another entry "a good citizen of the town, a Mr. Beck, has presented the Police Department with a beach umbrella, which has been erected in the park alongside the pole with the telephone so the Police Officer may keep out of the weather and sun." The phone was promptly moved to the Police Booth in 1925. The phone number was Westwood 600. The present police phone is 664-4200.

In the 1936 General Elections a Police Pension Fund referendum was adopted by a better than 2 to 1 vote of the 1804 people that voted.

Two-way police radios were put in police cars and headquarters in June 1946, using the Westwood Police Radio Base Station. Ten years later Hillsdale had its own Base Station.

In April 1952 we read "the Police Department is authorized to purchase a Camera and a Fingerprint outfit for police work."

Since 1938 according to records, Police Officers as well as their supervision have been attending Police Seminars or have been receiving special police training including F.B.I. courses at Washington, D. C. Probationary patrolmen must attend a prescribed basic training course at the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy at Mahwah, N. J. sponsored by the Bergen County Freeholders.

Since the inception of a regular Police Department in 1928 the following have served as Chief: Lawrence J. Foley, 1928-1930; W. F. Bulach, Sept. 1930 to Oct. 1937; H. P. Koelsch, Oct. 1937 to 1945; R. Frank Stoeckel, Dec. 11, 1945 to Dec. 21, 1968; and Phillip J. Varisco since Jan. 1, 1969.

The Hillsdale Police Department Roster is as follows:

#### REGULAR POLICE

Chief Phillip J. Varisco

Captain Robert Schramm

Lt. Vincent McCarthy

Lt. Ronald Schramm

Sgt. Neil Stewart

Sgt. (det.) Robert Francaviglia

Sgt. John Poliey

Sgt. Frank Mikulski

Sgt. David Vannoy

Det. David Kramer

Ptl. Jack Bauer

Ptl. John Ditzes

Ptl. James Tobin

Ptl. Edward La France

Ptl. Richard Densberger

Ptl. William Johnson

Ptl. Floyd Kehr

Ptl. Walter Thoelen

Ptl. Richard Deming

Ptl. Robert Mele

Ptl. Donald Reiman

Ptl. Fabio Parente

Ptl. Robert Buesser

Clerk-Officer Shirley Kovar

#### SPECIAL POLICE

Ptl. M. Bowers

Ptl. H. Heller

Ptl. A. Wagner

Ptl. W. Diamond

Ptl. J. Mansfield

Spl Officer & Matron

Ptl. P. Hard

Ptl. R. Schoneman

Joan Duelfer

Ptl. R. Seubert

#### AUXILIARY POLICE

Capt. Tom Jefferys

Sgt. Robert Miller

Ptl. Abe Fitchenbaum

Lt. Al Matregrano

Ptl. Ted Johansmeyer

Ptl. Martin Hynekamp

Sgt. Ray Thomas

Ptl. Mike Manzo

Ptl. Peter Ubachs

Ptl. Louis Amorati

#### SHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Joan Boland

Shirley Kunze

Frances Pall

Madeline Breitenbach

Margaret Mangini

Otto Seel

May Eickhorst

Dorothy McCall

Robert Shields

Thomas Farrell

Muriel McCarthy

Gloria Tomitsch

George Hennings

Margaret Moss

Olga Topka

Daisy Jaeger

Lillian Moulton

Gloria Truppi

Tessie Janousek

John O'Reilly



*Detective Bureau*  
Sgt. Francaviglia, Det. David Kramer, Det. Richard Densberger



Ptl. J. Ditges  
*P.B.A. Delegate*



*School Crossing Guards*



*P.B.A. Local 207 Executive Board*

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## School Crossing Guards - Auxiliary Police

What probably was the forerunner of School Crossing Guards was a letter of Dec. 4, 1922 from the Board of Education asking for police protection at Broadway and Hillsdale Ave. for school children going to and from the Hillsdale School (now known as George G. White School) and a subsequent letter of Jan. 24, 1928 now asking for police protection on Magnolia Ave. in the immediate vicinity of the school during school hours.

In line with latest request, the then Chief of Police, R. Frank Stoeckel, organized the School Safety Patrol (school children) to assist in getting the children across streets while standing on the corners in safe territory in the vicinity of the school. As a reward, Chief Stoeckel arranged for and took the entire "patrol" to Washington, D. C. and this custom has been continued to the present date.

On September 8, 1931, we note the Police Department has placed a special policeman at the corner of Washington Ave. and Kinderkamack Rd. to direct traffic during school hours and was paid \$2.50 per day for the service.

On December 12, 1950, a group of mothers presented themselves at a council meeting and petitioned the Police Department to deputize them so "they might do traffic duty on Kinderkamack Rd. and at various other crossing to get their children safely across on their way to school." This culminated in the large force of School Crossing Guards necessary to protect our young ones on their way to school today.

In 1952 we note a petition from still another group of mothers asking that definite steps be taken to provide a full time policeman at the Police Booth during school hours, and later another petition that a police officer be stationed at this booth on Sunday mornings to protect their children going back and forth to Sunday School.

In line with later response, this function was assigned to the Auxiliary Police Dept., which had its inception in 1942 and has since amplified the regular Police Department activity.

In connection with the consideration given school children on foot, in 1949 we note a letter from the Board of Education requesting the Police Department to prevent the driving public from passing school buses when loading or unloading children. This problem got to be state and nation-wide and stringent laws were passed and enforced.

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## DOGS

The first record of anything pertaining to dogs appears in the minutes of the July 17, 1915 meeting of Hillsdale Township. The Township attorney was instructed to draw up a form of dog license and ordinance and present the same at the next meeting.

In 1919 we note from the results of the annual elections John Wolfangle was elected Poundkeeper; he received 3 votes to 2 votes for Theodore I. Haubner.

Then in 1921 ordinance 44 was adopted and same was enforced by the Police Department. The Township Clerk was authorized to buy necessary stationery — also tags to register the dogs, and he was authorized to issue duplicate dog licenses upon payment of a 25 cent fee. Two years later a special policeman was employed to enforce the dog ordinance, that is, canvass the town, see that all dogs were licensed.

Things must have gotten out of hand because in 1924 we note the services of a dog catcher was sought — and on January 1, 1925 we note that one John Schmaus was duly appointed Dog Warden for a period of one year — no salary — and Mr. Schmaus gave up the job July 22, 1925 as we note in the minutes.

No one else apparently was available till March, 1927 when we note one Max Styerfeld of Westwood appointed Dog Warden (he was engaged in like manner in Westwood) then in 1930 we note ordinance 182 adopted relating to dogs & kennels and Humane Society of Bergen County was appointed dog warden from month to month at a rate of \$43.75 per month.

In 1935 we note the contract with the Humane Society states the dog wardens to receive 85% of the total of fees collected in addition to being reimbursed for their services with the understanding they impound and feed all dogs until released or disposed of. In 1939 we note an addition to the dog ordinance setting the fees for male dogs at one dollar and for female dogs at two dollars — two years later we note another amendment and the fee is now two dollars a dog regardless of sex.

In 1945 the Bergen County Humane Society advised they were unable to continue their services and the Police Department was directed to use "such help as may be necessary to control the dogs in the borough."

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In 1946 we note a contract with the Animal Welfare Society for Bergen County calls for a fee of \$35.00 per month, "they shall patrol the streets of Hillsdale no less than 3 times each week on days designated by the Police Department for the purpose of locating and removing stray animals" and further, "they shall respond to all emergency calls to remove said animals at their own expense for a period of Seven (7) days, attempting during this time to contact the owner, after which time said animal may be destroyed by them. Upon request they may hold the animal 10 days, fee shall be 50 cents per day to be collected from the owner of the animal for holding such animal, a service charge of one dollar to be charged by the Animal Welfare Society if they deliver the animal to its owner."

In 1949 we note the contract now calls for \$45.00 per month — three years later we note the Animal Welfare Society of Ridgefield Park are still "the Dog Wardens of the Borough of Hillsdale, N. J."

Ordinance 54-9 was adopted in July 13, 1954 and states;

- 1—A dog tag and license must be obtained before January 31 of each year — and the tag at all times to be attached to his collar and worn.
- 2—A dog census is taken each year after February 1 — dog tags must have been secured before then.
- 3—If a dog is at large off your premises or without a current tag on his collar or harness he will be impounded.
- 4—No person shall keep, harbor or maintain any dog which habitually or continuously barks or cries — no person shall permit a dog to run at large off such person's premises — nor is a dog to be upon the public streets or places unless he is controlled by an adequate leash not more than six feet in length held by a person able to control said dog — no dog is to be permitted to do any injury or damage to any lawn, shrubbery, etc.
- 5—All dog bites are to be reported to the Police. If your dog habitually bites someone, it can be removed.

Fines for violations of these rules may be from one dollar to fifty dollars.

Registration and License Fee is \$3.25.

Dogs of licensing age shall mean any dog which has attained the age of seven months.

License fees for a kennel providing accommodations for ten or less dogs is Ten Dollars, for more than ten dogs the fee is Twenty Five Dollars — the annual license fee for a Pet Shop is Ten Dollars.

The Borough Council has the power to appoint one or more persons, to be known as dog catchers, who may impound dogs running at large or for any other violation of the provisions of this ordinance.

The present Dog Warden is Mr. Donald E. Cole of Demarest, N. J.

In 1972, there were 1246 Dog licenses issued. The Police Department received 338 complaints involving stray dogs. There were 88 dog bite cases reported.



*Fire Chief C.E. McCleary and Police Officer.  
Haubners Fire & Drum Corp — Fire Dept. 1913*



*Ex Chief John Westphal  
1910*



*Hillsdale Fire Department — 1915*



*Hillsdale Fire Department apparatus 1973*



*Fun Co. #1 HFD  
Built by Ex Chief George W. Kehr, Sr.*

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The first record of anything resembling a Fire Department is recorded in history in the year 6 A.D. with the organization of the "Vigiles" by the Roman Emperors as an Imperial Fire Department. Their basic duties included the job of being night watchmen (watching during the night for fires to break out).

History records a Fire Department being organized in London in 1089 and some of the primitive equipment consisted mostly of poles with a hook on the end and ladders. Later primitive fire apparatus came into being and its use on a fire was left to the unorganized initiative of citizens at the time of the emergency.

Fire Departments got considerable impetus from the revival of the force pump in the 1600's. The Roman "Vigiles" had such a pump, but for 1200 years after the collapse of the Roman Empire, the art of making such pumps was lost.

An engraving of 1662 show a "Fire Engine" in Nuremburg, Germany (an enclosed wooden tub, men pouring in buckets of water while another group manually operated the pump to get a stream of water through a leather hose). Also, another engraving shows an ancient syringe fire pump operated by a German Fire Department. History of the early German Fire Departments indicate that the Burgomeister (mayor) of each city (or town) was in charge of the overall operations at a fire. He would check up on the Fire Chiefs, the Guildsmen and other assigned specific firefighting tasks — he would see to it that they were duly performing their tasks; there was the bucket brigade (buckets of water from well to the pumps); there were the Well Inspectors (to keep tabs on the water supply); there were the sledges pulled by horses containing the fire pumps; the ladder wagons; and in case of night fire, the Inspectors had to open the City Hall for the necessary equipment. These Inspectors were not permitted to remain out of the city overnight without due permission of the Burgomeister. Then there were also the church bell ringers who alerted the populace. There were also what are now called "Fire Police" who closed the streets off to spectators because experience had shown some might become too helpful by helping themselves, and so on.

In America the first Fire Department organized was in New Amsterdam (New York) in 1648. Records indicate a Fire Department was established in Boston in 1697 which had a force of paid firemen and consisted of one hand pumping engine — and later on records indicate 6 more hand pumping engines were added.

Volunteer Fire Companies called "Mutual Fire Societies" had their beginning in 1718 in Boston. Their main job was to save furniture and personal property in houses while the "paid" Fire Companies were extinguishing the fire.

Ben Franklin organized a Volunter Fire Department in Philadelphia which set the pattern all over the Colonies. George Washington, according to the records, before his activity in the War of Independence, was also a member of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Fire Department (a Volunteer Fire Department).

History of the Colonies indicates the organization of a volunteer fire company often was the first community action. Volunteer fire companies in the U.S.A. were also responsible for the origin of the first fire insurance companies in the New World (the same citizens who organized volunteer fire companies also organized the insurance companies).

For the first few years of the existence of the Township of Hillsdale, the Continental H & L Company #1 of Westwood, N. J. responded to alarms of fire in the township. The last record of this service appears to be April 7, 1902 when we note payment of a bill for services rendered by them in the amount of \$6.00 was authorized to be paid.

In March of 1902, a group of fourteen citizens gathered around a cracker barrel in the store of T. C. Demarest of 150 Broadway and discussed ways and means of "combating fires and minimizing the fire menace."

The following appeared as having signed the roll call for this first meeting: 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.



*Fire Gong — Framework of New  
Borough Hall in background*



*Hose Co. #1 — Hillsdale Fire Department, 1973*



*F. C. Glucker  
Chief*



*J. A. Mullins  
Asst. Chief*



*Hook & Ladder Co. #1 H.F.D. 1973*

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Wilbur Banta and Edmund L. Greenin. Most of these names appear again and again in accounts of the early history of the township and apparently were quite active in township affairs.

In April 1902 these 14, plus others, met in a room over the railroad station and the Hillsdale Fire Association had its formal beginning. The following officers were elected: John H. Riley, President; J. Wilbur Banta, Recording Secretary; E. F. Taylor, Financial Secretary; Orrin S. Trall, Treasurer; William Neuberg, Franklin J. Myers, John G. Ackerman, as Trustees; Thomas C. Demarest, Foreman (Captain); and Henry G. Hering, Assistant Foreman (Lieutenant).

The Hillsdale Fire Association was incorporated in 1903 and dissolved in 1925.

The Fire Association with the assistance of their Ladies ran a fair from August 9th to 16th, 1902 and realized sufficient funds to purchase an equipped hose reel and pump (manually operated) and also a small building to house it.

Before erection of fire gongs in 1914 through the township and a bell in a wooden tower adjacent to the firehouse, the tolling of the Methodist Church bell or School Bell or continued whistle blowing of railroad engines summoned the firemen to their quarters, from where 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, suction hose dropped in, and after much pumping (manually) a thin stream of water was the reward — if insufficient hose, a bucket brigade was formed.

Through continued fairs and by subscriptions in the form of script, the Fire Association was able to secure horse-drawn equipment and also was able to build a firehouse (now the Borough Hall) in 1906, mostly through the efforts of John H. Westphal, H. A. Hering, C. C. Davis, John W. Kinmonth and George Saul. The Borough acquired the Firehouse in 1928 and remodeled it. It was remodeled again in 1958, when the present firehouse was built at 383 Hillsdale Ave. The second floor was added to the Firehouse in 1968.

Edmund L. Greenin became the first assigned driver of horse-drawn Hook & Ladder Company #1 in 1906 — carrying a 40 ft. ladder and undetermined amount of hose. Horses were rented from Calvin Gardinier's Stables located on Park Street (Pascack Valley Bank & Trust Company occupies the property now) and the response to an alarm was the signal for much activity getting the horses to Fire Headquarters. One horse was named "Dolly" and the other "Blackie" and as related by Mr. Greenin to the writer many years ago, "the horses sensed something was happening by the way they picked up their ears when they heard the gongs being sounded and galloped to the firehouse a block away and backed into their harness". Later Mr. Gardinier was able to furnish a team of white horses for the hose wagon and a team of black horses for the Hook & Ladder Company.

A horse-drawn hose cart came into being in 1907 and two companies were formed — total membership was 71 members. (In 1907 before Women's Suffrage, the polling list shows 107 males over age 21. This indicates that about two-thirds of the adult male population were firemen.)

A water franchise was granted the Hackensack Water Company by the Township of Hillsdale on Sept. 9, 1903. In return Hillsdale received 2 miles of water mains and 24 fire hydrants. On Feb. 8, 1908 we note a report that the "National Board of Fire Underwriters" has approved installation of the 24 hydrants in the Township of Hillsdale, N. J. and will make adjustment in the insurance premiums forthwith.

There are 311 hydrants in town today.

We note report of a referendum in January of 1908 the citizens voted the sum of \$600. for the purchase of 1000 ft. of 2½ inch single jacket rubber lined hose (hose in double jacket today), complete with couplings conforming with specifications of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The purchase was made in January 1908 and arrived in February, 1908 and was duly approved by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Today the Fire Department has 6000 ft. of 2½ inch double jacket rubber lined hose, wax and gum treated to prevent mildew and 2500 ft. of 1½ inch like hose, plus 1400 ft. of hard rubber hose from booster reels; also 150 ft. of 3 inch hose.

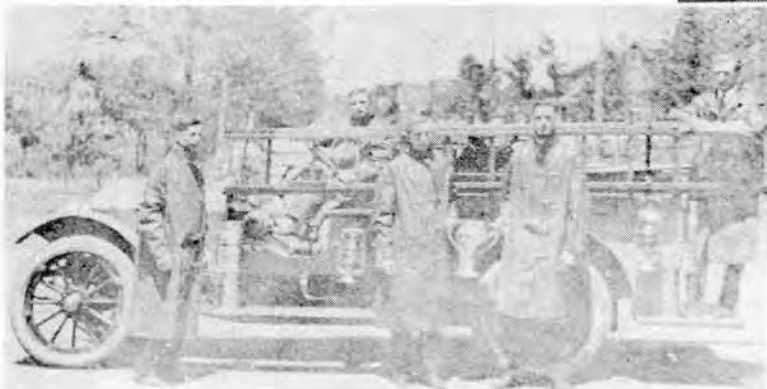
In March of 1912 the Hillsdale Fire Association, by a resolution regularly approved, created an "Active Fire Department" — "Its membership to consist of those in the Association who desired to do active service and become Active Firemen." Charles McCleary was Chief. Others interested in the Fire Association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



*Fireman Peter J. Hard*



*Hillsdale School Bell  
Rung For Alarms of Fire Before Gongs*



*First automotive Hose Truck 1915*

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

On Dec. 10, 1912 the Township Committee had recognized Hillsdale Hose Co. #2 — in 1919 this Company merged with Hose Company #1 of the Association and the equipment of Hose Co. #2, including a hand-drawn fire apparatus plus 625 ft. of hose was donated to the Township in April, 1923.

In 1914 the Fire Association purchased a Mathieson automobile, and firemen, led by Ire Durie and Frank L. Mead, fitted it out and created a Hose truck replacing the horse-drawn hose wagon.

On March 14, 1917, the Township recognized 35 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". During 1918, the Township purchased an Alco Six auto which the firemen promptly made into a hose truck and this replaced the Mathieson. The Mathieson was made into a chemical apparatus and this was turned over to the Fire Patrol. Basically, besides hard rubber hose and other small equipment, it carried a 100 gallon tank of water into which the firemen would dump a quantity of soda and pour in some acid (which reacted much like the soda-acid fire extinguishers still in use today) generating natural pressure to dispel the water. To do this they also carried barrels of soda and carboys of acid on the truck. To refill the tank, it was necessary to use pails full of water.

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 Chassis by the firemen and thus the first motor driven Hook & Ladder truck came into being — retiring the horse-drawn affair. Records indicate appropriate ceremony was held on the occasion. This was all done in 1918.

On July 8, 1921 under Chief August Bachman, Ordinance 45 was adopted by the Township which established the Hillsdale Fire Department under Township control and "the same to consist of Hook & Ladder Co. #1, Hose Company #1 and Chemical Company #1 (the Fire Patrol had been changed in name to Chemical Co. #1)."

On Aug. 9, 1926, Chemical Co. #1 amalgamated with Hook & Ladder Co. #1 because there was no longer any need of this method of "quick water" supply. In April 1926 the Borough acquired the Department's first motorized pumping apparatus when they purchased a combination Mack Motors Pumper & Ladder truck to replace the old Hook & Ladder Truck.

The Mack Hook & Ladder truck was replaced in 1941 by a Ward LaFrance Cities Service combination pump & ladder truck. This truck was turned into an emergency truck in 1961 when the Borough purchased the present 1961 combination Maxim 75 ft. aerial ladder truck.

The 1941 Ward LaFrance emergency truck then was replaced in 1964 by the present Ford chassis (body by Hahn) emergency truck. This carries basically the emergency lighting plant and is also outfitted with a winch for towing and, as the name implies, the emergency and salvage equipment.

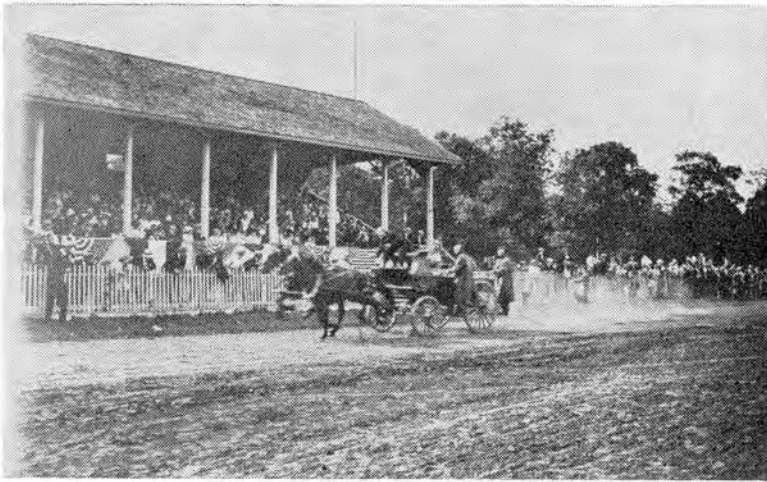
The first motorized pumper & hose truck was the Sanford 500 G.P.M. pumper purchased by the Borough in 1929 and was replaced by a Mack 750 G.P.M. pumper in 1950.

The present pumpers in service are a Ford 750 G.P.M. pumper purchased in 1955, a Maxim 1000 G.P.M. pumper purchased in 1965 and a Maxim 1250 G.P.M. pumper purchased in 1970.

When the Borough moved the Fire Department to its present building in 1958, they also purchased a Ford Station Wagon (made into a Fire Chief's Utility Car) to enable an officer or fireman to get to the fire scene ahead of the apparatus to "Set up shop". It is also used to respond to silent alarms not requiring apparatus. The Chief's car was replaced in 1964 and again in 1970 by the present Ford Station Wagon.

In 1970, former Fire Chief George W. Kehr, Sr., created a "Mini-pumper & Hose Truck" out of a golf cart, which is called "Fun Company #1". It is used mainly for parades and the amusement of children during Fire Prevention Week. The kindergarten kids just love it.

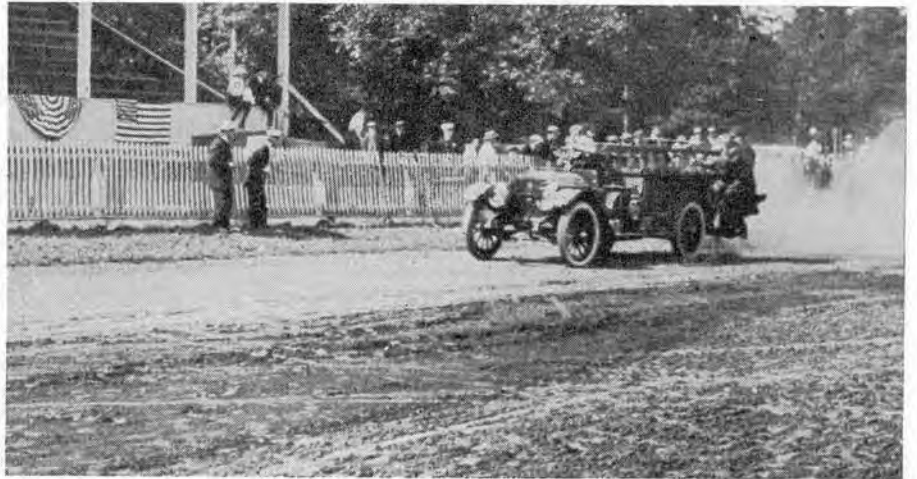
The first fire siren was placed atop the Firemens Hall (Borough Hall) in July 1923. Additional



*Horse Drawn Hose Wagon 1913  
Hose Laying Contest, Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.*



*Gardinier's Livery Stable*



*1st motorized hose truck in Hose Contest  
Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J. 1915*



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Feb. 27, 1973*

*M. Cleaveland, W. Becker, M. Durst, G. Lucia, J. G. Arigot, K. Durie*



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sirens were placed about town during the 2nd World War at the insistence of the Civil Defense and again, additions were made in later years. There are presently 7 sirens in service.

Firemen were supplied with home radios by the Borough in 1961. This has enabled the firemen to respond to so-called "silent alarms", most of which occur during the night hours. Smoke from appliances seem to cause most of the problem. The citizens are encouraged to report any emergency large or small promptly. The Fire Department likes to be called when the fires are small.

Firemen are under orders to respond to the scene of the fire first rather than to headquarters: if the scene is in their immediate vicinity as they get the notice of the alarm over their firemen home radio. This has resulted in the saving of 10 lives, by actual count, since the advent of home radios, to say nothing of material loss. The officers, in addition, are equipped with fire extinguishers which they put in service on their arrival and have the fire knocked down before the apparatus arrives (mostly in case of auto fires or appliance fires), all a credit to the home radios.

Alarms of fire are received via phone — 664-4200 — which is the Police Department phone, who in turn activate the home radios and the sirens. In addition, two police patrol cars are out on the road continuously.

On April 3, 1922, the Fire Department was given authority by Ordinance to investigate and report all dangerous accumulations of refuse, etc. and to conduct inspections of the public and business buildings in the Borough. This was the forerunner of the Fire Prevention Bureau, which was organized by ordinance in 1953 — the members of which are the 10 officers and 4 Fire Inspectors in addition to the 3 Fire Commissioners.

Since 1954 Hillsdale has had a Class C rating by the Fire Insurance Rating Organization of New Jersey (the highest obtainable rating — Class B — is only awarded in certain areas in case of a paid department; that is, depends on the hazard involved).

The Fire Department presently consists of 10 officers headed by a Chief (Franklyn C. Gluckler) and 50 firemen, divided into two companies — Hook & Ladder Company #1 and Hose Company #1.

Provisions are in the works to conform with the recently adopted New Jersey State Law which lowers the legal age from 21 to 18, which will mean the allowable quota of firemen as set by the Borough of 80 men will be filled with young men from the new majority group.

Rookie firemen are required by fire department standards to attend a bona-fide Firemen's Training School, such as presently being provided by the Bergen County Board of Freeholders at Mahwah, N.J. In addition, officers, likewise, attend annual training sessions programmed by the New Jersey State Safety Council.

The membership of the Fire Prevention Bureau, likewise, have attended seminars in the past and presently are attending a seminar (sponsored by Rutgers University) for 15 weeks at the Hillsdale Firehouse, which started Jan. 23, 1973 and will finish up in May 1973. The course is called "Fire Prevention Principles". Firemen from 6 other towns in the neighborhood are also attending.

Since 1915, the Hillsdale Fire Department has won various first prizes and other awards in hose-laying and ladder contests, also best appearing in line of march at parades. For example: on Sept. 18, 1915, at the Hohokus Fair Grounds, from a running start, on a quarter-mile stretch, 150 ft. of hose was coupled to a hydrant, nozzle attached, and already for action in 41 seconds. This was topped by Hillsdale firemen in a like contest in 1916 by four seconds — a world's record still to be beaten in hose-laying.

On Nov. 9, 1931, at the State Firemen's Home at Boonton, in a ladder climbing contest, Albert Westervelt (now Ex-Chief and Ex-Fire Commissioner) won first prize, making the fast time of  $8\frac{1}{4}$  seconds climbing a 25 foot ladder after a 100 foot start.

And so on down through the years . . . The most recent first place award was received on Oct. 8, 1972 when the Hillsdale Firemen won the ladder contest at the annual Pascaek Valley Firemen's Field Day at the Emerson Firehouse in 35 seconds. Apparatus with the 6 man team approached from 500 ft. away, arrived at the scene, raised ladder and one man climbed to the top fully attired in gear including a Scott-Airpak (Fireman Peter J. Hard).

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 & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, which

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was conceived in Hillsdale in 1913 (Henry J. Werner of Hillsdale was the first President), also a charter member of the Pascaek Valley Firemens Association since its inception in 1945 (Ex-Chief R. C. Appeld of Hillsdale was one of the prime movers of this mutual aid organization, together with Ex-Chief John Pepe of Emerson). The Hillsdale Fire Department is also an associate member of the National Fire Protection Association and a member of the New Jersey State Fire Prevention Association since 1955.

The Fire Department has sponsored, annually, a team in the Little League since its inception. The Fire Department sponsors Boy Scout Troop 108, Cub Pack 108 and Explorer Troop 108. They have conducted Baby Sitter Seminars for several years. The Fire Department annually sponsors a Fire Prevention Week program especially entertaining the lower grades with demonstrations of apparatus and distributing of Fire Prevention literature.



*Fire Prevention Week — October 1958*

*Susan Banta, Robert Warren, Andrew Kasper, Denise Meyer, all of St. John the Baptist School. Ex-Chief C. V. Shuttleworth and Fire Inspector R. C. Appeld.*

According to the records, the Presidents of the Fire Association to 1925 were: P.W. Fluhr, George Saul, H. G. Hering, II, Fred C. Walker, L. J. Forbes, T. I. Haubner (organizer of the Fire Patrol in 1917), J. C. Hansen, L. H. Geel and Harvey E. Hering.

Since 1949, with the adoption of a revised set of By-laws, it has been possible to the Department to designate, other than the Chief, the President of the Department.

The first President of the Hillsdale Fire Department was Ex-Chief Wilbur Ottignon, followed by Francis D. Whalen, William T. Pitt, R. Felten, A. Westervelt, F. Winkler, W. Weaver, L. Lachenauer, V. J. Wazeter, N. Hering, O. Bartalot, R. J. Blinn, G. W. Kehr, Sr., John Arigot, John W. Ottignon and Richard T. Arigot, the incumbent President.

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The Fire Chiefs since 1909 have been (before this the top man was called Foreman) :

C. Steinhauer, 1909  
John H. Westphal, 1910-1911  
Chas. E. McCleary, 1912-1913  
H. J. Werner, 1914-till June 1915  
Chris Deis, June 1915-Dec. 1915  
F. L. Mead, 1916  
J. Schlotterbeck, 1917  
C. C. Rickle, 1918-1919  
C. V. Shuttleworth, 1920  
A. Bachman, 1921  
J. E. Butenschoen, Sr. 1922  
Walter Hering, 1923  
Edward Roede, 1924  
Fred Beneway, Sr., 1925  
George Gosman, 1926  
F. E. DeBaum, 1927  
W.A. Farley, 1928  
Jacob Ackerman, 1929  
August Graf, 1930  
W. Diefenbach, 1931

W. Ottignon, 1932  
A. F. Westervelt, 1933  
E. O. Brogeler, 1934  
G. Zengerle, 1935  
L.R. Bartalot, 1936  
William Weaver, 1937  
C.S. Westphal, 1938  
E.O. Phillips, 1939  
Martin Schaefer, 1940  
B. Margolies, 1941  
W. Rawson, 1942  
R.C. Appeld, 1943  
W.T. Pitt, 1944  
F.D. Whelan, 1945  
Oscar Bartalot, 1946  
H.G. Hering, III, 1947  
R.S. Rawson, 1948  
J.E. Brower, 1949  
J.J. Sciannimanico, 1950  
J.E. Butenschone, Jr., 1951

Reinhard Felten, 1952  
Charles E. Schill, 1953  
Edw. P. Hughes, 1954  
E.L. Jefferies, 1955  
F.W. Winkler, 1956  
V.J. Wazeter, 1957  
I.C. Hering, 1958  
H.G. Phillips, 1959  
G.W. Kehr, Sr., 1960  
R.J. Blinn, 1961-1962  
John A. Arigot, 1963  
John W. Ottignon, 1964-1965  
Thomas J. Fay, 1966  
J.P. Mansfield, 1967  
F. J. Streich, 1968  
Richard T. Arigot, 1969  
J.T. Bergholtz, 1970  
K.A. Morrissey, 1971  
R.L. Dehn, 1972  
F.C. Gluckler, 1973

## Ladies Auxiliary, Hillsdale Fire Department



*Ladies Auxiliary, Hillsdale Fire Department*

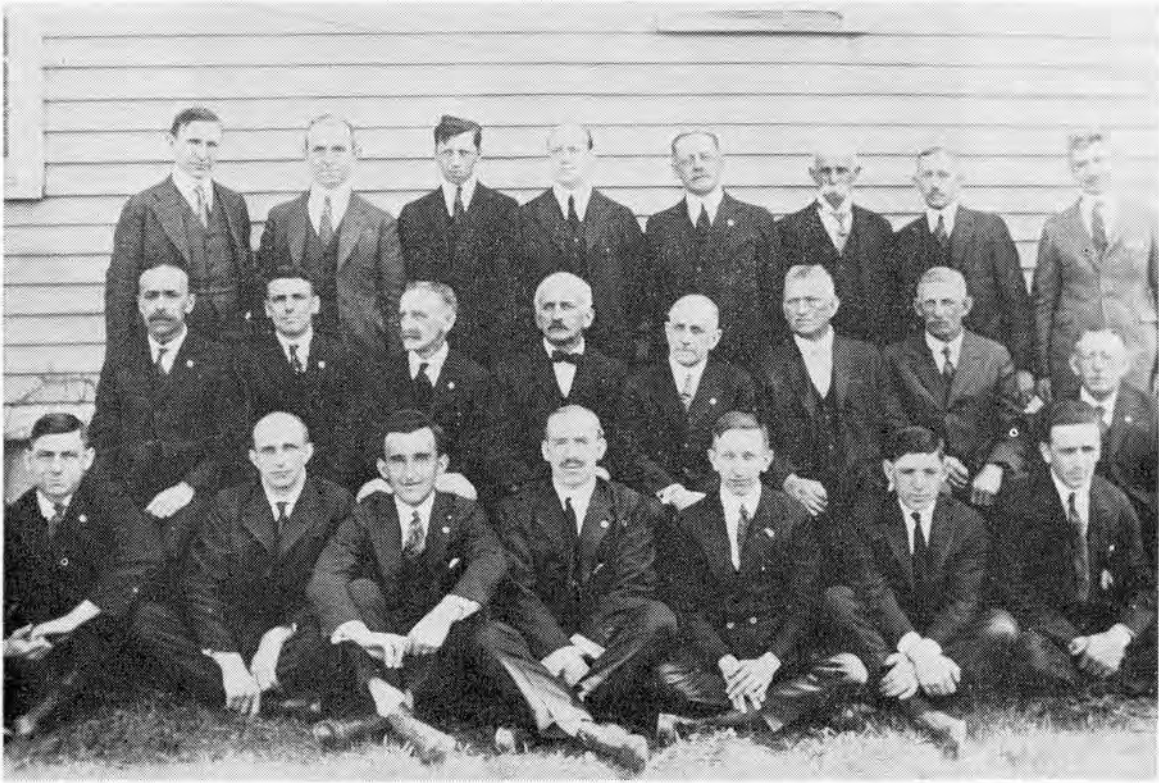
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hillsdale Fire Dept. was organized in June, 1928, mostly through the efforts of the then Fire Chief, William A. Farley. Eighteen ladies were enrolled at the first meeting.

In June of 1973 the Auxiliary will celebrate its 45th anniversary, with 35 members enrolled. Two charter members still with the Auxiliary are Mrs. Regina Ottignon and Mrs. Caroline McDevitt. Mrs. Freda Appeld has been with the Auxiliary the past thirty nine years.

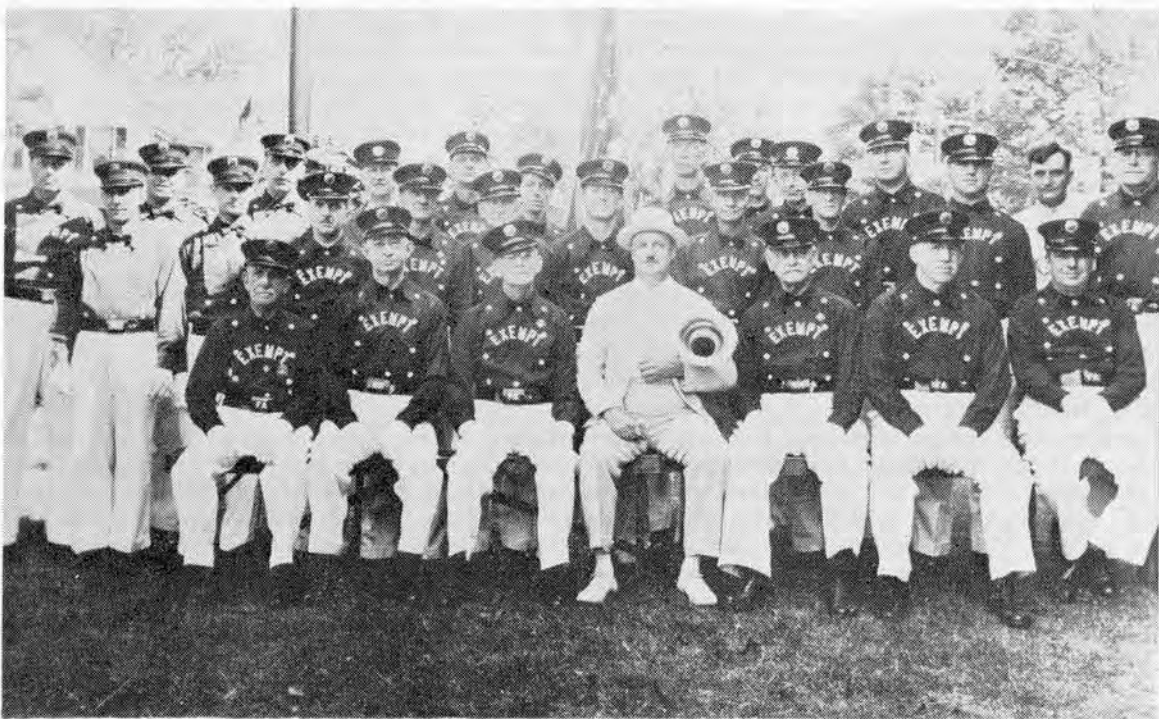
The following are officers of the Auxiliary: Mrs. Barbara Fitzpatrick, Pres.; Mrs. Eileen Fay, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Rosalie McDowell, 2nd Vice Pres.; Mrs. Eileen Ivancich, Sec'y; Mrs. Arlene Begen, Treas.; and Mrs. Elsie Schreiber, Sergeant-at-arms.

The Ladies Auxiliary participates with the Fire Dept. in parades and in contests at the annual Field Day of the Pascack Valley Firemen's Association. They have been awarded many prizes over the years.

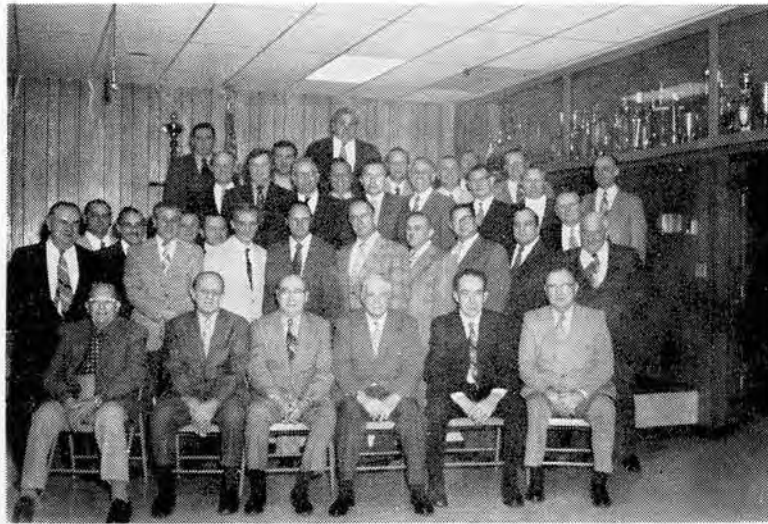
The Ladies Auxiliary members also participate with the firemen during Fire Prevention Week when apparatus is demonstrated and fire prevention talks are given to the school children.



*Hillsdale Exempt Firemens Assn. — 1918*



*Hillsdale Exempt Firemens Assn. — 1936*



*Hillsdale Exempt Firemens Assn. — 1973*

## Exempt Firemen's Association

The first mention of an exempt fireman is noted in the history of England in the early 1700's. During those days any able-bodied male found walking the streets of London, or other seaport, by a Naval Press Gang was liable to be impressed into the Royal Navy. The admiralty, recognizing the value and worth of the firemen, granted them the privilege of being exempt from the "Press Gang" and from being forced into naval service. Each man was issued an exempt certificate which he carried with him at all times. Some "Press Gangs" paid no attention to these exempt certificates, in order to make up a crew for His Majesty's navy. One of the mutineers on the H.M.S. Bounty was such a fireman who had been seized while on his way to an alarm of fire. Energetic captains would put in a bogus alarm and grab off the firemen as they were responding. This went on until one day a small fire turned into a large conflagration because firemen, fearful of being impressed into naval service, refused to respond. The authorities decided this had gone far enough and corrective steps were taken.

In the U.S.A. during the last century, in Newark, N. J., the exempt firemen came into being not because of "Press Gangs" but because all able-bodied men were required to work on road repairing or pay a tax to have the work done. Therefore, in 1815 a law was passed whereby a fireman was exempt from doing any road repair work or paying a tax; but court records in 1822 show where a Mr. Riggs, the Overseer of Highways, ordered a George Heldon of Engine Co. #2, Newark Fire Dept., to turn out and repair a certain road or be taxed. Mr. Heldon refused and Mr. Riggs had him taken to court and won. The judge ruled that the law meant a fireman was exempt from road work for only one day — no more. The citizens of Newark were furious; they stormed the State Legislature with a petition. Suffice it to say a new law was passed exempting the firemen of Newark and the State for all time from work on road construction, and they were also exempt from the \$3 annual road tax.

In 1928 another State law was passed exempting the firemen from military duty with the State Militia in time of peace.

There are two classes of exempt firemen in New Jersey today, active exempt and retired exempt. The law provides that after a volunteer fireman has served an aggregate of 7 years as a volunteer, all in the State of N. J., and maintained a required average attendance of at least 60% at fires and drills, provided when he joined said volunteer fire department he was between the ages of 18 and 40, etc., he may be granted his exempt status by the borough or town he serves. Many firemen choose to remain active and at some later time retire with the exempt status.

These active or retired exempt firemen are by State law permitted to form an organization known as an Exempt Firemen's Association in each town. The avowed purpose of such organization is to guard their interest in a New Jersey State Firemen's Association benefit fund which pays his widow, or next of kin who may have attended to him, a "burial fund". This benefit fund can also be applied to support such exempt fireman in case of need while alive or to support his widow and minor heirs.

By New Jersey state statute an exempt fireman is exempt from jury duty. He also can get a free license to peddle or solicit; he cannot be removed from any public lifetime appointment without due

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process of law; and his public office cannot be cancelled during his lifetime. An exempt fireman can spend his declining years in the N. J. State Firemen's Home in Boonton.

The Hillsdale Exempt Firemen's Association was organized in Sept. 1918. The first officers were: T. C. Demarest, president; H. J. Werner, vice president; L. J. Forbes, secretary; Harvey E. Hering, treasurer; and J. G. Ackerman, George W. Saul and L. C. Meyer, trustees. The present officers are: E. Lewis Jefferies, president; Harold R. Shuttleworth, vice-president; Vincent P. Kovar, secretary; and Fred W. Winkler, treasurer.

## Ladies Auxiliary Exempt Firemen's Association



*Exempt Ladies Auxiliary — 1973*

*Mrs. August Bachmann, President; Mrs. S. J. Streich, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mrs. Bertha Stolting and Mrs. Frank L. Mead.*

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hillsdale Fire Association was organized in 1902 with Mrs. John Riley as Chairlady.

A re-organization was effected in 1906 with 32 members enrolled 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 silent movies were shown on the second floor of the Firemen's Hall (what is now the Borough Hall) and was the only entertainment of this type available in the immediate area. A Mr. McMillan of Hillsdale brought up the movies from New York City. He was also the projectionist and donated his time to show the movies on Saturday afternoons and evenings. Admission (all accrued to the Fire Association) was 25c for adults and 10c for children. A Mr. Charles Schenk of Westwood played the piano for the shows.

Old-timers recall some of the movie heroes popular of the day, such as Charlie Chaplin, Sinbad the Sailor and Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. All this came to an end shortly before World War I when movie theatres sprang up around the area, but for more than 5 years the Hillsdale Firemen's Hall was a popular place.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Association dissolved on May 12, 1924 and immediately organized as the Ladies Auxiliary of the Exempt Firemen's Association, with 37 members on the roll. Mrs. Werkeiser was chosen President; Mrs. N. Housman, Vice President; Mrs. J. Kuhn, Treasurer; and Mrs. C. J. Potter, Secretary.



*Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Bldg.*



1973



*Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Service*

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## HILLSDALE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE

On April 2, 1953 William T. Pitt, Pres. of the Hillsdale Fire Dept., directed the clerk of the Board of Fire Officers, Rudolph C. Appeld, to prepare a synopsis of a special meeting held that night by the fire department to hear Walter Abel of the Park Ridge Ambulance Squad, Joseph Mazzo of the Old Tappan Ambulance Squad and John Ottignon of the Westwood Ambulance Squad speak on the subject of operating an ambulance service. They conducted a panel discussion and answered questions.

At the April 13th regular meeting this synopsis was discussed and it was decided to secure more information on the subject. A committee was appointed consisting of Chairman Appeld assisted by Victor J. Wazeter, Herbert G. Phillips, Walter J. Schilling and Charles Franzen. This committee promptly canvassed other ambulance units and brought back reports which were compiled, and a detailed report entitled "It Can Be Done" was submitted to the fire department at their May 11th regular meeting.

The Fire Dept. unanimously voted to proceed to sponsor a first aid and ambulance service corps, and appropriated funds to establish same. The following were duly elected officers: Chairman, R. C. Appeld; Vice Chairman, Wm. T. Pitt; Sec'y, Victor J. Wazeter; and Treas., Charles E. Schill, who was Chief of the Fire Dept. during this time.

The report indicated the ambulance would be manned during the day with the assistance of the local police and local citizens such as the Rev. George F. Jackson (Hillsdale Methodist Church), Postmaster Calvin G. Piper, Ass't Postmaster Herman Orfini, and local businessmen such as Milton A. Zabriskie and George Lipson.

The committee chairman reported he had solicited and received full support of the various organizations, the various churches and the Police Dept.; and reported on information received by his committee, which had contacted 15 other ambulance squads besides the 3 who had originally sent representatives to the initial meeting. Also, they had obtained prices on ambulances from various dealers.

Meanwhile, a first aid class had been started for a 12 week course on basic first aid (later another 12 week course was offered). Advanced first aid classes followed, and the ambulance service is continuously in training of one sort or another.



*Ladies Auxiliary Hillsdale Vol. Ambulance Service*



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The first organization meeting was held May 17, 1953. Present at this meeting were the Mayor & Council, who approved of the venture and promised full cooperation — the first fulfillment of this promise was permission to build the ambulance garage and headquarters onto the rear of the borough hall building. Chairman Appeld presented a resolution as to the aims of the committee in forming an ambulance service, which after being discussed, was adopted unanimously and signed by 20 present at the inaugural committee meeting, and later by 10 more.

The name unanimously adopted was "Hillsdale Firemen's Ambulance Service". This named was changed to "Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Service" in later years when townfolk not connected with the Fire Dept. joined the service and it was felt this name would be more appropriate.

Fund raising methods were outlined and various committees were formed. Chairmen were John E. Butenschon, Ways & Means; John W. Ottignon, Procurement of Ambulance; H. Sumner Stanley, Legal; E. Lewis Jefferies, Membership; Herbert G. Phillips, Housing; Reinhard Felten, Budget & Audit; and Victor J. Wazeter, Publicity.

A goal of \$20,000 was set to cover the cost of house, rig, and equipment and supplies. The deadline was set as Feb. 1, 1954, when the service planned to go into operation. An appeal went out to the citizens of the borough.

The firemen were heartened considerably when children began assisting with the fund drive. Some sold homemade cool drinks on the corner of Piermon Ave. & Broadway at 2c each, realizing the sum of \$5.99 which they promptly turned over to the ambulance fund drive. Another youth group sold balloons, flags, candy and popcorn at the July 4th fireworks show and realized \$85.50 which they turned over to the drive. Several other groups also turned in funds they had garnished by sale of cool drinks; and some children banded together and turned in their weekly allowances; some ran a play, charging 10c admission; girls sold their dolls; some children went berry picking and sold the berries; another group ran a show with the program consisting of songs, dances and piano solos; another group, without the aid of adult assistance, gave an all-day carnival. In all, records indicate more than \$200 was received this way. Organizations chipped in with their promised effort; the Explorer Scouts sold Christmas trees and turned in a profit of \$337.59; the Hook & Ladder Co., with the assistance of their ladies, ran a blanket club and turned in a profit of \$1,500; the Republican and Democratic Clubs ran dances and turned the profit in to the fund drive; the Hillsdale Women's Club ran a dinner-dance and turned in the profit. Town-wide interest was so great that an adult group of 50 citizens (some with professional experience) put on a musical, "Bottoms Up" for two nights. This netted a profit of \$933.59 for the ambulance fund drive.

What just about sewed up the entire effort was the action of an aroused citizen of the borough who had no connection with the Fire Dept., a Mrs. Rita Pamental. She induced 75 other ladies of the borough to conduct a house-to-house canvass, and those who had failed to respond to the letter campaign were visited personally. Then the Republican Club sponsored a second Mardi Gras dance with the proceeds going to the fund drive, and another group called "Valley Community Theatre" put on a play entitled "Curious Savage" . . . With all this help, the project just couldn't lose. The thermometer down town to show the progress of the fund drive was rising almost daily . . . enthusiasm ran high.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the building took place Aug. 29, 1953. Adam Pech, Mayor of Hillsdale, in a brief speech, stated "Ground Breaking today is for a building to house an ambulance unit, another great achievement of the Hillsdale Fire Dept. for the benefit of all mankind".

By Dec., 1953 such splendid progress had been made in the fund drive (and the building was rapidly being completed — mostly with volunteer help) that it became apparent that funds would be available for a new ambulance. Then it was learned a new ambulance would be six months in the making, so arrangements were made to purchase a used rig which would serve as part payment on the new ambulance to arrive in June of 1954.

Came Jan. 14, 1954 and Mr. Appeld addressed the meeting with the words "This is it! Our goal of \$20,000 is only slightly short; the building is completed; we have the used ambulance; we have been trained. If there are no objections, I will dismiss the organizing committee and preside as chairman of the elections so you may choose the slate of officers. I am not a candidate for any office at this time. Before I do this, it gives me great pleasure to present to you the charter of the Hillsdale Firemen's Ambulance Service, and I will sign my name first." In all, the charter was signed by 29 people, including 9 ladies, as associate members.

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The election results were: Pres., Reinhard Felten; Vice Pres., H. Sumner Stanley; Sec'y, Calvin G. Piper; Treas., E. Lewis Jefferies; Capt., John W. Ottignon; and Lt., Victor J. Wazeter.

An editorial in the Feb 4, 1954 issue of the BERGEN EVENING RECORD (as it was then named) stated "Hillsdale has joined those lucky municipalities who have an ambulance service of their own, all within the time limit set by the organizing committee when the campaign was launched last May, 1953. This fills a want in Pascack Valley since Westwood and Park Ridge ambulance squads have helped to carry Hillsdale's burden. So Hillsdale becomes another cog in the defense system of the Pascack Valley."

In Feb., 1954 ten ladies of the Fire Dept. reported they had completed their first aid course and were permitted to become associate members (Women had not yet been permitted to ride the rig — this came several years later when Mrs. Ruth Zabriskie broke the barrier and became the third member on one of the day-time crews, followed by Mrs. Lillian Franzen and Mrs. Lillian Moulton, and in later years by other ladies. In 1971 women were also permitted to become drivers of the ambulance.) . . .

Drs. L. M. Sosnow and G. J. Dolan offered their services as consultants and remain so to this day, along with other doctors in this area, notably Dr. J. P. Dornich. . . .

The Hillsdale ambulance service joined the New Jersey State First Aid Council in March, 1954 and became quite active in its affairs for the betterment of the ambulance service in general. Milton A. Zabriskie, a charter member of the Hillsdale unit, who besides serving as Lt. and then Capt. for 4 years and as Pres. for 4 years in the Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Service, has served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the 3rd District, N. J. State First Aid Council for 4 years, as Bergen Co. C. D. and DC Staff Ambulance Coordinator, Executive Vice Pres. for the Northern Area of the N. J. State First Aid Council for 3 years, and as State Supply Officer of the First Aid Council for 4 years. He has the unique record of not having missed a meeting of the 3rd District N. J. State First Aid Council for the past 17 years.

On Oct. 2, 1954 the Hillsdale Ambulance Service participated in a parade and mobilizaion in Englewood, and, of the 18 ambulances on hand, the Hillsdale rig was declared the best equipped and was awarded a trophy.

In Feb., 1955, at the end of the first year of operation, the service was able to report they had responded to 136 calls, of which 99 were transportation and 37 emergencies (including 5 auto accidents and one drowning); oxygen had been administered on 13 calls; 345 man hours had been utilized; and 2,743 miles had been traveled — these included 7 calls to a nearby town — and 2 calls had been made in Hillsdale by the Westwood squad while Hillsdale was out of town delivering a patient to a hospital.

An article in the BERGEN RECORD of Dec. 15, 1955 noted that the correspondent had observed the ambulances of Hillsdale, Park Ridge and Westwood all enroute to Hackensack Hospital within a few minutes of each other, which could not have happened a few years before, and noted the cases were all emergency ones. The article went on to add, ". . . this points up to the need of an ambulance in Hillsdale."

In Sept., 1956 the service was most fortunate to have a local citizen offer to train the squad in oxygen therapy. They accepted the offer of Anthony Catalano, a licensed oxygen instructor who had been in charge of N. Y. City ambulances for 26 years and who had then established his own business. This was done at no cost to the service or to the borough. Mr. Catalano, and later his son, Dominick, have assisted the ambulance service faithfully since.

In Nov., 1958 the Hillsdale ambulance service began printing and distributing to the membership its own monthly newsletter called "The Flying Courier". Besides containing the minutes of its meetings, it also contains news of the 3rd District N. J. State First Aid Council and the State Council and messages from its officers.

Modern equipment is purchased continuously by the ambulance service, after being investigated. One such item was in March, 1959 when a non-traumatic carrier (called a "backboard") was secured, which item makes it possible to position the rigid stretcher under a victim without moving or in any way inconveniencing the patient.

On July 5, 1959 the American Red Cross announced that it had approved the mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration method as best for adults as well as children in a move to cut summertime drownings, this to replace the former method of manual respiration, and the announcement listed how the new method was to be employed. It also stated the for former method could still be used by those unwilling

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to use the new method. The Hillsdale ambulance service was quick to adapt to the new method, and in later years also learned how to apply closed-chest massage for the heart. A life-size, lifelike manikin (made of hard rubber) was obtained by the corps, and was promptly dubbed "Cyanotic Sam". As evidence it had been used in this mouth-to-mouth resuscitation training, we note in the Feb. 16, 1971 minutes under Capt's. report, "A new set of lungs have been purchased and installed in Cyanotic Sam — transplant made by Lt. Harold Gherman". But, we find in recent minutes that Cyanotic Sam has been



*Volunteer Ambulance Service Working On Cyanotic Sam*

replaced by a new manikin named "Resusci-Anne", for training in mouth-to-mouth lung inflation and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

At a 3rd District N. J. State First Aid Council meeting held at Hillsdale in July, 1959 Mr. Nicholas T. Verrastro, administrator of the newly opened Pascack Valley Hospital on Old Hook Rd., Westwood, N. J. addressed the meeting on their emergency room policy, and invited ambulance crews to assist in the emergency room to further their schooling in first aid work. Many from Hillsdale have availed themselves of this opportunity.

The Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Service celebrated its 10th anniversary in Jan., 1964 with an installation of officers dinner at Koenig's Hofbrau (formerly located on the property now comprising the shopping complex of Stop & Shop), and Calvin G. Piper, master-of-ceremonies at the affair, reported that the ambulance service had responded to 3045 calls since its inception. Dominating the celebration was a cake baked by Wayne Felix, a member of the then Youth Squad of the ambulance service which had come into being in 1963 and phased out in later years due to most of the youth members moving from the area. The cake, 4 ft. high, had two sections with six tiers in each section. The decoration was a revolving replica of the ambulance service emblem, an eagle supporting a patient on a stretcher, against a gold-cross background.



*10th Anniversary — Hillsdale Vol. Amb. Svc.*

In 1964 the ambulance service purchased its second ambulance to replace the 1954 rig — this in turn was replaced in Oct., 1972 with the present rig.

In 1964 the Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Service entered a First Aid competition at Rutherford, with Capt. Carl Raders and Lt. Robert Bradshaw in charge of the Hillsdale team; and with approximately 50 crews competing, Hillsdale made off with 2nd prize.

In 1965 the ambulance service began looking around for a site to locate a larger headquarters, and in 1966 final arrangements were made with the Mayor & Council to lease for 99 years the borough-owned land behind the firehouse, facing Washington Ave. Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new building were held July 9, 1967 and the dedication of the building was held Feb. 4, 1968. Again the citizens of the borough responded to the appeal for funds, which enabled the building of the new headquarters.

In 1967 Mrs. Isabell Tirak suggested the ladies of the service be permitted to form a women's auxiliary, and became its first president. By means of running dances and dinners, the ladies have

managed to raise funds which they have used to good avail, such as purchasing a sound system for the headquarters meeting room, electric garage door openers and lettering on the front of the building.

Also in 1967 a resolution embracing life membership was adopted, to be conferred upon members who have served 10 or more years, and to date the following have been so honored:

Rudolph C. Appeld	Robert J. Blinn	Lillian Moulton
Claude Bagutti	Robert E. Bradshaw	Michael A. Tirak
Charles E. Schill	Charles Franzen	Milton A. Zabriskie
Carl Raders	Lillian Franzen	Ruth Zabriskie

At the outset when the members had qualified as first-aiders by taking the prescribed courses sponsored by the American Red Cross, several went on to become instructors and have continued so to the present date. These include Charles Franzen, Robert E. Bradshaw, Anthony T. Giovio, Carl Raders and Lillian Franzen. This group has not only instructed the Hillsdale ambulance crew members but also has lectured in local schools and to boy and girl scout units.

Ambulance Service Officers since its inception Feb. 1, 1954

(Not including organizing committee)

	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Lieutenant
1954	R. Felten	H.S. Stanley	C.G. Piper	E.L. Jefferies	J. Ottignon	V.J. Wazeter
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1955	"	M.A. Zabriskie	"	A.F. Westervelt	V.J. Wazeter	C. Franzen
1956	M.A. Zabriskie	C.G. Piper	R. Bradshaw	G. Lipson	"	"
1957	"	"	"	T. Sawyer	C. Franzen	H. Orfini
1958	C.G. Piper	R. Bradshaw	Lucy Wagner	R.C. Appeld	"	"
1959	"	"	"	"	H. Orfini	C.W. Gordon
1960	R. Bradshaw	C. Bagutti	J. Devcich	"	C.W. Gordon	Carl Raders
1961	H. Weber	G. Lipson	R. Dwyer	"	C. Franzen	R. Bradshaw
1962	C. Franzen	A. Giovio	Carol Raders	"	R. Bradshaw	C. Raders
1963	"	"	"	"	"	"
1964	M.A. Zabriskie	C. Fitzgerald	"	"	Carl Raders	R. Bradshaw
1965	"	"	"	"	"	"
1966	C. Fitzgerald	P. Ubachs	Josephine Bradshaw	"	R. Bradshaw	M.A. Zabriskie
1967	"	"	"	"	"	"
1968	P. Ubachs	S. Merlo	"	Emily Schill	M.A. Zabriskie	C. Fitzgerald
1969	"	"	"	"	"	"
1970	R. Bradshaw	Shirley Kunze	"	"	C. Fitzgerald	H. Gherman
1971	"	G. Schoonover	"	Orlie Benson	"	"
1972	G. Schoonover	Thos. LoBue	"	"	H. Gherman	Jerome Liess
1973	"	"	"	"	"	"

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## HILLSDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Hillsdale United Methodist Church was organized on May 3, 1874 under the name "Hillsdale Methodist Episcopal Church" by the Rev. John E. Switzer.

Those serving on the first official board were Isaac I. Cole, Abraham A. Post, Simon Mead, James S. Ruckman, James J. Monfort, Robert Boyd, Abraham A. Hopper and Charles Marsh.

The first regular pastor was the Rev. Elam M. Garton who was appointed in 1875. A joint pastorate was maintained with Park Ridge until 1876; and with Middletown (Pearl River), until 1899.

The original church was built in 1876 on a plot of land at the southwest intersection of Hillsdale and Magnolia Avenues, donated by David P. Patterson. The first parsonage, now at #355 Hillsdale Avenue, was built in 1884 and served as the residence of the pastors until the present parsonage at #339 Hillsdale Avenue was acquired in 1955.

The old church, built in the Victorian style of that period, was enlarged in 1911 and later modernized. It was destroyed by fire in 1961. Previous to that time a new sanctuary had been erected on the opposite side of Magnolia Avenue and dedicated in 1955. This building was subsequently enlarged by the addition of an auditorium and church school facilities in 1960, and by a further educational area in 1967.

Twenty-six ministers have served the church from the beginning, and the present pastor is the Rev. Lawrence H. Richards. Members of the current Board of Trustees are Allan Atchison, Mrs. Alvin Cleaveland, Robert Mahler, Denton Ashway, Enver Park, Charles Roush, Robert Palm, Mrs. William Moore and Paul Meek.

The church will celebrate its centennial in 1974.



*Hillsdale United Methodist Church 1973*



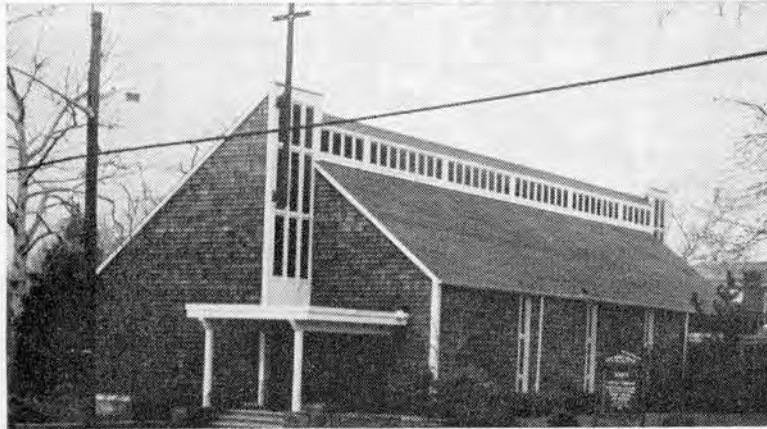
*Hillsdale Methodist Church — 1900*



Rev. L. H. Richards

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## HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*Holy Trinity Episcopal Church*



Rev. John Allen  
*Holy Trinity Church*

Holy Trinity Mission, Hillsdale, N. J. was organized in the fall of 1889 by the following persons: Mrs. Sara Dusenbury, Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Mundy, Miss Emma Nelson, Mrs. Comstock, Miss Sarah Cummings (Mrs. Harry Sneden), Mr. & Mrs. William Barstow, Mr. Thurnall, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel H. Cornell, Mr. J. C. Fincke, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Leary, all of Hillsdale, and Miss Lowry of Pascaek (now Woodcliff Lake).

On Jan. 29, 1890 the first service was held by the Rev. Thomas Stephens of Spring Valley, N. Y. in the residence of Mr. J. C. Fincke. After this, services were held in the room over the railroad station and in the various homes.

Mr. D. S. Marfield, student of general seminary and Lay Reader, was in charge of the Mission from the spring of 1890 until May 24, 1891. During this time (1890) the first building, a hall, was built on Park St. near the railroad tracks, by popular subscription and holding of entertainments; and the first Episcopal Visitation was made by Bishop Starkey on Tuesday evening, April 28, 1891. A class of seven was confirmed, including Mrs. John Kinmonth, Miss Emma Nelson, Charles Von Wagonen, Miss Carrie Saunders and Miss Georgie Saunders.

In 1891 the temporary officers were Mr. James C. Fincke, Chairman, and Mr. A. D. Brooks, Treasurer.

On Jan. 1, 1892 Rev. Henry M. Ladd, then rector of Norwood, was placed in charge by the bishop. During the spring of 1893 the first mortgage (\$400) was paid off with the assistance of the Ladies Guild.

In March, 1894 the Mission was moved to its present location, a plot of ground at the corner of Hillsdale Ave. and Trinity Place, donated by Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Holdrum of River Vale. Extensive improvements were made at the time, all expenses being met in cash, thereby establishing the Church permanently and free of debt.

A parish hall was provided by the purchase of a small store on Cross St. in May of 1918, which served until 1923.

A vicarage was established by the purchase in March, 1919 of the residence of Mr. French on Magnolia Ave. at Cross St., under the guidance of the Rev. Alfred R. McWilliams. A mortgage of \$3,000 remained at the time of purchase but was quickly lifted by the energy of the congregation and the help of the Ladies Guild.

By the year 1923, the Rev. George Boswell being vicar, the parish hall proved to be too small. It was sold and the present building erected and dedicated by Bishop Stearly on Oct. 1, 1923.

Holy Trinity Church became a self-sustaining parish in 1945 and the Rev. Richard Aselford became its first rector.

In the year of 1954 the parish hall was renovated and individual classrooms were provided for the use of the Sunday school.

1959 saw the sale of the property on Magnolia Ave. completed.

The new rectory on Trinity Place was completed in 1960.

During 1964, responding to a mandate of the congregation, various committees undertook a study to determine the need for, and the feasibility of building a new church. The decision to go ahead was made and the new church was erected. The cornerstone was laid on Easter Sunday, 1966.

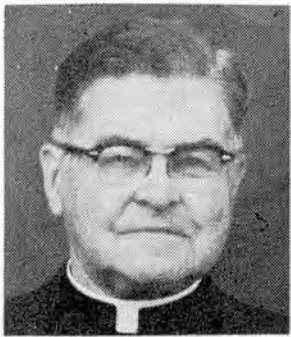
On May 16, 1970 the 80th anniversary of Holy Trinity was observed with festivities in the parish hall and a service of rededication in the church.



*St. John the Baptist Church, Hillsdale Avenue*



*St. John the Baptist R.C. Church, Valley Street*



*Msgr. T. J. Duffy*



*Father T. J. Finnegan*



*Father Aloysius S. Carney*



*Father Thomas A. Donato*



*Faculty St. John the Baptist School*



*St. John the Baptist School*



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## 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 4, 1925, by Father Thomas F. O'Donnell, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Westwood, assisted by Mayor Henry J. Werner, John T. Buckley and Mrs. Helen N. Riley. The cornerstone was laid on June 25, 1925, and the church was dedicated on December 15, 1925.

Father Cornelius A. Corcoran became the first resident pastor on October 14, 1927. During Father Corcoran's administration the property on Yesler Way was purchased as a site for the rectory. 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 1, 1945.

Monsignor T. J. Duffy retired in June 1972 and was succeeded by Father Thomas J. Finnegan. Father Aloysius S. Carney became assistant pastor in June 1960 and Father Thomas A. Donato became assistant pastor in June 1965.

The new rectory on Valley Street was dedicated May 23, 1965 and ground was broken for the new church on Valley Street, October 30, 1966, and was opened for Thanksgiving Day services November 28, 1968.

The congregation of St. John's now numbers approximately 1300 families. A varied program of parochial activities is directed by the Holy Name Society, the Rosary Society, and the C.Y.O. The Parish sponsors Boy Scout Troop 91, Girl Scout Troop 31 and Cub Pack 91.

The present lay trustees are John Hasset and Harry Becker.

The tract of land for the school was purchased in February 1953, and ground was broken for the School, July 4, 1954. The School was opened to enrollment September 12, 1955 with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in charge. Mother Marie Cecelia was the Principal.

A new wing of the school was dedicated October 29, 1961, this provided one section for the girls and one side for the boys.

The Brothers residence was dedicated the same day for occupancy by the male faculty members (Brothers of Holy Cross) who were in charge of the boys until June 1971, when the school was made co-educational.

Sister Robert Patrice is present principal of St. John the Baptist Catholic School.

Present enrollment stands 580 children.

"The new church of St. John the Baptist, in its concept and meaning, traces the history and traditions of the Church and its rituals, highlights its past, symbolizes its great books and personages, and, most of all emphasizes renewal. It is to this spirit of renewal that our new church is dedicated, as it is to this spirit of renewal that the Christian turns, when he follows Jesus Christ."

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## PASCACK BIBLE CHURCH



*Pascack Bible Church*



*Rev. Don Kenyon*

The group that was to become known as the "Pascack Bible Church" met together for the first time on Feb. 27, 1966 at the Franklin Lakes Dairy, Main St. and Old Hook Rd., Emerson, N. J. (property of member George Heck).

On March 6, 1966, the first of many Sunday services was held at the Pascack Valley High School on Piermont Ave., Hillsdale until the present church was built directly across the street 4½ years later.

The pulpit ministry was conducted by guest speakers and interim ministers until the Rev. Don Kenyon was installed as Pastor on Sept. 8, 1968 (at the Hillsdale United Methodist Church).

The dedicatory service for the present church building was held Sept. 20, 1970. In a recent Church Directory, the Rev. Kenyon writes, "In these days of uncertainty and obvious confusion our task is clear — to be people that God can use in encouraging our fellow men to know and serve Christ."

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## THE GREAT DEPRESSION

No historical account of Hillsdale would be complete without some mention of the great depression of the 1930s and its consequences in our borough. Those who lived through this era have many stories to tell of their own experiences; and we can read the histories about how this depression in our country had its effect upon the world, especially in England and France, where unemployment was high and privation great; but we are touching upon what has been recorded in our borough records.

The "Great Depression" dominated the life and mind of Hillsdale and the nation throughout the 1930s. Oh, yes, we had the St. Louis Cardinals with their "Gas House Gang" and the Dean Brothers — we had the great woman athlete, Mildred "Babe" Dedrikson Zaharius — we had that unforgettable comedy team on the radio, "Amos and Andy" — jigsaw puzzles came into being in 1933 to occupy idle time — and on Oct. 31, 1938 the Orson Welles radio program "Man from Mars" nearly sent the entire country into hysterics, everyone believing we were being invaded by the men from outer space —

BUT — the "Depression" was paramount. . . .

It all started with the stock market crash on Oct. 24, 1929, and crept in slowly widening circles through the next few years until it engulfed the world. The years up through the early '30s were filled with hunger, fear, despair, suicides and social unrest; foreign trade collapsed; agriculture was at its lowest ebb (with falling food prices); unemployment was said at one time to be at a peak of 14,000,000; mortgages were being foreclosed on homes and farms; people were selling apples on the streets; there were bread lines and soup lines:



*Bread Line and Soup Kitchen*

The bleakest period was the winter of 1932-33. Banks were failing daily and lifetime savings were being wiped out. In Feb., 1933 there was a one day bank holiday, and the the President declared another bank holiday in March which closed the banks for a week, until the hysteria died down. Most of us can still remember Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's message "We have nothing to fear but fear itself".

Speaking for Hillsdale, the citizens began to fight back, as in other communities across the nation. A relief fund was organized. This fund was augmented from time to time by other than direct borough appropriations, such as proceeds from a July 4th fireworks show; monthly car parties by the Fire Dept.; and the proceeds of a play presented by the P.T.A., which netted \$75.58.

Records indicate the police confiscated a still, that the same was sold for junk, and the sum of \$60 realized from the sale turned over to the relief fund. The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post #162, Hillsdale gathered up used clothing which was distributed to the needy. Borough employees, led by the Police Dept., offered 10% of their salaries toward the relief fund and a local busi-

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nessman offered a 10% discount on all purchases made by the borough for the unemployed. Various gifts of money, clothing and life's necessities were also donated by unnamed private citizens.

There came into being a state sponsored emergency relief fund whereby the state bore the brunt of the relief payments as certified by the municipalities — the borough paid 10%, the state the rest — and borough records during this time are replete with entries indicating funds doled out for emergency relief.

The Mayor & Council petitioned the State Public Utilities Commission to take immediate steps to revise the schedule of rates for gas, water, electricity and transportation because these were "absolute necessities of life and the companies have not reduced their rates despite the hardships suffered by their customers, due to the current widespread unemployment, substantial reduction of wages and depressed business conditions".

In September of 1933 the borough records indicate that 64 families, consisting of 261 people, were receiving relief. The highest watermark came in March, 1935 when 99 families consisting of 362 people were receiving relief, with the cost listed as \$3,260 of which the borough paid 10%, or a little over \$300 . . . this dwindled down to 42 families in April, 1936, after which the state suspended State Aid and substituted a Civilian Works Program.

The borough promptly adopted a resolution which contained the rules for doling out relief, the governing factor of which was that any able-bodied male of a family would have to respond to the work force recruited to do various C.W.A. projects. It also had to be shown that the family had no other source of income and was not spending money on non-essentials, in order to be eligible for this relief. This Civilian Works program was financially supported by the federally created Public Works Administration.

Before we continue, as a sidelight, records indicate that in January, 1934 the state had come out with a directive for Hillsdale to include \$7,500 in their budget for relief payment for 1934, whereupon the borough dispatched a resolution to the state contending that the depression was not the fault of the Borough of Hillsdale, Bergen Co., N. J., but was due to nationwide conditions, and listed various steps the state could take to continue this state aid. Copies were sent to all legislators and to other municipalities and the directive was cancelled. In the writer's opinion, this resolution was a masterpiece and one can well imagine the legislators had no alternative other than to acquiesce.

It can be safely said that the Public Works Administration, later changed to Work Progress Administration (WPA for short), materially changed the face of America. Federal records indicate that between 1933 and 1939 more than six billion dollars and nearly five billion man-hours (woman-hours included) of labor went into constructing new transportation facilities, new hospitals, city halls, court houses, sewage disposal plants, educational buildings and highways. Included in these categories locally were the Lincoln Tunnel and the Tri-Borough Bridge in New York City; and going farther afield, the Gold Depository at Fort Knox, Boulder Dam in Colorado and many more.

Here in Hillsdale:

- Project No. 1 — Hillsdale Ave. at one time ran easterly only to Trinity Place. Later it was cut through to Kinderkamack Rd., then to Stockton St., and with W.P.A. funds it was cut through to connect with what is now the easterly end of Hillsdale Ave. from Everdell Ave. (before all this, had been called Brook Ave.). Records indicate that truckload after truckload of sand from the Ackerman Concrete Products sand pit off Piermont Ave. went into Hillsdale Ave., especially in the swampy area now running past the ballfield.
- Project No. 2 — Was to cut Piermont Ave. through from the railroad tracks westerly to Pascaek Rd. (It did get as far as Pascaek Brook when the World War II era began and all available manpower went into the war effort — special mass meetings were held to recruit help in the factories and elsewhere.)
- Project No. 3 — Was to cut St. Nicholas Ave. through from Kinderkamack Rd. to Ruckman Rd. (It got as far as the brook and suffered the same fate as No. 2)
- Project No. 4 — Was to lower the level of Pascaek Brook (grandiose plans were made to build an esplanade along the brook), the entire project to cost \$85,000, with the W.P.A. to bear the entire burden except for \$1,000 in engineering fees which

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were to be paid by the borough. An agonizing period of 5 years went by without results because some folks just would not sign releases to permit government forces to enter their property to begin the job, and, as on Projects No. 2 and No. 3, along came World War II and all plans were shelved.

Project No. 5 — Was to build an auditorium for George G. White School and add 6 classrooms. This was completed and dedicated in 1938.

Project No. 6 — Was to dig a trench and install a 4 ft. concrete pipe the length of Magnolia Ave. from Piermont Ave. to the brook, which was done. Prior to this there was a ditch along Magnolia Ave. for the same distance, which took the run-off water from the streets between Piermont Ave. and Lawrence St. Many a horse and wagon, and later, gasoline buggy wound up in the ditch.

Project No. 7 — Was to beautify the entire east side of the railroad tracks from the depot to the Westwood borough line, which was done. Prior to this there had been a tall row of hedges (probably 10 ft. high) that ran from the large stone east of the depot almost to Harrington St., which blocked off from view the entire railroad yards; and when Broadway was widened these hedges were taken down and the railroad yards exposed to view. Now a well kept lawn runs along most of the entire expanse.

There had been a siding running along Broadway with railroad cars parked on it, which reminded one of driving through a railroad yard. The town was able to induce the railroad to give up the switch and the land on it so that the beautification project could be undertaken. As in other W.P.A. projects, the borough expense was quite nominal.

When problems developed with getting property owners to release the government from liability for damage they might do to property in getting to and from the Pascaek Brook to do work that would lower its level, some wall building projects were undertaken, such as building a wall at the north end of Hazelwood Drive and along other portions of the brook.

There were also some County projects, including a Mosquito Commission setup whereby they cleaned the Pascaek Brook of debris. They also cleaned up other brooks in town to rid the place of these pests. Another, was a County sewing project with headquarters in Englewood. A group of Hillsdale women participated in this. Other County projects included a clerical force which bound up town records after they had been typed.

In addition to the above, most of the streets in the borough during the W.P.A. period were repaired in some form or another with mostly federal assistance, the borough expense being nominal.

The theme song of the early 1930s, "Brother Can You Spare A Dime?" changed in the late 1930s to the catchy tune from Walt Disney's "newest" picture, "Who's Afraid Of The Big, Bad Wolf?"

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## CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES WORLD WAR I

On April 17, 1917, a "Hillsdale Loyal League" was formed and duly recognized by the Township Committee. Fifty-three 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 5, 1918. The request for ammunition and bayonets was denied and the rifles were disposed of the following year when the unit disbanded as the war was over.

Meanwhile the "Youth" of Hillsdale were also occupied in the "War effort". The girls were organized in a "Girls Patriotic League" — they met on Saturday mornings in the Civic Association Bldg. on Cross Street and sewed clothes for the Children of Belgium and the Netherlands. There was also a youth organization called "Victory Boys and Victory Girls", under the United War Work Campaign of New Jersey — they earned money to aid the War effort by picking fruit and vegetables, etc.



*Hillsdale Home Guard World War I*

## WORLD WAR II

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 as "Bomb Experts" and were also added to the Defense Council — namely, Messrs. Milton Zabriskie, Henry Heins and R. C. Appeld. Before the Council

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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

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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.

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.

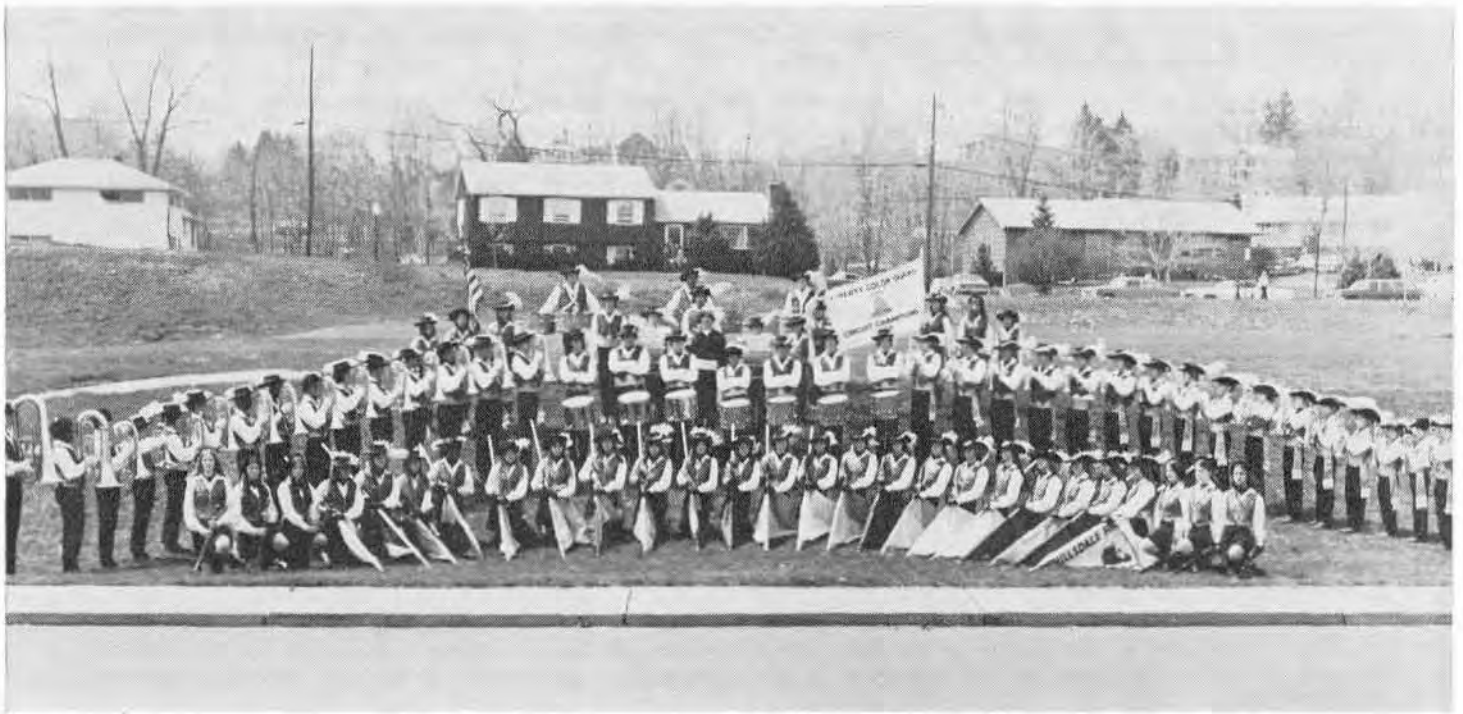
A "Welcome Home" celebration was held in September, 1946, with a big parade, games at the Athletic Field and a gala dance at the School Auditorium. It was a fitting celebration for the end of the War Years. Clothing drives and Post War assistance to impoverished Europe took the place of War Work.

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



*Welcome Home Parade 1946*





*Valley Grenadiers Jr. Drum & Bugle Corps, Hillsdale, N.J.*

## VALLEY GRENADIERS JR. DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

Hillsdale records indicate a dozen boys participated in an organized Fife & Drum Corps in the 1913, July 4th parade. Later a group of a dozen Girl Scouts participated in a Drum & Bugle Corps in 1929, all made up of Hillsdale residents. Further records and pictures indicate, a Hillsdale Firemens Band playing mostly for parades in 1948 and for some years beyond, made up of adult players.

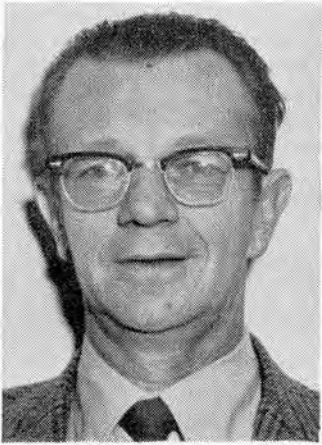
In 1965 the Fire Department decided to try to organize a Junior Drum & Bugle Corps. Two men were chosen to gather information and bring back a report for discussion; namely, John T. Bergholtz and Rudolph C. Appeld, both now Ex-Chiefs of the Fire Department. Bergholtz had some experience in Drum & Bugle Corp activity, having been a member of such an organization in Ridgefield Park as a young man and as a member of the St. Andrews (Westwood) Cadets as a boy.

Their path led them to the Hawthorne, N.J., U.S.A. Champion Cabelleros y Muchachos, which had been organized in 1945 and its Director a Mr. Ralph Silverbrand, who had been in the business since 1935. Mr. Silverbrand proved to be a student of Drum & Bugle Corps lore and as a Director had positive proof of his ability to produce, by pointing to signs all over Hawthorne reading "Home of the U.S.A. Champions, the Hawthorne Cabelleros". One of the senior members of the Corps, a Mr. Edward Ford, had grown up with John Bergholtz in the St. Andrews Cadets and later with the Ridgefield Park Corps.

These two fine gentlemen from Hawthorne spent several nights with the Hillsdale firemen — many notes were taken — and at a special meeting of the Fire Department called by the then President Robert J. Blinn the two man committee were able to give a comprehensive report to the membership, finishing up with a resolution that it apparently was "most fitting and proper that a Youth Drum & Bugle Corps ought to be formed, made up of boys between the ages of 9 and 18 and having full consent of their parents to participate in such a Youth Drum & Bugle Corps".



Charles W. Gordon  
*Director*



Robt. G. Fournier  
*Color Guard Director*



Mrs. W.A. Bender  
*Head Chaperone*

Further at this Sept. 20, 1965 meeting, the committee proposed to secure a place to conduct a mass meeting of interested boys, accompanied by their parents. Next, they proposed to send out invitations to all boys and their parents to attend such a meeting and that the invitations contain the contents of this resolution. The Fire Department unanimously adopted the resolution and appropriated funds to get organized. Jeremiah A. Mullins was chosen Treasurer of the organizing committee.

Registration dates were set as Nov. 6 and Nov. 13, 1965 and notices sent out to all citizens. A total of 70 boys registered.

On Saturday morning Dec. 4, 1965, Ex-Chief Appeld, as temporary chairman, introduced Mr. Ralph Silverbrand and Mr. Edward Ford to the boys and their parents at the Ann Blanche Smith School auditorium and the hall was full. Mr. Silverbrand spoke to the boys and their parents and showed films of the progress of the Muchachoes of Hawthorne, the Junior adjunct of the Cabelleros. Mr. Ford also spoke and introduced his son, a member of the internationally known Muchachoes, who was in full uniform and then played them a tune. The Mayor and Council and Police Department and other organizations had been invited to send observers to the meeting and a goodly number were represented.

A keen interest was displayed by the boys and parents. Appeld explained this was an all voluntary effort and volunteers were being sought. A Mrs. Frank Gentilquore ("Nickie") volunteered as Secretary and 7 fathers and mothers volunteered to meet during the week at the firehouse to set up committees to handle further details. Firemen Franklyn Gluckler and Charles W. Gordon volunteered to assist with the boys.

At a meeting the following Saturday, Mr. Gluckler gave the 55 boys present the rudiments of formations and commands. Mr. Ralph Silverbrand had returned with Mr. George Rodriguez, his horn instructor and Mr. Robert Peterson, his drum instructor — both gave demonstrations of their instruments.

Appeld then appointed Charles W. Gordon acting director and requested him to separate the boys into two groups; those interested in Horns and those in Drums. He then had them meet with their instructors and left it up to Director Gordon to choose the Color Guard and Drum Major at subsequent sessions. Meanwhile, the meeting was continued with the parents and further plans were formulated.

The following week all the ladies of the newly formed Corps met and formed a Drum & Bugle Corps Auxiliary and subsequently announced they had selected Mrs. Lucy Adrion as President of their group. Committees were then formed. At the Dec. 18, 1965 meeting, Mr. Charles W. Gordon was duly elected Director of the Corps, Mrs. Frank Gentilquore was elected Secretary and Mr. Paul Reale was elected Treasurer. Mr. Jack Kerr was chosen as Quartermaster. Appeld appointed Mr. Russell Wahl as Chairman of a By-Laws Committee and the following to assist in setting up the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations: M. Kobylarz, J. Strine, P. Reale, R. H. Englander and Mrs. L. Wegelarz. Subsequently, a set of 30 rules came out and it is to the credit of the members of the Corps that the success of the Corps has been measured in strict adherence to the code of 30 rules.

Various names had been suggested to be used as names of the Corps but it was not till later that a name was finally decided upon. At this meeting Appeld announced he was taking leave of the Corps, having completed basic organizational work. He was asked to remain but stated, "this had been his announced purpose", and turned over the Corps to Director Charles W. Gordon.

An appeal then went out to the citizens for interested people to assist with their talents and subsequently a fund drive appeal.

On March 22, 1966, sixteen boys of the Valley Grenadiers Jr. Drum & Bugle Corps began playing on new bugles and the drummers exchanged practice pads to train on new percussion instruments.

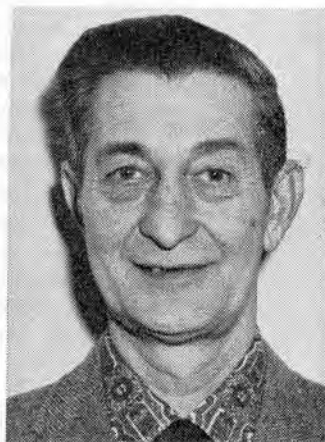
On March 24, 1966 the Pascack Valley Workshop Band under Dr. M. K. Gellis of River Vale gave a concert in Pascack Hills High School for the benefit of the newly formed Drum & Bugle Corps. Refreshments at the



Mrs. Charles Adrion  
*Secretary-Treasurer*



Mrs. Kathrynann Merkel  
*Publicity Chairman*



William Pender  
*Head Quartermaster*



Paul Babinski  
*President Boosters Ass'n  
& Personnel Manager*

concert were in charge of the Ladies Auxiliary. Director Gordon announced at the concert, "The Grenadiers have the spirit and drive to become a good Drum & Bugle Corps and we realize that a great deal of money is required to produce a good Drum Corps. The Corps is based on a strong foundation. It is a family project whereby both Dad and Mother have a job, too." He then went on to add that we hope to field a Corps for the Hillsdale Memorial Day parade. They did. Newspaper accounts report that the largest Memorial Day audience in years was on hand to "root" the Grenadiers on.

To get the boys right into the swing of things, Director Gordon lined them up to participate in the American Legion Convention in Wildwood on Sept. 10, 1966. They also played for several other parades in 1966.

Efforts were continuously made to raise much needed funds — such as deposit-bottle drives and newspaper salvage collections — in addition to the regular appeal to the citizens. Also included were candy sales and car washings and the boys participated in various parades and competitions during 1967.

Come 1968 . . . Sixteen girls started drilling and rehearsing to become members of the Color Guard. Appearing in Wildwood in Sept. 1968 in the American Legion Convention Parade, the Valley Grenadiers captured third place.

On July 14, 1968 the Valley Grenadiers sponsored their first "Music in Motion" program at the Pascack Valley High School and were hosts to 7 similiar groups from New York and New Jersey. Something new had come to Hillsdale! Membership in the Corps began to mount and enrollment had to be closed. Each year the lists are thrown open for new members. At present the enrollment of the Corps stands at 53 girls and 57 boys, including 30 girls in the Color Guard and the balance playing various instruments.

The Valley Grenadiers joined the "Liberty Color Guard" Circuit and on March 2, 1969 sponsored a "Silks & Sabres" competition for Color Guards in the Pascack Valley Regional High School auditorium.

In 1969 the Grenadiers became much in demand for their services and were seen far and wide in various parades and in New York City. Also in 1969, the Grenadiers joined the Garden State Circuit (marching and manuevering) and came out second best on their very first try.

The Corps celebrated their Fifth Anniversary with a dinner at the Westwood Elks Club, one of their sponsors at the time. A table was set up which was loaded with the many trophies they had won since their inauguration.

In a state meet in 1970, the Grenadiers won 1st prize in all categories, five in number: Best Overall Performance, Best Drum Major, Best Drum Line, Best Bugle Line, Best Color Guard and Best Marching and Manuevering.

In January 1972, the all girl Color Guard started out in grand fashion by winning 1st place in their first competition with 11 other Color Guard units at Morristown, N. J. The competing Color Guard completed the 1972 season winning the Liberty Color Guard Circuit Championship.

The hi-light of the 1972 season for the entire Corps was when on Sept. 17, 1972 they were awarded first place overall in the Garden State Circuit Championship competition at Woodbridge, N. J.

It might be well to note here, that Mr. Franklyn C. Gluckler, who has been with the Corps all

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these years and trains the raw recruits in basics, had formerly been a member of the Doremus American Legion Post Drum & Bugle Corps in Hackensack, N. J.

Also, Mr. Charles W. Gordon, who had also been a member of the Doremus Corps, joined the Hawthorne Cabelleros to gain first hand knowledge of a champion corps operation and was a member of this group for several years.

The Valley Grenadiers Booster Organization meets on the second Friday of each month. This organization's purpose is to support and aid the Drum Corps.

Members are parents of Corps members and other interested citizens. Membership is approximately 120. Officers of the Boosters organization are Paul Babinski, President; John Schneider, Vice-President; and Mrs. Richard Offringa, Secretary.

The Valley Grenadiers Drum & Bugle Corps staff consists of: Charles W. Gordon, Director; Robert G. Fournier, Color Guard Director; Paul Babinski, Personnel Manager and President of the "Boosters"; William Pender, Head Quartermaster; Mrs. Charles Adrion, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Kathrynanne Merkel, Public Relations; and Mrs. William A. Bender, Head Chaperone.

The 1973 plans of the Grenadiers include competing on a national level in Kentucky and Ohio, in addition to local and state competitions and demonstrations.



*Cub Pack 81*

## **CUB PACK 81**

Cub Scout Pack 81 was begun in Hillsdale in May 1952, sponsored by the Methodist Church. Meetings were held on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. William E. Dabb was the Chairman and Raymond Chinery was the Cubmaster. The addresses of the boys indicate that they all resided in Hillsdale.

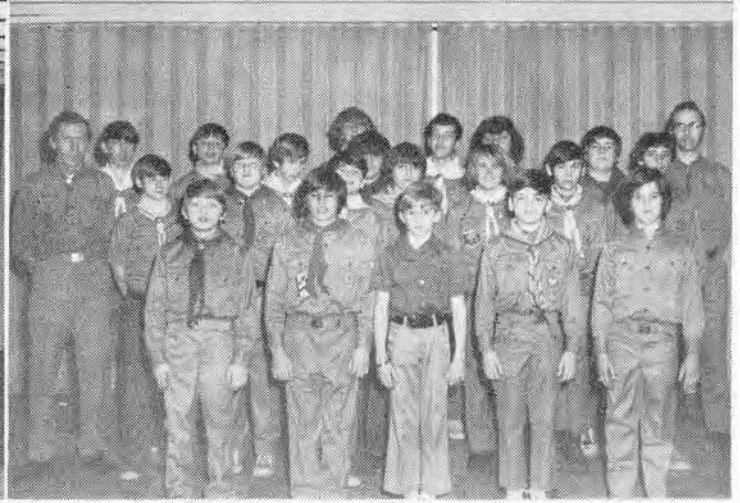
Thirty boys received their Bobcat pins. The pack listed only two Den Mothers. Soon, however, the Pack was augmented to include 48 boys and 12 Den Mothers.

The Pack is still sponsored by the Hillsdale United Methodist Church and presently has 46 boys enrolled, consisting of four dens and the Webelos. Monroe Heide is Cub Pack Committee Chairman and Al Koralek is Cubmaster. Mrs. Marci Oggenfuss is Den Leader Coach. The Cubs meet in the homes of the Den Mothers and the Webelos meet Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church. Pack meetings are held once a month, usually the fourth Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Cub Pack 81 is active in the annual Maple Syrup Festival at Beechwood Park, with the Webelos tending the fires. They also take part in the annual spring clean-up drive as part of project SOAR and have planted trees around town in conjunction with the Environmental Control Commission.



*Committee Troop 81*



*Troop 81 B.S.A*

## TROOP 81 B.S.A.

Boy Scouting made its entry in Hillsdale in 1916 when Troop #1 was organized under the sponsorship of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with the Rev. A. R. McWilliams as Scoutmaster, 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 Ed Singleton as Scoutmasters of Troops 1 and 2. These troops were combined in 1924, with Elmer C. Tewes as Scoutmaster and Fred W. Beneway, Jr., as Assistant Scoutmaster, until 1927 when the charter lapsed.

A group of citizens consisting of Fred W. Hunter, Fred J. Southard, Henry J. Werner, Frank Hafeman and W. W. Livengood rechartered as Troop 52, with Elmer Tewes, Scoutmaster, and James N. Nutt, Assistant Scoutmaster. This troop existed until 1932, when their charter was dropped.

On Dec. 2, 1933 the present Troop 81 was organized by another group of citizens composed of Fred Hunter, Fred Southard and Charles Simonson, with Raymond Mullen as Scoutmaster and Edwin Kreuder as Assistant Scoutmaster serving until 1940. The troop operated until 1948 under many fine leaders, including Wyatt Van Horn, Theo. E. Sutton, F. J. Southard, Herman Bohlke and Howard Poellet. The troop was placed on inactive status from 1948 to 1952.

In 1952 the present sponsor, the Hillsdale United Methodist Church, took over with a committee consisting of M. Carlton Chew, Richard A. McCullough, Fred Southard, Ernest Kaye and Ed. Nassor. J. Edward Lohman served as Scoutmaster until 1956.

From 1956 until 1968, Troop 81 was led by many dedicated leaders, among them William A. Cooper, Martin Gerbard, Walter Brown, Herb Cron, Charles O. Davis, Harry Schaffer, Walt Hillman, Jack Merritt, Charles Franzen, Robert Scully and Warren Schulhafer.

The present troop leaders, Charles T. Oggenfuss, Scoutmaster, and Tom Becker, Assistant Scoutmaster, have served since 1968, with the aid of Assistant Scoutmasters Richard Curran, Gary Pinke and Gary Kliester.

The troop now consists of 36 active Scouts with a committee consisting of Howard Murphy, Robert King, Frank Oliver and Ben Beckman.



*Cub Pack 91*



*Boy Scout Troop 91*

## **CUB PACK 91**

The organization meeting of Cub Pack 91, sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist R. C. Church, was held in the basement of the old church on Hillsdale Ave. May 18, 1945. The following committee was chosen: Chairman, Michael Carpenter; Cubmaster, C. Fred Barrett; Assistant Cubmaster, James Mc Grath; Secretary-Treasurer, Rudolph C. Appeld; Outdoors Chairman, John Russo; Achievements, Charles Heins; Activities, Carl J. Nelson.

Eventually 31 boys were enrolled and 6 dens were set up. The following became Den Mothers and Assistant Den Mothers: Mmes. N. Parrasch; M. Carpenter; A. Savoia, W. Klees; C. McDevitt, Sr., C. Assmann; J. Tatem; R. Appeld; J. Meritt; and G. McAleer (after the Committee and Den Mothers

had attended a 2 hour training session for 3 successive Saturday mornings and had qualified according to Boy Scout of America requirements). Cub Pack 91 formally received its charter at the investiture service held at the Hillsdale School Auditorium on Sept. 28, 1945, at which time the General Leonard Wood Post 62, American Legion, Hillsdale, presented an American flag to the Cub Pack and a Cub Pack flag was presented by Hillsdale Hook & Ladder Co. #1.

Cub scouting, a cooperative effort between the parents, boys and the Committee, prepares the boys to enter the ranks of scouting. Cub Pack 91 is one of the most successful Packs in the organization. The Dens meet weekly at the home of the Den Mother and monthly Pack meetings are held normally on the last Friday of each month. Several trips are scheduled throughout the year when the boys participate as a Pack.

Presently there are 31 boys enrolled in 3 Dens and 1 Webelo Den. Den Mothers are Mmes. J. Bruggeman, B. Manfredonia and V. Giglio; and the Webelo Master is Mr. G. Comas. Present officers are Michael De Angelo, Chairman; Richard Edwards, retiring Cubmaster; Frank D'Alessandro, Cubmaster; Charles McCloskey, Assistant Cubmaster; Mrs. A. Olivier, Den Leader Coach; Mrs. F. O'Shea, Advancement & Awards; and Mrs. J. Curry, Treasurer.

## TROOP and POST 108

Troop 108 was chartered by Council in February, 1945, under the sponsorship of the Doubles Club of the Hillsdale Methodist Church; a formal investiture service was held on March 2, 1945, when twelve boys were received into scouting.

At the time of Hillsdale's 50th anniversary, Troop 108 had 24 scouts listed on the troop register; its troop committee consisted 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. Edward Lohman, Publicity and John Helyer, Special Events. The troop then had produced one Eagle Scout and had three boys within reach of that rank.

Troop 108 continued under the sponsorship of the Doubles Club until 1960, when sponsorship of the troop was assumed by the Hillsdale Fire Department which continues today as sponsor of both Troop 108 and Post 108 which was formed in 1970, under the late William McCarthy.

55 scouts make up the roster of Troop 108; Post 108 has 22 registered explorer scouts. Since 1951, Troop 108 has produced the following Eagle Scouts:

Edward Kenyon  
 Fred Elfenbein  
 Craig Humphrey  
 Scott McKenzie  
 Ernie Elfenbein  
 Paul Thayer  
 Thomas Thayer  
 Peter Lutby  
 Bruce Leiblich

John F. Berlet  
 Alan H. Gotliffe  
 Randy Mercier  
 Paul Olsen  
 James Falk  
 Alan Goldin  
 Stephen Goodman  
 Adam Parker  
 Dwight Rosenstein

Phillip G. Burke  
 James R. Cammarata  
 Keith E. Paterson  
 Robert Allan Zorowitz  
 Robert J. Bedarbis  
 Steven A. Fishbein  
 Hal Janssen  
 Frederick L. Rosenstein



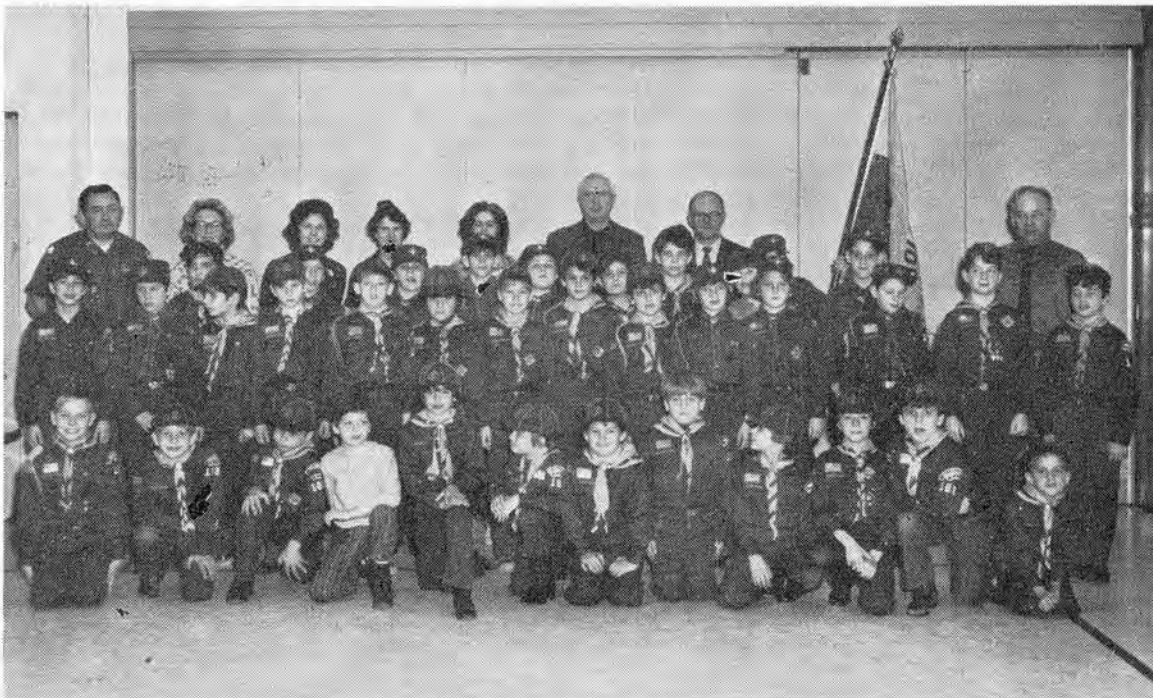
*Troop 108*

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Troop activities consist of a set regimen of events which include monthly camping overnights, hikes and an annual father-son canoe trip down the white-water of the Delaware River. Recent activities of Post 108 have involved sailing a yawl up Chesapeake Bay and a ski weekend at Gore Mountain, N. Y.

Uwe G. Grapengeter, Scoutmaster; Dr. Solomon Rosenstein and Warren E. Olson, Assistant Scoutmasters, make up the uniformed leadership of Troop 108. Warren E. Olson also functions as Post Advisor.

The Troop and Post 108 committee roster currently lists Norman Janssen, Chairman; LeRoy Sassenscheid, Vice President and Properties Chairman; Edward G. Paterson, Treasurer; Herman Fishbein, Transportation; Dr. Gerald Jankowitz, Hiking; S. Clifton Pruett Jr., Publicity; George Sherman, Advancement; and I. Monroe Zorowitz, Program. Advisors to the committee include former Chairman Carl Falk and Allan E. Atchison and former Scoutmaster Lt. Col. George N. Berlet Jr. The troop committee also acknowledges the help of Unit Commissioner, Dr. Stan Gotliffe and Wallace Brindse, Institutional Representative.



*Cub Pack 108*

## CUB PACK 108

Cub Pack 108 was organized October 1970 as a direct result of a school night for scouting. Subsequently a meeting was held for 11 parents and boys interested in forming a new Cub Pack (sponsored by the Hillsdale Fire Dept.) Captain W. G. Brindise is institutional representative. Officers selected were John Reynolds, Chairman, and Frank Faist, Cub Master. Also on the committee were John Wierl, Edward Jaeger, Wilbur Lohrs, Roy Josephson, Karl Kliner and Cathy Mirabella. Two Dens of 9 boys each were organized, and Mrs. Maria Faist and Mrs. Marie Spellone became Den Mothers. From March to June, 1971 Mrs. Maria Faist took over as Den Mother for both Dens when Mrs. Spellone resigned for personal reasons and no volunteers were forthcoming. Mrs. Joan Bayles became Den Mother of Den 2 and by spring of 1972 the Pack enrollment had increased to 35 boys and the following became Den Mothers and still serve as such: Den #1 — Mmes. George Morton and Peter O'Rourke; Den #2 — Mmes. Maura Marzials and Joan Bayles; Den #3 — Mrs. John Reckmeyer; and Den #4 — Mrs. Carl Fragler. By the end of January 1973 the Pack had 43 boys and 15 adults (on the committee).



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The first Cub Pack meeting was held at the Meadowbrook School in Dec., 1970 and Den meetings were held weekly at the home of the Den Mothers. The first Blue & Gold Dinner was held at McDonald's Restaurant in Montvale in Feb., 1971 and the 1972 Blue & Gold Dinner was held at Phiefer's Country Hearth, Hillsdale in Feb., at which time Gregory Maginot received Pack 108 Cub Scout of the Year award.

In April, 1971 Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Faist completed Pack Leadership training courses under the auspices of the Bergen Boy Scout Council and the first Webelos Den was organized with Mr. Faist as Webelo Den Leader. Daniel Kliener was the first Webelo to graduate from Cub Pack 108 into Scouting, in Jan., 1972, to be followed by 7 more in the spring of 1972. The Webelos Leaders for 1972 were Messrs. Peter O'Rourke, George Morton and Frank Faist. Webelos Den meetings are held every Friday night at the Holy Trinity Church Parish Hall.

Cub Pack 108 is quite active, and the following are some of their activities:

Feb. 1971 (during Scout Month) — they set up a window display in the Pascaek Drug Store, displaying Cub Scout crafts.

During March, 1971 — they helped other Troops and Packs clean up Beechwood Park.

During April — they planted pine trees in Beechwood Park; and also toured the Firehouse, Post Office and Police Station.

In May, 1971 — they conducted their first fund drive which consisted of selling electric light bulbs, and with the proceeds they were able to visit the Catskill Game Farm and purchase a Cub Pack flag. (Meanwhile the American Legion Post 162, Hillsdale had presented them with an American flag.)

During the summer of 1971 — the Pack had a family outing at Sheperds Lake; they also took a trip to Reinbeck, N. Y. airdome. In 1971 the Pack received the National Summertime Pack award and 100% Boys Life Award.

In the fall of 1971 — they toured the American Broadcasting Co. Studio complex in N.Y.C., also the Pan American Airlines facilities at Kennedy Airport.

In 1972 — Cub Pack 18 received the 2nd place "Marching Award" in the Memorial Day Parade in Hillsdale.

Also in 1972 — the Pack Fund Drive involved the selling of large plastic leaf bags.

Mr. Roy Josephson became Chairman in June 1971 because Mr. Reynolds resigned due to moving from town, and Mr. George Morton became Chairman in the fall of 1972. Besides Mr. Morton, the following are officers: Mr. Peter O'Rourke, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mrs. Frank Faist, Cub Master. The Committee consists of Edward Jaeger, Peter Wynne, Wilbur Luhrs, Edward Maetline and Mrs. Maria Faist; also Nick Menghard, who is Assistant Commissioner for Hillsdale and also Assistant Cub Master.



*Cub Pack 331*

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## CUB PACK 311

Twenty years after the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910, Cub Scouting was organized under the direction of Dr. James E. West, B.S.A. Chief Scout Executive, and father of Hillsdale's Marion West Higgins.

Pack 331 of the B.S.A. Bergen County Council's Pascaek Valley District 2 was chartered June 1, 1960 under the sponsorship of the George G. White School P.T.A. and its then president, Mrs. Robert Hering.

The first Cub Scout Pack 331 in Hillsdale numbered 42 boys under Cubmaster George Parker and Assistant Cubmaster Carl Powell. Den Mothers in the first year were Mrs. Ruth Gotliffe, Mrs. Lucille Peck, Mrs. Edith Frank, Mrs. Marjorie DeHeer, and Mrs. Neta Koehler. Committee members under Chairman John Koehler were Stan Gotliffe, Brad Grinell, Murray Lieblich, C. Frankle, Jack Serbek and W. Cooper. The Pack Institutional Representative of that year was Lyle Paris.

Since 1960, through to this year of Hillsdale's 75th Anniversary, 688 boys have taken the Cub Scout oath and worked hard to achieve their Wolf and Bear badges, gold and silver arrows and other awards in preparation for the career in Scouting to which most boys aspired.

In the 13 years from its first charter, the Cub Scout boys of Pack 331 have participated in every Hillsdale Veterans Day parade, countless borough functions of nearly every description, civic affairs of inestimable ecological and safety value and have been guests of the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments and Ambulance Corps in dozens of community projects for the welfare and benefit of all Hillsdale residents.

Their trip activities have included picnics, camp-outs, bowling, stadium baseball games and visits to such diverse places of interest as airports, senior citizen facilities, Bergen County Police Headquarters, and many more.

This year, on Feb. 8, 1973, the 48 boys of Pack 331 celebrated their annual Blue and Gold dinner at a local restaurant in the center of town. Following the invocation by the Rev. Larry Richards of the Hillsdale United Methodist Church, 150 guests watched proudly as their sons received awards of achievement from Cubmaster Allan Goodman and listened to the encouraging words of B.S.A. Bergen County Council Unit Commissioner, Dr. Stan Gotliffe, and Assistant District Commissioner Nick Menyhard.

The boys had a fine time with their chicken dinner and all the trimmings before settling down to the entertaining feats of legerdemain out of a magician's bag of tricks.

Under the watchful eyes of Assistant Cubmaster Warren Schulhafer and Den Leader Coach Mrs. Sylva Bernard, the annual Blue and Gold Dinner this year was considered the most successful in the Pack's history. Each table was tastefully adorned with a birthday cake commemorating the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. Den Leader Mothers, Mrs. Ann Givens and Mrs. Diane Bordo of Den 1, Mrs. Peggy Hansen of Den 2, Mrs. Pat Schilling and Mrs. Lillian Shein of Den 3, Mrs. Winnie Misciagna of Den 4, Mrs. Beatrice Reiman of Den 5, and Den Leader Fathers Joe Harada, Fred Conrad and Gerard Kluck of the Webelos (intermediate Cub Scouts, preparatory to Boy Scouts), all participated in the big event leading the boys in ceremony and gait.

The Blue and Gold Dinner was arranged by Events Chairman Dr. Ben Sheiner. Pack 331 trips for the Cubs are arranged by Trips Chairman Arthur Shein. Other members of the Pack's Committee include Harold Bernstein, Chairman; Larry Faber, Institutional Representative; and Bernard Maxwell, Secretary and Treasurer.

Cub Scout Pack 331, like several other Cub Scout Packs in town, the Boy Scout troops and other organizations, is a credit to the community and a rewarding assurance of the future. The principles of sportsmanship, dedication to God and Country, community service, respect for law and order, and acknowledgement of the brotherhood of man, are inculcated in the boys from the outset of their Scouting careers and thus offer the citizenship and morality of tomorrow's world and Hillsdale in particular.



*Steering Committee Girl Scouts 1973*



*Girl Scout Drum & Bugle Corps 1927*



*Brownie Troop 1941*

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## GIRL SCOUTING IN HILLSDALE

Girl Scouting in Hillsdale was started in 1924. Mrs. John J. Merritt was Capt. of that first troop; Miss Elizabeth Gosman 1st Lt.; and Mrs. Leroy Titus 2nd Lt.

In 1927 Mrs. William Bach became Capt. of this "Lily-of-the-Valley" Troop, and Mrs. C. F. Gustafson 2nd Lt. A drum and bugle corps was organized with the assistance of Mr. Tom Mullen and Mr. Walter F. Brill, and led many a parade with their music. Mrs. Viola Meese, nee Gustafson, in Dec. 1929, became the first Girl Scout in Bergen County to attain the rank of Golden Eaglet, then the highest rank obtainable.

The Hillsdale Parent-Teacher Association sponsored the formation of Troops 7 and 8 in Apr. 1939, with Miss Joan Hulsebos and Miss Eleanor Pause as leaders of Troop 7, and Mrs. Arthur Cofod and Mrs. Olaf Hogrelius as leaders of Troop 8.

Intermediate Troop 18 was started in June of 1941 with 19 former Brownies, and Mrs. K. P. Lockitt and Mrs. John Bush as leaders.

Troop 23 was organized in Nov. 1942, with 8 girls under the leadership of Miss Jeanne Gertsch.

Senior Troop 24 was started in June of 1944 under Mrs. John Marino, with 19 girls.

Hillsdale Girl Scouting continued to grow under the direction of the Pascack Regional Council and the Bergen County Girl Scout Council, which latter group came into being in 1959.

Mrs. Ada Cron was Girl Scout Association chairman from 1959 to 1962, followed by Mrs. E. C. Chamberlin from 1962 to 1966. In 1966 Mrs. James Ramsbottom became the association chairman. By this time, there were 7 Brownie Troops, 9 Junior Troops, 3 Cadette Troops and 1 Senior Troop, all active and meeting in various places in town.

Mrs. C. L. Boyle served as Service Team chairman from 1966-1967. There is a Service Team meeting each 3 months; and all Service Team members, committees and leaders attend. These meetings are held to familiarize all members with pending activities.

Mrs. Jeanne Edwards became Service Team chairman in 1967 and held office till 1969, followed by Mrs. Merlin Race. Mrs. Carl Samuelson was Association chairman for 1969-1970. Registration was then up to 10 Brownie Troops, 11 Junior Troops, 3 Cadette Troops and 1 Senior Troop.

Mrs. Peter Cardinali was appointed Service Team chairman for 1970-1971, and Mrs. Fred Friesenhahn as Association Chairman. There are presently 14 active troops in Hillsdale under the direction of Mrs. Friesenhahn and the 1973 Service Team.

The Girl Scouts meet in four areas of town. Some of the meeting places are the George G. White School, St. John the Baptist School, Meadowbrook School, Ann Blanche Smith School, Holy Trinity Parish Hall and the Hillsdale United Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Hillsdale has a membership of 300 Girl Scouts and 45 adults actively involved as follows:

*Brownies:* (One hundred and fifteen girls, forming six troops)

Under the leadership of Mrs. Burt Friedman and Mrs. Alfred Vogelbaum, Troop 273 meets at the Smith School every Thursday; with Mrs. Robert Jarisz and Mrs. N. Dentato as leaders, Troop 281 meets at St. John's School Tuesday afternoons; Troop 266, with leaders Mrs. L. Mundhenk and Mrs. Albert Green, meets at St. John's Lower Church every Wednesday; with Mrs. Albert Griffiths and Mrs. Gasper DiNoto as leaders, Troop 282 meets at George White School every Wednesday afternoon; with Mrs. John Brennan and Mrs. William Monahan as leaders, Troop 428 meets at Meadowbrook School every Wednesday. Brownies' activities include trips to places of interest, art and crafts, and community services throughout the year.

*Juniors:*

Troop 280, under the leadership of Mrs. James Kelly and Lorraine Gralewski, meets at the Ann Blanche Smith School on Wednesday evenings; Troop 311, with Mrs. Walter Aldridge and Mrs. Alan Bianco as leaders, meets every Wednesday at the Methodist Church; Troop 286, with Mrs. Nicholas Giglio and Mrs. Joseph Palmeri as leaders, and Troop 434 with Mrs. Charles McClosky and Mrs. F. S. Wersching leading, meets at St. John's Lower Church Hall; Troops 319 and 381, under the leadership of

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Mrs. Martin Adelman, Mrs. Benjamin Beckman, Mrs. Robert Case and Mrs. Edward Kling, meet at Meadowbrook School on Thursday evenings.

*Cadette Troops 187 & 294:*

Troop 187, under the leadership of Mrs. H. A. Brakel and Mrs. Philip Caccavale, meets every Wednesday night at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall; and Cadette Troop 294, led by Mrs. Charles Larsson and Mrs. Albert Olivier, meets every Tuesday at the leaders' homes.

*Senior Troop 318:*

This troop, started nine years ago under the leadership of Mrs. Warren Olsen and Mrs. Uwe Grapengeter, is the only Senior troop in town. The girls meet every other Tuesday at the leaders' homes. The Senior Scout Troop, although a small troop, is not small in its efforts to help other troops and the community. It is also involved in the Sutton Coldfield program, a two year program giving two of our Senior Scouts the opportunity to visit England, and the Senior Troop had the occasion to be hostesses for the exchange of Scouts.

The success of Girl Scouting in Hillsdale depends on volunteers, women in the community who can vision a future entrusted to young people, who can be inspired with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service.

To become eligible to join the "Brownies", girls must be in their second grade in elementary school — registration is opened up each spring.

In May, the older girls in the Brownie Troops "fly-up" to the Junior Troops.

Each year, two Cadette Girl Scouts are elected to be our representatives to the Girl Congress at the Bergen Council.



*Brownie Troop 266*



*Brownie Troop 273*



*Junior Troop 280*



*Brownie Troop 281*



*Brownie Troop 282*



*Brownie Troop 286*



*Cadette Troop 294*





*Junior Girl Scout Troop 311*



*Troop 319*



*Junior Troop 381*



*Brownie Troop 428*



*Junior Troop 434*



*Senior Troop 318*



*Hillsdale Women's Club*

## THE HILLSDALE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Hillsdale Women's Club, founded in 1952 and comprised of women from Hillsdale and the surrounding communities, is an organization dedicated to civic and social welfare. Through the personal efforts of its members, various causes both local and national have been aided. Each year a special organization is selected by majority vote to be the major recipient of that year's efforts. The Social Committee then plans one or more functions to raise funds for the benefit of this cause.

During the years, some of the organizations so benefited have included the Student Loan Fund at the Pascack Regional High Schools, UNICEF, Pascack Valley Hospital, Dr. David Goldberg Day Care Center, the "At-the-Cliffs" school, Bergen Co. Cancer Research, the Hillsdale Fire Dept., the Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Service, the Hillsdale Free Public Library, the Edna B. Conklin Home and the Pascack Valley Mental Health Center.

Beechwood Park was one of the first recipients of the Women's Club dinner-dance proceeds, making it possible for all to enjoy the dancing and concerts held at the Park each summer.

Additional activities of the Women's Club:

Distribution is made annually of UNICEF "Trick or Treat" boxes to Hillsdale children and the funds collected are forwarded to UNICEF.

Holiday food baskets are prepared and donated to needy families in town annually.

Since 1965, the Hillsdale Women's Club has supported a "foster child" through the "Foster Parents' Plan" as a continuing project. This year's "foster child" is an American Indian boy.

The "Welcome to Hillsdale" sign in the center of town was donated and is maintained by the Women's Club. The Club proudly welcomes visitors to Hillsdale and to the Club.

Each year the Hillsdale Blood Bank and the County Tuberculosis Bus calls upon the Hillsdale Women's Club to assist by completing cards, telephoning and doing general clerical work.

The monthly programs afford the women entertainment and camaraderie while giving them an opportunity to work together for a worthwhile cause (using their own words).

When the Club was formed in 1952 it consisted of 50 members, and the following were elected officers: Florence Leon, Pres.; Doris Cornwell, Vice Pres.; Moira Davidson, Recording Secretary; Ruth Spielmann, Corresponding Secretary; and Gretl Bucher, Treasurer.

Besides Mrs. Leon, the following have served as President: Mrs. David Tukey; Mrs. Kenwood Hanson; Mrs. Richard Rogers; Mrs. Allen Stener; Mrs. Douglas Haire; Mrs. E. Chamberlin, Jr.; Mrs. James Axford; Mrs. David Preis; Mrs. Malcolm Bacon; Mrs. Francis Streich; Mrs. S. Pruett, Jr.; Mrs. Morton Freeman; Mrs. Robert Ellis; Mrs. Donald Williams; Mrs. Robert Smeallie; Mrs. Alfred Sandberg; Mrs. Donald Gehan and Mrs. Edward Cicoria.

The present enrollment is 115 members, and the following are officers: Pres., Mrs. Terry Neis; Vice Pres., Mrs. Flora Showalter; Recording Sec'y, Mrs. Carolyn Carapezzi; Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. Peggy Hansen; and Treas., Mrs. Beatrice Reiman.

The following are chairladies of various committees: Membership, Paulette Bobenko; Program, Susan Fields; Ways & Means, Carol Tucker; Newsletter, Janet Maikris; Social, Helen Rosenfield; Pub-

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licity, Jane Klugerman; Club Photographs, Beatrice Reiman; Foster Child, Betty Weiss; Community Service, Janet Ellis; Cheer, Catherine Cicoria; Birthday Celebration, Carol Feinberg; Hostess, Phylis Verde; UNICEF, Julie Faber; Holiday Gift, Terry Henderson; Blood Bank, Frances Bruggemann; Hillsdale's 75th Anniversary, Margaret Arietta.

The principal fund-raising function is the Annual Women's Club Luncheon and Fashion Show to which the ladies and their friends have come to look forward to each spring.

Club meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, Hillsdale United Methodist Church.



*Sun Dial Garden Club*

## **SUN DIAL GARDEN CLUB**

Forty-four years ago, on April 5, 1929, the Sun Dial Garden Club was organized at the home of Mrs. Paul Clerke. Mrs. Clerke was chosen President; Mrs. Russell M. Guild, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mr. T. A. Weston, Director.

Original membership numbered 28 and currently is almost twice that. Those who have been active since the club's earliest years include Mr. and Mrs. Herman Drenning, Mrs. George Gerehty, Mrs. Walter McIntyre, Mrs. John Bruning and Mrs. Theodore Weston.

The late Mr. T. A. Weston was Director and Vice-President from 1931 until his death in 1946. A distinguished horticulturist and breeder, he originated many new species, among them his famous viola "Jersey Gem", which was adopted as the official flower of Bergen County.

The objectives of the Sun Dial Club include the advancement of gardening, the beautification of Hillsdale and the active encouragement of all conservation efforts. In accordance with these aims, the Club has donated thousands of dollars in tree, evergreen, bulb and flower plantings around the George White and Meadowbrook Schools, Pascaek Valley Hospital, Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Building, Hillsdale Railroad Station; in various town parks and along numerous streets. Over the years many books have been donated to the Library and at the dedication of the newly remodeled building, a check for \$250. was presented for a Memorial Garden.

All moneys are earned through the Club's Annual Plant Sale held each May at the Railroad Station and enthusiastically supported by local residents. This year's sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12.

Another annual event is the Fall Flower Show which will be held September 7 and 8 at the United Methodist Church. The theme, "Down Memory Lane", will glorify Hillsdale's 75th Anniversary. As always the public is invited to participate.

This year, a very special highlight will be "Arts and Crafts of Treasured Heritage" and residents are being invited to come forth with their prized possessions which display the skills of their parents and grandparents. Heirlooms, fashioned by hand, in any and all techniques will be accepted. The age of the article and a brief history will add interest.

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Current officers of the Club are Mrs. John S. Hammerstein, President; Mrs. J. Hall Senter, First Vice-President; Mrs. Francis Murano, Recording Secretary; Mrs. John Horn, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Henry Zegzula, Treasurer; Mrs. Cecil Christie and Mrs. Philip Copans, Trustees.

## **“KEEP HILLSDALE BEAUTIFUL” COMMITTEE**

On May 13, 1966 representatives from twenty-two local organizations joined forces under the direction of temporary chairman Patricia Donovan to organize a beautification program for Hillsdale.

On May 31st, Mr. Charles Oggenfuss, president of the Hillsdale Business Association, was chosen as general chairman; Mrs. Jessie Shelley as co-chairman; Mrs. Thos. Weston, corresponding sec’y; Mrs. A. Griffiths, publicity; and Mr. Ivan Sattem, advisor and Borough Council liaison.

The Beautification Committee, in conjunction with the Sun Dial Garden Club, got off to a quick start in June by filling and leveling a 150 ft. strip by the railroad depot and planted 32 four ft. hemlocks and 800 dwarf marigolds and petunias. The planting was accomplished by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Oggenfuss, Mr. & Mrs. James Zimmerman, and Mrs. Walter Frantin, with the assistance of the D.P.W. and 18 boy scouts from Troops 91, 81 and 108. By early July the committee completed the installation of 12 large, rose-red concrete planters with plantings of *Taxus Cuspidata*, an evergreen, with red and white cascade petunias along the business area of Broadway and Hillsdale Ave. For its final project of 1966, the committee organized Hillsdale’s first clean-up day, and with all the youth groups in town assisting managed to haul seven truck loads of trash from various vacant town lots, school grounds and town parks.

The Beautification Committee continued its original planting projects throughout 1967, organized a successful second annual clean-up and capped its year’s work with a “paint party” in conjunction with the new Chamber of Commerce. This project consisted of the complete painting of the exterior of the old railroad station and proved to be a huge success, with much help coming from local citizens.

The “Keep Hillsdale Beautiful” Committee dissolved in 1969 due to lack of funds, after which the Conservation Commission took over many of the Committee’s tasks.



*Chess Club Officers*

## **HILLSDALE CHESS CLUB**

Two avid chess players, Abbey and Tom Jeffreys, organized the Hillsdale Chess Club in 1972, and the club matured with the help of the Hillsdale Recreation Committee.

The club is designed to offer education in chess and practice; tournaments are held within the club and with other neighboring clubs.

Membership at present stands at 30, and the members’ strength is between intermediate and expert.

All men and women of Hillsdale are cordially invited to attend meetings which are held each Monday night at 8:00 p.m. in the Hillsdale United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Pictured above (L-R): Jack Rasmussen, Vice Pres.; Abbey Jefferys, Sec’y-Treas.; and Tom Jefferys, Pres.



*The Fifty Plus Club*

## THE FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The Fifty Plus Club of Hillsdale was formed in October, 1964 with approximately seven members. Gradually the club has grown and now consists of about 98 active members. Two meetings are held each month at the United Methodist Church. There are games and trips, including trips to Radio City for the Christmas and Easter shows, followed by lunch. There is a Christmas party and dinner at a nearby restaurant, with Santa Claus presenting gifts, followed by a sing-along.

The first meeting of the year is held at the Pernot's home with a cookout, all members participating. At this time, plans are made for the annual bazaar which is held at the railroad station, with many beautiful, handmade things offered for sale.

The ages of the members range from 50 to 90 and all are very active.

The Fifty Plus Club was honored this year by having the privilege of presenting Hillsdale with its first town flag, at the start of the 75th Anniversary.

Officers at this time are: Lynn Pernot, President; Henry Graybrook, Vice-President; Betha Goedecker, Treasurer; Margaret Wolfangle, Secretary.

The Fifty Plus Club wishes many more happy anniversaries to Hillsdale.



*V. F. W. Post 8965*

## V. F. W. POST 8965

Hillsdale Memorial Post 8965 Veterans of Foreign Wars was founded on March 17, 1966. Edward J. Farrell was chosen Commander; Lou Cordova, Senior Vice Commander; Sal D'Amico, Junior Vice Commander; Dan Kmecik, Adjutant; and Phil Carpene, Quartermaster.

The objective of the V. F. W. is to care for the Veterans, the widows and orphans; also to help the community — to assist in building a stronger environment for all residents.

In November 1967, in honor of the Viet Nam veterans, the V. F. W. planted a Red Maple tree at the Meadowbrook School, also in December 1972 the V. F. W. planted a Blue Spruce tree in Memorial Park (downtown) dedicated to the Hillsdale 75th Anniversary.

On September 12, 1971, the Veterans had planned a picnic in County Park in Woodcliff Lake but were rained out by the heavy rains which in turn caused the flood in Glenbrook Park — where upon the V. F. W. donated all the food and drink to the volunteers and unfortunate people who were flooded out.

The V. F. W. has an enrollment of 50 members and meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at the V. F. Hall on Jefferson Ave., Washington Twp., N. J. Martin Corcoran is the present Commander.

## GENERAL LEONARD WOOD AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 162

The original Hillsdale American Legion Post #162 was organized in 1920, shortly after the veterans returned home from World War I. The first Commander was Charles H. K. Riley, who, with his three brothers laid the ground work in organizing the post. The post functioned for a few years and then became inactive. In 1925, Carmel Canzoneri worked with the Bergen County American Legion in re-activating the post, Charles Riley, William Gensheimer, and Carmel Canzoneri did succeed in their efforts, and in 1926 Kenneth O. Adelsten was elected to the high post of Commander. In 1927, The Hillsdale Post #162 changed its' Chartered name in the name it now holds, General Leonard Wood Post #162. In the same year, the Ladies Auxiliary was chartered. 1929, the legion post home was built by selling building blocks to Hillsdale residents. While at first, the post was run only by World War I veterans, through Congressional Legislation, the post membership became made-up of veterans from World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam as well as World War I veterans.

During the Viet Nam War Post #162 originated the idea that M. I. A. (Missing In Action) wives and children should continue to receive monthly allotments. This was acted upon by Congress and put



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into law. General Leonard Wood Post #162 has been involved in many legion programs such as American Legion School Awards, High School Oratorical Contests, Jersey Boys State, Boy Scout Sponsorship, Child Welfare, Assistance to Veterans (regardless of Legion membership), Rehabilitation for Veterans in Need, Americanism, Memorial Day Services, Veterans Day Services, Presentation of U.S. Flags to patriotic organizations and Veterans Funeral Services.

The post home is open every Wednesday evening for social gatherings and/or business. It is with much pride that General Leonard Wood Post #162 continues to serve Community, State and Nation.

Written and submitted by

John C. Burley, *Commander Post #162*



*Rifle Squad American Legion Post, 1948*



*Gen. Leonard Wood Post, 162, American Legion  
Hillsdale, N.J., 1963*

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary of Post 162, Hillsdale, New Jersey was organized and charter granted on July 1, 1927. There were seven charter members.

The following ladies have served as president: Dorothy Storms, Jeanne Whartenby, Dorothy Sawyer, Betty Healy, Marie Pinke and Marion Kirby.

Rehabilitation of servicemen and their families is the foremost purpose of this organization, and the Child Welfare Program for veterans' children is also a very important part of the auxiliary work. Many veterans of World War I and II, the Korean and the Viet Nam conflicts have been rehabilitated through Auxiliary efforts. The funds required for this work have been obtained from the annual sale of poppies.

The present officers are: Pres., Marie Pinke; Vice Pres., Mary Oleson; Treas., Dorothy Sawyer; Sec'y, Donna Pinke; Historian, Tina Fredericks; and Chaplain, Dora Seckler.



*Hillsdale Republican Club*



*Hillsdale Democratic Club*



*Chamber of Commerce*

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Hillsdale Chamber of Commerce was established by a name change on November 15, 1966. Prior to this, the organization was known as the Hillsdale Business Association which was originally founded on July 3, 1933

Before this there had been a businessmen organization known as the "Board of Trade".

The original organization was concerned with many of the same things as the Chamber is now; however, it mainly was established for the center of Hillsdale businessmen and their concern for the main shopping area. The early minutes of the organization reflect their concern for better street lighting on Broadway and the drainage problems.

Today, the Chamber consists of many more members, approximately 70, and inquiries are frequent from potential homowners, new business aspirants and requests for census information from the Government.

The Chamber publishes a book to answer many of these questions. The book covers not only Hillsdale, but surrounding Pascack Valley towns.

The present officers of the Hillsdale Chamber of Commerce are: President, Richard G. Kelley, (Pascack Valley Bank & Trust Company); Vice President, Vincent D'Amore, (Dam-co, Inc.); Vice President, Albert Hollenberg, (Hollenberg Family Shoe Store); Secretary-Treasurer Edward K. Morgan, (Pascack Valley Bank & Trust Company); Trustees, George Lipson, (Park Wine & Liquors); Joan Wolf, (Jean Wolf School of Ballet); Gabriel Marra, (Marra's Beauty Salon).



*Hillsdale Baseball Assn.*

## HILLSDALE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

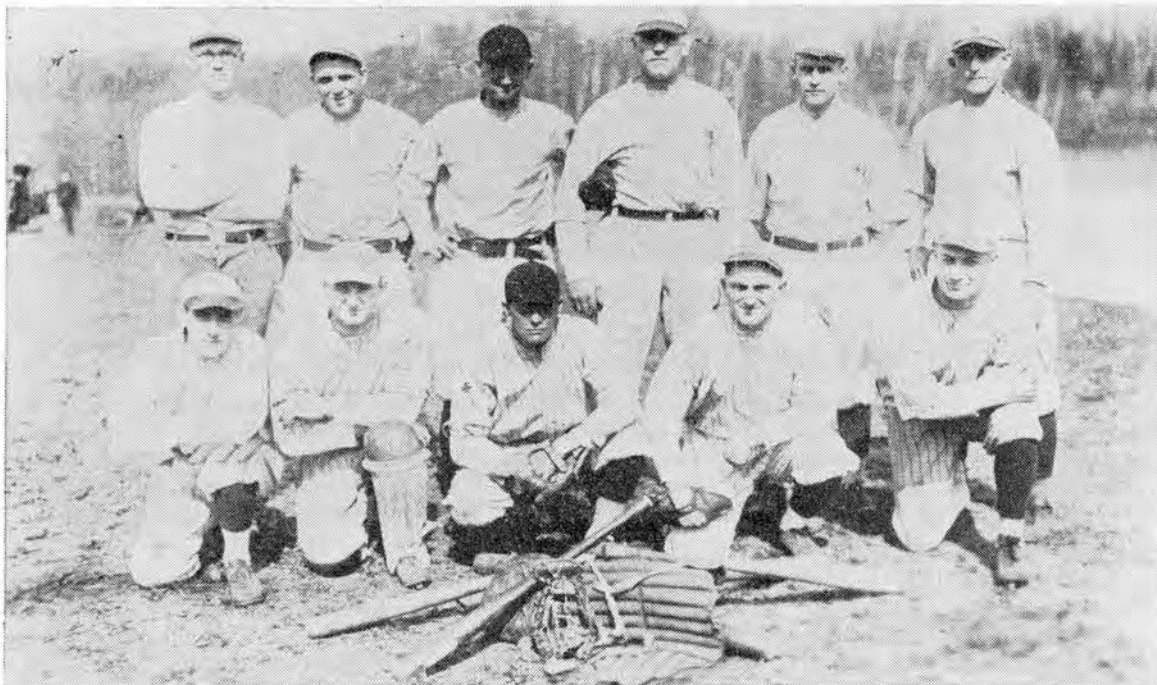
This year is also the 20th Anniversary of Little League Baseball in Hillsdale. Inaugurated on May 16, 1953, it has grown to 28 teams for boys between the ages of 8 and 12.

During the past four years, Little League has combined with the Babe Ruth League (for boys from 13 to 16), and the Connie Mack team, (for 16 to 18 year olds), into the overall Hillsdale Baseball Association. The Babe Ruth League is ten years old, and the Connie Mack League is in its fourth year.

Girls will also get onto the field this year, with a Girls Softball League, for 8 to 14 year olds, which also is part of the Hillsdale Baseball Association.

Over 700 children, teen agers and adults will participate in this program, which starts in April and extends through July for the championship play-offs.

Larry Mundhenk is President of the Hillsdale Baseball Association, Mrs. Vicki Cardinale is Treasurer, and Jerry O'Connor is Secretary.



*Hillsdale Athletic Club — 1925*

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## HILLSDALE COMMUNITY BLOOD ASSOCIATION

The Hillsdale Community Blood Association was organized, by the then existing Lions Club of Hillsdale, in 1958.

The Hillsdale Community Blood Association is part of the Bergen Community Regional Blood Center and Bergen Community Blood Bank, operating on a two for one plan, covering the processing fee and insuring no cost to the recipient.

The local Blood Association is administered by representatives from most Civic and Service Organizations within Hillsdale, who conduct all business and blood drawing preparations.

Present officers are; Calvin G. Piper, Lee Braun and Mrs. Patricia Donovan.

Every resident and person employed in Hillsdale is eligible to secure up to six pints of blood in times of personal emergencies, through their family physician or hospital.

The Blood Association conducts one drawing annually, to offset normal demand of from 125 to 150 pints.

A Hillsdale donor may donate blood, to the credit of the Hillsdale group, by phoning the Community Blood Bank in Paramus, N. J.

Under present state law, any person 18 years of age, or over, can consent to donate blood in any voluntary and non-compensatory blood program, without the necessity of obtaining parental permission, or authorization.



*Pascack Valley Bank & Trust Company*

## PASCACK VALLEY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

On the second floor of the railroad station in Hillsdale, two groups of men, each group with an application pending for the charter of a national bank, sat, negotiated, consolidated their efforts, and form the Hillsdale National Bank, predecessor of the Pascack Valley Bank and Trust Company. This event occurred in 1926. Assembled were John T. Buckley, of River Vale, who eventually became the first president, Edward P. Davis, Charles A. Lorentz, John A. Schlotterbeck, George M. Yates, Harry Potter, Michael Higgins and Ira Durie.

The beginning of 1927 saw the election of W. Merle Hoffman as Cashier, assisted by a young man with the name of Edward J. Hauck, Jr. Hoffman, now deceased, and Hauck just recently retired as Vice President but continuing as Director, had individually given almost 50 years of personalized service to residents and businessmen of Hillsdale and surrounding communities.

Today at Pascack Valley Bank the emphasis is on the increasing use of the computer and the

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implementation of additional modern banking services. Yet Pascack Valley Bank succeeded in meeting the demand for efficiency that resulted from the tremendous growth of the past two years without sacrificing the personal business approach inherited from these gentlemen. The reward of mechanization can be the proper allotment of free time generated through its use for person to person consideration of the individual customer's banking transaction.

As Hillsdale celebrates its 75th Anniversary and our country looks forward to celebrating its 200th Birthday in three years, Pascack Valley Bank also looks forward to an anniversary — for on April 1, 1976 it will be 50 years old.

The present Board of Directors consist of Richard G. Kelley, President of Pascack Valley Bank; Joseph F. Duffy, M.D.; Robert C. Galletly, Edward J. Hauck, Jr., Robert D. Hunter, C.P.A., Hazel T. Hoffman, James S. McEntegart, Harry Randall, Jr., Frank D. Schroth, Jr.



*Progressive S & L Assn.*

## PROGRESSIVE S & L ASSOCIATION

The Progressive Savings & Loan Association of Hillsdale, N. J. Incorporated in May 1893. The Officers elected in 1910 were:

Alexander Walker, President; Henry A. Hering, Vice President; Ralph Stever, Secretary and Arthur Stever, Treasurer.

Statement of condition as of December 31, 1894 showed deposits in the amount of \$3,809.39.

Statement of condition as of December 31, 1972 showed deposits in the amount of \$7,963,136.85.

The present Officers are:

Richard C. Burton, President; Reginald V. Neuser, Vice President; John D. Furman, Vice President; Margaret Butterfield, Secretary and Edward J. Hauck, Jr. Treasurer.

## LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK

Liberty National Bank, a new full-service banking institution recently formed by a group of local businessmen, prepares for its April opening after receiving approval of its charter from the U.S. Controller of the Currency.

The new Hillsdale bank will open in temporary facilities at 24 Broadway, the former site of Phiefer's Country Hearth Restaurant, while the main building undergoes extensive renovations.

Spearheading the organizing group is banking executive Jack Jensen, well-known to Hillsdale and Pascack Valley residents and businessmen. The other members of the organizing group are: Judge Bernard Dorfman, a Hillsdale resident, lawyer and municipal magistrate; Richard F. Tice, a partner of the well-know Tice Farms in Woodcliff Lake; Frank A. Battaglia, general manager of Hub Auto Parts in Westwood; John Nordham and Albert Skoglund, principals in the heavy construction firm of Hiller & Skoglund Inc. of Hillsdale;

John Shipman, a certified public accountant and partner in the Fort Lee accounting firm of Van Epps, Shipman and Heydiger; and Joseph L. Vozza, a Park Ridge resident and principal in Vozza Insurance Agency in Westwood.

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## HILLSDALE MEETING PLACES

The Hillsdale Manor House (later the Lake View Inn) building fronting on Loretta St. and running through to Cawthorne Terrace (now Legion Place) — part of same now having been removed — was the scene of the first election, held April 19, 1889, and the subsequent township committee meeting beginning with April 25, 1898 and continuing until March 1899.

From 1899 until March 1901 the Township Committee met in a room over the store of Abram C. Hering, 150 Broadway (corner of Cross St.)

In March 1901 they returned to the Manor House, and met there until 1907.

From May 7, 1907 to Dec. 1923 they met in the Firemen's Hall, and from Dec. 4, 1923 in the Council Room of the Old School Building on the corner of Magnolia and Hillsdale Ave., 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 Dec. 11, 1928. The present Borough Hall will be replaced by a new building later in 1973 — construction is presently under way.



*Election Day, March 15, 1900  
A.C. Hering Store, 150 Broadway*



1973



*Ground Breaking Ceremony For New Borough Hall*

*Left to right: Mayor R. Englander, Councilman R. Ryan, Councilman C. Krafte, Borough Clerk E. S. Halloran, Police Chief P. Varisco, Councilman J. Koehler, Judge B. Dorfman, Councilman T. Misciagna.*





*Hillsdale House — 1873*



*Hillsdale House and Park — 1906*



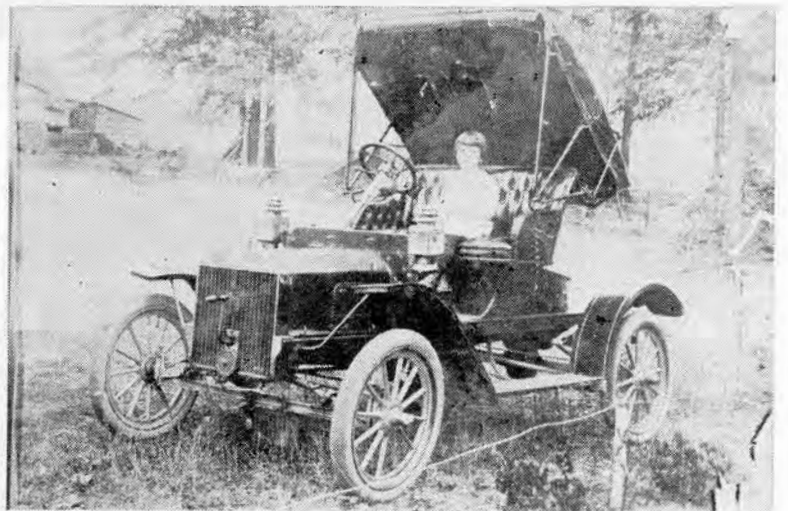
*Former Hillsdale House, 100 Broadway — 1973*



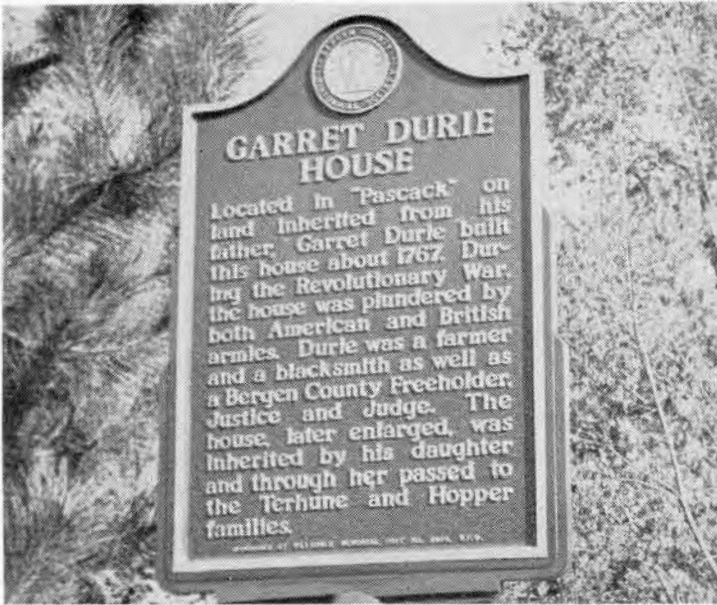
*Hemme's Corner — 1905*



*Hemme's Corner — 1973*



*First Auto In Hillsdale — Owned By John Westphal  
Ellsworth Van Emburgh (grandson)*



*Home of Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Farrell — 156 Ell Road*



*211 Werimus Road — early 1700s*



*Now — Home of E. G. McArthur — 211 Werimus Rd. — 1973*

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## HILLSDALE TOWN-WIDE CELEBRATIONS

Hillsdale celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a week long celebration starting September 15, 1923 and ending September 22, 1923, with a parade which began at Hillsdale Avenue and Broadway, up Hillsdale Avenue to Magnolia Ave., thence north to Clinton Avenue, west to Broadway and south to "Depot Square" as it then was called. During the week the Hillsdale Athletic Club had been given permission to use the meeting room in "Firemens Hall" to conduct "Old Home Week", but accounts do not go into detail.

Then we read in the records of May 6, 1914, the "Civic Association is hereby Granted permission to conduct a Memorial Day parade and observance, they are to assume the expense thereof." In later years we note the General Leonard Wood Post 162, American Legion, Hillsdale was granted permission to handle this and then we note where the town contributed to the expense and is now sponsored by the Borough with the American Legion Post and the V. F. W., generally in charge, with the Borough assuming the expense.

On July 4, 1925, the Borough of Hillsdale and the Borough of Westwood participated in a joint Independence day celebration which had the usual parade and athletic events, winding up with a baseball game between the two Fire Departments (all in Hillsdale). This was repeated in 1926 with a like program, but all took place in Westwood. Then we note it was repeated again in 1927 with all at Hillsdale except that "Fireworks" were displayed on "Clendennys Farm" (now the Saddlewood Drive area). No other accounts of July 4th celebrations appear.

On November 14, 1943, most of the town-folk including organizations, turned out to march in a "Welcome Home" parade in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Frank A. Hill of Hillsdale, who had participated in 166 combat missions in the air war in Europe and Africa. He was the first American flyer to shoot down a German plane in World War II, over Dieppe, France.

The 50th Anniversary of Hillsdale was a week-long celebration, October 10 through October 16, 1948.

It was led off by an ecumenical church service at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday evening, October 10. Open House Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Police Station and Firehouse. There was an Antique furniture display at the Holy Trinity at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday evening, including a lot of antique furniture & bric-brac from the Henry Clendenny home.

Friday night, October 15, 1948 was the occasion for an Entertainment Program, which is outlined in a copy of the program included in this book.

There was a gala parade Saturday, and, the festivities wound up with a gala dance at the Hillsdale School auditorium Saturday night. The Town was decorated with flags and bunting — especially the Business area. There was a Souvenir Booklet entitled "Fifty years of progress", which was sold for a nominal sum to defray expense of printing.

# Hillsdale Fiftieth Anniversary Entertainment

HILLSDALE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Friday Evening, October 15, 1948

## PROGRAM

### ANNIVERSARY WALTZ

Barbara Connor, Dorothy Hedges, Carol Estroe, Jean McGrath, Ann Fowler, Barbara Burhorn,  
Nora Scandlin, Barbara Milne

*Directed by Miss Florence Frederick*

### PICTURES OF HILLSDALE

*Comment by Walter Brill*

### BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams

### PICTURES OF HILLSDALE

*Comment by Walter Brill*

### QUILTING PARTY

Mrs. J. Conrad, Mrs. A. Bachman, Mrs. Wm. H. Furman, Mrs. G. Travis, Mrs. John Steele, Mrs.  
A. Milliken, Mrs. S. Tompkins

### AN INTRODUCTION

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. MacKenzie

### SCHOOL DAYS

Mrs. Wm. Griggs, Judith Hogrelius

### GUILD MEETING

Mrs. John Helyar, Mrs. D. Hasbrouck, Mrs. Jack Williams, Mrs. E. J. Hutton, Mrs. J. Selliken,  
Mrs. Fred Magnusson, Mrs. John Van Remoortel

### SOLO—AVE MARIA

Mrs. Frank Saul

### OLD FASHIONED DANCE

The eight dancers

*Directed by Miss Frederick*

### QUARTETTE

Mr. R. Conklin, Mr. Gordon Curtis, Mr. George Gereghy, Mr. Michael Longo

### THE OLD JUMPER

### PICTURES OF HILLSDALE

### THE OLD COUNTRY STORE

Mr. Walter Brill as the Country Philosopher and Members of the Quartette

### FINALE

Mayor Tatem and representatives from twenty-eight Hillsdale organizations

The Mayor and Council

The American Legion

The American Legion Auxiliary

The Exempt Firemen

The Exempt Firemen's Auxiliary

The Fire Department

The Fire Department Auxiliary

The Civic Association

The Boy Scouts

The Cub Scouts

The Girl Scouts

The Brownies

The Police Department

The Department of Public Works

Introduction of General Chairman, Mr. Harry F. Gunther

The Board of Education

The Parent-Teacher Association

The Board of Health

The Library Board

The Assistance Commission

The Borough Planning Board

The Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Parks and Playgrounds Commission

The Shade Tree Commission

The Sun Dial Garden Club

The Firemen's Band

The Hackensack Hospital Auxiliary

The Doubles Club

The Business Association

*Reader* ..... Fred Walker

*Accompanist* ..... Mrs. Walter Klees

*Director* ..... Miss Elsie M. Hubachek

*Make-up* ..... Ruth Toensman

### Stage Committee

Mr. George White

Mrs. D. Scandlin

Miss Blanche Smith

Miss G. Gersten

Mrs. J. Bruning

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Exempt Fire Association for use of a Jumper; Westwood Cycle Shop for Tandem Bicycle;  
Palms courtesy of Peter Beuerlein's Sons.



*Flag Raising Ceremony — Mrs. Lynn Pernot — Edw. Farrell — Mrs. Emily Brogeler*

The Hillsdale 75th Anniversary Flag Design Contest which ended Sept. 30, 1972 was won by Mrs. Emily Brinkerhoff Vanderbeek Brogeler of 105 Lawrence St., Hillsdale. The flag shows the geographical outline of Hillsdale in white on a light blue background.

Judging took place at the home of the contest chairman, Mrs. S. C. Pruett, Jr., Oct. 3, 1972 and judges were Mrs. Yvette Davison, Gabriel Audin and Mrs. Geneva Oleson. There were 107 entries, and honorable mention went to the Misses Nadia Story and Debbie Morgan, an eleven year old student at the Meadowbrook school.

Mrs. Brogeler was the recipient of a one hundred dollar Savings Bond contributed by the Chamber of Commerce, and she promptly donated the prize to the Hillsdale Fire Dept. for their Memorial Fund, in honor of her husband, a former 17 year member and apparatus driver of the Fire Department.

The expense of manufacturing the flag was incurred by the Fifty Plus Club of which Mrs. Lynn Pernot is president, and said flag was raised at a special flag raising ceremony Jan. 6, 1973. Ty Brewster of Ridgefield Park, N. J. sang The Star Spangled Banner, accompanied by members of the Pascaek Valley Regional High School band. Approximately two hundred nearly frozen citizens were on hand as the flag was raised by the Boy Scouts after brief talks had been given by the 75th Anniversary Committee Chairman, Edward J. Farrell; Mayor Richard H. Englander; Mrs. Lynn Pernot; Mrs. Joan Wolfe (Chamber of Commerce); and Mrs. John Brogeler. The Rev. L. H. Richards of the Hillsdale United Methodist Church gave the invocation and the Rev. A. S. Carney of St. John The Baptist R. C. Church gave the benediction.

A kick-off dinner commencing Hillsdale's yearlong celebration of its 75th anniversary was held at Roberto's Restaurant, 379 Washington Ave., Hillsdale on Friday evening, Jan. 19, 1973. The dinner was sponsored by the Fifty Plus Club and the restaurant was filled to capacity (200 plus). The diners were thrilled to hear first-hand accounts of the early history of Hillsdale from Mr. Stanley Kinmonth, Mrs. Jennie Bachman and Mrs. Stephen J. Streich. Mr. Stuart Klein, news commentator of TV Channel 5, who is a Hillsdale resident, was master of ceremonies.

The Committee, which has been meeting since June, 1972 and has a very responsible and cooperative group of citizens formulating the activities for the historic yearlong celebration, is as follows.

75th Anniversary Committee:

Edward J. Farrell, Chairman  
 Calvin G. Piper, Vice Chairman  
 Mr. William J. Henderson, Council-liason  
 Mrs. Pat Donovan, Publicity  
 Historian: Rudolph C. Appeld

Mayor Richard H. Englander, Ex-Officio  
 Mrs. Catherine Carroll, Secretary

75th Anniversary Booklet Committee:

Rudolph C. Appeld      Calvin G. Piper  
 Mrs. Emily Brogeler      Mrs. Barbara Fitzpatrick  
 Photographers: Police Department  
 Ptlman R. Mele, Capt. R. Schramm,  
 Lieut. R. Schramm



*75th Anniversary Committee*

75th anniversary Flag contest and Kick-off Dinner:  
Mrs. Lynn Pernot — 50 plus club

Slide Shows: George B. Jepson

Historic Homes Tour: Mrs. Julie Farrell, Mrs. Phyllis Schuette

Police Department: Lieut. Vincent J. McCarthy

Fire Department: Ex-Chief Joseph P. Mansfield

Exempt Firemens Assn: Ex-Chief Fred W. Winkler

Ambulance Service: Capt. Harold Gherman

Memorial Day Parade:

American Legion: Elmore Hansen, John Burley

V.F.W.: Dan Kmiecik, Martin Corcoran, Bill Enos, Sal D'Amico

Family night — March 21 — Fideletone's Choir — Women's Club:

Mrs. Terry Neis, Mrs. Marge Arietta, Mrs. Eileen Morra

Maple Syrup Festival & Fishing Contest: Environmental Commission

K.T. Forziati, Jack Stubbs

Dinner Dance: Mrs. Rita Hoppin, Mrs. Audrea Sullivan

Chamber of Commerce: Mrs. Joan Wolf

Boy Scouts: Dr. Stanley Gotliffe, Richard Curran

United Methodist Church: Rev. Lawrence H. Richards

Recreation Commission: Mrs. Sallie Pruett

High School Activities: Dr. Ronald J. Perry

Soap Box Derby: Joseph Pietrowsky

Library: Mrs. Beatrice O'Brien Lucas

Turkey Shoot: Joseph Pietrowsky

Girl Scouts: Mrs. Gertrude Friesenhahn, Mrs. Glenda Adelman

The program beyond January, 1973 is as follows:

Feb. 14th & 21st: Slides of Hillsdale by George Jepson — Library.

Mar. 21st: Family night featuring the Fidlestone's Select Choir of Delhi University. Presented by the Hillsdale Women's Club — Smith School, 8:30 P.M. — Refreshments.

Mar. 24th: Maple Syrup Festival by The Environmental Commission — Beechwood Park.

Mar. 25th: Actual date of incorporation. Gift to the oldest resident born on this date; celebration of first birth.

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- Apr. 7th: Fishing Contest for children ages 7 through 12 by The Environmental Commission — to be held at Pascaek Brook.
- Apr. 12th: New Jersey State Lottery to be pulled in Hillsdale.
- Apr. 28th: Antique Fair — Meadowbrook School. Babysitting and puppet show by Cadette Scouts
- May 28th: Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the VFW and American Legion. (Other projects for this month to be announced.)
- June 9th: Fair and Art Auction by the Chamber of Commerce, featuring a Beard Growing Contest and Mini-Straw Hats for the children.
- June 16th: Rain date.
- July 4th: Fireworks at Pascaek Valley High School Field.  
Beechwood Park Concerts each week throughout July. Emphasis on our Anniversary.
- July 21st: Soap Box Derby to be run by Joseph Pietrowsky.
- Aug. 18th: Balloon Ascension by the Chalet Club of N. Y. — Smith School Field. First Aid demonstration by Hillsdale Ambulance Corps to follow.
- Aug. 25th: Rain date.
- Sept. 3rd: Labor Day Gala Parade and Picnic for all residents — Beechwood Park.
- Sept. 7th-8th: Flower Show — Sun Dial Garden Club.
- Sept. 15th: Tour of Historical Homes in Hillsdale.
- Sept. 22nd: Smorgasbord — Ladies Auxiliary, Hillsdale Ambulance Corps.
- Oct. 26th: 75th Anniversary Dinner Dance — Singer's Hotel — complete dinner and continuous dancing.
- Nov. 10th: Archery Turkey Shoot — Beechwood Park, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- Nov. 17th: Rain date.
- Nov. 21st: Ecumenical Service at St. John the Baptist R. C. Church.
- Nov. 22nd: Traditional Thanksgiving Day Football Game between Pascaek Valley and Pascaek Hills to be held at Pascaek Valley. Half-time festivities in honor of Anniversary.
- Dec. 22nd & 23rd: Christmas Carols by Church Choirs.  
Municipal Tree Lighting Ceremony — date to be determined.



*Anniversary Book Committee — Appeld, Mele,  
Mrs. Barbara Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Emily Brogeler*