Teaneck, like many other suburban towns, has a rapidly changing population. People who lived here 10 years ago may be miles away now. Things that happened 20 years ago might well be forgotten by most of us, and there are a comparatively few in Teaneck who can remember back 30 years when Paul Volcker came to town.

We must not forget, however, that Teaneck, to a great extent, is what it is now because of the influence of this one man.

The shadow cast by Paul Volcker was more than his 6'-4", it spread out all over Teaneck, all over Bergen County and was even country wide.

It has been said "The evil men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones". I don't know of any evil that Paul ever did, to live after him, and we must not let the great good he did be hidden and forgotten.

This sun dial will cast its own mark, and when you pause to read it, remember the great mark left by the one in whose memory it is erected. This memorial is rugged and substantial, without extra ornamentation, characteristic of the man it honors.

Paul Volcker came to Teaneck at a time when a leader was so badly needed, and he directed the municipal affairs so that Teaneck has been recognized as an outstanding community, not only locally, but also nationally and internationally.

Many of you will remember the film made by the Government to be shown abroad, depicting Teaneck as a Model Community of the U.S.A. You will remember also the feature article in "Life" which gave national publicity to Teaneck.

It was not an accident that Teaneck was chosen for these honors.

The man with the directing hand behind the scenes made this all possible. No, he didn't do it all alone. Teaneck has been fortunate in having able Councils, men who were willing to let the Manager carry out his work without interference.

You old timers will remember the serious financial position of Teaneck when Paul Volcker came to town and how the refinancing of the outstanding obligations was accomplished by him, without the necessity of paying heavy financing costs to bonding houses as is usually the case.

You will recall that arrangements were made to pay all our municipal employees during the great depression without issuing script, as was the case with many municipalities.

You will recall how Paul arranged for the filling and grading of Central Park, now known as Votee Park, with W.P.A. labor during the depression.

You will recall that Paul had the vision of using sanitary landfill to take care of the waste material from the Township and to make new land in the Overpeck Creek area. He had the idea and worked out the details first for Teaneck, and it has now developed into a County wide affair, backed by the Freeholders. It was Paul's first idea, one for which he has not received proper credit.

It was Paul's directing hand that followed up the acquisition of the necessary lands to develop our park areas. His foresight made it possible to acquire the property while it was still available.

You all take pride in the fact that Route #4 is clear of business through Teaneck.

Paul Volcker planned ahead. He tried to anticipate future needs. It is recalled that, working with architect George Cady, our former Building Superintendent, preliminary plans were made for additions to the Municipal Building. Work that right now is being seriously considered.

You will recall that when the old #2 school was condemned and the new Washington Irving School was built, it was thought the old school should be demolished. At that time it was arranged to have the School Board turn the old school over to the Town. It was reinforced, re-built where necessary, and is now the Town House.

This, too, was accomplished because of the foresight and special abilities of Paul Volcker.

The Recreation Department is another example of his future planning.

The Lowell School and the first addition to the High School were built at a time when Teaneck needed financial assistance to carry out such a heavy expansion program. It was during the days of W.P.A., P.W.A. and other such government activities. It was found that, if we could qualify, it would be possible to secure major funds through the P.W.A. I happened to be President of the Board of Education at that time so I remember many of the details.

It was the work of the Board of Education to build the schools, but it required the assistance of the Council and Manager, all working together, to make a proper presentation to the P.W.A.

Paul Volcker wrote a special brief, covering the financial position of the Township. He made a special trip to Washington with representatives of the Board of Education to present it to the Board of Review.

The Board of Review complimented him on his brief and we found out later that they used his form in connection with other applications.

We were assured that favorable action on our application was taken, largely due to his presentation.

While Teaneck was"growing up", it had several volunteer fire departments in different parts of the Township. We outgrew that form of protection and the transition to the paid type was arranged by Paul Volcker with a minimum of friction. New facilities were required in order to obtain the high fire protection rating desired for the Township. Many of them were acquired at bargain rates, using second hand equipment from New York City, re-built by our own mechanics and later, much new equipment was purchased to bring our department to the high level it now enjoys. We can all be proud of the Fire Stations that house our equipment. They were planned through the close cooperation between Mr. Volcker, our architect and our Chief of the Department.

The Baby Keep Well, or Child Hygiene Stations, were inaugurated and maintained with the cooperation of the Board of Education and later in the Town House.

The High School Stadium was one of Paul Volcker's engineering accomplishments. It has carried its load for many years and will be there for a long time to come.

I could recount many, many more places where Paul has left his mark on the life of Teaneck. You, his friends, can undoubtedly tell me of things I have forgotten.

This all shows the type of man he was. Jokingly I used to tell him that he stood up so straight, that he bent over backwards.

Thinking of some of the things he accomplished, you may think "it was only part of his job". True, that is one way of looking at it, but how often do we come across a man who is so dedicated in his work, who has the vision to plan ahead and the will to carry it out. A man thoroughly honest all the way through and with the courage to stand up for the things he knows are right.

On the reverse side of this granite block is a quotation, credited to George Washington, which reads as follows -

"DO NOT SUFFER YOUR GOOD NATURE WHEN APPLICATION IS MADE, TO SAY YES WHEN YOU OUGHT TO SAY NO - REMEMBER THAT IT IS A PUBLIC NOT A PRIVATE CAUSE THAT IS TO BE INJURED OR BENEFITED BY YOUR CHOICE."

This was Paul's Credo - it hung on the wall directly back of his desk in the Municipal Building. It is very fitting that we dedicate this marker to the memory of Paul A. Volcker, in the hope that he has led the way for even greater accomplishments in the future.

Speech by Clarence W. Brett at dedication of Paul A. Volcker Municipal Green - December 4, 1960.