Volcker Municipal Green Marks Teaneck's 30-Year Manager Era

Sundial Monument Is Dedicated By Town

Teaneck — The late Paul A. Volcker, who led Teaneck from out of the Depression to bold, new accomplishments in a score of vital areas, while serving from 1930 to 1950 as the first Township Manager, was given a permanent position of honor in Teaneck yesterday.

MARKS ANNIVERSARY

Friends and officials gathered in front of the Municipal Building to remember and to dedicate the Paul A. Volcker Municipal Green. The monument marked the thirtieth anniversary of the Council-Manager form of government in Teaneck.

Speaking in behalf of the former Township leader were Mayor Matthew Feldman, former Mayor Clarence W. Brett, and William W. Brett, chairman of the Memorial Committee and son of the former Mayor.

A resident of Lyons, N. Y., since his retirement, Mr. Volcker died last February.

Mr. Volcker's son and daughter, Paul A. Volcker Jr. and Miss Louise Volcker, unveiled the monument as about 200 persons looked on.

SUNDIAL MEMORIAL

The monument consists of a bronze sundial set on a Salisbury pink granite base, and a bench made of the same material. The setting is outlined by a half-circle of schrubs.

On the front side of the sundial base is the inscription, "Paul A. Volcker Municipal Green. First Township Manager 1930-1950."

On the opposite side of the base is this quotation from George Washington: "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".

Teaneck was only the third community in the State to accept the new form of government, Mayor Feldman said.

THE RIGHT MAN

"Like others who have served our country down through history, he was the right man for the right job at the right time," the Mayor declared. "We dedicate this memorial to him in the hope that future generations will continue to remember his unique contributions."

Noting that the Township has prospered and grown in the field of municipal administration, Mayor Feldman concluded his proclamation by saying, "Now, therefore, be it reserved that on this thirtieth anniversary, of Council-Manager Government in the Township of Teaneck, this section of the Township municipal property, reflecting the growth and prosperity of the Township under the Council-Manager form of government, be dedicated as the Paul A. Volcker Municipal Green. Be it further resolved that this memorial be a constant reminder of the devotion of Paul A. Volcker to a thankful community."



TIME TO REMEMBER: Paul A. Volcker Jr. and Miss Louise Volcker, left, son and daughter of the late Teaneck Township Manager Paul A. Volcker, look at monument and sundial dedicated in memory of their father in front of the Municipal Building yesterday with Mayor Matthew Feldman, right, and William W. Brett, chairman of the memorial dedication committee. Some 200 persons attended the ceremony. (The Record photograph.)

WROTE BRIEF

While Mr. Volcker was in office during the Depression, Mayor Brett said, municipal employees were paid without issuing script. During this period, the first Township Manager wrote a special brief in applying to Washington for funds for school expansion. The Federal Board of Review used the brief as a form for other applications.

Mayor Brett listed as some of Mr. Volcker's other accomplishments the establishment of new land in the Overpeck Creek area, acquisition of land for parks, the conversion of old School 2 to what is now the Town House, the Recreation Department, and the smooth transition from a voluntary to regular fire department.

The former Mayor's son William W. Brett, termed Mr. Volcker "Teaneck's Number 1 public servant of all time."

Brett thanked the members of his committee, composed of Mayor Brett, Robert Morrill Sr., LeRoy Schubert, Judge Donald M. Waesche, Leonard J. Wisse, E. L. Amundson, and Minor Bishop.

Amundson designed the sundial. Bishop did the design and drawings for the stone bench and general lay-out.

Brett also thanked the Department of Public Works for laying the stone foundation and paving blocks; Maurice Bowen, of the Shade Tree Division, for the landscaping; the Garden Club of Teaneck for the schrubs; and Robert Rueger, Township electrician, for installing the spotlight which will shine on the monument at night.

Fireman John Bohan represented the Fire Department and Patrolman Richard Kazinci represented the Police Department, at the ceremony.

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