

Gift of - Mr. Chris D. Sheffe
Teaneck, New Jersey Schools

DEDICATION CEREMONIES
TEANECK HIGH SCHOOL
TEANECK, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 31, 1929

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The Public School work in a rapidly growing community presents many problems of policy and expense. It is the duty of the Board of Education to operate the system efficiently; but to produce the best results, the school authorities must have the cooperation of the citizens.

The present and previous Boards of Education in Teaneck owe a debt of gratitude to the townspeople for their loyal support of a progressive educational program, including the approval of many bond issues for land and buildings.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to express appreciation of the helpful attitude of the citizens which has been such an important factor in the planning and construction of the High School that we dedicate tonight.

CHRIS D. SHEFFE

President of the Board

Program

MUSIC Selected

310th Infantry, 78th Div. Band
Master Sergt. G. Parciasepe, Leader

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER Audience

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed, at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight?
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming,
And the rockets' red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thru the night
That our flag was still there!

Oh, say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

(Audience to remain standing during the Invocation)

INVOCATION Rev. Richard Baxter
Vicar, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

ADDRESS OF WELCOME Chris D. Sheffe
President, Board of Education

MUSIC Amphion Glee Club
Mr. Alfred Boyce, Conductor
Mr. Sydney Dorlon Lowe, at the Piano

a. Bohemian Folk Song Arr. by A. T. Davison
"The Reapers' Song"

b. English Folk Song Arr. by Deems Taylor
"My Johnny was a Shoemaker"

c. "Hey Robin, Jolly Robin" Geoffrey Shaw

ADDRESS Hon. Charles H. Tuttle
United States District Attorney

Program

STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER Sousa
310th Infantry, 78th Div. Band

PRESENTATION OF KEYS
OF THE HIGH SCHOOL Arthur S. Tyler
Chairman of the Building Committee

ACCEPTANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP
OF TEANECK Hon. Christian Gloeckler
Chairman, Township Committee

ACCEPTANCE FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
OF TEANECK, N. J. Dr. Lester N. Neulen

MUSIC Amphion Glee Club
a. "Ezekiel saw de Wheel" Arr. by H. T. Burleigh
b. "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" Arr. by Wm. Reddick
c. "Camptown Races" (Foster) Arr. by Ralph Baldwin

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO SCHOOL

ACCEPTANCE FOR TEANECK HIGH SCHOOL Leon C. High
High School Principal

INTRODUCTION OF OUR GUESTS Charles O. Keith

MUSIC Amphion Glee Club
"Hallelujah Chorus"

BENEDICTION Rev. Benedict J. O'Neil
Pastor, St. Anastasia's R. C. Church

How It All Came About

On a crisp, cold morning in the early fall of nineteen twenty-three, the citizens of Teaneck turned out en masse, armed with axes of various sizes and shapes, to what was then called a wood-cutting bee. One spruce, some twenty feet in height, was trimmed of its branches and a flag hoisted on it. Nearby a good size bonfire was blazing, adding cheer and warmth to the scene. Beautiful ladies posed with their axes for the moving picture camera. Others were serving hot coffee to the volunteer lumber-jacks. Here and there a real mackinaw added color to the scene. A gala day for Teaneck. Incidentally upward of a hundred trees were felled, and what is now the athletic field was cleared that day.

Amidst the falling trees, and swinging a mean ax, was Mr. David M. Hooks, who withstood many a jibe when he first had the temerity to offer a resolution, some years back, for the purchase of land suitable for a High School site. But with his characteristic doggedness he persisted until the first ten acre plot was purchased, and subsequently, three and a half more acres added including the knoll upon which this building now being dedicated stands.

The business of planning a suitable building was soon undertaken. This included many visits to High Schools far and near, many consultations with the architects, and as many preliminary plans submitted and discussed. The result is a building that the educational authorities at Trenton say is one of the best High School buildings in the State. The present unit is only one-third of the complete plan. It has a capacity of over eleven hundred and is capable of a maximum of thirteen hundred pupils. The auditorium at present has nearly twelve hundred seats and when extended to its ultimate size will seat upward of fifteen hundred. This enlargement will entail no great expenditure. Provision is also made for the care of the building expansion, so that the subsequent units can be added without undue alteration of the present plan.

With this dedication the Board of Education enters into what is to them a new field, the development of a High School in keeping with the best traditions of secondary school education. In doing so, the Board is ever mindful that the citizens of Teaneck will not be satisfied with less than the best. To that end the Board expects the cooperation of its supervisors, principals and teachers, and earnestly begs a like response from the pupils and their parents, and on the part of all the citizens of Teaneck, so that we can indeed have a school second to none in this State or in our Country.

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