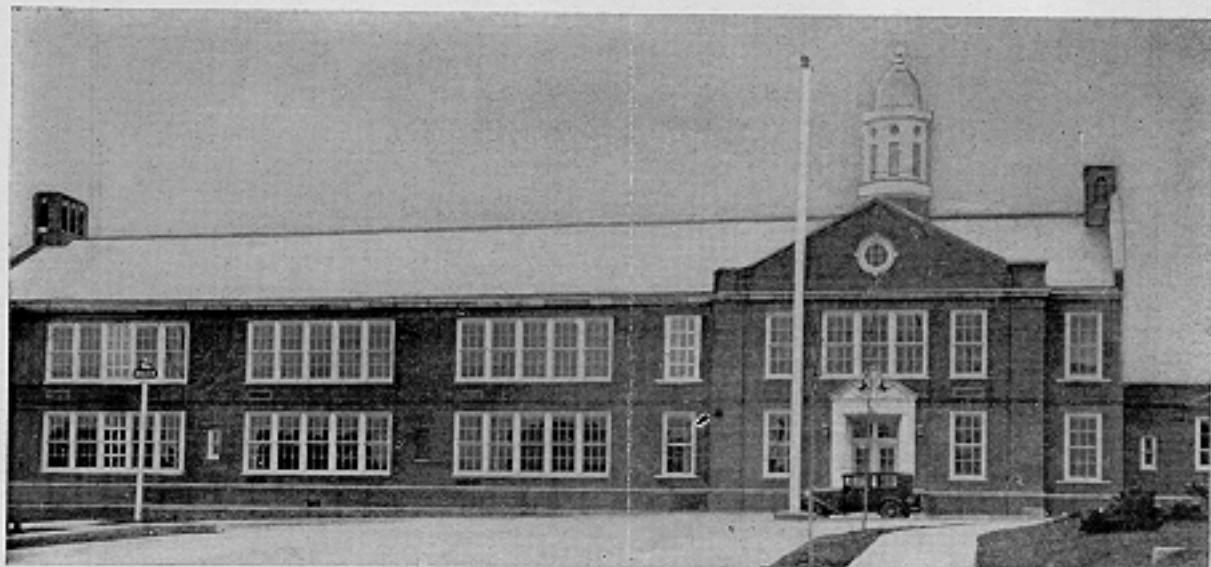


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JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL SCHOOL

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FRIDAY, JUNE 14th, 1935, 8:15 O'clock

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James Russell Lowell

To Whose Honored Memory This School Is Dedicated

A member of the famous 19th century group of New England poets and writers. It has been said of him: "He loved books, the beauty of the outer world, his art, his fellow men, but chiefly he kept his eyes fixed on lofty ideals and always listened to the voice of conscience."

Lowell was born at Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the year 1819. After being graduated from Harvard College at the age of 19, he was undecided whether to choose business, the ministry, medicine, or the law. He turned to law, but his heart was not in it. He had written poetry for his college magazine and wanted to go on writing poetry. Nevertheless, he was shrewd enough not to give up law entirely.

At the age of twenty-five he married Maria White, a poetess of no mean gifts, who sympathized with Lowell's tastes and encouraged him to continue writing. At this period Lowell wrote some of his best poems, such as "The Vision of Sir Launfal," and "To a Dandelion."

There was another side to Lowell's nature which the stormy times just before the Mexican War in 1848 could not fail to arouse. Believing that he saw the United States about to enter on an unjust war for new territory, into which slavery might spread, he expressed his disapproval in a series of poems in Yankee dialect called "The Biglow Papers." These contain much of the moral force, sly humor, and close-packed phrases of the New England farmers and small town people which gained him fame.

His wife died in 1853, just as Lowell's reputation was becoming established. Two years later he gave a course of lectures in Boston on the English poets and as a result was offered the post of professor of modern languages at Harvard, a position that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow had held before him.

At the age of thirty-nine he became the first editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*, which had just been established. Even after resigning that post, four years later, he contributed his poems largely to that magazine, and his prose writings to the *North American Review*.

In 1877 President Hayes appointed him Minister to Spain, and from 1880 to 1885 he was Minister to Great Britain. His charm of manner and his power of making clever impromptu speeches made him popular in British Society; but in America complaints were made of his "cold" and "autocratic" manner. It was even said that he was more British than American, but there can be no doubt of his patriotism. In one of his speeches in London he had the courage to tell his audience that both in the Revolution and in the War of 1812 Great Britain had been in the wrong.

The last years of his life were spent at his birthplace in Cambridge among his books and friends. He died in the year 1891, honored as a poet, essayist, and a man of distinguished public service, not only in America, but also in England, where his bust has been placed in Westminster Abbey.

Program

MUSIC ----- SELECTED
Teaneck High School Band Mr. Etzel Willhoit, Director

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER ----- AUDIENCE

INVOCATION ----- REV. CHARLES W. SCHNABEL
Pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- HON. WILLIAM L. KICK
President, Board of Education

MUSIC ----- SELECTED
Teaneck High School A Copella Choir Mr. Anthony Loudis, Director

ADDRESS ----- HON. EDWARD A. KENNEY
U. S. Congressman, 9th District, New Jersey

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Teaneck High School Band

PRESENTATION OF THE KEYS ----- MR. HOWARD L. SMITH
Norman T. Anthony; Smith & Ward, Associated Architects

ACCEPTANCE OF THE KEYS:

For the Township of Teaneck ----- HON. MILTON G. VOTEE
Mayor, Township of Teaneck

For the Board of Education ----- HON. WILLIAM L. KICK
President, Board of Education

ADDRESS ----- HON. C. J. STRAHAN
Asst. Commissioner of Education, State of New Jersey

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Teaneck Post No. 128, American Legion

Women's Auxiliary Teaneck Post, American Legion

Teaneck Lodge No. 274, F. & A. M.

Rev. Thomas P. Potter

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SCHOOL ----- DR. LESTER N. NEULEN
Supervising Principal of Schools

PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONIALS ----- MR. C. W. BRETT
Former President, Board of Education

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