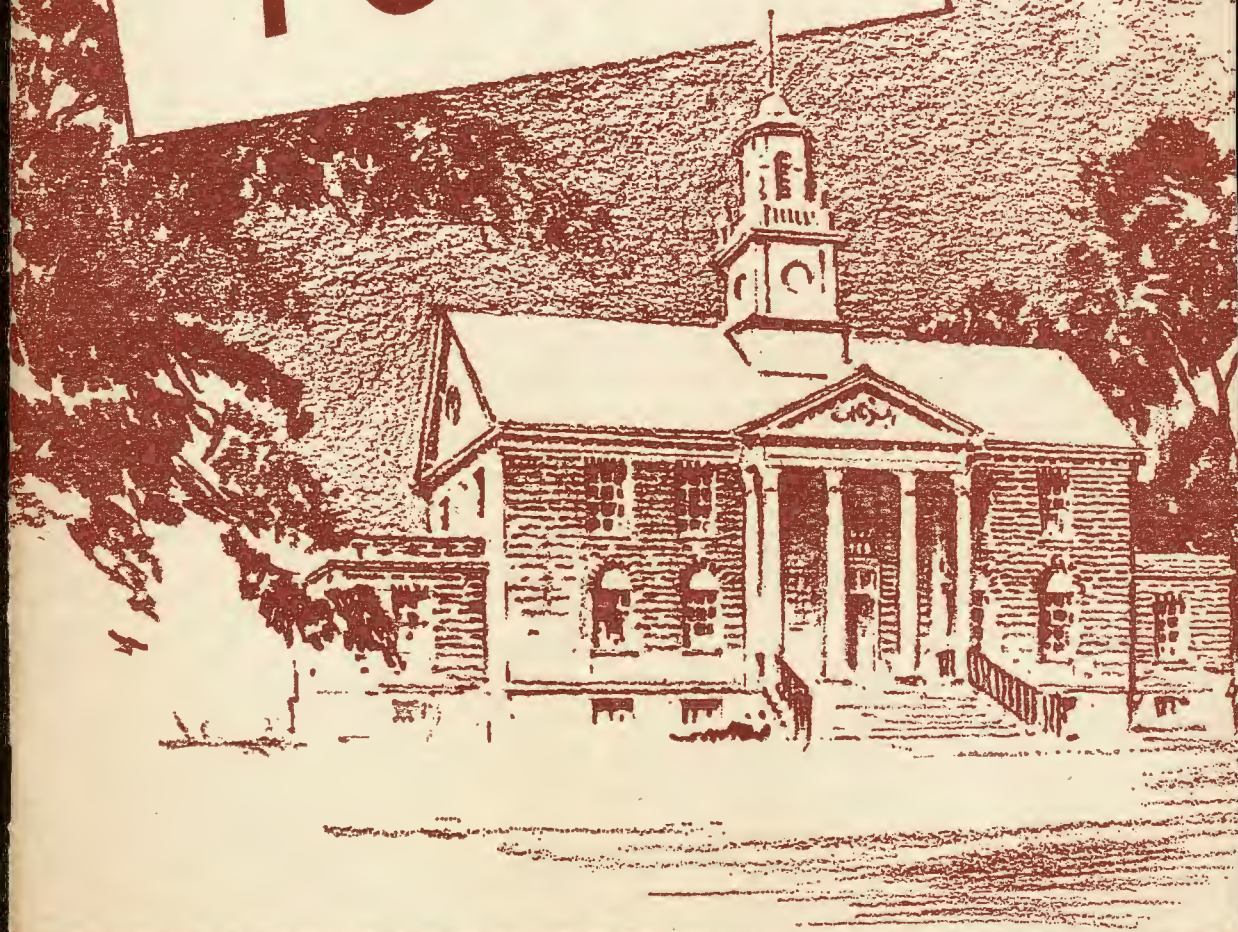


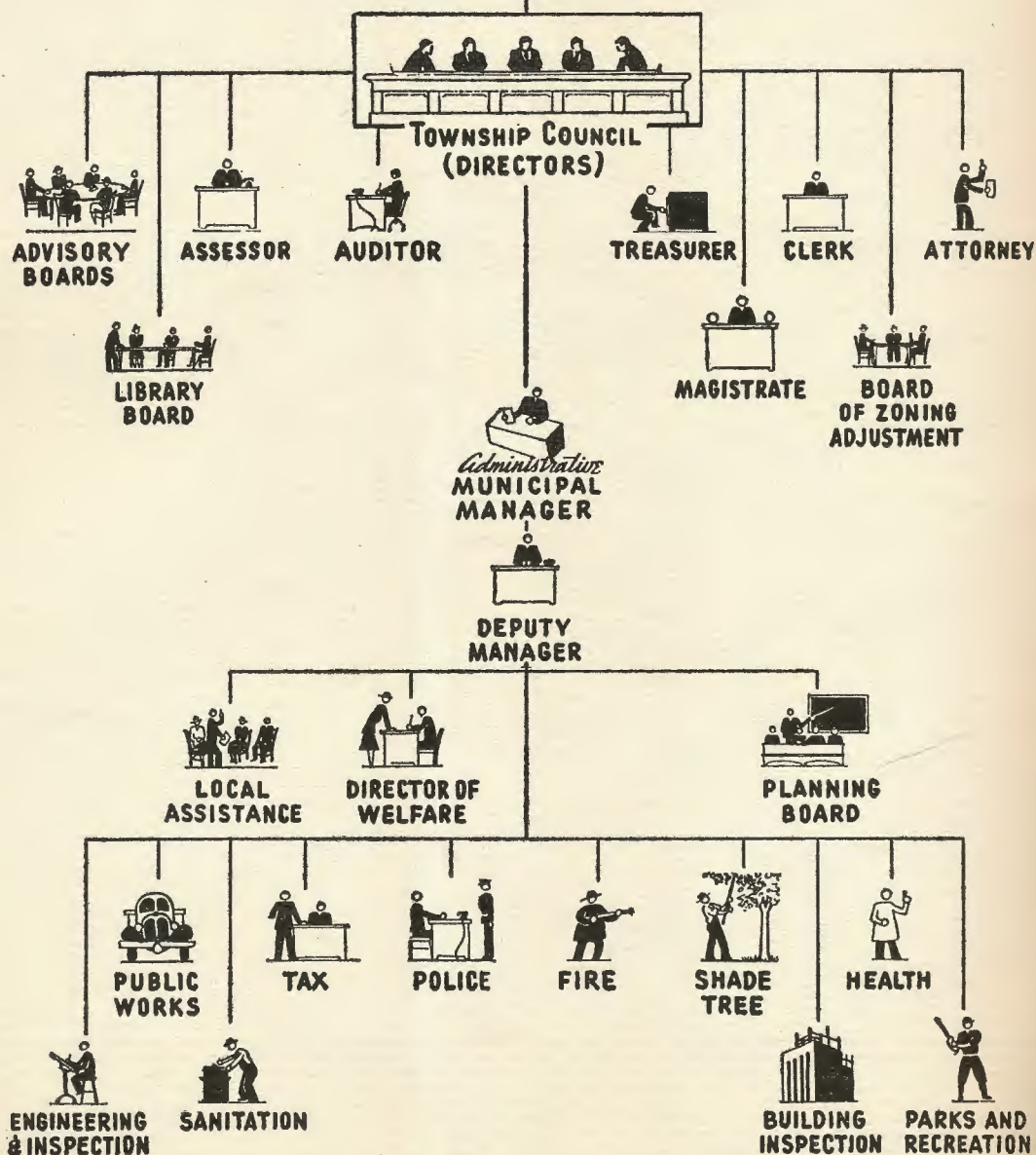
Seaneck. Politics and
Government


YOUR TOWN



How Your Business Is Managed

The People of Teaneck (STOCK HOLDERS)





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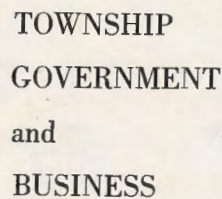
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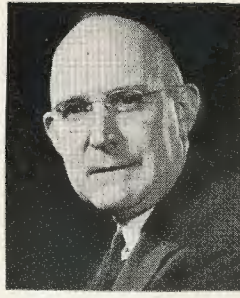
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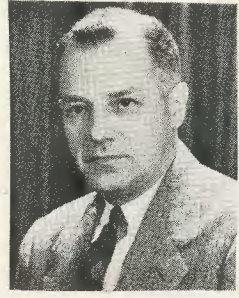
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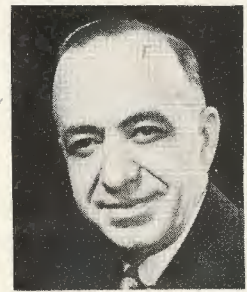


Councilman
WALTER E. CUMMIN



Councilman
MILTON G. VOTEE

Your Township Council



Councilman
HENRY DEISSLER

The Operation of Your Business

You are the stockholders of this corporation known as the Township of Teaneck. In May, 1946, you duly elected five men to handle the affairs of your corporation.

The Council as the legislative branch of the local government is primarily responsible for establishment of governmental policy and procedure.

As Directors of your corporation, the Council appoints the Township Manager, Township Clerk, Assessor, Auditor, Attorney and Police Magistrate; each of whom with the exception of Assessor is responsible to the Council as a whole for the administration of his department.

Certain statutory boards, such as the Board of Adjustment, Assessment Commissions and Advisory Boards of citizens, also report to the Council as a whole and not to any individual councilman.

The Council is also the watchdog of the Township treasury. It levies the taxes necessary for the operation of your corporation, except

the school system, and approves the payment of all bills. Through ordinances and resolutions it raises money by bonds and notes and authorizes the execution of all contracts, leases, agreements, sales and exchanges of property.

It has no power whatsoever in school matters. Jurisdiction over educational affairs is vested in the Board of Education which is elected and held directly responsible to the people.

The Councilman chosen by his fellow members to serve as Mayor, in addition to presiding at Council meetings, signs all legal documents and checks and has the power of appointing the Board of Trustees of the library.

Your directors meet at the Municipal Building on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m. to handle the business and operation of your corporation. They welcome your attendance and interest; for the business they transact is your business.



Your Manager Reports



Township Manager
PAUL A. VOLCKER

Council of Township of Teaneck

Gentlemen:

In my many reports to you and to the people of Teaneck, I have gone into the details of all of the Township's operations and costs, and the reasons for changes were explained.

This then is an opportunity for taking a broad general view of the problems of the past, to sum up where Teaneck now stands and for a brief look ahead.

Seventeen years ago the cost of Teaneck's operations were "cut-to-the-bone" and since then we have not permitted ourselves any waste or luxury. Consequently, we now feel the full impact of rising prices; there is no service we can eliminate or which we can perform more economically to compensate for these increased costs. Taxpayers continue to ask for new and expanded services.

The Township is being operated with five and a fraction employees per thousand of population. Our per capita operating figure is \$26.14. Comparison between towns as to unit costs or number employed are often unfair and impossible because of variations in the amount and quality of services given. Nor are tax rates, based on widely varying valuations, a fair method of comparison. Teaneck has neither industry nor an extensive mercantile district with large valuations, which generally help ease the burden on the home owner, yet any fair comparison which can be made will show that the per capita costs in Teaneck are modest for the service given.

Our financial condition is sound. In 1930 for every thousand dollars

that a taxpayer's home was assessed, there was an over-riding municipal debt of \$227; now that debt is \$57, with a lower percentage of assessed valuation to sales value than obtained in 1936. We have sufficient bonding capacity to meet the improvements which still must be made to complete Teaneck. They are only a fraction of what has already been done. Almost eight millions have been spent in developing the Township, of which all but two millions have been paid off. Another two million should be sufficient to complete the improvements still needed, exclusive of school expenditures.

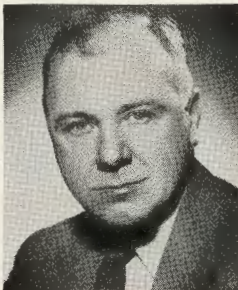
During the more than seventeen years that the Council Manager Government has operated in Teaneck, the Township has established a reputation for "good government." The Councils have been jealous of this reputation and competition between departments to do a good job, to do something new, or to do it first, has been keen. Perhaps we have not been as modest about it as we might have been, so that now we are publicly judged to an unusual degree by our failures. It is a high standard to which we have been committed.

This is the first time that I have permitted myself to use the personal pronoun in a report. Here then is my opportunity to express to the department heads, officials and employees, my sincere appreciation of their work, an appreciation which I feel guilty of not having expressed often enough personally or publicly.

And to the Councilmen, who have governed Teaneck during the past seventeen years, my thanks and appreciation for their confidence and support, and their leniency of the Council Manager form of government rests ultimately with the Councilmen, the elected representatives of the people. If they "play the game," the system cannot fail. It is to them that the credit for Teaneck's government is due.

Sincerely,

MUNICIPAL MANAGER



Deputy Manager
JAMES T. WELSH



BUSINESS WITH THE TOWN CLERK

Personnel: 2

To many, the office of the Township Clerk is viewed as a filing cabinet for statistics, vital and otherwise. In your Township no such impression could be more erroneous, for through this office flows much of the lifestream of your business.

With the assistance of a clerk-stenographer and a telephone operator, the Township Clerk constitutes the entire personnel of this department. The Clerk also acts as Secretary to the Township Manager and his deputy.

An idea of the Clerk's work can be gleaned from a listing of some of the duties involved, to wit: recording and transcribing minutes of Council Meetings; keeping records of all contracts, agreements, legal documents; conducting elections, advertising legal notices of the Council; issuing licenses for peddlers, solicitors, scavengers, taxis, fishing and hunting, bowling alleys, retail consumption and distribution licenses; handling all details on sales of Township property.

Tax Collections

Personnel: 7

"Our constitution is in operation; everything appears to promise that it will last; but in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes," wrote Benjamin Franklin to Monsieur Leroy in 1789.

It happens that any municipality's ability to collect its taxes has much to do with its financial stability, which in turn, has much to do with how much we have to pay each year.

A municipality unable to collect most of its taxes on time, must borrow to meet current needs and thus takes on added expense which is paid by the taxpayers.

Teaneck's collection of current taxes has been about 95%. Last year a 94.56% collection was reported.

In support of Franklin's comment of the permanency of taxes, there is no such thing as an unpaid tax, for if one person doesn't pay, the rest of us have to make up the deficiency, now or later.

The Tax Collector, an appointee of the Township Manager, is appointed for a term of four years and is primarily responsible for the collection of all taxes listed on the tax rolls turned over to him by the Assessor. He has no power or authority to change any valuation or tax.

Whenever taxes are not paid after July 1, following the year for which they are levied, he is required by law to sell such property at a tax sale, thereby converting the delinquent taxes into a tax lien; leaving to the owner the right for 2 years to redeem his property upon payment of all charges against him.

The Tax Collector must also collect all assessments, which have been levied against a property for improvements and he is also responsible for the collection of personal taxes. The police ordinance requiring a permit before moving from town, aids in the collection of personal taxes.

Approximately 16,000 tax bills are sent out from this Township each year, payable in quarterly installments on the first day of February, May, August and November.

Any owner of property or prospective purchaser of property upon the payment of a rather nominal fee, may obtain a Municipal Tax Search which is a statement showing whatever tax liens or unpaid claims the Township may have against the property. Such a search is made by a Search Officer, a member of the Tax Collector's staff, who obtains his data from the books of the Tax Collector.

Township Treasurer

Personnel: 3

This is the office where all bills incurred in the operation of your business are paid and where, in addition to handling the regular municipal accounts, including current, trust, capital, bond, interest and payroll, records are kept for Civil Service, vacation, sick leave, pensions, income tax deductions and financial reports.

Monthly reports are made to the Council and Manager, showing in detail the operation of the Budget and the financial position of the Township.

The Price Must Be Right

Personnel: 1

Your quest for merchandise last year was no more difficult than that of your Purchasing Agent and he was confronted with prohibitive prices in obtaining the items required in the operation of your Township.

Requisitions for the several departments pass through this office and vary from office supplies to ammunition to tires to gasoline to gravel. Last year, they numbered 1,965 and orders issued were 1,223. Competitive prices are sought on practically all requisitions amounting to less than \$1,000. Under the State Law, no contract for certain material or services in excess of \$1,000 can be awarded unless bids are received through legal advertising in the press.

In addition to being a clearing house for the procurement of supplies at proper prices this office serves as a governor on the over-expenditure or over-committment of budget items by department heads.

Reclaiming Lost Revenue

A tax title lien results when a property is sold by the Tax Collector for unpaid taxes or assessments. It may be held either by a private purchaser or by the Township.

Attempts to convert these liabilities into revenue-producing properties has been a torturous process over the years. In 1934 your Township had 2,344 tax certificates, 2,000 of which were cleared up under the Tax Title Lien Foreclosure contract. The Council, in 1944, decided to have the Township Attorney supervise the work of foreclosing the remaining liens as well as those subsequently acquired.

He was given the assistance of an attorney, a clerk-stenographer and occasional help necessary for field research and investigation. At present, less than 500 certificates remain in the Attorney's office, the others having been disposed of by foreclosure, securing deeds or redemptions.

Property which has been acquired by the Township through the foreclosure of tax title liens has either been used or set aside for public purposes such as parks, playgrounds and school sites, or has been exchanged for other properties needed for public purposes, or sold through competitive bidding.

Through reservation and exchanges, your Township has acquired properties for public purposes, which would have cost a sizeable sum, had they been purchased in the open market. Such purchases would have strained the resources of the town and as a result the Township would not have had the public sites and open spaces which it now has, some of them developed and some still undeveloped.

Your present Council, while anxious to get the remaining lands back on the tax rolls, has given considerable time and thought to the handling of every piece of property, regardless of market prices or the use to be made of the land. Restrictions have been placed on all property sold, to conform with surrounding construction.

During recent years, the real estate market has been very active and your Council, through its Real Estate Committee, composed of three members of the Council, has surveyed and fixed prices in line with the market on offers which have been received. The members of this committee have put in many hours at this work and on commenting on the methods employed in reclaiming this lost revenue, Herbert S. Swan, City Planner and Consultant in his report cited it, "as setting a national standard."

The total property sold as of January 1, 1948, amounted to \$649,-846.48 exclusive of the amount owing on properties sold and on which title has not yet passed.



FOR

YOUR PROTECTION

Your Police Department

Personnel: 40

It is a far cry from 1914, when the enforcement of law and order was entrusted to two constables, who looked upon their police duty as spare-time work, to the present day force of 40 men, composed of one chief, a captain, four lieutenants, five sergeants and 29 patrolmen.

With the years a police department has been built whose record in combatting crime, according to F. B. I. rating, ranks with the best. National recognition was given Teaneck a few years ago when a film, for distribution throughout foreign countries, was recorded by the U. S. Department of State depicting the efficiency of the local department.

While the major functions of the department are to protect life and property, prevent crime, enforce traffic regulations and local ordinances; as proof that a policeman's life is not a quiet one, over 500 service calls a month pass through the switchboard at headquarters for service ranging from the arbitration of family squabbles to rendering assistance to the stork. Yet, the local police urge Teaneck residents to heed its admonition: "When in doubt call the police, for your call may prevent or solve a crime, or save a life."

To be prepared for any emergency, the force has been furnished by the Council with the latest in equipment. Seven patrol cars are equipped with 2-way F. M. radios, tuned to Station WQJO at headquarters; siren and spotlights, first aid supplies and fire extinguishers, the department also has much miscellaneous equipment, including machine and riot guns.

Controlling traffic and patrol work in Teaneck is no small task, for the Township has 101 miles of streets and covers 6½ square miles of territory. In 1947 nearly 376,000 miles were covered by the police patrol cars alone.

Many more man-hours are spent in the control of traffic than in any other activity. As the following table reveals the department spares no effort to keep your Township safe for you and your children. There were no fatal traffic accidents from October, 1945, to June, 1947, a period of twenty-one months.

Whenever you note suspicious characters or circumstances call the police. A radio cruiser might be in your immediate neighborhood. But whether it is or not you are not inconveniencing the police department even if your suspicions are unfounded. If only one out of a hundred of such "tips" lead to the prevention of crime it is well worth while to follow up each one.



Fingerprinting is important; so is checking up on car licenses



Officers volunteer for PAL service to make better citizens



Pistol tournament has become an international event

The Pistol Tournament is one of the extra curricular activities of the department and one which has received national recognition, drawing, as it does 3,000 entrants from all over the United States and foreign countries.

Through the Police Athletic League (PAL) members of the force have given freely of their time to the organization of baseball and basketball teams among the youth of the Township in cooperation with the Recreational Department.



Tell It to the Judge

Personnel: 2

Here sits the Township Magistrate to hear all and sundry re the violation of traffic laws and local ordinances.

He is appointed by the Council for a term of four years.

The fines paid for traffic offenses are taken by the County and State for the maintenance of highways and only court costs are added to the Township's coffers.

In the case of violation of local ordinances both fines and costs are retained by the Township.

Fighting Your Fires



For Your Protection

Personnel: 47

Your Fire Department has long advocated "Make every week Fire Prevention Week In Teaneck," recognizing that the twofold purpose of such a department is to prevent as well as extinguish fires.

The personnel now consists of a chief, 2 deputy chiefs, 2 captains, 7 lieutenants, 29 firemen, 4 fire alarm operators, 1 mechanic and a superintendent of fire alarm and signal system.

This aggregation of paid members has been gradually built up since 1932 when the change from a volunteer force was initiated. Improved equipment, training, installation of fire alarm system has resulted in the Township's classification for insurance purposes being raised from "E" to "B." A "B" rating is tops in fire department circles and very few have a better one.

To you, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer, this means an annual saving in the cost of your home insurance, but of more importance, is the fact that the National Board of Underwriters feel that your Fire Department has



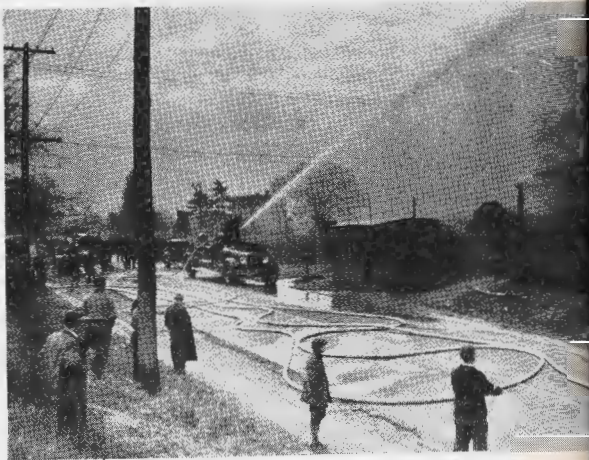
Answering a call on Route 4



Drilling with the safety net



When seconds count . . .



Good equipment spells efficiency



Out of a clear sky . . . plane crash



While a cigarette burns . . .

personnel and equipment capable of taking care of any fire emergency and that the protection afforded you is the best obtainable.

However, your Council and fire officials know that the department can only maintain its efficiency with added personnel, new equipment and the construction of new fire headquarters. The continued growth of the Township demands increased protection facilities.

Perhaps the greatest factor in the department's efficiency is the amount of training which the men receive. It is continuous and the testimony of its effectiveness, is indicated in the method by which fires are extinguished with practically no water damage.

Supplementing the regular training, the department annually conducts a Fire College to which members of outside fire companies are invited.

With fire equipment as hard to get as that new car you are anxiously awaiting, the local apparatus which is old, but has been kept serviceable by the firemen's constant care and conditioning. It consists of four pumpers (one newly delivered), a quad (ladder truck), and pumper, 2 aerial trucks, rescue truck, Chief's car and the fire alarm truck, a new light truck with deck gun. On order is another 1,000 gallon pumper.

Since a large percentage of alarms are received over the telephone, two private lines are maintained at headquarters for incoming calls only and this has been augmented with a two-way broadcasting system which provides instant communication between headquarters and radio and various pieces of apparatus as well as the Chief's car. This permits control of men and equipment when an alarm is sounded.

You can cooperate with the department in reporting a fire over the phone by saying: "Teaneck Fire Department—emergency." Upon being connected, clearly state the street, number and name of nearest intersecting street. This will save time and perhaps lives.

The new fire house should be ready for occupancy this year.

Your Fire Department has a record of which it can well be proud. For many years, Teaneck's per capita fire losses have been consistently below the national average. For the last five years the local average has been approximately 93 cents, compared with a national average of \$3.34.





Doing Your Housekeeping

Personnel: 29, and seasonal labor

The answer to the question "What does the Department of Public Works do?", might well be . . . "Nearly everything."

Many of the things accomplished by the department most of us take for granted and we only take cognizance of its existence when we have cause to register a complaint.

Just to list a few of its functions: maintenance and repair of 80 miles of improved streets and 21 miles of unimproved thoroughfares, cutting of weeds along streets and highways and sweeping and cleaning streets; maintenance, operation and improvement of storm water and sanitary sewers of the Township, including flushing and cleaning of both storm and sanitary sewers, removal of stoppages, repairing broken sewers, building new short stretches, operation of disposal plants and pumping stations, and snow removal.

The division of Parks, Buildings and Grounds calls for supervision and upkeep of all public buildings; repair and maintenance of playgrounds, parks (12 of them), parking areas and bus stops.



Personnel: 2 (complemented by 40
part-time assistants)

Whether you're a toddler of three or a spry octogenarian, the Township's recreational program supplied some form of diversion for you last year.

Set up in 1932, the program was limited to summer playground activities, but with the appointment of a professional director in 1944, a year-round schedule was initiated and today over 5,000 Teaneck residents of all ages take advantage of the recreational facilities.

Adding to its long list of "firsts" your town took the lead among County municipalities in having full-time recreational leadership. The Advisory Board on Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation, appointed by the Council, has advised and helped the Township manage municipal depart-

PASTIME FOR EVERY



Field day events are held



Barbershop Balladeers



Symphony under the stars



County-wide Scout jamboree



"Swing your partner!"



"My Dolly's the prettiest!"

AGE AND FANCY_____



Ice rinks attract everybody



Indoor courts get great play



Youngsters play chess too



Marshmallow roast is fun



Lessons in civic government



The pause that refreshes

ments and other official agencies in initiating and maintaining a year-round program at about \$1 per capita.

Some idea of the extent of the program is shown in this listing of activities: kiddie movie shows; model airplane clubs; comprehensive playground program; junior rod and gun club; basketball leagues for various junior and senior high school age groups; modeling class for girls; Little Brown Jug (Teen-age social group); softball and baseball leagues for boys 9 to 19, inclusive; skating; tennis instruction; archery instruction; paddle tennis; track meets; tournaments; special activities, i.e. picnics, trips to New York, Hallowe'en party, etc.; square dance group (adult); physical fitness class for men; physical fitness class for women; barbershop quartet group; Rod and Gun club; Town club; block dances; tennis tournaments; adult softball league; Fat 'n' Forty League; stamp club; band concerts; horseshoe tournaments; retired mens' club.

The establishment of the Town House as recreational headquarters in 1946 and the Police Athletic League, feature the progressive program.

P.A.L. aroused tremendous interest among boys (9 to 14) and 105 participated in the softball contests; while 90, seventh graders, made up the basketball teams. The Recreational Department supplied leadership and members of the Police Department volunteered as team 'managers.'

The Little Brown Jug, started by and for teen-agers in 1944, attracted a membership of 1,360 last year. (This again can be cited as a 'first' for Teaneck.) The Jug is a going concern and its activities range from fashion shows to 'hops.'

The latest addition to the program is the retired Men's Club, a self-supporting group with members whose ages are from 58 to 84. This is the modern version of the age-old crackerbarrel and stovepipe league and the never-aging youngsters meet in the Town House for lectures, chess and checker tourney and "tall story" sessions.

The future hold promise for the formation of a symphony orchestra and hobby clubs.



Design for Richer Living

Personnel: 13

The actual number of volumes available at your library including pamphlet and periodicals, is over 38,000; but this is only part of the story. The most interesting feature has been the work of the librarians and trustees to give the people of Teaneck the kind of reading they want. Trained librarians spend a good deal of their time looking up the facts on any subject in which readers might be interested. For local school students, the Library is "Information Please" headquarters.

Your children read more last year in refutation of the contention that comic books are their sole source of reading entertainment. In 1947, over 94,969 juvenile books were taken off the shelves into your homes. Much of this avid interest resulted from the efforts of the librarians to weave the magic of books in their monthly story hours in the Junior Room; class room visits, summer reading clubs and the Children's Theatre. Library branches are maintained for the young people in seven local elementary schools.

In addition to reading 17,785 more books last year than in 1946, it is interesting to note that of the books you and your neighbor borrowed, 43% were non-fiction.

Over 10,000 persons have library cards.

A LIFT TO THE VETERANS

Fulfilling their promise not to let the veterans down, your Township Council has worked unceasingly on veterans' housing projects. The result has been provision of facilities for 122 veteran families; 50 families in temporary buildings on State Street and Tryon Avenue and 72 families in the permanent unit on Walraven Drive. Another permanent eight-family apartment is being constructed on the northwest corner of Palisade and Vandelinda Avenues.

Although the initial financing of the permanent unit hit a snag as the result of a threat of legal suit by the State Real Estate Association to declare the housing program illegal, the Township officials circumvented this move by becoming the first mortgagee. This means that upon the sale of the buildings in five years, your Township will be paid the first \$300,000 from the sale, in addition to approximately \$23,000 for site, improvements and utilities. The total cost of the project is \$570,000, of which sum \$250,000 is borne by the State and the balance of \$320,000 by the Township.

By assuming the role of mortgagee, the Township authorities expedited the construction of the unit and almost to the day, seven months after the ground-breaking, veterans and their families moved into their new homes.

A Housing Committee, composed of five local citizens, carefully screened over 300 applications and the ultimate choice was reduced to the neediest families.





For Your Health's Sake

Personnel: 4

At least your Department of Health thinks so and it has compiled an enviable record in keeping your town healthy.

Looking at the record we find that another year has passed without a maternal death due to infection and without a death of one child from the diseases that youngsters fall heir to.

Maternal and child health care include pre-natal and post-natal attention; maintenance of three weekly Child-Hygiene Stations; (Total visits last year were 2,497) free injections for smallpox, whooping cough and diphtheria; Schick testing and checkup on tubercular cases. Almost 2,000 children and employees in the schools were vaccinated against smallpox in 1947 while the total visits made by the Child Hygiene Nurse numbered 1,026.

For your health's sake the premises of the butcher, the baker and the chocolate-soda maker are under constant inspection. Garbage collection is supervised and no little attention is given to lack of heat and unsanitary conditions in apartment dwellings.

In the matter of vital statistics, birth and death certificates, marriage licenses and burial permits are issued by this office. The stork, incidentally, paid 434 vists to Teaneck in the last year.

The inspection of plumbing plans and installation, is also the work of this department.

Engineering Department

Personnel: 3

This department is under the supervision of your Township Manager, himself a registered New Jersey Professional Engineer.

The number of his staff varies with the amount of engineering work to be done and difficulty has been experienced in securing competent help for temporary positions in this field.

However, an extensive paving program was completed in 1947, with surveys being made by outside engineers.

The appointment of a Deputy Township Manager gives your Township Manager additional time in which to survey engineering needs and at the same time effect a reduction in the cost of outside consultation.

Routine work of the Bureau consists of keeping tax maps up-to-date; checking site plans for building lots; sketches, lines and grade for numerous improvements completed by the Township itself; engineering data and copies of maps required by the Council; supervision of the work of private utilities; location of old sewer manholes and other underground structures; description of property and engineering services in connection with the foreclosure of tax title liens.

Taking Care of Your Property, Buildings and Grounds

Personnel: 4

A new public building was added to your holdings last year and the Township now has two, the Municipal Building and the Town House, the latter old School No. 2, being taken over from the Board of Edu-



cation for reconversion into a Community House. The making over of this building is proving to be well worth the expense as a long-needed asset to the community life of your township.

The municipal building houses most of the administrative departments but is still overcrowded although some departments have been moved to the Town House. The Police Department is crowded into the basement of the Municipal Building and with the rapidly increasing population, all the departmental offices are taxed to capacity for working space.

In the north wing of the Town House are the Health Office, Child Hygiene Station, Welfare Director, Recreation Director, Red Cross office and workroom and the Community Chest office.

Most of the remaining portion has been set aside for community recreation and community activities, foremost of which is the Youth Center. During the greater part of the year, the building is in constant use from morning until midnight for recreational purposes.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT . . . That Ounce of Prevention

Personnel: 3

It is the solemn resolve of this department that all homes and buildings constructed in Teaneck shall be safe for those who work or live in them. With the rush to provide more housing facilities and the unprecedented erection of Garden apartment units, the task of inspection is no small one.

Some idea of building activity during the past year can be gleaned from the records which show a total assessed valuation for new structures and alterations of \$1,-487,325 which netted the Township over \$13,000 in fees. Yes, your Township has grown quite a little in the last 12 months.

The head of the department is a registered architect and under his guidance, builders have gladly cooperated in erecting structures not only modern in design and method, but such as to blend in best with the character of the neighborhood. The local Zoning Ordinances are also enforced by this department.



Twigs and Trees

Personnel: 3-6

Your administration started to take care of shade trees in 1936 and since that time has removed all poplars on the Township streets, menacing the sanitary sewers with their roots.

The work is in charge of a Shade Tree Superintendent who, as a former "Davey" tree surgeon, knows his trees and if you desire to plant trees in front of your property, you must consult him as to type, size and spacing.

Shade tree care, however, is only a part of this department's work and so many other duties have been added to the department that only a portion of its time can be given to planting, care and removal. It now cares for all trees, shrubs and flower beds in the parks and around the municipal buildings and since the establishment of the victory gardens, has been called upon to plow and prepare these lots.

Last year the department declared war on ragweed and Teaneck was the only town in the County appropriating funds to eradicate this weed. The main thoroughfares were sprayed within ten or twelve feet of the curb with the effective 2-4-D solution and a thorough job was done on vacant lots where the weed flourished.



The Matter of Disposal



Refuse removal in a town of 35,000 people comes under the heading of a big job and this work is entrusted to private scavengers, licensed by your Township.

The rates you pay for the disposal of your refuse have been effected as the result of an agreement with the scavengers for the use of lands adjacent to the Overpeck Creek, at the easterly end of Cedar Lane, as a dump. They maintain this area in a sanitary condition. Believe it or not, thirty acres of meadow and swamp land have been reclaimed for future park sites as the result of being filled in with refuse. Twice a week, from May to October, the area is treated with D.D.T. by the County Mosquito Extermination Commission.

Welfare Department

Personnel: 2

The administration of relief in Teaneck is supervised by a non-salaried Local Assistance Board which is appointed by the Township Manager. Appointed by this board is the Director of Welfare whose major function is to prevent individuals or families from becoming relief cases. This calls for constant contact with outside Red Cross, State Board of Children's Guardians, County Welfare Board, Parole Board, New Jersey State Commission for the Blind, Veteran Groups, Physicians, both in and out of New Jersey and hospitals.

The total number of persons receiving relief in 1947 was 38.

At Your Service

VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

This unit has for many years rendered ambulance service to the sick and injured and since its organization in 1940 has answered 2,856 calls. It responded to 423 calls in 1947.

The support of this group is derived from contributions and voluntary payments for service rendered.

Today it has one of the few volunteer manned ambulances in the State equipped with a 2-way radio which will provide split-second service on emergency calls in the same manner as police cars do.





Canine Care and Control

DOG CONTROL

Personnel: 1

Dog-loving residents of Teaneck paid over \$5,000 last year for the licensing of their pets and this money, plus other funds derived from the redemption of canines that fell afoul of the Dog Warden, paid for the entire cost of dog control in the Township.

Every precaution is taken to prevent stray dogs running at large and Teaneck boasts of being one of the few towns anywhere to equip its Dog Warden's car with a two-way radio hooked up to the Police station.

If your 'Fido' does stray from the fold and is impounded, you can rest assured that his boarding accommodations and care are the best in a modern, completely equipped dog pound, good enough to receive the commendation of the Humane Society and the State Board of Health.

As a matter of record, licenses were issued for 2,563 dogs in 1947; 358 dogs were impounded, of which 54 were redeemed.

A license for your dog costs \$2. If your dog is picked up by the Dog Warden, you may reclaim it for \$3.

p **ARKS** **LANNING** **LAY GROUNDS**

This system was started in 1932 and now numbers twelve parks and playgrounds, covering 95 acres. With the conversion of 629 acres of Township-owned property, labeled for park purposes, 425 of which it is expected will be developed by the County Park Commission, on account of its ideal location along Teaneck's waterways, 20% of Teaneck's area will eventually be used for park and playground purposes.

During 1948 wading pools have been added in Sagamore Parks, Phelps Park and Central Park. Steps have been taken to purchase the Terhune homestead farm to provide park facilities in the southwest section of the town.





Many towns are following the pattern of planning initiated in your Township and but for a Master Plan and a strictly enforced zoning ordinance, you might wake up some morning and find excavations for gas stations on either side of you.

The Master Plan keeps your town in step with planning progress and the zoning ordinance governs the character of zones. In short, the latter, without retarding the growth of the town, specifies among many things, where business or industry shall be located; what kind of business can be operated; where apartments can be built and how much ground can be used for an apartment unit.

This is all part and parcel of a long range program of development set up by your Planning Board which has been active since 1932. Its members, appointed by the Township Manager under State law, are, in addition to the Township Manager, one member of the Council, the Assessor and six citizens.

As soon as the State Legislature permitted zoning in New Jersey, your Township was one of the first in the State to adopt a comprehensive zoning ordinance, establish a Planning Board and adopt a Master Plan.

The functions of the Planning Board are primarily to: prepare a Master Plan; determine general street pattern; locate and govern size





of parks, public buildings and playgrounds; approve plans of sub-developers in harmony with the master plan and zoning law; control, guide and prepare the growth for the best interest of the Township in keeping with the Master Plan.

Recognizing the fact that the zoning law would inevitably provide hardships to some individual owners and that in certain cases and conditions, relief should be given so that no individual owner would be deprived of a just and logical use of his property, the law provides for such exceptions to be handled by the Board of Adjustment. This body is composed of five citizens, appointed by the Council and meets on call.

It acts as a safety valve for the Zoning Ordinance to permit variances or exceptions to be made without breaking the Zoning Ordinance. However, the powers in acting on an appeal or in making changes are strictly limited and have never been abused. A public hearing is held on every appeal before any change is made and all property owners, as the law provides are given an opportunity to express their views.

Last year recognition of Teaneck's work in the matter of planning was given by the Garden Club of New Jersey in awarding a certificate

of commendation to the Township for Civic Planning. Particular credit was given the town for being the only municipality along Route 4 which has halted the encroachment of business and industry along this highway in order to maintain the parkway character of the route.

In commenting on Teaneck's planning and zoning program, Herbert S. Swan, city planner and industrial consultant, says: "That an avalanche of bowling alleys, diners, night clubs, restaurants, taverns and neon signs did not spring up on Route 4 is entirely due to the foresight and administrative genius of the public officials of Teaneck. What the people in the Township owe to their Council, Planning Board, Manager and other officials, in retrieving the errors of the State Highway Commission, may be better understood by comparing local conditions with those along Route 4 in Paramus and Hackensack. Through ten years of vigorous action, the local administration has, by acquiring a substantial portion of the frontage abutting Route 4, done nothing less than convert that portion of the super-highway within Teaneck into one of the most attractive and efficient parkways through a built up community anywhere in the United States."



Looking Ahead . . .

Planning for the future in these hectic times is as difficult a task for a governing body as it is for the average individual. Often in a rapidly growing community such as Teaneck, contemplated projects cannot be carried out because of unforeseen demands upon the Township treasury from other sources. As an example, \$377,000 was spent in the last three years for veterans' housing. Such a program was not foreseen but it was one, which of necessity, had to be carried out with dispatch.

In this postwar period there will be other demands which will tax the Township's treasury but every attempt will be made by your local government to carry out the objectives set up for the next ten years. Such objectives comprise the essential needs to complete the physical make-up of your community.





*Dedicated To Those Who Gave . . .
That This Country Might Find Dignity and Peace*

Whom To Call In Case . . .

Six Numbers to Remember

*Fire	Teaneck 7-2085
*Police	Teaneck 6-2600 Or 7-2600
Municipal Building	Teaneck 7-5300 Or 6-8400
Library	Teaneck 7-4584
Dog Pound	Teaneck 6-2600 Or 7-2600

***In an emergency, call "Operator"; say "Emergency Fire" or "Emergency Police." Be sure to tell where you are calling from. Seconds can save lives.**

<i>If you want information on</i>	<i>Call</i>	<i>At</i>
Ambulance	Police Department	6-2600
Assessed Valuation	Assessor	7-5300
Birth Certificate	Health Department	7-1985
Building Permit	Building Department	7-5300
Burning Permit	Fire Department	7-2085
Death Certificate	Health Department	7-1985
Elections	Township Clerk	7-5300
Engineering	Municipal Building	7-5300
Garbage Service (Complaints)	Health Department	7-1985
Health	Health Department	7-1985
Library	Library	7-4584
Licenses	Township Clerk	7-5300
Lights Out	Police Department	6-2600
Maps Official	Engineering Department	7-5300
Marriage Certificates	Health Department	7-1985
Mayor	Municipal Building	7-5300
Moving Permit	Police Department	6-2600
Ordinances	Township Clerk	7-5300
Parks	Recreational Department	7-7130
Planning Board	Municipal Building	7-5300
Playgrounds	Recreational Department	7-7130
Purchasing	Purchasing Department	7-5300
Streets and Sewer Assessments	Tax Collector	7-5300
Streets and Sidewalks	Public Works	6-8358
Township Council	Township Clerk	7-5300
Township Manager	Municipal Building	7-5300
Township Property	Township Clerk	7-5300
Trees	Public Works	6-8358
Veteran's Services	Municipal Building	7-5300
Voting Registration	Township Clerk	7-5300
Welfare	Town House	7-1258
Zoning	Building Department	7-5300

All Taxes Are Not Township Taxes



COUNTY
12.0¢



LOCAL SCHOOLS
48.9¢



TOWNSHIP
39.1¢

HOW TOWNSHIP'S SHARE IS SPENT

1948

Debt Service	13.14
Public Safety	12.24
General Government	5.95
Public Works	3.40
Recreation - Library	2.58
Health Charities55
Sanitation	1.25

39.11

Your Township In Brief



—State Route 4 brings New York City via the George Washington Bridge to its doorstep . . . but a few miles away.

—Seven grade schools, a high school and a parochial school comprise the educational system.

—The area of the Township is 6.5 square miles with 101 miles of streets.

—Now more than 95 acres of land are being used for parks, playgrounds and play areas. Ultimately, over 629 acres will be available for recreational purposes. A central park project provides a large athletic field, tennis courts, picnic grounds, wading pools and ice rinks.

On November 11, 1930, Teaneck became the first Bergen County town to institute Council Manager form of government.

—TEANECK has become the fastest-growing residential community in Bergen County, having risen in population from 768 in 1900 to a present-day figure of 35,000.

—The earliest settlers were of Dutch and Huguenot stock.

—It is a town of homes with business sections replete with modern markets and stores.

—Its many commuters, who make up the bulk of the population, use the two stations of the West Shore Railroad and the numerous bus lines passing through the town, connecting with New York City and other parts of Jersey.

MAP OF TOWNSHIP