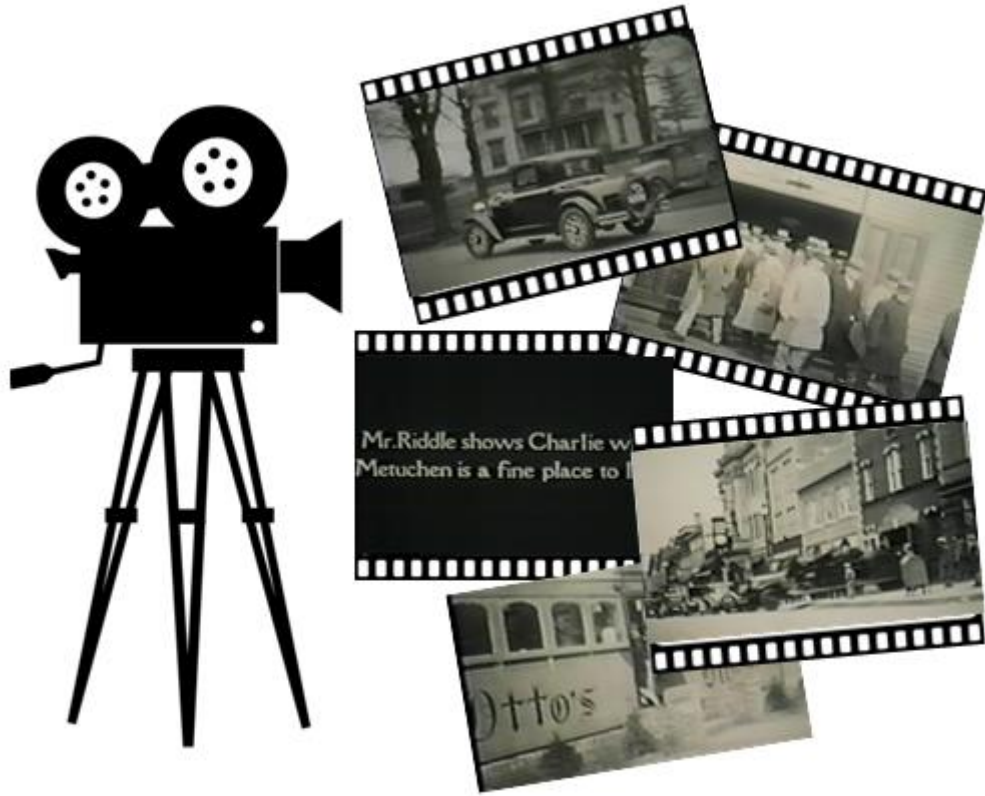


Metuchen Movie, 1929



Music and additional subtitles have been added by the Borough Improvement League with assistance from the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society.

The movie was produced by Supreme Productions Company out of Red Bank, New Jersey, under the direction of D.B. Dorn, as a promotional film to show the advantages of living and doing business in Metuchen. It shows schools, businesses, homes, and organizations all within a plot line involving "Charlie," who comes to Metuchen and meets "Jean," falls in love and rescues her from a fire. They soon wed and move into a home, but will the romance last?!?

The Metuchen Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, and Borough were all involved in its making, with filming taking place in early January 1929. It was shown at The Forum Theatre, which had been constructed a few months earlier. Much of the original movie is sadly lost, but these 30 minutes give a good idea of what was included.

Minute	Exact	Topic/Scene
0	00:29	<i>Crowd Scene, outdoors, possibly Main Street</i>
	00:33	“We respectfully request that you trade with the following merchants - - for they are making this film of your own home town possible”
	00:44	“In 1778 a wilderness.”
	00:46	<i>Pond, teepee, characters</i>
	00:52	“- - and today the town in which you live and love.”
	00:57	<i>Cars on Main Street, going backwards, then frontwards</i>
1	01:05	“Traffic in 1950.”
	01:08	<i>Cars driving down residential, tree lined street</i>
	01:12	“Only to return and realize his dream at home.”
	01:14	<i>Man with suitcase approaches police kiosk at Main Street, Danfords and Main Street in background, knocks and speaks to officer</i>
	01:21	“Will you direct me to the President of the Rotary?” then continuing <i>shot of police kiosk</i>
	01:31	“Here he is now!” and Mr. Riddle walks up to kiosk, policeman, and <i>Charlie. They shake hands and walk off.</i>
	01:43	“Mr. Riddle shows Charlie why Metuchen is a fine place to live.”
	01:55	“this is my niece...”
2	02:01	“I am going to like this place!” <i>Car in Front Of Station Place</i>
	02:16	‘It was love at first sight.’ <i>Car in Front Of Station Place, then pulling away</i>
	02:22	“OF COURSE HE CALLED” <i>woman playing piano, man watching</i>
	02:32	“Our Parks and Playgrounds”
	02:38	<i>Memorial Park, snowball throwing</i>
	02:45	“The Pleasure Filled Days passed swiftly” then more <i>Memorial Park and snowball throwing</i>
3	03:00	“Painted with Monarch Paint”
	03:06	<i>Metuchen Borough Hall</i>
	03:12	“Our school system is the best in the state.” then panned shots of <i>students, more teachers, more students</i>
	03:18	<i>Shot of three men, likely the administrators.</i>
	03:26	<i>Six women in coats and three men (likely teachers) in front of Franklin School</i>
	03:34	<i>Crowd of women and some men, likely teachers, panning to single woman</i>
	03:51	<i>HUGE Crowd of Children in front of the Franklin School</i>
4	04:21	<i>Pans again from left to right with another crowd of children in front of Franklin School, this time older</i>
	04:36	<i>Teachers at Washington School (now Moss)</i>
	04:42	<i>More panning left to right of children at Washington School</i>
	04:53	<i>More panning left to right of children at Washington School</i>
5	05:06	<i>Panned shot of Edgar School (it was built 1917)</i>
	05:11	<i>Teachers in coats</i>

Minute	Exact	Topic/Scene
	05:16	<i>More students, presumably at Edgar School</i>
	05:32	“Girl Scouts.” <i>Then panned shots of girls</i>
	05:48	“Boy Scouts.” <i>Boys marching down a street</i>
	05:55	“The Catholic School” <i>and shows the current St. Francis School, which was built in 1929.</i>
6	06:00	“Police Department and our Chief” <i>then shot of six officers, then single man (Chief?)</i>
	06:14	<i>Busy street with two motorcycles approaching – they are MPD</i>
	06:18	“The Post Office.” <i>Then men and boys outside a building with “Metuchen Post Office” on the window – this was where the bank next to Boyt Drug is now.</i>
	06:24	“Metuchen Horsemen” <i>followed by horse riding and stunts someplace outside of town in an open field near a farm.</i>
7	07:22	“Not The Prince Just Harry Powell, taking a tumble.” <i>Then a man falls off a horse</i>
	07:33	<i>Front page of the Metuchen Recorder</i>
	07:44	<i>Printing press running and men, then man in suit picks a paper up from the stack to read it – Prickitt?</i>
8	08:00	“Mayor Hillpot and Council” <i>then men sitting around a table</i>
	08:43	<i>African American man speaking</i>
	08:48	“He joined the best fire department in the state” <i>then firemen lined up on vehicles in front of Station Place</i>
9	09:04	<i>Teletape machine</i>
	09:08	“FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!” <i>more tele tape</i>
	09:13	“A sound of dread” <i>then men running into to Eagle Hook, more tele tape, shot of smoking window</i>
	09:30	<i>Men running into Washington Hose</i>
	09:35	<i>Firetruck coming out of Eagle Hook & Ladder and turning south onto Main Street</i>
	09:44	“Down the street!” <i>then another fire truck coming down a street</i>
	09:53	“Here comes out smoke eaters” <i>then fire truck coming south under the RR bridge over Main Street and turning onto Woodbridge</i>
10	10:03	<i>Smoky window, then fire truck coming out of Washington Hose (Borough Garage), then more smoky window, fire truck racing down a street</i>
	10:21	“Hooking up!” <i>getting off a truck, smoky window, hooking up house, and spraying window.</i>
	10:34	<i>Woman appears in window, and “Help!;” “Help!;”</i>
	10:44	<i>Firemen and ladder</i>
	10:48	“It’s sure death to go in there!” <i>Charlie argues with the firemen</i>
	10:52	“I must have her, I love her!” <i>and breaks away from the fireman</i>
	10:58	“Help!;” <i>and she collapses in the window, Charlie races up the ladder to her rescue.</i>
11	11:05	“Well I will be d---d—“

Minute	Exact	Topic/Scene
	11:10	<i>Charlie brings Jean down the ladder</i>
	11:19	“A Heros’ Reward” and they embrace.
	11:26	“My Hero.” Then a kiss!
	11:32	“And so, one Autumn night--” then the couple walking, then through a stone arch identified as being near the former Bruno Property on the east side of South Main Street, near the intersection with Route 1.
	11:47	“The Proposal” and shot of couple
	11:51	“Will you marry me, dear?” and the couple
	11:56	“And then... “Wedding Bells”.
	11:58	Cover of a book that reads <i>“Metuchen Real Estate by”</i> then it opens to sketch of a house
12	12:06	“Mr. Raymond Leis, a 100 percent Metuchen Realtor, whose experience in the building and remodeling field makes possible to you a service which is unique - -at a nominal cost”
	12:18	“Mr. Leis will attend to all details relative to the construction of residential or business buildings, including the plans, supervision, and financing.”
	12:31	<i>Presumably Mr. Leis at a table in an office with a woman taking notes. A man comes in with plans</i>
	12:55	“A few of the buildings constructed by Mr. Leis.”
	12:59	<i>One story brick building “paints glass electrical supplies, tools, toys...” then “National.” This seems to be 203 Main and its adjacent building – now Awesomeyo’s Bakery at the northwest corner of High and Main Street.</i>
13	13:20	<i>Yourstone’s Butcher at 170 Main Street, now location of Salon G.</i>
	13:29	<i>Panned view of one-story brick building which is now Sub Place Better/166 Main Street, as well as possibly a liquor store and a “South End Radio”</i>
	13:40	“So naturally, Mr. Leis sold them their love nest.” Then Mr. Leis with the couple looking at photos
	13:56	<i>The couple gets out of a car in the snow, goes into the Metuchen Inn.</i>
14	14:06	<i>Men streaming out of a building – looks like possibly Whalen Hall formerly on New Street (and had been the 2nd Franklin School), which was at the location of the current New Pearl Cleaners.</i>
	14:32	
	14:35	“The annual dinner of the Legion Post 65 at the Metuchen Inn. ‘Ex-servicemen, you belong here!’” then panning views of men in suits, many smoking, and seated at a table – interior of Metuchen Inn.
15	15:27	“Rotary Dinner at the Metuchen Inn.” Then more seated smoking men in suits
16	16:16	<i>Metuchen Model bakery truck, with “Geo. Hanemann, Metuchen, NJ” on the door. Directories say it was located at 395 Main Street, now Metuchen Dance Center.</i>
	16:22	<i>The couple walks into a storefront with “bakery” and “lunch room”</i>
	16:25	“Metuchen Model Bakery – Cakes, pies, “Kleen Made” bread with a delicious crispy butter crust.”
	16:32	<i>Couple, bakery shelves, and workers, then man in white coat (proprietor?)</i>

Minute	Exact	Topic/Scene
	16:46	“Only pure wheat flour used in our products, basked in the most modern of ovens - - gas fumes cannot penetrate the oven.”
	16:56	<i>Large bin mixing dough, then man kneading it and weighing it out, stacking, and baking, racks of baked bread</i>
17	17:40	<i>Big pot in front of brick wall – making donuts? – then cake decorating</i>
	17:55	“South Metuchen Branch of this excellent bakery.” <i>Then shot of Metuchen Model Bakery and woman coming out of it – 207 Main Street</i>
18	18:07	“Mr. Lawless announces the greatest little car of the age The ‘ESSEX CHALLENGER’ <i>then shot of car driving down Christol Street, with house in the distance, then other buildings. Directories indicate that Lawless’ office was at 435 Main Street, where The Pink Orchid is now.</i>
	18:13	<i>Driving and quick view of the house at 6 Plainfield Avenue, the northwest corner of Main and Christol/Plainfield now.</i>
	18:20	<i>Car driving south on Main Street from Christol Street, RR overpass in background, then continuing down street.</i>
	18:35	“The darling of all cars for lady ownership.”
	18:40	<i>Lady getting into car parked on Main Street (about where Café Paris is now), with the Centenary Church visible in the background, then car driving down a street</i>
	18:56	“24 more horse power – top speed 70 MPH – 76 new improvements – 4 hydraulic shock absorbers – more miles per gallon- 4 wheel weather proof brakes – Drive it sixty all day.” <i>then view of an engine.</i>
19	19:15	<i>Men looking at the car and engine, house in background, then rear view of car</i>
	19:29	“Girard C. Menziano, the genial proprietor of The Metuchen Taxicab Co. maintains a policy of courtesy and service.” <i>Then shot of a man likely to be Girard C. Menziano in front of his taxi stand.</i>
	19:44	<i>Woman on the phone, calendar on the wall – January, date unseen. Two men in driver hats behind her. She dispatches each of them. On the calendar, the 1st appears to be on a Tuesday. In 1929, January 1 was on a Tuesday</i>
20	20:00	<i>Shot of car, with taxi sign, woman walks up and a driver opens the door for her.</i>
	20:07	“His fleet of new, comfortable cars.” <i>Then shot of the car, license 04098T as it backs up then the one next to it backs up, then a third.</i>
	20:20	“An ever increasing business necessitates plans for expanding.” <i>Then another car and driver letting a woman out.</i>
	20:29	“If your wife can’t cook, don’t scold her, keep her for a pet and eat at OTTO’S Diner.”
	20:36	<i>Shots of crowd within Otto’s</i>
	20:52	“Naturally, they lunched at Otto’s, where ladies receive the same courtesy as at any high-priced restaurant.”
21	21:01	<i>The couple walks towards Otto’s Diner, enters and sits at a booth, eating soup then served more. Appears to show Middlesex Avenue, immediately next to gas station, with Borough Hall and police kiosk in the distance.</i>
	21:29	“What excellent food, Jean!” <i>then the couple sitting and eating again</i>

Minute	Exact	Topic/Scene
	21:35	“ And so clean and wholesome too, dear! ” <i>then more of the couple sitting and eating again</i>
	21:45	“ SOUTH END RADIO AND BATTERY SHOP The best in Radio ‘STEINITE’ – Tone quality, distance, volume. ”
	21:55	<i>Shot of man inside an industrial building with equipment – the radio place?</i>
22	22:00	“ Slow, even charging rate, so necessary to good battery charging. ” <i>Then more of the man in the building.</i>
	22:10	“ ‘Wilbert’s Famous Coal’ is conscientiously screened – graded – and delivered to you. ” <i>Then panned shots of railroad cars, trucks being filled.</i>
	22:33	“ The Man Behind ‘Wilbert’s Famous Coal’ ” <i>then a shot of two men, Mr. Wilbert is likely one of them, coming out of a building with a sign that says ‘Metuchen Coal Co. and ‘Wilbert Coal Co.’</i>
	22:44	“ Established 17 years ago, H.A. Rumler has ganed an enviable place in Metuchen as a plumbing constractor and heating expert. ”
	22:52	<i>Shows shop at 472 Main Street with HA Rumler on the windows, and pair of people coming out</i>
23	23:01	“ Often called ‘ father of the theatre’ ” <i>and shows him then shot of him</i>
	23:11	“ Some of the houses in which he has installed ‘Vaccuum Vapor Heat’ ”
	23:16	“ The Jones Home ” <i>then shot of the house at 31 Oak Avenue (currently the yellow house next to St. Luke’s Church).</i>
	23:25	“ The Wright Home ” <i>then shot of 62 Oak Avenue.</i>
	23:33	“ The Litterst Home ” <i>then shot of either 30 or 36 Middlesex Avenue, no longer extant.</i>
	23:40	“ The home of H.A. Rumler ” <i>Directories list his house at 423 Grove Avenue, but it may not longer be extant.</i>
	23:51	“ The source of the ‘last word’ in Heat – Vaccum Vapor’. ” <i>Then view of a boiler of some sort</i>
24	24:00	“ The Metuchen Contracting and Trucking Co., the only company specializing in: State, County and Municipal contracts. ” <i>Then Cranes, trucks, construction site, a large house in the background. Directories list them at 287 Main Street – just north of the Greenway</i>
	24:27	“ Lincoln Boulevard, one of the recent road building contracts. ” <i>Then a shot progressing down this road.</i>
	24:44	“ Some of the equipment of this progressive concern. ” <i>Then additional construction equipment and men operating a large crane</i>
25	25:06	“ Mr. Daniel A. Marinaro, Pres. and Gen. Manager, consults with Mr. Steven Eosso, the Treasurer and Gen. Supt. On one of their larger contracts near Metuchen. ”
	25:16	<i>Men and large crane operating, men with plans</i>
	25:35	<i>Man, looks like Marinaro, with woman in office.</i>
	25:45	“ From a small beginning in 1922 – “
	25:45	<i>Storefront – can be identified as 214 Main Street – with man standing in front.</i>
26	26:00	“ - and TODAY one of the largest and most modernly equipped Hardware Stores in the State – The Leis Hardware Store”

Minute	Exact	Topic/Scene
	26:00 -	<i>Interior of Leis Hardware, first one view of tables and cabinets and flag on the wall, the second view is similar with two men, then spans left</i>
	26:14	“Paint, leading them all, and longer lasting is – “MONARCH””
	26:46	<i>Two men looking at paints</i>
	26:47	“A full line of General Hardware” <i>then men looking at s drill or something</i>
	26:59	“A few of the departments – and its courteous sales force.” , <i>then more drill viewing</i>
27	27:09	“”Aluminex” cooking utensils department.” <i>Then man showing woman a pot</i>
	27:23	“Why paint so often? – Just Use MONARCH PAINTS”
	27:29	<i>Three bay 2 ½ story foursquare with hipped roof, wraparound porch, and dormers on at least two sides.</i>
	27:35	“The Riddle Home – Painted May 1926 and looks as good as new.” <i>Then foursquare with hipped roof, dormers, front porch along front. LE Riddle lived at 112 Lake Avenue, and LE Riddle, Jr. lived at 67 Spring. This seems to be 112 Lake, which is still there, and immediately next to the YMCA.</i>
	27:43	“A year passed swiftly – what’s this, not quarrelling?” <i>then shot of Charlie and the niece sitting on a sofa, he’s reading a paper</i>
	27:53	“Leave me alone!” <i>more of the sofa</i>
	27:57	“You are so cruel!” <i>more of the sofa, niece in tears slaps away his newspaper</i>
28	28:04	“I am going back to mother!”
	28:12	THE END

Annotations compiled by Tyreen A. Reuter; and any errors and omissions are hers.

The Recorder is in your home
depends upon your interest
in Metuchen

A LOCAL CAST IN "STORY OF METUCHEN"

Hundreds of Local People To Appear on the Screen

John Humphries and Charlie Letson to Play Leading Parts in Locally
Filmed "Movie" to Be Presented at Forum Theatre Soon

PICTURE SPONSORED BY LOCAL ROTARY CLUB

Metuchenites will soon have an opportunity to see themselves in the "Movie," "The Story of Metuchen," now being prepared and in a week or so, the Forum Theatre will present a photoplay in which all of the principal actors, organizations and landmarks may be seen on the screen of grand Jimmie Ferguson's theatre. Due to the initiative of the recently formed Rotary Club of Metuchen which is sponsoring the picture, Mr. Ferguson has secured the services of the Supreme Productions Company of Red Bank which has been very successful in making this type of commercial film, recently having made a similar job in Rahway, D. B. Dorn, president of the company and is personally supervising all of the work in Metuchen. Mr. Dorn has been scouting for "locations" all around this borough and remarked that there are any number of beautiful spots that lend themselves to ideal settings for "The Story of Metuchen." Of course the picture will not be a picture at all without a plot and some romance, so Miss Jean Humphries and Charlie Letson have been selected to play the leading roles.

SLIGHT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1929

New Budget Figures Higher by
\$195 Than Those of
Previous Year

ANNUAL ELECTION FEB. 13

Following a conference of the finance committee, the Board of Education, at its meeting on Tuesday evening, adopted a school budget for 1929 of \$98,100, an increase of \$295 over the current year. The largest item of increase is found in the current expenses for salaries at \$89,200, as compared with \$88,900 for last year. The figures for repairs and mutual interest are the same at \$6,400 and \$2,500 respectively. The taxpayers will be asked to approve the budget at the annual school election to be held on Tuesday evening, February 13th. At this time they will also be asked to approve the transfer of \$40,000 from the current response account to the reserve account.

Supervising Principal Edgar P. Bunce in his report to December, advised that there had been a great number of absences because of illness among the students of the school. He also reported that the drill plan to teach the pupils to write words is inaugurated this week. Mr. Bunce also reported that the standard Achievement Exam had been given to all of the grade children in the Metuchen schools and the results compared with those of other schools. Metuchen pupils in some instances showed higher ratings than pupils elsewhere in the country, other ratings placed the pupils on a par and some rates the local pupils went below the averages of other communities.

In cases where the Metuchen pupils have fallen below the average of other schools, corrective measures are being taken.

Because of the many applications of the gymnasium at the public school the members of Boy scout troop No. 14 will hold their winter camp here at the Washington school. The troop has been given the gymnasium as a meeting place for the last year.

Permission was granted the Metuchen school to use the gymnasium for the last year.

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Engagement of Miss Edith Campbell and William Kingman Announced at Bridge Party Saturday

Miss Edith Campbell entertained seven guests at her home on Rose street last Saturday afternoon to announce her engagement to William Kingman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kingman, of Jackson Heights. The announcement was made by cards tied with stemmed roses, which were given to the guests by the recipient of the proposal. Miss Edith's bridesmaids were Mrs. Howard Kingman, Mrs. Shirley Mays, Mrs. Schultz and Miss Natalie Mc-

DANIELS HILL IS REJECTED AS SITE FOR NEW SCHOOL

Voters Oppose Purchase of
Proposed Tract by Vote
of Two to One

BEATEN EVEN IN FIRST

The defeat of the proposal to buy the Daniels Hill tract for the purpose of erecting a high school there is probably no news to any resident of this borough. However, since the results were not known until after the last issue of the RECORDER, it has been published a few of the high lights in this election which aroused so much interest, may be recorded. A record vote of 923 ballots was cast in this election, the majority being in favor of the Daniels Hill proposition. Those favoring the site cast 286 votes, while those opposed cast 637 for and 637 against it. The proposition was most severely beaten in the fourth district where 183 "no" votes to 133 "yes" were cast. The decision of the voters makes it seem improbable that the site will be used for the proposed school, especially since the Edgar property seems to be popular for a new high school when one is built. It was stated in an out-of-town newspaper that the result came as a surprise to those favoring the site as they felt no presence of any united opposition. Such a statement appears ridiculous in view of all that has been spoken and published in criticism of the Daniels' property and sounds still more absurd in face of the results tabulated above.

Week of Prayer Ends with Baptist Service

The Federated Council of Churches is holding their "Week of Prayer" this week in the various churches and the directors of the organization have been well pleased with the hearty response shown by the churches.

The week opened in the Reformed Church on Monday evening when the Rev. Frederick Zimmerman spoke on "Thanksgiving to God."

On Tuesday evening, the Rev. J. F. Fenton conducted the services at the Methodist Church at the University Church.

On Wednesday, A. Humphries spoke "Nation and Government" for his Wednesday evening address in the Presbyterian Church and John F. Fenton conducted the services at the Methodist Church.

On Thursday, the closing meeting is to be held in the Baptist Church when Rev. Calvin Hare will talk on "The Family, the School, and the College."

Metuchen National Bank Renames Board

All of the directors of the board of the Metuchen National Bank were re-elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders held Tuesday afternoon in the bank. It is probable that the same officers will be re-elected at all of the meetings. Directors re-elected were Edward J. Drake, A. Littler, R. D. Kent, Roy Burr, William T. Cramer, Edward Kramer, James Lawless and George W. Littler. The following are the present officers: Edward J. Drake, president; A. C. Littler, chairman of the board; and Cashier R. D. Kent, and Roy Burr, vice-presidents.

A decided improvement in the savings accounts reached a total of \$50,000, certificates of deposit show a valuation of \$100,000 and the commercial checking accounts passed the \$200,000 mark.

Both Our Entrances Lead
to BARGAINS

JERSEY 5-10-25 CENT STORES
Main Street

IF IT SNOWS
Remember! We Have a Large
assortment of
Flashy Player
Lighting Goggles
Kings of the Hill

Leis Hardware Co.
Metuchen's Largest and Most
Complete Hardware Store
110 Main Street
COR. MAIN AND HIGH STS.

Correspondent Commends Recorder Editorials

It is with considerable pleasure
that we print the following letter
written by one of the most promi-
nent residents of South Metuchen
who deserves credit himself for his
active interest in the present school
election.

January 10, 1929
Metuchen, N. J.

Dear Sir—
In publishing your splendid and comprehensive editorials of the past few weeks regarding the Daniels Hill proposition of the School Board, which was so decidedly voted against on January 4th, you have most commendably rendered a great public service to the people of Metuchen.

With best wishes for your continued and increasing success, I am
Very truly yours,
MAXWELL A. DENCKE.

Mayor Appoints Library and Health Board Members

In addition to himself and Supervising Principal W. S. Zimmerman, Mayor Hill has appointed five members of a board of trustees of the Metuchen Library, which recently was under thorough consideration at the meeting of the Borough Council on Tuesday, January 8th. The members are: Mrs. C. P. Hill to serve on the board for one year, S. Schneck for two years, Mrs. E. Moller for three years, T. G. Van Kirk, four years, and Rev. J. Zimmerman, five years.

Various Missionary Societies Active

Missionary societies in the various churches have all been active during the past week. The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church held a successful meeting on Tuesday evening.

Whether Clark on Pleasant Place street, the mayor named Mrs. C. P. Hill to serve on the board for one year, S. Schneck for two years, Mrs. E. Moller for three years, T. G. Van Kirk, four years, and Rev. J. Zimmerman, five years.

Metuchen G. O. P. UNIT TO ELECT OFFICERS

The regular meeting of the Metuchen Unit of Republican Women was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Heintman, 612 Middlesex avenue.

There will be an election of officers, and final arrangements for the all-day meeting of the County Council to be held in the W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. D. La Fontaine on Tuesday afternoon, January 15.

All Ex-Service Men Invited to Meeting

In an effort to reach all ex-service men in this section, whether members of the Legion or not, Kenneth Halsey, newly-elected commander of Fugel-Hummer Post, has issued the following invitation through the RECORDER for a get-together dinner to be held at the Metuchen Inn on Tuesday, January 15th.

To Ex-Service Men of Metuchen. Buddies!

The first get-together meeting of the New Year will be held at the Metuchen Inn, Tuesday, January 15, at 7 p. m.

Elaborate plans have been made by the committee of the Fugel-Hummer Post to make this a most enjoyable and the biggest gathering of ex-service men ever held in Metuchen.

Pa. State Chas. Harry Leitch will be seen in action as toastmaster while "White Tip" Cramer and Theodore Critchfield of Hackensack will be the speakers of the evening.

Entirely will be on call Metuchen. The post is especially desirous of reaching the new residents of Metuchen who have moved into town during the past year. Among these are several ex-service men who the post could help them in many ways as new citizens. Therefore we urge present members to get in touch with their neighbor and if eligible, bring them out.

Remember! The date, Tuesday, Jan. 15th. Cost, \$1.25 per plate. Trying to meet them all on the 15th.

K. R. HALEY, Commander.

SALARY INCREASE GIVEN TO SEVERAL LOCAL OFFICIALS

Recorder Wilson, Borough Book-
keeper Colos and Sewer Super-
intendent Reid All Benefit

POlice ALSO GET RAISED

Recorder Washington Wilson, Borough Bookkeeper Wm. A. Colos, Superintendent of Sewers Samuel Reed, and all of the members of the police force benefited by salary increases authorized at the meeting of the Borough Council on Monday.

Recorder Washington Wilson will receive a salary of \$900 a year, which will be in addition to all fees collected by him. This is the first time that a salary has accompanied that position.

William A. Colos received an increase of \$300 in his annual salary and will receive \$2,400 this year. The salary of Reed was boosted from \$1,800 to \$2,000.

Members of the police department were also given an increase. The salary of Chief of Police Hutchinson was increased from \$2,500 to \$2,625, and an increase of \$150 annually was paid to Lieutenant Tim Schmeizer.

Patrolmen also received an increase. The salary of Patrolman Henry Salaki will be \$1,500 a year, and the latest appointee to the force, will soon be in his second year.

The pay schedule is by ordinance and will come up for final action at the next meeting on January 21.

INSTALLATION AND DINNER

Installation of the newly elected officers of the Metuchen Chapter of the D. R. O. will be held on Tuesday evening, January 15th, at the Presbyterian Parish House.

The other officers will also be formally inducted into office and the program will be served. A good program should be a success in every way.

W. C. T. U.

Mrs. J. J. Kleins is to give a report of the Paper Conference which was held in Princeton at the next meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. D. La Fontaine on Tuesday afternoon, January 15.

Editor's Own Column

AROUSED TAXPAYERS REBUXED EXTRAVAGANCE
The proposal to buy Daniels Hill for a big new High School site was decisively rejected by nearly a three to one verdict—that's that. The crowded condition of our schools is the result of two factors; first, the number of new pupils who have moved into High School at a cost for building and site approximating three hundred thousand dollars was a major operation on their pockets, books not justified even by a critical condition developed by delay of simpler treatment long indicated. When reluctance to submit to such drastic surgery was discovered, we were told that only preparation was necessary now, and the building operation would be spread over the next two years. Relief is needed sooner, and a new High School is not the remedy required for an existing and impending emergency. The pressure on our present High School can be relieved by speeding the completion in lower grades; by wisely directing off those young pupils into new class rooms to be built where needed, as needed.

Let that be done, with full consideration of the Parochial School, after a statistical survey by the Board is published to Metuchen citizens. Our local Board of Education is subject to the control of a majority of local voters; hence it would be more appropriate to consider the financial resources of the people who support our school system, and plan accordingly, than to delegate

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Draining this area, Mr. Sorenson stated that it is impossible to develop the section until adequate drainage is provided.

Epidemic of Colds Claims Many Victims

The epidemic of colds and grippe which has been sweeping this section for several days, has taken many local homes. The following are the names of those who have been taken by one or the other disease: Mrs. J. Stahl, Mrs. Wheeler Clark, Mr. and Mrs. West, Chief of Police J. Mrs. Hutchinson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frohn and Manzano, Amos Boverly and family, Mrs. Mary Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Ernest Hanover, Mrs. J. Lamporter, Dorothy Schmeizer, Mrs. Walter Medford, Mrs. Eleanor Little, Mrs. Charles W. King, Mrs. D. K. Knowlton, Mrs. John Cortright, Miss Manning, Mrs. Morris, and Miss Dorning, Bloomfield, Edw. Krainer.

Commonwealth Bank Reflects Officials

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Commonwealth Bank held Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock, the following officers were elected: Arthur T. Storck, director; R. J. Kuntz, president; S. Arndt, J. Arthur Appleton, S. J. Medinetti, George Brein, Sr. and Anthony D'Alonzo.

At the meeting of the directors, Arthur T. Storck was elected president, and Leonard Hunter, Jr. as cashier. J. J. Kleins, Jr. as vice-president.

The bank's surplus which amounted to \$100,000 at the close of business a year ago has been increased to \$200,000 through the efforts of the officials and directors.

The bank has been officially designated as the depository for school funds in connection with the third campaign to be taught the students charge of his duties.

Musical Exchange, Participated in By Three Clubs Greatly Enjoyed by Local and Visiting Women

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MAN SURVIVORS HERE

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