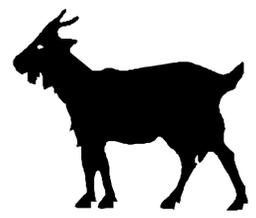


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Newsletter of the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society

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The most significant historic site in the Metuchen-Edison area is without argument the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park. The site is called by many names, including the Edison Tower, Menlo Park Lab, Light Tower, Menlo Park Museum, and others. Many local residents know of its historic significance and are frequent visitors and supporters; some of them drawn to it because as children they could see the beacon shining at night from their bedroom windows. There are some who might know about the site, but have never visited, believing that Henry Ford took everything away to Michigan – but they would be wrong, as there is still certainly PLENTY to see and learn! Others still may not yet have discovered the international

treasure within our midst, although the work done there has had an incredible impact on all of our daily lives.

For many years the “light” was dark, but it is now not only back on, but glowing even brighter and shining into even more bedroom windows, enlightening new generations of history and technology fans. The Society encourages them all to visit and support the site, museum, and park.

To inspire interest in all those who haven’t visited the site recently, we posed several questions to the Museum Director, Kathleen Carlucci, whom the Society is lucky to also have serving on the Society’s Board of Directors.

What is your role at the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park?

As Museum Director I work for the non-profit trustees of the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park (TECMP), dba/Edison Memorial Tower Corporation, a 501©3 nonprofit, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protections’ Division of Parks and Forestry, and the Township of Edison. Our goal is to preserve and promote Thomas Edison’s historic Menlo Park site.

How many visitors do you get each year?

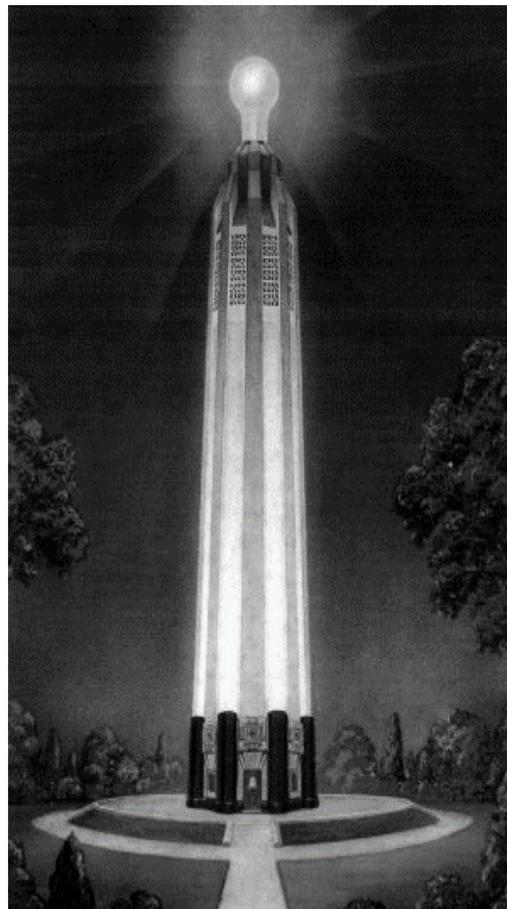
We receive almost twenty thousand visitors every year to the historic Menlo Park site, located at 37 Christie Street, Edison, NJ. Our guests enjoy both the museum and park area.

We are open to the public Thursday – Saturday, 10:00am-4:00pm. We also arrange large group tours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, when available.

Personally escorted tours are given to all visitors, including clubs, scouts, families, individuals, senior

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR MENLO PARK

*An Interview with
Museum Director Kathleen Carlucci*



centers, school groups, families, tourists, home school groups, etc.

Can you tell us a little about the recent renovation and reworking of the museum?

In 2012 the TECMP reopened the museum area after a lengthy renovation project that added ADA accessibility and professionally designed interpretive text and displays.

In October 2015, we rededicated the Edison Memorial Tower. After years of restoration work the Edison Memorial Tower, once listed on Preservation New Jersey’s List of 10 Most Endangered Sites, was rededicated and the giant light bulb is now illuminated every night. Our museum displays include original Edison phonographs, cylinder and disc records, original incandescent light bulbs, a bipolar generator, remains of Edison’s electric railroad, laboratory and

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The Metuchen-Edison Historical Society was founded in 1974 with the primary purpose of promoting an interest in and appreciation of the history of the Borough of Metuchen and of Edison Township.

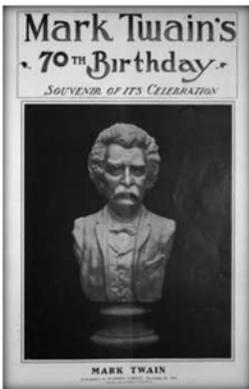


Party Like It's 1905!

by Tyreen A. Reuter

Earlier this month, a book set in Metuchen was released by Simon & Schuster. Many might think that Jason Rekulak's "The Impossible Fortress" is the first major novel set in the Brainy Borough, but that might not be true. In 1905, acclaimed author Mary Wilkins Freeman released "The Debtor." The book was 'set' in a thinly-disguised Metuchen (or "Bainbridge" in the novel) and reportedly caused quite an uproar at the time, dealing as it did with some of the borough's society. At the time, Freeman was at the height of her career and living on Lake Avenue in Metuchen. The house, still extant, is where she was married and occasionally entertained a number of nationally- and internationally-known luminaries. Her residency in Metuchen is directly linked to the reason Metuchen became known as The Brainy Borough! So, it may have been 112 years since the last major novel was set in the Brainy Borough, but better late than never!

Items about Freeman have been included in previous issues of *Nannygoats*, but in looking around for a better quality image of her hosting Mark Twain at his 70th birthday party at Delmonico's in New York City in December, 1905, I came across a blog by Diana Burchall, a woman who was descended from one of the guests. In exploring her page, and scans of the souvenir edition of *Harpers* that was published specifically about the event, I realized that this one party was a much bigger deal than I had previously thought. To me, sitting at a table with Mark Twain, and being referred to as his "host" indicated her status enough. However, this souvenir booklet outlined additional facts that heightened the honor paid to Freeman.



It was not simply an intimate celebration, but one that included "170 celebrities and authors at all stages of fame, including Willa Cather, Frances Hodgson Burnett, John Luther Long, Charles Chesnutt, William Dean Howells, Dorothy Canfield, Bliss Carman, Andrew Carnegie, Emily Post, May Sinclair, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Princess Troubetzkoy," and more. Each guest received a Plaster of Paris bust of Twain and group portraits were taken of twenty tables of luminaries. The event was described in *The New York Times* as follows:

The dinner began at 8 o'clock. Soon before that hour the guests began to gather in the parlor adjoining the Red Room. In the corridor outside, place had been prepared for an orchestra of forty directed by Nahan Franko. When the march, serving as a signal for the procession to the dining room, was played, Mr. Clemens led the way, with Mrs. Mary E. Wilkins Freeman on his arm. The couples that followed would



have attracted attention wherever they were seen and recognized. Col. Harvey led Princess Troubetzkoy, who once was Amelia Rives and still writes under that name. Andrew Carnegie and Agnes Repplier, the essayist, followed side by side. After them came John Burroughs and Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton, who was the first author from whom Henry Mills Alden [also a Metuchenite!] received a contribution after becoming editor of *Harper's Monthly*, more than forty years ago. The Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke escorted Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, while Bliss Carman, the poet, led Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart. While the dinner was in progress the guests - one table at a time - went out into another room and had their pictures taken in groups. The pictures will form the most conspicuous feature of an album which is to be given to Mr. Clemens as a souvenir of the occasion.

And that's how you party like it's 1905!

1901 City Directory, Columns 5 and 6

Below are the fifth and sixth columns of entries in the sections relevant to our area of the 1901 *Polk's New Brunswick City Directory*. The Society began reprinting the entirety of this directory in the Winter/Spring 2016 issue.

Curtain Thomas, h LeGrande ave
 Cutter Alexander, farmer, h Main
 Cutter George W. farmer, h Main
 Dana E. B. physician and surgeon, Main, h do
 Danford James, grocer, Main, h do
 Daniels Manning, retired, h Hillside ave
 Dawson John, retired, h LeGrande ave
 DeForest A. V. N. bus. N. Y. h Woodbridge ave
 DeMott J. H. Mrs. widow, h Woodbridge ave
 DeMott J. H. bookkeeper, h Woodbridge ave
 Dempsey John sr. livery, h Central ave
 Dempsey John jr. hostler, h Central ave
 Devine William, laborer, h Main
 Dinn J. F. h Lake
 Dorsh Conrad, emp P. R. R. h Holly
 Dove William, mfr. elastic webbing, h Centre
 Drake Alonzo, clerk, h Main
 Drake Charles W. painter, h Main
 Drake Edward, bus. Jersey City, h Walnut
 Drake James, painter, h Main
 Drake Oscar, bus. Jersey City, h Myrtle ave
 Dunham Sharper, laborer, h Durham ave
 Dunn Frank, h Main
 Dunn Patrick, emp P. R. R. h Main
 Dunn Patrick, foreman P. R. R. h Walnut
 Dunn Thomas, emp L. V. R. R. h Sheridan
 Dunn Thomas jr. student, h Sheridan
 Edgar Benjamin W. retired, h Spring
 Edgar Charles S. clays, h Graham ave
 Edgar Harold, bus. N. Y. h Graham ave
 Edgar Iowa R. manager, h Graham ave
 Edson John L. bus. N. Y. h Woodbridge ave
 Elmendorf M. C. clerk, h Main
 Elston H. P. nurse, h Main
 Emory Lloyd, bus. N. Y. h Middlesex ave
 Ennis T. W. carpenter, h Amboy ave
 Euhbank Harry, harness maker, h Main
 Evans John W. h Middlesex ave
 Faulks William P. emp P. R. R. h Main
 Fauroat Enos, laborer, h Centre

Fenton John T. (Rev.) pastor St. Luke's Episcopal Church, h Middlesex ave
 Fisher Frank E. clerk, h Main
 Flyn Peter
 Forman Mary, widow William, h Main
 Frank Charles, dry goods, Main, h do
 Frank Fred. h Main
 Frank Oscar, h Main
 Frazee Charles H. farmer, h Lake
 Frazee Lewis
 Freeman Charles M. coal and lumber, Middlesex ave. h New Brunswick ave
 Freeman Melvin, laborer, h Main c Durham ave
 Gaffney Charles, emp P. R. R. h Main
 Gaffney Paterson, emp P. R. R. h Main
 Gallagher Daniel, laborer, h Maple
 Galagher James, h Walnut
 Gallagher Patrick, drains, h Middlesex ave
 Gallagher Thomas, bus. N. Y. h Middlesex ave
 Gallagher William, h Middlesex ave
 Garnsey Hiram, farmer, h Lincoln ave
 Garnsey Ira, h Lincoln ave
 Garnsey Silas, wood chopper, h Lincoln ave
 Garnsey Walter, emp L. V. R. R. h Lincoln ave
 Gedney John, chief marshal, h Walnut
 Gedney Joseph B. painter, h Walnut
 Gerry John sr. laborer, h Main
 Gerry John jr. laborer, h Main
 Gilbert Mrs. widow, h Homer pl
 Giles Samuel
 Gillooly Annie, h Lincoln ave
 Gilloughely James sr. h Lincoln ave
 Gilloughely James jr. emp L. V. R. R. h Lincoln ave
 Glenfield William H. hostler, h Centre
 Graham John A. clerk, h New Brunswick turnpike
 Greason George, retired, h Hillside ave
 Greaves Arthur W. laborer, h Rose
 Greaves Mary, dressmaker, h Lake ave
 Green Albert sr. farmer, h Grove
 Green Albert jr. bus. N. Y. h Grove



Found on Facebook

Posted in the Society's Facebook group by Brian Keenan, the photograph on the far left shows an original wooden construction sign for Metuchen Hills (Wakefield Drive area) from the early 1960s. As you can see from glimpse of the junior photography assistants holding up the sign, it is quite large.

On the immediate left is a photograph of the restoration work in progress on the "Horse Trough" fountain from the Woodwild triangle at Oak and Middlesex Avenues. The restoration is being conducted by Robinson Iron of Alexander City, Alabama. Thanks to Richard Miller for sharing the status update and image.



THEY WERE WARNED. THEY WERE GIVEN AN EXPLANATION. NEVERTHELESS, THEY PERSISTED.

by Tyreen A. Reuter

On February 12, 1913, the "Army of the Hudson" set out on a "hike" from New York City to Washington, DC, with the aim of gathering support and attention on their way to the "The Woman Suffrage Procession" to be held in the Capitol on March 3, 1913.

The first night of their 17 day journey, led by prominent Suffragists "General" Rosalie Jones and "Colonel" Ida Craft, ended in Metuchen. Their overnight stop is shown in the strip drawn by George Folsom, who chronicled the pilgrimage in six cartoons (the first shown here). According to reports in *The New York Times* and *The Daily Home News* of New Brunswick, the women were greeted by F.E. Smith and Alexander Litterst upon reaching the borderline of Metuchen. Lodging was procured for them by former Mayor Washington Wilson at the

Hillside Inn (no longer extant, but then located on Main Street bounded Highland Avenue, Robins Place, and Hillside Avenue). They are said to have inspected the Eagle Hook & Ladder Fire Department building to find it the most up-to-date facility and were "entertained" at the Metuchen Club (now the Masonic Lodge/YMCA Headquarters at 483 Middlesex Avenue). Among the local guests to greet them were the Who's Who of Metuchen Society (see excerpted image on page 5).

The miles the group had marched were hard ones; a few of the ladies were treated for podiatric distress. One was nearly 'de-feeted' near Colonia, but was urged to press on and "Abandon Vanity." And, although they had reached a 'brainy' borough,

it was not without its challenges. *The Daily Home News* of New Brunswick reported that Mrs. Schultz, who was serving as a sort of guide by driving ahead of the marchers to make arrangements, housed her car in a different establishment in the "Brainy Borough" other than that provided by the Hillside Inn only to discover the next morning that her new pair of shoes (which she had packed to wear in the parade in DC) had been pilfered. There was apparently also a general absence of heat in the Hillside Inn,



The "Army of the Hudson" assembled in Newark.



causing the women to sleep in their clothes, and due to a shortage of beds, several slept on the floor or were quartered with hospitable "townsfolk."

Then, there were the unwanted men. The Thursday edition of *The Daily Home News* included a

**"GIVE ME BACK MY HUSBAND
OR I'LL ROUT THE ARMY"
WIFE THREATENS SUFFRAGISTS**

METUCHEN, Feb. 31--There were several men in the party whom General Jones and Col Craft did not want along and last night there was a big commotion when the telephone bell rang. Thanks and sent a big delegation to see the girls off this morning. Last night one of the men who had marched into the town with the party began ordering up all kinds of mixed

Society turned out in force to receive General Rosalie Jones and her foot-sore champions of woman's rights at the Metuchen Club last night. As soon as Gen. Jones had washed up after the seventeen mile jaunt over the Essex and Middlesex Turnpike from Newark and partaken of a meal that they devoured ravenously, all hands hiked it over to the Metuchen Club where Mayor Samuel H. Clarke, a warm advocate of votes for women, with a proviso that they be cast in the Democratic box, headed the committee of citizens who extended the glad hand to General Jones and her party.

Those on the committee were ex-Mayor Washington Wilson and wife, Prof. Thomas G. Van Kirk, of the Metuchen High School, Borough Attorney and Mrs. F. M. P. Pearse, Rev. John F. Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Prickett, Rev. and Mrs. James G. Mason, Miss Irene Mason, horfin Tait, George W. Greason, Nelson L. Riddle, Miss Julia Bogert, Mrs. W. V. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Temple Strong, Mr. and Mrs. William Dinwiddie Henry Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. John MacLauchlan, Edward Dana, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Jones, Nelson L. Riddle, Crosby Clarkson, Wesley Benner, Paul Peck, Luther Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheeler Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mook, sr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Mook, jr., Mrs. H. T. Peck, Mrs. Mary Alt, Miss Estelle Mook, Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Litterst, Miss Nellie B. Freeman, Miss Jane Freeman, Miss Sallie Freeman and Miss Grace Willmont.

story about some of the men who had taken it upon themselves to tag along, despite being expressly uninvited by General Jones. One had followed them from Newark and was determined to escort them to the Capitol; perhaps he was the same man whose wife rang General Jones at the Hillside Inn to demand the return of her husband. Perhaps again this was the man who attempted to make a party of it by ordering up drinks at the Hillside Inn, but could produce no funds with which to pay and was therefore ejected, and was found later to have slept in the train station.

Minor inconveniences aside, the "Army's" invasion of the Brainy Borough was a successful campaign. In addition to a Who's Who turning out for them, an impassioned speech by Elizabeth Freeman, who fired broadside after broadside for forty-five minutes despite being cold and weary was met with no debate. And so, early on the morning of the 13th, the fully chilled but completely bolstered marchers set out for Princeton, stopping in New Brunswick for a meal and hearty encouragement from a crowd of Rutgers men.

Although met by hostile crowds upon reaching their goal of joining in the larger, organized march in the Capitol – and the fact it was another seven years before the 19th Amendment was ratified – the 234-mile hike raised awareness and is recognized as an important part of the movement's progress. Or, in the words of cartoonist George Folsom, it was "Good Work."

No One Would Debate
Dr. Mason introduced Miss Elizabeth Freeman, who in spite of her cold seventeen mile hike, delivered a speech on the suffragette movement that lasted forty-five minutes without a break. After firing broadside after broadside into the ranks of the brainy borough folk she squared off suddenly and asked if anybody present wanted to argue any point she had discussed. Not a soul offered to take the floor and about midnight the determined crusaders for the ballot filed out of the club house and to their beds at the Hillside Inn.

Yesterday afternoon as Alex Litterst sat by his fireside in the ancient farmhouse on Lookout Hill twixt the borough of brains and the town that Tom Edison put on the map a number of years back, he was startled by the sound of a bugle call. The Litterst place is right on the eastern boundary of Metuchen and Metuchen suffragettes had arranged beforehand that Alexander was to do picket duty and to immediately flash by wire the news of the approach as soon as the army of General Rosalie J. Jones rose into view. But Alex was flush with excitement and forgot all about flashing anything but a big fog. "Here they come, here they come," he yelled at Pop Kennedy across the way. "Go on, Alexander, you're only fooling," he yelled back at him. As the cold February sun was fast disappearing behind the Woodwild Hills there could plainly be seen the advance guard of the "Washington or bust" contingent on Carman's Hill a mile away. But as they drew nearer the figures turned out to be a woman and a mere man - to be exact Mrs. John Boldt and one Reilly, a Newark newspaper man. "Welcome to our city," called Litterst, Kennedy, and Sheriff Carman and his son George in unison and from that minute until the suffragette army had passed over High Bridge hill this morning, the town was the property of General Rosalie Jones and her fair marchers.

The Daily Home News of New Brunswick, February 13, 1913.

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machine shop equipment used in 1880 Menlo Park, artifacts from two professional archeological studies, and more.

Where is the farthest place these visitors have come from?

We receive visitors from other states and countries from around the world almost every day. Most come with a passion to learn more about the famous inventor, Thomas Edison, and historic Menlo Park.

Are there any big plans for the future?

The TECMP trustees are planning a larger museum facility to better serve the many visitors who want to come to the site. Our current museum's size prohibits us from inviting larger groups from the community who wish to visit. During fair months we can accommodate larger classes and other events outside, but during the winter we are constrained by the size of our facility. A larger facility would allow us to showcase the many incredible artifacts we currently have in storage.

Can residents and fans of the site contribute or volunteer?

We are always appreciative of all donations, which can be done online through our website, www.menloparkmuseum.org and/or through membership to the non-profit. We are a 501©3 non-profit and all donations are tax deductible. Membership forms are available at the museum and our website. Volunteers / docents are what keep non-profits alive, and we are no exception. Our docents range in backgrounds from engineers, educators, chemists, and history buffs who wish to lend a helping hand. We are always happy to add new docents to our staff and we are proud of the work they do! Every year we invite student volunteers to help at the TECMP. Students benefit from working at the historic site and become eligible for the scholarships given by the TECMP.



Is there anything else to do at the site other than visit the museum and tower?

Our visitors enjoy the beauty of the thirty-six acre Edison State Park. There are well marked trails to explore throughout the park area. Last October at our park, together with the Edison Township Recreation

Department's Harvest Festival, we held our 1st Annual 'Trail of Terror,' which was a huge success. Thank you to the Edison High School students for creating very spooky and interesting vignettes along the trail. In December we held our 1st Annual Tree Lighting ceremony with Edison Mayor Thomas Lankey hitting the electrical switch. A special thank you is also due to the JP Stevens High School Choir and Brass Ensemble for their delightful rendition of holiday classics. To the delight of the crowd a local, young Tower Choir group sang carols. On September 23-24, 2017, the TECMP will be sponsoring a public archeological dig with the Middlesex County Office of Culture & Heritage and the American Archeological Society at Thomas Edison's Menlo Park home site. All are invited; details to follow.

What's something you wish everyone knew about the TECMP?

As the site on which the Wizard of Menlo Park worked his magic every visitor will take away something special from the museum. Whether it is a historical fact, the charm of the nature path, or the astonishing inventions of Thomas Edison there is so much to learn here. As the world's first research and development site, Menlo Park was and continues to be a model for scientific study.

It was on this site that Edison, along with his amazing team, created the phonograph, perfected the incandescent light, discovered safe electrical distribution, and invented the experimental electric train. In all, Edison produced almost four hundred of his most famous inventions on these grounds.



Many thanks to Kathleen Carlucci for sharing this information as well as for her dedication to the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park.

New in the Archives

The Society recently came into possession of a copy of a photograph of Edison resident Harry J. Russell, Jr. (1930 to 2012) standing with Eleanor Roosevelt. According to a 1999 interview with Mr. Russell, he always carried the image in his wallet. It had been taken in 1952 when he served as a counselor in the Blythedale Convalescent Center, of which she was a sponsor, in Valhalla, New York. Meeting such an inspirational person was clearly significant to Mr. Russell, but in looking into his accomplishments, one could make the case that the honor was perhaps all *hers*.

He was a graduate of Champlain College in Plattsburgh, where he majored in psychology & sociology. After serving in the Korean War, he earned his master's degree from the Columbia University School of Social Work in 1959. In addition to being a Social Worker at Blythedale, he was later appointed Supervisor in the Rockland State Hospital Social Service Department, then as the Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker at the Perth Amboy branch of the Middlesex County Mental Health Clinic. He opened the Mental Health Department at the former Perth Amboy General Hospital, and in 1972 he became VP for Mental Health & Community Services at JFK Medical Center, where he served until retirement in 1995. He was a founder of the County's Comprehensive Mental Health Center as well as county's first mental-health halfway house.

In 1975, Russell was named Outstanding Social Worker of the Year by the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. He was the first African American member of the Edison Board of Education, serving for a decade. Russell served on a number of boards and organizations, including the Metuchen-Edison YMCA, Middlesex County College, DeVry University, the Minority Achievers Program, Edison Sheltered Workshop, Middlesex County Economic Opportunity Corp., the Central Jersey Chapter of the National Council of Christians and Jews. He was a former president of the 200 Club of Middlesex County. He was a member of the Perth Amboy branch of the NAACP, Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Middlesex County Human Services Commission. He was a fellow of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine, the American Orthopsychiatric Association and the American Group Therapy Association. He was appointed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey to the Advisory Committee on the Lawyers Assistance Program. In 1999, the auditorium at John P. Stevens High School in Edison was named in his honor.

In looking into the circumstance of Mr. Russell's introduction to Mrs. Roosevelt, the First Lady's visit to

Metuchen's own Neve Shalom came to our attention. One has to wonder what other amazing personages she met *there!*



~Sidney A. Frankel~



The Society regrets to inform its members of the passing of longtime Edison resident, Sidney A. Frankel, at 91 years of age on November 15, 2016. For 40 years he was employed by American Cyanamid where he eventually became an

Environmental Manager working on hazardous chemical disposal. He holds several U.S. patents for his projects, and was widely respected in the field.

His strong faith and civic-mindedness defined his life-long interests. He was a charter member of the Edison Young Democrats and served as its President in 1962 and 64. He was elected to 3 terms as an Edison councilman and was President of the Council in 1990. He was involved with the Middlesex County Mosquito Commission, Edison Friends of the Library, Rutgers Alumni Association, Congregation Beth El, and numerous civil committees. He was predeceased in 2015 by his beloved wife Ruth, to whom he was married for 62 years.

Society members may recall the collection of mid-twentieth century documents, related to political events in Edison Township, donated approximately 10 years ago by the Frankels.

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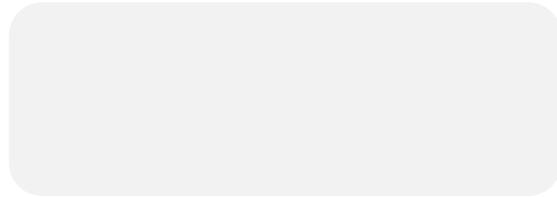
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The name of the newsletter, "Nannygoats," is taken from the title of a collection of anecdotes, articles, reminiscences, and letters compiled by photographer J. Lloyd Grimstead. He took more than 2,800 photographs of the Metuchen-Edison area, mostly during the 1930s, which make up 80 percent of the Historical Society's photographic collection. The Metuchen-Edison Historical Society dedicates this publication to Lloyd Grimstead, as a way of honoring him for preserving so much of our local history.

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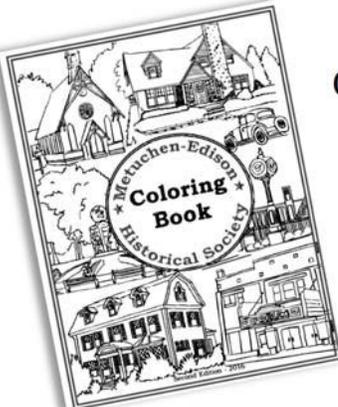
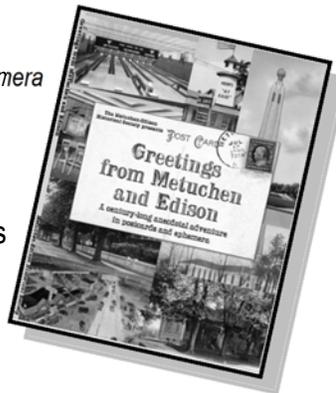
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