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Old School!

Take a look at some of these schools... no cafeterias, gymnasiums, internet... or indoor plumbing! None function as a school anymore, but two of these one-room schoolhouses are still in existence: the Old Franklin School (owned by a civic league, it is celebrating its 200th birthday this year) and the Oak Tree School #6 (expanded and turned into a private home). Another difference from today is how the students dressed... take a look at the Franklin School Class of 1890 at right!



Above: Lafayette School #16 was on the northeast corner of Parsonage and Lafayette Roads in Edison.



Above: Once located near St. James Episcopal Church in Edison, this school also served as a town hall and police and fire headquarters.

Right: The Old Franklin School sits just north of the firehouse on Middlesex Avenue in Metuchen.

Below: Stelton's school was near the Baptist Church on Division Street.

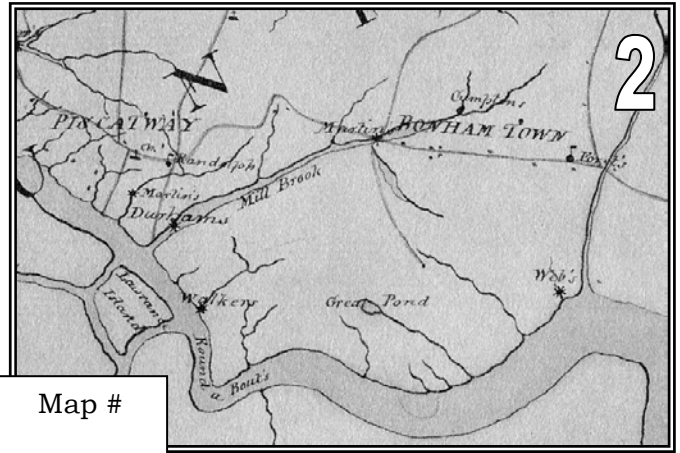


Below: Oak Tree School #6 was located on the southeast corner of Plainfield Avenue and Oak Tree Road in Edison.

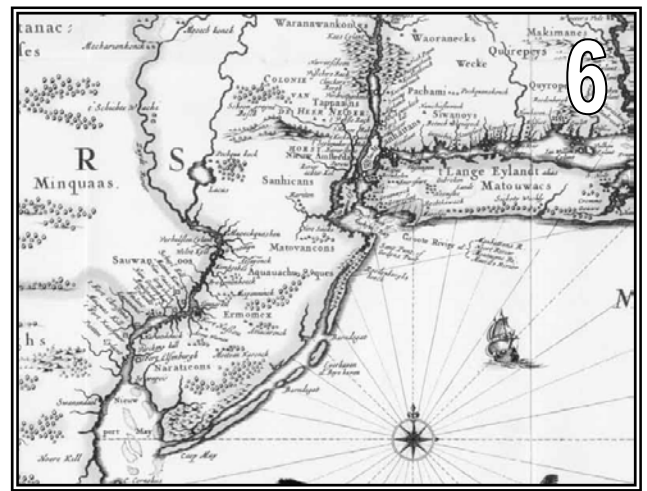
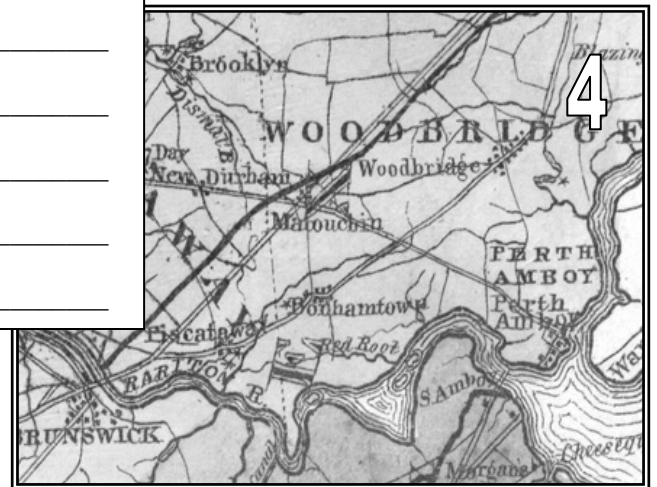


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Colorful History



The Forum Theatre, on Main Street in Metuchen, opened on March 6, 1928 and was named after its founders, James Forgione and H.A. Rumler. In addition to showing movies, the Forum once had an ice cream and sweet shop in the storefront on the right. You can make the storefronts on this coloring picture anything you would like, and you can also add your favorite movie to the marquee.



DID YOU KNOW?

Joseph Bonaparte (Napoleon's brother) moved to New Jersey in 1815 upon being exiled after serving as the King of Spain and Naples.

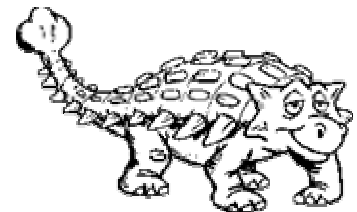
New Jersey has more horses per square mile than any other state.

The first cultivated blueberry was developed in 1916 by Elizabeth C. White and Dr. Frederick Coville in Pemberton Township, NJ.

The Hadrosaurus, unearthed in Haddonfield, NJ in 1858 by William Foulke, was the first nearly-complete dinosaur skeleton ever discovered.

Just for Laughs...

What do you call a dinosaur that likes to go clothes shopping?



A "try-several-tops"!



Kids in Action!



This past Spring, school children throughout Edison Township pitched in to raise approximately \$5,000 to help save the Thomas Alva Edison Memorial Tower, an important historic site located on Christie Street in Edison.

The Art Deco tower, which is listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places, is in the process of being restored, and a new and expanded museum and is being planned for the site.

Using their creativity, the students sponsored a variety of fundraisers including: Crazy Hair Day, sale of glow-in-the-dark Edison Tower wrist bands, Extra Chores Week, bake sales, and sponsorship of paper light bulbs.

Congratulations on the excellent work, kids!



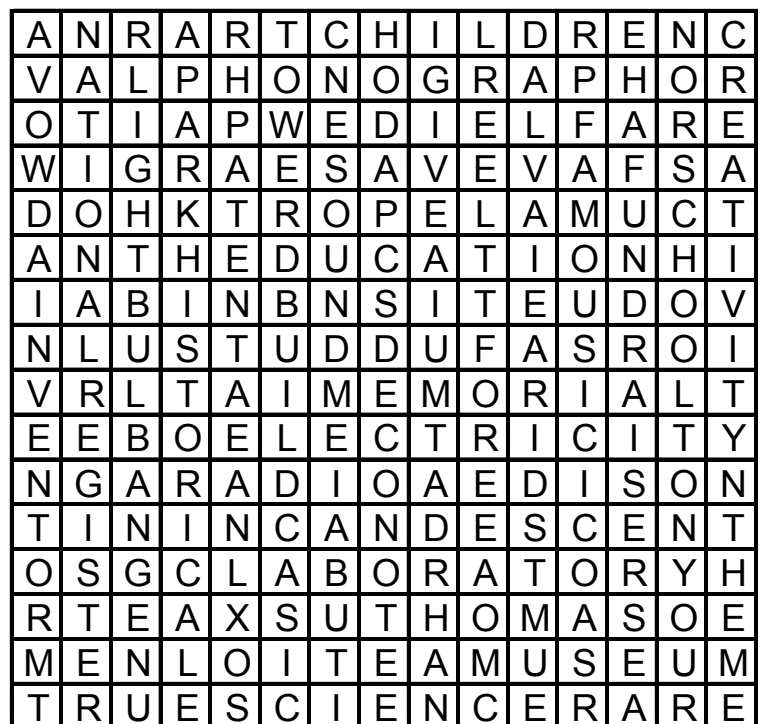
One of the school groups, from the Menlo Park School, presenting a check for the \$1088.70 they raised.

“Kids in Action” Word Find

Alva
Art
Build
Children
Creativity
Deco
Edison
Education
Electricity
Famous
Fundraisers
Give
Historic
Incandescent
Inventor
Laboratory
Lightbulb
Memorial
Menlo
Museum
National

Park
Patent
Phonograph
Register
Save
School
Science
Site
Sound
Thomas
Tower

*There are at least
23 other words (of 3
or more letters) in
this puzzle.
Can find them all?
Answers are on the
bottom of Page 2.*



Answers to “Match-A-Map” on Page 2: A=6, B=2, C=4, D=3, E=1, F=5.