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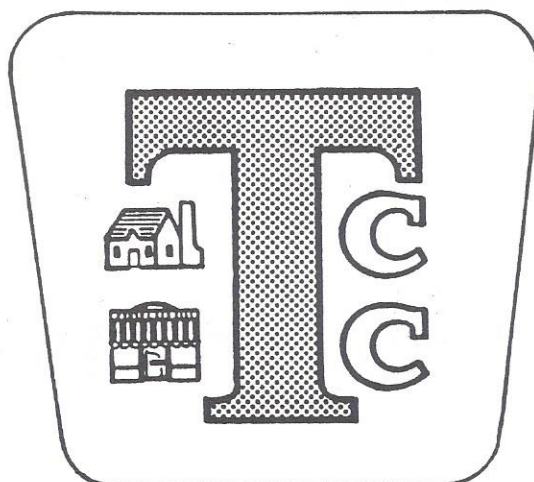
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This journal is a symbol of the pride and respect felt for the Borough of Tenaflly by the members of the Tenaflly Chamber of Commerce, as well as the residents, our borough officials, invited guests and fellow professionals. The generosity and devotion of the individuals, families, businesses, and organizations representing the many facets of Tenaflly coupled with the energy and dedication of the Tenaflly Chamber of Commerce and the Tenaflly Lions Club have contributed to the success of this journal and to the enjoyment of the evening.

We applaud each participant and say a simple "Thank You" from the Tenaflly Chamber of Commerce and from the Tenaflly Lions Club in behalf of Huyler Park.

The Executive Committee  
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***Wednesday, May 18, 1994  
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## The Story Behind Huyler Park....

In the 1850's Peter Huyler sold land for the right of way for the Northern Railroad of New Jersey. In the 1876 ATLAS OF BERGEN COUNTY this small triangle of land (.58 acre) is noted as a park. It subsequently appears on other maps. In 1905 following the third reading, Ordinance #80 was adopted naming the area Huyler Park.

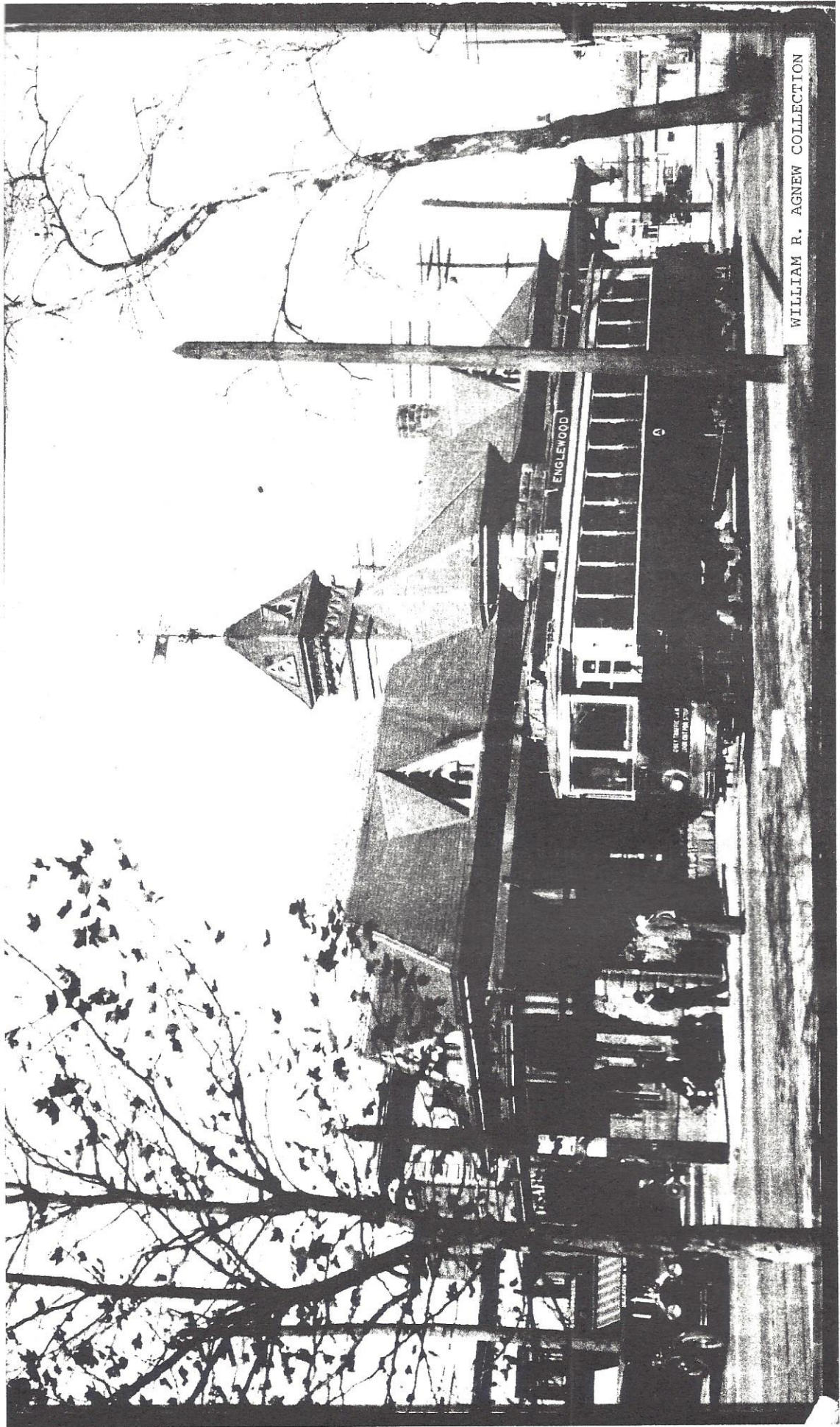
The present railroad station was erected in 1872-1874 after land had been donated for the site. Previously, a wooden station had stood there; it was moved north of Jay St. (by River Edge Road) at a later date. The altitude at the tracks was at a low point in drainage, so the land tended to be swampy in this area. Whether or not the park was filled is not known, but it was customary for commuters to bring ashes from their coal burning furnaces to fill in low spots when they walked to the station.

When the station was built in 1872, George Huyler had given land and approximately 1/3 of the cost; the Railroad gave approximately 1/3; and the villagers of Tenafly paid the remainder. Trolleys serviced Tenafly from 1912-1938 on tracks parallel to the present Railroad tracks but on the easterly side of the station.

Boards bearing the names of men and women serving in WW I had stood on W. Clinton Avenue. (During WW II it was erected in Huyler Park.) In 1923 Ordinance # 238 provided for the "Construction of a Public Memorial to Commemorate the Services to their Country of the Residents of Tenafly during the World War". Since that date, Memorial Day services have taken place in Huyler Park. Over the years various Borough affairs have taken place at this location and many organizations use the park for different reasons including festive Christmas lighting, display of a creche, and parade stop complete with carolling and pictures; presentation of a Menorrah and celebration; and summer programs such as greeting the American Field Service students or visitors from England's Glenn Miller Society.

In 1961 Ordinance #811 formally recorded that "Whereas, the Borough of Tenafly has heretofore acquired title to the premises hereinafter described with the intent and purpose of devoting same to public park purposes, and that Mayor and Council have determined that said premises should now be dedicated to such purpose, and established and maintained as a public park area. Said park area to be called Huyler Park."

Submitted by Virginia T. Mosley  
Borough Historian



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## The Tenaflly Railroad Station

The Stone Station, the second railroad station in Tenaflly, was erected because of the desire of a small group of Real Estate promoters for a depot that was a credit to the community. When the Northern Railroad of New Jersey began service in 1859, Tenaflly was a stop for trains and a wooden frame building was the station.

After the Civil War these men decided to promote the development called Highwood Park Villas (east of the Railroad tracks). The Highwood Hotel had been built east of County Road, and summer visitors were coming from Brooklyn and other places.

It was soon proposed that a stone station be erected. Land was given by George Huyler, who also gave 1/3 of the costs. (He had given the land for Huyler Park.) Contributions for a second third of the costs were given by many individuals; the Railroad gave the remainder.

The frame station was moved North of Jay Street; the stone station, designed and built by Daniel Topping Atwood, became a reality. It opened to passengers in 1874, and remained in use until 1966. Meanwhile Atwood was designing and building homes in Tenaflly in the vicinity of Serpentine Road.

In 1962 the Borough of Tenaflly purchased the station so that its use could be controlled. An agent for the Railroad had an office. In 1966 passenger trains stopped running; the building became available for use by the Borough. Because of the condition of the overhang, it was removed. The future use of the building was then evaluated. Could it be used for the Recreation Commission or even a Historic Museum? Were there other uses? The station had been identified in the Historic American Buildings Survey.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation was asked for suggestions. A revenue producing use was suggested, considered and accepted. The station was offered for rent after being rehabilitated. A dress shop was the first tenant, followed by an art gallery, sportswear shop and now a hair salon.

The Station was placed on the State Register of Historic Places on Nov. 27, 1978. Because of its significant place in the history of Tenaflly, it was put on the National Register of Historic Places on Jan. 25, 1979. The station had been the meeting place of residents who came to collect their mail before home delivery; or who commuted to work; or for pleasure. From 1912 to 1938 the area was the Northern terminal of the trolley which turned around here before going south to make connections with the ferries on the Hudson River.

The station is related to the history of transportation and commerce in the Borough. It is associated with World War I, when Camp Merritt was located partially in Tenaflly, Bergenfield, Cresskill and Dumont. It is closely associated with our World War II, as troop and supply trains used the tracks. It is remembered by the many students from the Sending Districts to the North of Tenaflly, who rode the train to attend Tenaflly High School. It is also important because of its architecture.

This High Victorian Gothic Railroad Station, while similar to the Demarest Station designed by J. Cleveland Cady, was designed by a less well known architect, Daniel Topping Atwood. It was probably built of stone indigenous to the area. The unusual shaped windows with stained glass squares at the top and the tower with its weather vane contribute to the interesting architecture.

Because of the Station's proximity to the Downtown area, and to Huyler Park where in May the Memorial Day exercises are held, people are aware of the Station. Christmas lights provided by the Lions Club add interest. During the Bicentennial a movement was started to restore the second roof. A model of the Station with the overhang rebuilt stands in the Borough Hall. Renovations are scheduled for the station and will probably start some time this year.

Text by Virginia T. Mosley

# Tenaflly Chamber of Commerce

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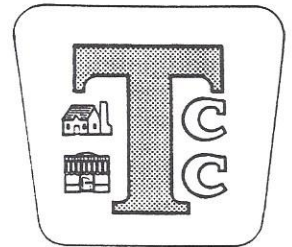


## *A Message From The President*

*May 18, 1994*

*Dear Friends:*

*On behalf of the Tenaflly Chamber of Commerce and the Tenaflly Lions Club it gives me great pleasure to extend my heartfelt thanks for the great job done by all for the benefit of Huyler Park . Our efforts tonight are only the beginning of a very large project that will need all of our continued support and acts of committment.*



*Huyler Park is one of Tenaflly's focal points, but more importantly it is in the center of our town. Anyone coming into Tenaflly to shop has to see Huyler Park. It is in the middle of a Historic District by virtue of the Rail-Road Station and the streetscape surrounding the triangle formed by Clinton Avenue, County Road, and Hillside Avenue.*

*We at the Chamber are looking forward to a new year filled with growth, excitement and diversification. We have a newly elected Board of Directors that is committed to driving the Tenaflly's Central Business District and to helping the Community whenever and wherever possible. It is our goal that all of our projects be mutually beneficial to the business sector and to the community. The key to any success is the combined support of all and long term committment...this Chamber of Commerce pledges both!*

*Hopefully you had a chance tonight to look at the renderings. While they are not set in stone they can help you envision a Huyler Park of tomorrow We thank you for your support and hope you enjoyed the evening.*

*Cathy Mc Cauley, President  
Tenaflly Chamber of Commerce*

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## *Reception*

*6:45 pm. Greetings by the Officers and Directors*

*7:00 pm. Cocktails in the Rosewood Room*

*7:45 pm. Dinner in the Main Ballrooms*

**Welcome.....Cathy Mc Cauley**

**Invocation.....Virginia T. Mosley**

**Salute to the Flag.....Frank Williams**

**Introduction of Guests and Past President.....A. J. Jabbour**

**Installation of Officers.....Al Cappellini**

**Remarks and Acknowledgments.....Jack G. Zurlini**

**Remarks and Acknowledgments.....Al Cappellini**

**Toast to Huyler Park.....Mayor Hemberger**

## **Dinner**

**Music by Gary Wright and his Trio featuring an evening of musical entertainment by "Saluting the Century in Song".**

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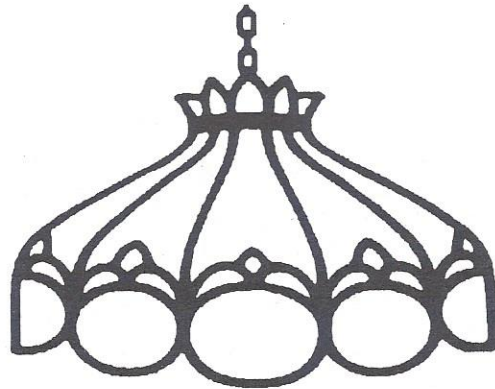


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