

Superintendent's Comment

IN ADDITION to this historical and pictorial report of the schools, a few highlights of recent actions of the Board of Education should be recorded here.

A previous report recounted the disapproval of the proposed new Junior High School. Accepting the decision of the legal voters as a challenge to seek some other solution to expected overcrowding of school buildings the Board held several conferences which resulted in a decision to seek outside expert help in solving the problem. The Institute of Field Studies, Teachers College, Columbia University, was finally employed to conduct a survey of present facilities and future building needs of the school district. After several months of intensive study the results of the survey were reported to the Board in a ninety-page book plus maps, charts and tables supporting the conclusions and recommendations of the Institute.

The Institute found a definite need for, and community ability to pay for, a new elementary school near the center of town, to be erected at once; added space for junior high school by September, 1955; and space relief at the senior high school by September, 1958. The recommendations were based upon averaged enrollment figures after the peak loads expected. Crowding of classes was advocated at the peak to prevent over-building.

It is notable that the survey stated Nutley's population would approximate 27,000. The national census figure recently released places it at 26,746.

The Board proposed a new elementary school as recommended in the survey on June 27, 1950. The proposal was disapproved by the legal voters.

Next steps will be considered at an early date and alternatives will be proposed if found feasible and educationally sound.

For the past several years the Board has been working on salary guides for all employees. The past year saw completion of a program which should insure adequate salary provisions and the best in employee-employer relationships.

Three years ago the Board instituted a long-range program of building maintenance which has meant much to education in Nutley. The District Clerk, Mr. Everett Zabriskie, is in charge of all maintenance. He has made major repairs to one or more buildings each year and by renovation and decoration has achieved a result which makes our buildings second to none in this area.

Replacing worn and obsolete furniture and equipment, adding modern educational equipment, improving methods of building care, and creating classroom space from unsightly basement areas has been a part of this long-range plan. Each move has been conducive of improved building use for education.

During the past several years the faculty of the schools has been at work on improving courses of study. High School biology, the course in modern civilization, elementary reading, arithmetic, and social studies have all received attention. For the past year science from first to ninth grade has been thoroughly revised. A tentative course of study is ready for use for next year. It will be tested and revised during 1950-51. The result should be a course including every modern trend in science teaching. In each field studied faculty committees have examined available textual material, appraised it and recommended the materials which best suit our purposes.

In addition to the highlights mentioned, annual reports have been submitted by each school principal and by supervisors and directors of physical and health education, music, guidance, English, and other special fields. Such reports are too voluminous to include in this type of book. They are, however, on file in our offices and are available to anyone who should care to examine them.

The years as your superintendent have been pleasant and busy ones. Associations with our Board have been stimulating and very cordial. Cooperation has been the keynote of our efforts. For these relationships I am deeply grateful and look forward to further years of service and mutual confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd E. Harshman

Report of the District Clerk

In compliance with the provisions of the School Law (Article 5, Section 63), I herewith present a full itemized statement for the school year ending June 30, 1950, as shown by the books of the Board:

RECEIPTS

Equalization Aid, Chap. 63 PL 1946.....	\$ 43,929.00
Transportation Aid, Chap. 63 PL 1946.....	611.81
Deficiency Aid, Chap. 63 PL 1946, Sec. 14	4,992.03
Dependent Children Aid, Chap. 63 PL 1946	3,690.00
Additional State Aid (Cigarette Tax) Chap. 66 PL 1948.....	55,378.74
Special State Aid for Crippled Children.....	1,698.50
State Library Commission.....	60.00
State Appropriations for Manual Training and Home Economics.....	5,000.00
State Appropriations for Agricultural Classes	2,497.50
Federal Appropriations for Agricultural Classes	1,728.36
Municipal Aid, Chap. 63 PL 1946.....	59,978.97
District Taxes	822,116.12
District Taxes to pay Bonds and Interest....	107,541.94
Tuition Fees (Out of Town Pupils)	930.00
Veterans Housing Project	1,339.80
Sale of Books and Book Fines.....	362.38
Telephone Collections	114.71
Gasoline Tax Refunds	45.48
Sale of Furniture and Equipment.....	107.50
Rental of School Buildings.....	1,288.65
Refund from Athletic Association.....	500.00
Rental of Towels and Other Collections....	171.00
Insurance Refunds	3,059.01
Library Fines	48.92
Miscellaneous Refunds and Collections.....	110.17
Sale of Supplies & Refunds (Vocational, Agricultural)	37.70
Sale of Manual Training Supplies & Equip- ment	375.07
Transfer from "W" Account.....	190.67
Dental Clinic	39.50
Rental of School Musical Instruments.....	272.65
Total Cash Receipts for the Year.....	\$1,118,216.18
Cash Balance on Hand, July 1, 1949	39,023.24
Grand Total Receipts	\$1,157,239.42

EXPENDITURES

Current Expense

Salaries, Superintendent, Supervisors, Prin- cipals and Teachers	\$ 715,073.03
Salaries—Office Clerical Service— All Schools	19,839.00
Office Expense — Department of Supervi- sion	1,932.62
Traveling Expense—Department of Super- vision	699.57
Text Books	11,676.33
Supplies and Other Expense of Instruction	13,556.49
Library Books	1,073.67
Library Apparatus	204.13
Magazines, Periodicals, Newspapers, etc...	333.95
Athletic Activities, Supplies, etc.....	4,023.26
Transportation to Vocational and Special Schools	759.72
Compulsory Attendance Department, Sal- ary and Expense	2,872.64
Medical Inspectors Salaries	2,000.00
Nurse Service—Salary, Expense and Sup- plies	2,959.91
Dental Inspector and Assistant—Salaries & Expenses	1,148.49
Community Centers	250.00
Salaries—Janitors, Engineers, Maintenance	64,970.64
Janitor and Engineer Supplies.....	9,213.34
Fuel	12,828.55
Light and Power	10,256.01
Telephone	2,569.74
Cartage and Other Expense of Operation..	1,335.46
Insurance Premiums	6,121.00
Tuition—Special Schools	1,309.39
Pension Payments	3,216.64
School Programs	360.00
Cafeteria Director—Salary & Expenses.....	4,199.70
Board of Education and Business Division	20,573.00
Rental of Garage	216.00
Total	\$ 915,572.28

Manual Training and Home Economics

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 34,800.00
Supplies	3,400.33
Total	\$ 38,200.33

Vocational Agriculture Classes

Teacher's Salary	\$ 4,150.00
Janitor's and Other Salaries.....	255.65
Supplies	116.71
Fuel	316.88
Other Expenses and Mileage.....	161.05
Text Books	121.22
Rent	1.00
Total	\$ 5,122.51

Maintenance, Repairs and Replacements

Building and Grounds	\$ 44,057.22
Janitor and Engineer Equipment.....	3,526.84
Educational Equipment	22,001.15
Office and Other Equipment.....	789.28
Manual Training and Home Economics Equipment	892.34
Other Expenses	304.24
Total	\$ 71,571.07

Debt Service

Redemption of Serial Bonds.....	\$ 72,000.00
Interest on Serial and Term Bonds.....	35,092.50
Sinking Fund Requirements.....	—o—
Total	\$ 107,092.50
Grand Total Expenditures.....	\$ 1,137,558.69

SUMMARY

Total Cash Receipts and Balances for the Year	\$ 1,157,239.42
Total Cash Disbursements for the Year.....	1,137,558.69
Cash Balance on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 19,680.73

Distribution of Costs

Total Expense of Operating the Schools for the Year 1949-50 apart from Debt Serv- ice and Capital Outlay.....	\$ 1,030,466.19
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Distributed as follows:

A. Instruction — All Phases, Kindergarten, Grades 1-12, Manual Training, Home Economics, Agriculture, etc.....	\$ 798,149.88
B. Operation — Janitors' and Engineers' Salaries, Fuel, Light, Water, Power, Cartage of Ashes.....	101,173.74
C. Maintenance — Repairs and Replace- ments to Grounds, Walks, Fences, and Buildings; Educational Equip- ment, including Repairs to Manual Training and Home Economics Equip- ment	71,571.07
D. Coordinate Activities—Compulsory At- tendance Department, Medical In- spection, Nurse Service, Medical Sup- plies, Dental Inspection and Health....	8,981.04

E. Auxiliary Agencies — Librarians' Sal- aries, Books, Supplies, School Athlet- ics, Cafeteria, Transportation to Vo- cational Schools and School Programs	19,154.43
F. Fixed Charges — Insurance Premiums, Opening Day Luncheon, Tuition and Old Age Pension Payments.....	10,863.03
G. Administration — Expenses of Board of Education Members, Salaries, Office Expense and Expenses of the Business Division	20,573.00

Figures for:

	1949-50	1948-49	1947-48	1946-47	1945-46
A	77.45	80.00	80.47	77.78	77.12
B	9.82	9.91	10.63	11.72	13.51
C	6.95	4.52	4.39	5.46	4.13
D	.87	1.00	1.03	1.19	.67
E	1.86	1.59	1.01	1.23	1.67
F	1.05	.84	1.04	1.16	1.11
G	2.00	2.14	1.43	1.47	1.79

Average Enrollment for the Year 1949-50..... 3968

Cost of Education Per Pupil Based on Average
Enrollment \$257.70

Figures for:

	1949-50	1948-49	1947-48	1946-47	1945-46
Average Enrollment	3968	3824	3731	3710	3673
Cost of Education	\$257.70	\$238.93	\$211.39	\$202.17	\$166.61

It is interesting to note the analysis of combined Instruc-
tion and Operation costs during a five-year period:

1949-50	87.27%
1948-49	89.91
1947-48	91.10
1946-47	89.50
1945-46	90.63

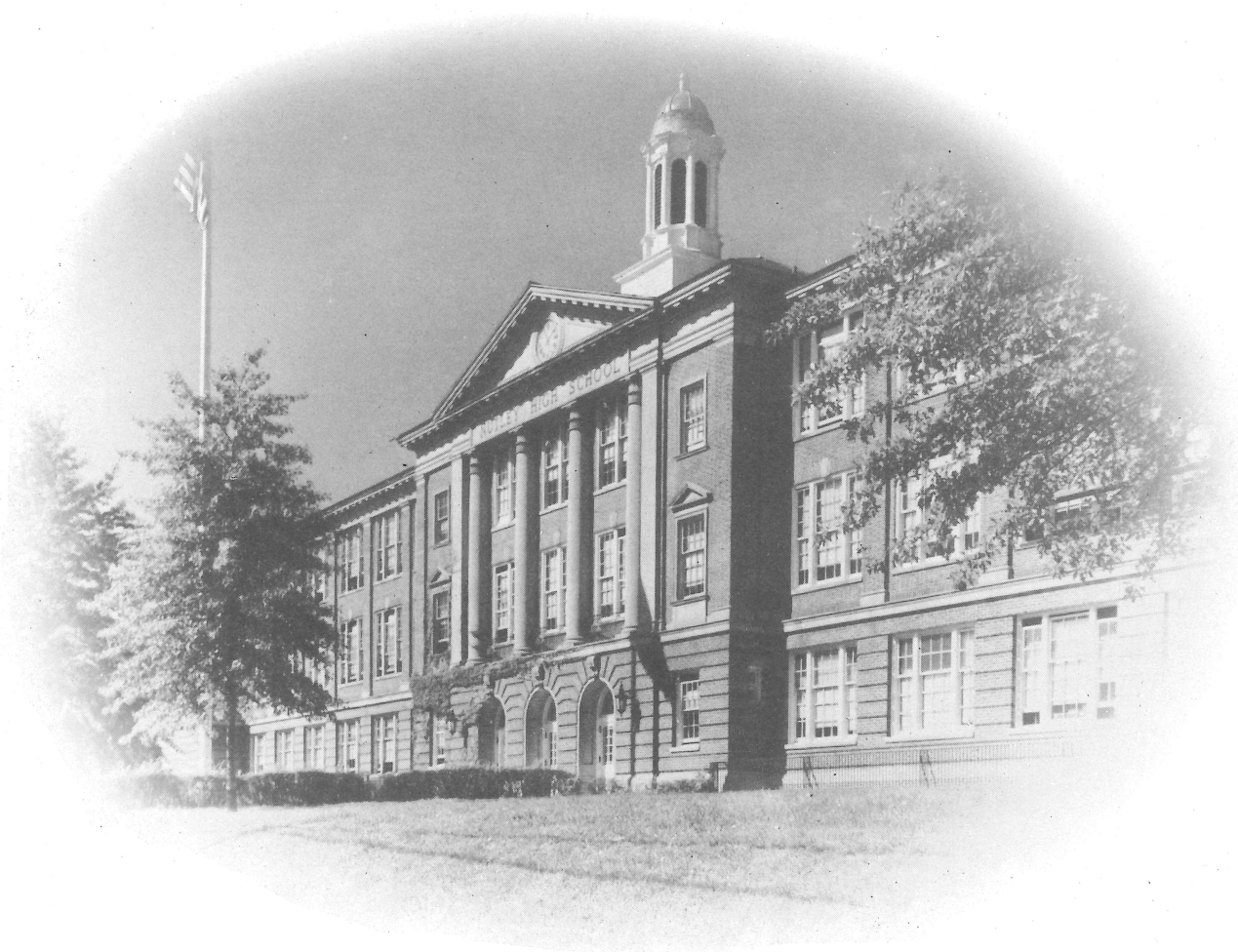
Bonded Indebtedness

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness at Close of Year	\$ 699,000.00
Amount of Sinking Fund for Redemption of Term Bonds	41,009.61
Net Debt	\$ 657,990.39

Value of School Property

Land Based on Original Cost.....	\$ 105,800.00
Buildings Based on Original Cost.....	2,431,000.00
Equipment Based on Original Cost.....	130,000.00
Total Cost	\$ 2,666,800.00

Respectfully submitted,
EVERETT ZABRISKIE
District Clerk



“Our High School” A Symbol of Our Growth

A Brief History

NUTLEY, or what is now the Town of Nutley, was at first, and for many years after its first settlement, a part of the original Dutch grant known as Newark. In 1812 the area was separated from Newark and made a part of Bloomfield. This arrangement continued until 1839, when the eastern section of Bloomfield was separated and became Belleville Township. At this time the Nutley section was called North Belleville. In 1874 Belleville became a town, and this section became Franklin Township. In the township three areas had local names, i.e., Avondale, Nutley Center, and Spring Garden. Finally in 1902, Franklin Township became the Town of Nutley.

There seem to be no pictures of the first schoolhouses in this area, but the 1930 report records that the Third River, or Yantacaw, divided the area into upper district and lower district. The western part was referred to as

the “upper” and the eastern called the “lower.”

To quote further from the 1930 report:

“The first schoolhouse in the Lower District was the ‘Old Stone Schoolhouse,’ located at Passaic Avenue and Avondale Road, now known as Park Avenue. It was built about 1794 on land given for ‘school purposes’ by Mr. John K. Spear. This building consisted of two rooms which were heated by a wood fire in a large pot stove, the fuel for which was supplied by the boys. The water supply was merely a bucket of well water, and everyone drank from the same dipper. The expenses of the school were covered by the renting of one of the rooms for living quarters and the quarter-yearly tuition payment of \$1.56 per capita. Later a district tax on the basis of each family’s attendance was levied.

"On the other side of the river, in the Upper District, a one-story frame building containing one room with a few windows and an entrance was erected on what was called 'Water Cress Patch' at Bloomfield Avenue and Centre Street. This was called the 'Old Red Schoolhouse.' In 1844, after years of service, it was moved to the southwest corner of William Street and Franklin Avenue. Some years later it was moved to New Street where it now stands facing the Park School, remodeled into a two-family dwelling. No definite date as to the beginning of this school is available, but there is a record that Mr. Albert Chappell taught in this school as early as 1825, and the school had then been in existence a number of years.

"About 1850, a frame building was erected on the site of the 'Old Stone Schoolhouse,' and was later remodeled. This was called the 'Passaic Avenue School.'

"The next school was built on land donated by Mr. Henry Stager in 1856. This was a two-story frame building on Church Street facing east, and hence was known as the 'Church Street School,' with a separate entrance for boys and girls. The Church Street School burned in 1874—the year that Nutley separated from Belleville and became the Township of Franklin—and in 1875 a two-story brick building was erected and used until the Park School was built in 1894. It lay idle for a few years and then was used for a manual training school.

"The Upper and Lower Districts consolidated in 1889 and formed a high school department which was held in the first floor of the Passaic Avenue School. The second floor was occupied by primary classes.

"Mr. Richard W. Booth, who for nearly a generation was a member of the Board of Education and its president for nineteen years, while still young in the town's service, envisioned a school site and campus and in 1890 suggested to Mr. John Rusby and Mr. William H. Boardman that they arrange to purchase twelve acres of land for \$15,000. A part of the purchase now forms the beautiful campus facing the Park School, as well as the site of that building. It extended from Franklin Avenue and Chestnut Street to New Street, back to Elm Street and along that street to Chestnut Street. Several mills and a residence stood on this property and one of the mills, a two-story brick building, was remodeled for school purposes and in 1891, the High School and Intermediate Departments were moved there from the Passaic Avenue School, using the second floor, which was partitioned, separating the two departments.

"In 1904 this building was partially destroyed by fire, and after rebuilding, was used exclusively for municipal purposes—housing the town's offices and the post office, fire department, and, in its infancy, the Bank of Nutley.

"In 1893 the voters of the school district rejected a proposition to remodel the High School and directed the trustees to build a new school at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. The trustees invited competition among the architects and of the plans of twenty-seven architects, those of Mr. E. R. Tilton of Nutley were chosen. The plan as adopted was the simplest solution that could be made of the problem of an eight-room schoolhouse with an assembly room.

"Mr. Downing Vaux, a distinguished landscape gardener of New York, was engaged in 1894 to suggest possible improvements for the School Park. His plans included a driveway, walks, tennis courts, football and baseball grounds, a grand stand and a band stand.

"During 1898 and 1899 primary classes were held in the private residence of Mr. William Duncan on Elm Street, where the library now stands. This was part of the property bought in 1890."

We have no pictures of the "Old Stone Schoolhouse," the "Old Red Schoolhouse," or the original "Church Street School." Our first pictorial record is of the "Passaic Avenue School" which replaced the "Old Stone Schoolhouse" in 1850.

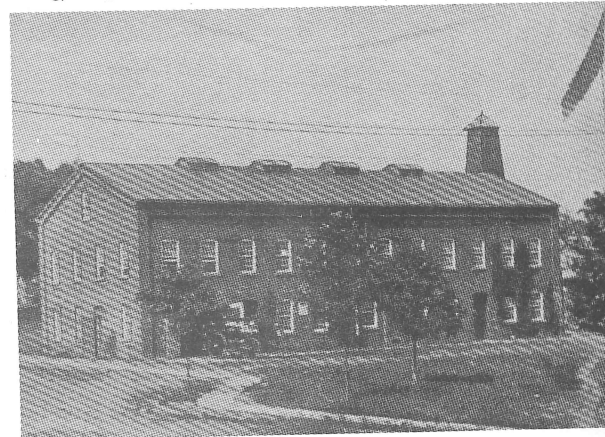
Just before the turn of the century these were the units in our school plant: Passaic Avenue, Church Street, Park, Duncan Homestead, and Park Hall.



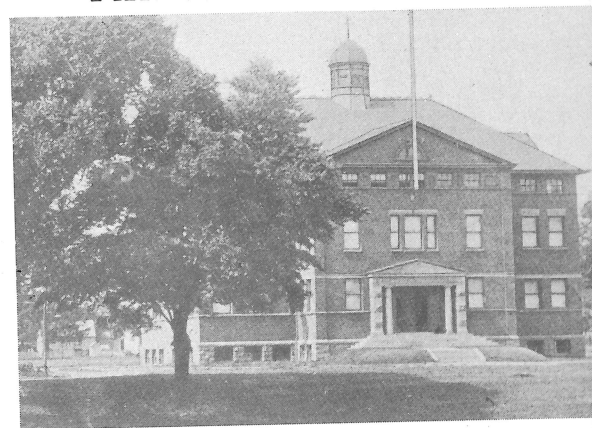
PASSAIC AVENUE SCHOOL



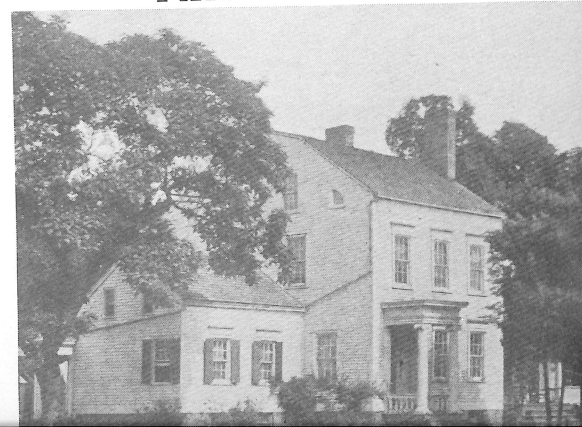
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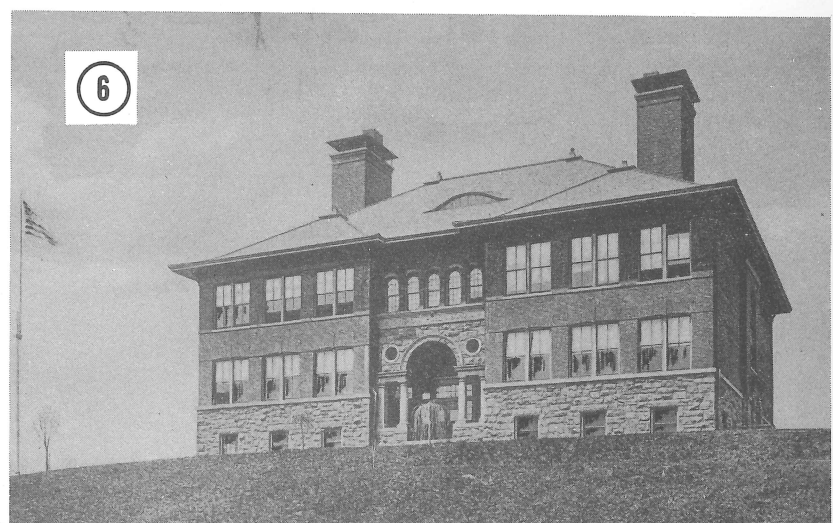
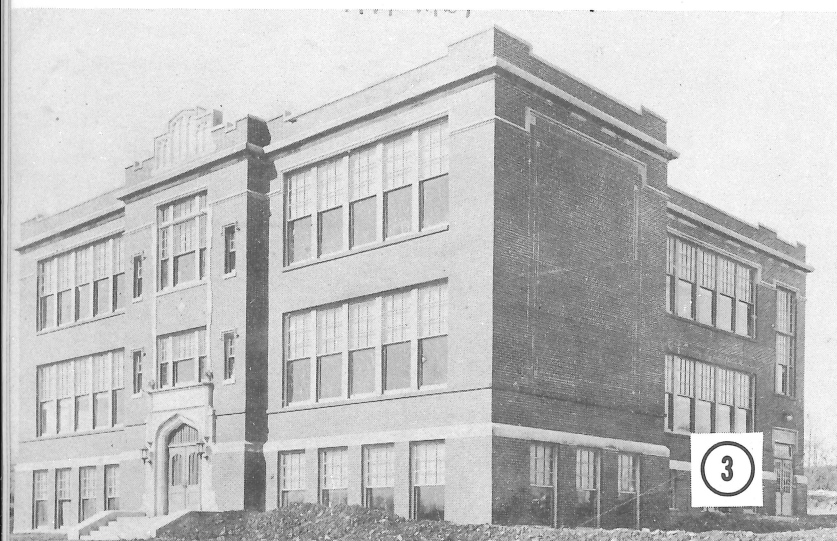
PARK HALL SCHOOL



PARK SCHOOL



THE HOMESTEAD SCHOOL

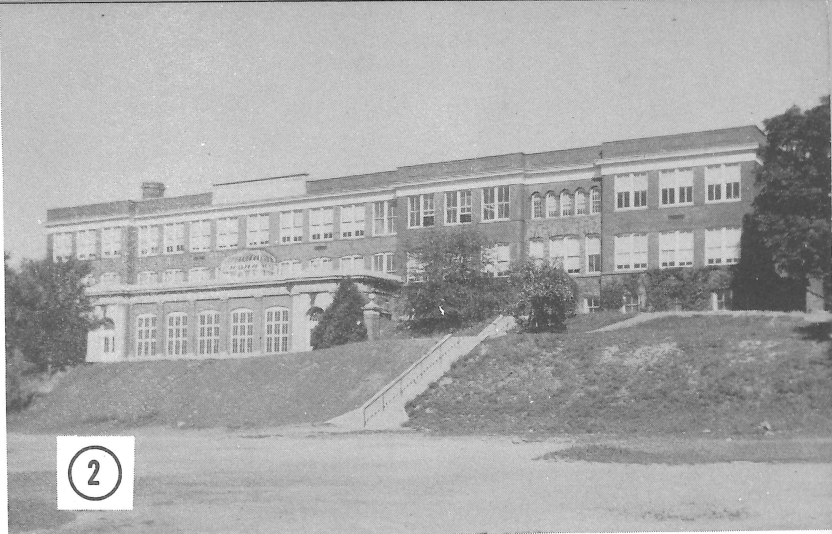


As these buildings became seriously crowded, the Yantacaw building was added in 1902. This building consisted of eight classrooms, two teachers' rooms, and a library. Again crowding forced the town to build the second part of the front of Park School in 1907. Park Hall had been partially destroyed by fire in 1904, and the Homestead was vacated in 1902 as Yantacaw was completed. The school plant then consisted of Church Street, Yantacaw, and the enlarged Park School.

The Town of Nutley was now growing rapidly, and in six years three new buildings were erected, i.e., Washington in 1911 with nine rooms and auditorium; Lincoln in 1915 with eight rooms, two play rooms, nurse's and teachers' rooms; and Spring Garden in 1917 with eight rooms. So in 1917 our school plant consisted of Park (front section complete), Yantacaw, Washington, Lincoln and Spring Garden (original sections), and Church Street.

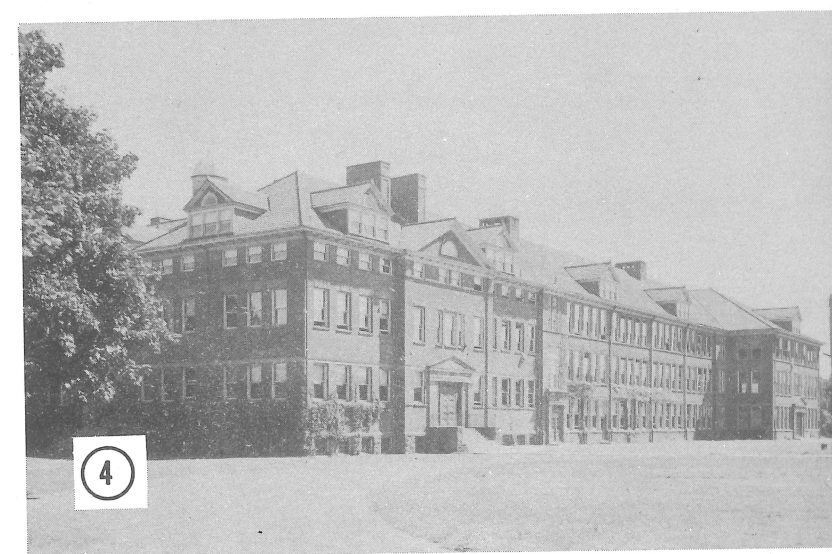
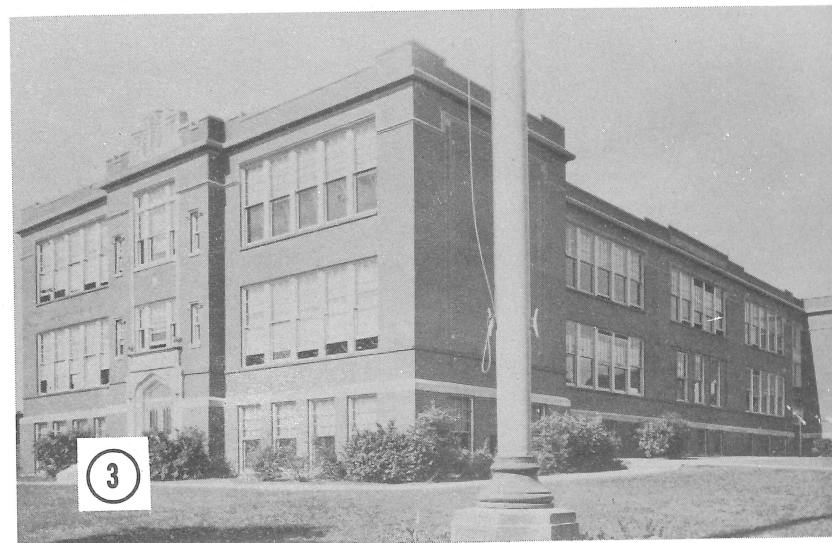
- 1 WASHINGTON
- 2 CHURCH STREET
- 3 SPRING GARDEN

- 4 PARK
- 5 LINCOLN
- 6 YANTACAW



As the town continued to grow, additions were necessary at Park in 1923 (rear of building), at Spring Garden and Washington in 1927, and at Lincoln and Yantacaw in 1929. This completed the present elementary buildings. While these developments were underway, the new High School building was being erected, and was occupied in October, 1927. At this time the Church Street School, which had been used as a trade school during the decade 1917 to 1927, was closed.

Therefore, Nutley's present plant, in use for more than twenty years, consists of Park (now the Junior High School), Yantacaw, Washington, Lincoln, Spring Garden, and the High School.



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| 1 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL | 4 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL |
| 2 YANTACAW | 5 LINCOLN |
| 3 SPRING GARDEN | 6 WASHINGTON |

