

CHAPTER 9 - Government

On Saturday, November 18, 1820¹ a meeting was held to discuss the division of the Town of Ulysses and Hector into three towns. Delegates to represent each section were appointed — Walter Payne², George Baxter, and Humphrey Dennis. Meetings continued throughout the winter and involved other community members such as, Peter White³, Uzel M. Barker (Chair of the Committee), and Gilbert Stevenson (Secretary of the Committee), Charles Ink³, P.A. Williams⁵, Moses Lovell⁶. By January 1821 Samuel Rolfe⁷, John Applegate⁸, and Judah Baker⁹ were also involved in the town committee.

On March 23, 1821 the American Journal¹⁰ printed notice of an “ Act to divide the town of Ulysses in the County of Tompkins. The Act was passed March 16, 1821, Enfield was now an official Town.

The town was formed from 36 lots (#34-39; 42-47; 50-55; 58-63; 66-71; 72-77) of the southern portion of military township #22 - Ulysses, and lies near the center of the western border of Tompkins County adjacent to Schuyler County.

It is rumored that the town was named after Enfield Connecticut because a great number of the first settlers originated from Connecticut. There has been no proof as to where the Enfield name came from although one reference was found in the book “The Town of Catharine” to the naming of Enfield.¹¹ According to the book, David Boleyn-Bolyen, Sr.,¹² his three sisters and their husbands, accompanied by several other families came from Enfield, Connecticut. Records state that the family settled in Enfield from Newbury, New York in 1821. It was then the family supposedly named the Ulysses area Enfield after their old home town in Connecticut.¹³

The first town meetings were presumably held in private homes. Records¹⁴ show that between 1858 and 1874 rent was paid to use VanMarter Hotel for town business from owners Elizabeth and Aaron VanMarter, currently located at Enfield Center - Enfield Main Road. Between 1875 and 1889 the town rented Harvey Hotel - owner Moses L. Harvey.¹⁵ There was no reference given between 1890 and 1891 to the town using the hall. Town Auditors in 1892 met at Harvey Hall. The budget of 1893 indicated that the town paid rent again for use of Harvey Hall for business and elections.

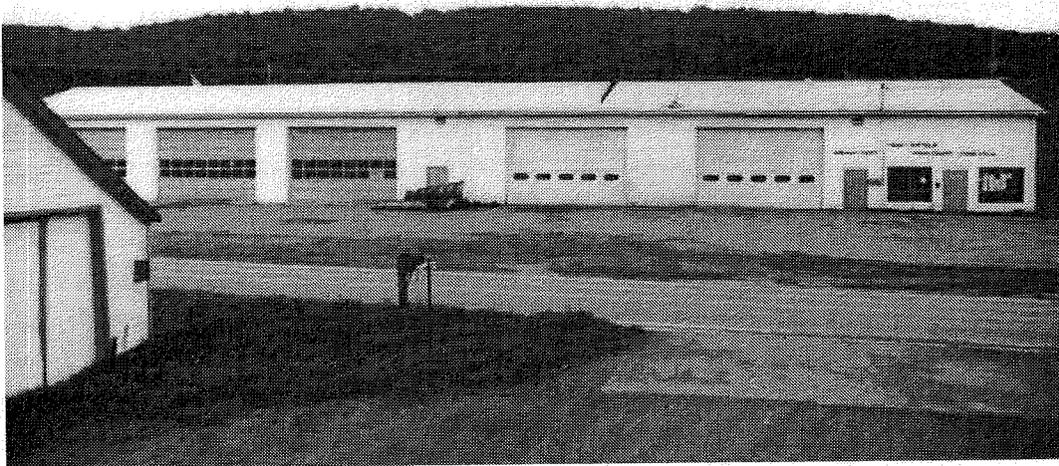
Sometime between 1893 and 1894 the Harvey Hall changed hands over to Frank Teeter. From 1894 and 1907 the town rented “Teeter’s Hall” for \$25 a year. In 1907 note was made in the town budget that dinner was served to jurors at the “Teeter Hotel” for \$14.00. 1908 through 1915 no indication was given to the Hall being used by the town. In 1916 the town started rental payments for “Teeter’s Hall”. 1922 was the last date noted that the town rented the hall.

In 1923 the Town bought a small building called the “Pigs Ear” from a “private men’s group” to be used as a Town Hall. The Pigs Ear was moved from West Enfield Center Road to Enfield Main Road, Enfield Center. Permanent election booths were built inside the building. The Town Hall was used not only for town business and elections, but for card playing parties and other social events. Participants of these card parties remembered entering the Town Hall and one person would have to light the kerosene lanterns for reading light. This Town Hall now sits empty.

Political Rulings

Congressional District lines for both Houses of NY State Legislature and U.S. House of Representatives were redrawn for the Town, after the 1980 U.S. government census showed considerable growth in Tompkins County. Enfield became U.S. Congressional District 34. Enfield is represented by two members of the Tompkins County Board of Representatives - District 15 and District 8.

The Harvey Hotel in Enfield Center rented for town business was also used as a polling place, along with Wortman Hall (currently located at Enfield Center - Enfield Main Road). Costs of building polling booths for elections at Wortman Hall and Harvey Hall were noted in the budget submitted by the town



26. 1966 a new Town Hall.

to the Tompkins County Board of Supervisors during the 1800's. The current polling place for both districts is located at the Enfield Community Building - Enfield Center.

Political Leaders

The Town Supervisor is currently elected for a two year term in odd-numbered years. The supervisor is a member of the town board, presiding officer, and chief fiscal officer of the town. Before 1970 when District Representatives were elected this position was a representative of the Tompkins County Board of Supervisors. Five Enfield Town Supervisors served as chairperson to the Tompkins County Board of Supervisors: Carlos Applegate (1840), Leroy H. VanKirk (1878), Olin A. King (1927-4/5-11/17), Harvey Stevenson (1950-1961), Harry A. Kerr (District #8 1975). Enfield's first town supervisor in 1821 was Walter Payne. The town's first woman Supervisor was Etta Grey - 1986 - 1991.

Town Highway Superintendent is responsible for one of the town's principal functions: the development and maintenance of town roads and bridges. Equipment and personnel for highway work and contracts for work on state and county roads make up a substantial part of the town budget. In the 1801 law, the town was obligated to elect 3 highway commissioners. The commissioners appointed overseers for each districts in the town. It was the duty of the overseer to assess highway work with the town among the residents in the districts. Early residents were assessed a certain number of hours or day's labor on the Roads of their district. Residents could be paid in cash at various rates up to 40 cents per day if they wished.

By 1858 provisions were made where towns could raise \$250 for highway purposes. Very early Roads, such as the Catskill Turnpike, was maintained by the turnpike company. When the turnpike companies failed the highway reverted to the town.

A 1908 law created the new office of Town Superintendent of Highways that replaced the Town Highway Commissioners.

In 1825 the first roads were surveyed and numbered by the Highway Commissioners of the Town. Following is a example of one of the roads surveyed: Road No. 12 - In Town of Enfield Beginning at Roade No 4 to west of the _____ corner of A. Bostwicks house on lot No. 69 in said town _____ thence south 85 East 17 chains 59 links thence north 60 East 22 chains 62 links then East 203 chains to

Ithaca townline which was laid out 4 rods wide & pronounced a public Highway and directed to be recorded by Town Clerk by the subscribers on the 25th day of Oct 1825. Currently Bostwick Road.

The current road names used in the town received their names from the families living in that specific area or were a description of the area. A listing of the road names may be found at the end of this chapter. House addresses received their numbers from a numbering system, which was implemented in the town in 1960.

Position of "Overseer of the Poor" in the town administered "outside relief" welfare assistance to residents in need. The town elected two Overseers, later law permitted only one Overseer.

In 1929 Public Welfare Law created the office of Town Welfare Officer. This position replaced the Overseer. The Town Board appointed this position. Until after 1880 few towns appointed health officers. After 1885 health officers were mandatory for towns. The Social Service Department of Tompkins County currently handles this job.

The County Sheriff Department, New York State Police and the Park Police currently provide Law enforcement for the town. The Town of Enfield had residing in their town three Tompkins County Sheriffs - Lewis H. VanKirk (1852-54); E.C. VanKirk (1867-69); Eron C. VanKirk (1873-75); Robert Howard (1968-1990).

Fire protection for the town is provided by the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company. This company is a private, not-for-profit corporation whose members elect its own officers, manage its operations, and draw up its own budget. The company contracts with the Town Board of Enfield to provide fire protection within its fire district.

Local Government – positions and committees

The current government positions in the Town of Enfield consists of Town Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, Town Board (4 Councilmen – Deputy Supervisor is one Councilmen), Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, 2 - Justices, Court Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Deputy Highway Superintendent, Code Enforcement Officer, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer, Town Historian, Building Manager – Town Hall, Building Manager, Community Building, Cemetery Custodian, Planning Boarding, Enfield Community Council, Cemetery Committee.

Enfield Planning Board

The Enfield Planning Board was created in 1995. Members of the Board (eight of them) are appointed by the Town Board, each person for a seven-year term (except at the beginning, where terms were staggered, so that one new member could be appointed for a full seven year term each year). There is one special position, designated the agricultural member. This member is someone who obtains at least 50% of their income from agricultural pursuits. Members meet at least once every month, all year long, and the meetings are completely open to the public. In the course of the Board's work, they have helped oversee rules for construction of a cellular telephone transmitting tower, have written and had passed by the Town Board a law governing larger mobile home parks, and have worked with the town on clarifying and then enforcing a junk car law.

Enfield Cemetery Advisory Committee

The first meeting of the Cemetery Committee was held September 1, 1992. John and Helen Smith led the group with Helena Schaber elected as secretary. Actual restorations of the town cemeteries had started in 1991 with John and Helen Smith directing the efforts. Starting in 1996 Peggy Hubbell was in position of chairperson for the committee. In March of 1998 she was awarded the Dewitt

Historical Society's first Keeper of the Past Award for her work with the cemeteries.

The committee is involved in the cleanup of the town cemeteries, keeping the cemeteries mowed, and placing the arch names over the individual cemeteries. They also work with supporting Roger Laue in his position as Cemetery Caretaker.

A Few General Government Rulings

Many problems have been brought to the Town Board. One of these has been the destruction of livestock by dogs. Sheep have been the predominately-abused livestock by dogs. There are records dating back in the 1800's to the present time of sheep killed or harassed by dogs. In July 1985 the town passed its first dog control law. Year after year town residents responded with petitions against the proposal of dog control/leash laws. They even went as far as defeating a leash law proposal at the election polls. The town contracts with the Tompkins County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to act as the dog control agent for the town.

In September 1931 The Enfield Town Board appointed a Committee to observe the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration in 1932. The committee consisted of Allan T. Rumsey, Dutton S. Peterson, Cora I Armstrong, Harvey Stevenson, Mrs. John Hansen, Robert Hubbell, Mrs. Luther Teeter, May Savercool, Mrs. Mabel Sheffield, Mrs. Blanch Tucker, Mrs. Warena Ramsey, Mary Chrisfield, Mrs. I.W. Clausen, Mrs. Nellie Myers, Mrs. Martha Bock, Ruth Smith, Eleanor Sturdevant, Nellie Wesley and Antoinette Brezina.¹⁷

On February 21, 1932¹⁸ a church service was held on the Religion of Washington. February 23 a community supper with a motion picture showing the life of George Washington. Each of the schools were scheduled during April and May to hold special pageants. The Fourth of July a community picnic and celebration for the town would be held. Agricultural Day, October 8, the Grange and Farm and Home Bureaus were asked to provide a program for the occasion.

In 1985 after much debate a Cable TV Franchise was granted to Haefele TV, Inc. The initial cable runs west on State Route 79 [Mecklenburg Road] from Kennedy Corners junction with Sheffield Road to Rothermich Road, south .4 of a mile; south on 327 thru the village of Enfield Center to the bottom of Porter Hill and off each intersection on State Route 327 for a distance of .3 to .4 of a mile. The cable serviced over 300 residences. The cable company has since expanded to other areas in the town.

Enfield Town Records Are Kept:

In Albany County prior to March 12, 1772 - Montgomery County
[*Record 1771 - 1791 at Fonda, New York]

In Tryon County from March 12, 1772 to April 2, 1784 name changed April 2, 1784 to Montgomery.

In Montgomery county from April 2, 1784 to February 16, 1791.

In Tioga County from February 16, 1791 to March 5, 1794 - Ulysses.

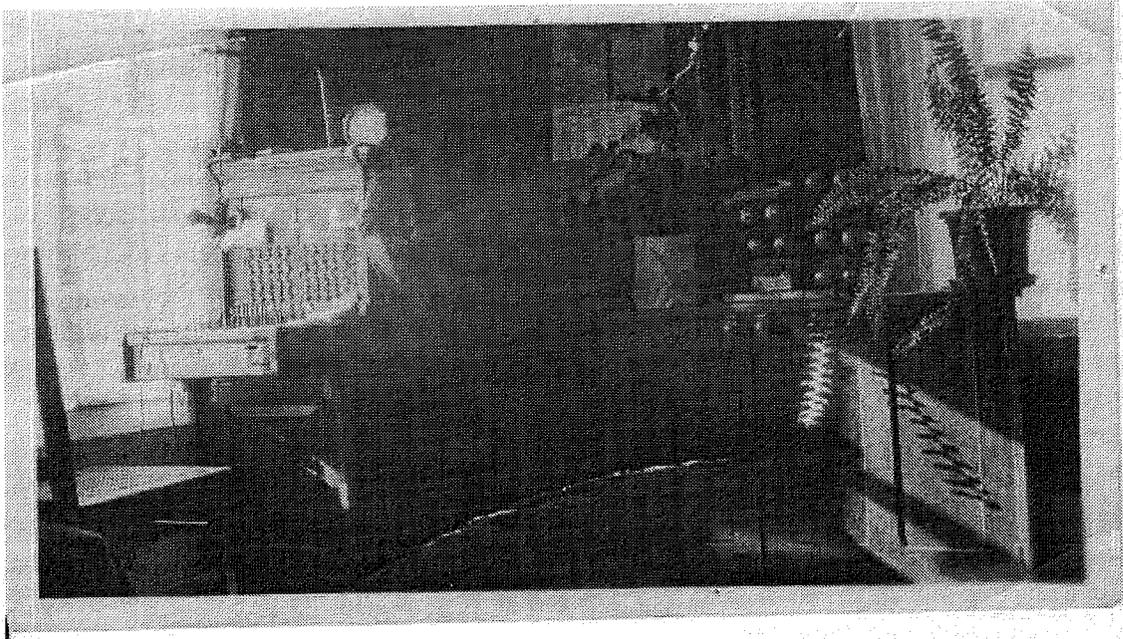
In Onondaga County from March 5, 1794 to March 8, 1799 - Ulysses.

In Cayuga County from March 8, 1799 to March 24, 1804 - Ulysses.

In Tompkins County from April 7, 1817 to Ulysses until March 16, 1821.

Telephones

Enfield at one time had its own Telephone Office. It was the Federal Telephone - Independent Telephone. The Office was located at Enfield Center. According to the different years of the Tompkins County Board of Supervisors Proceedings the town paid support for lines of the Federal Telephone and Telegraph Company and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The 1914 Farm Directory of Tompkins County listed telephone numbers using the Federal Telephone Company at Enfield.



27. Telephone switch board office Enfield Center

Enfield Community Council By Helen Jackson

The Enfield Community Council (ECC) has been providing programming for youth and adults for over 20 years.

When the Enfield Community Council was founded in 1975, one of the first tasks was to investigate sources of funding for its programs. By the time the council was incorporated in 1977, the nursery school contributions, United Way allocation, and local fund-raising from council activities along with the previous DFY (Division for Youth) moneys, provided funds for the programs.

In 1980 the first issue of the Enfield News hit the mail boxes. The purpose was to get people involved with the council. This meeting had seven attendants (Carol Barriere, Kyle Summerskill, Pam Whittaker, Marnie Kirchgessner, Rhoda Linton, Nancy Wurster, and Helen Jackson). Because of the growing need for youth programs, the topic of the meeting was funds and financing. At this time Marnie Kirchgessner agreed to attend a United Way meeting and has been our representative ever since.

There was no nursery school in Enfield in the spring of 1974. So when the local EOC (Economic Opportunity Corporation) worker organized a meeting at Enfield school to talk about forming a nursery school, many of us somehow heard about it and arrived at the school little ones in tow! That summer, the first nursery school was held at the Enfield Elementary School with Melody Johnson as the teacher. It quickly became apparent that if our nursery school was to continue, we would need a permanent location, our own equipment, and a teacher. The summer of 1974 was challenging and exciting. We had lots of enthusiasm and energy but not very much money. So for \$.25 a box, we purchased close to 100 ammunition boxes from the Seneca Army Depot. One of the fathers with carpentry skills (Alfred Wurster) tore the boxes apart and constructed some pretty respectable furniture. Garage sale acquisitions and discarded chairs from the Ithaca schools gave us a pretty respectable inventory. Our first home was in the Enfield Methodist Church and Joanna Sturgeon was hired as the teacher for the fall of 1974.

Parent involvement was considered a key component of the organization and every parent shared responsibilities of assisting the teacher (two parents assisted at each session), and served on one of the three committees. It was our view that the nursery school exists not only for the children but also to meet the needs of adults. Thus parents and others often gathered for workshops, informal discussions,

and even for social occasions for all the families. We also accepted a total of up to six children under the age of three, which meant that we often had children in diapers. That fact, together with the frequent need to move furniture and equipment to accommodate the shared space, first with the church and then with the Enfield Valley Grange, kept the assisting parents very busy indeed.

Children in the first two years (1974-1976) included Christina Albrecht, Jeffrey Aramini, Greg Bock, Lenora and Audrey Brown, Brandon Carlisle, Cody Cook, Josh and Troy Dixon, Jacob Evans, Renee Head, Brian and Ann-Laree Jackson, Erik and Kristen Johnson, Neil McConell, Duane Miller, Christy Mobbs, Gabe Newhart, Connie Pakkala, Shanon Pfaff, Robbie Ricketson, Erika Sturgeon, Craig Tinker, Jason Westcott, and Jenny and Erica Wurster. Later they were joined by Lauri Jo and Teddy Davenport, Megan Armstrong, Jennifer Hubbell, Laura Levy, Meredith DeRidder, and Raymond Michael Hubbell, Mary-Ellen Jackson, among many others.

As the children grew, the need for a nursery school seemed to dwindle. However, in 1982, a few parents met to see about starting up a new group. Alice Linton, Mary Cole, Janice Wright, Carol Barriere, and Sharon Houseworth, together with their preschoolers, got together and started a new cooperative nursery school. They obtained space at the old Enfield Firehouse (now the Community Building), advertised for a teacher and signed up the children. The first teacher for the nursery school was Dan Ruderman. Nina Redman was the next teacher.

Unfortunately, Nina moved to Pennsylvania the next year. Elizabeth Saggese, was our third teacher. She continued on as the nursery school teacher until 1988. When the new firehouse was built we lost the space for a year. When the preschool started back up in the "new" community building, two of the founding parents, now that their children were in school, took over. Janice Wright became the preschool teacher and Mary Cole, her aid. When Janice was offered a job at Cornell, Pat Meeker, another local parent took over.

As the children grew and the parents took jobs the numbers dwindled and nursery school stopped for a few years. When it started back up, Jody Clark became the new teacher, however because of parents working the nursery school lost its "parent cooperative." Cathy Delsignore; another former parent from the "cooperative" nursery school is now the preschool teacher. Members continue to rise and fall, but there always seems to be a need for some type of preschool program. Preschool was discontinued in 1996.

Building on past experiences, the summer programs from 1975 to 1980 attempted to combine recreation with skill development and educational activities. Programs were held at Enfield Elementary School. They usually lasted for about six weeks and ran for about six hours per day with between 75 and 100 campers. Most staff were usually hired from the local colleges, with Enfield teens gaining work experience and earning money working as junior counselors. Community Council volunteers took responsibility for the overall design and management of the programs.

Swimming lessons were always a basic. Bush's pond (Mecklenburg Road) was always the swim site during this time. Other community residents also made a difference by their generosity — Bob Battsford even built and installed a floating dock for beginning divers!

Other activities included sports, nature hikes, overnight camping, arts and crafts, organized games, field trips to farms and other places of interest in the town, etc. One summer there was a special time set aside for an animal project, which included setting up a small animal collection in Helen Jackson's barn, for whose care campers took responsibility.

From 1980 to 1995 the Community Council summer program continued to grow. Children continued to benefit from a variety of activities. When the swim program could no longer be held at Bush's pond they were and still are held at the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company's pond.

The music/drama programs have been the most popular of the summer camp. There have been many beautiful productions with costumes and props made by the children. The art classes were also involved.



29. Children from the Enfield Community Council Program

In the past eight years most of the productions were under the directorship of Jessica Connors, Ann-Laree Jackson, and Elaine Howard who were in some of the earlier programs. Some of the productions were: Grease, Your a Good Man Charlie Brown, Wizard of Oz (twice), Talent shows, Alice in Wonderland, Enfield Hall of Fame, Back to the Fifties, Enfield Summer Cabaret and Sneeches.

We had an Enfield Drill Team for three years that involved about 50 children. The Enfield Drill Team was a marching precision team of youth 5 to 15 years old. They wore beautiful outfits, all alike. We marched in several parades. The routines were taught and instructed by Sandy Trutt with the help of all the parents.

For two years (1989-1990) Enfield Elementary School was under renovation. Through much work and searching for a place for the children to have a summer program, they were able to use the West Hill Alternative School in the City of Ithaca. This required much organization and busing of the children. The Community Council took care of all the expenses — which really put a crunch on the budget. However, the programs always seemed to continue no matter what obstacles were in the way.

After School Program

In the Spring of 1975 ideas for an “After School Program” started. Various families from the community were involved in this beginning program: Tom and Wilma Brown, Marilyn and Bob Westcott, Ellen Ricketson, Dottie Miller, Joan Head, Alfred and Nancy Wurster, Helen and John Jackson, Rosemary Dixon, Rosemary Tinker, Caroline Bingham, Charlie Sheffield, John and Helen Smith, Myrt and Bob Battsford, Rhoda Linton. Proposals were submitted for state and local funds, and a certificate of incorporation was drawn up, forming the Enfield Community Council.

In the Fall of 1975, the first After School Program classes began. Instructors were recruited from our own community when possible. Otherwise, we would turn to the college communities to find young people with specific skills to teach for us. Enfield Elementary School was conveniently located and provided ample space for our new program.

In conjunction with the evening classes, the Enfield Community Library was formed. The Finger Lakes Library System provided a deposit station of seventh grade through adult reading materials, fiction and non-fiction. These books were stored in the Enfield Elementary School Library, which was

open and staffed on Thursday evenings as the Enfield Community Library. Additionally, the community library developed a schedule of special programs - guest speakers and films - for some of those evenings.

In the Spring of 1976, all the After School classes of the Fall continued with strong attendance, with some new ones added. Immediately, tap dance proved so popular with the Enfield young people that the Community Council launched our own Tap-Shoe-Exchange. With Linda Stillwell as the coordinator, parents were urged to search for tap shoes everywhere - rummage sales and second hand stores - and purchase all they could locate for \$2.00 or less. The "exchange" would reimburse for the purchased shoes, make repairs, and then loan them to students for a refundable deposit of 50 cents or a contribution of an outgrown pair. In May, a bake sale was held to help cover the cost of tap shoes. No child in Enfield who wanted to tap was turned away for lack of proper shoes! Dance class enthusiasm continued to increase and in response to popular request, a boys-only dance class began April 5th, 1976, with nine participants.

The dance instructor behind all of this enthusiastic revival of tap dancing was Cindy Hassold, an Ithaca College physical education major. In June of 1976, Cindy planned a gala recital for her students. After she went home one weekend to New Jersey, she returned with a car load of wonderful glittery costumes — all from her own childhood performances. She outfitted her students and they performed with glee for delighted parents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and grandparents! From that moment, Enfield children and parents were hooked. Cindy's classes were more popular than ever in the Fall of 1976, and Gymnastics and jazz dance were added.

Although principals and politics changed at the Enfield Elementary school, the After School Program continued through good times and bad. There were years of large enrollments and other years of smaller enrollments. Programs changed depending on interest, needs and staff hired.

The programs began to grow to a point where, with the help of Nancy Zahler from the Tompkins County Youth Bureau and the Enfield Town Board, a program coordinator was hired to arrange the various programs. As the years passed and the programs changed as well, today at the Enfield Elementary School there is now an after school day care five days a week with enrichment programs added a couple of days a week. Its staff includes a director and a variety of other workers for the programs. Enrichment programs are programs, which provide opportunities for experiences for children who, because of transportation and or economic reasons would not have these experiences.

Enfield Rural Teen Women's Project

As many children grew out of after school and summer activities sponsored by the council, some young women, parents and other interested residents decided to try to develop a project addressing the special needs of pre-teens and teen women in the community. The Teen Women Project was an attempt to provide a mechanism in which older teens (including Linda VanNederynen, Nikki White, Julie Smith, Cindy Linton, Judy Rumsey, Becky Gunning, and Debbie Royce, among others) could assume responsibility to support the development of younger teens (including Kathleen Eaton, Denise and Lisa Saulsgiver, and Carol Newhart, among others) through spending time with them in cultural, social, education, and recreational activities. Family outings, such as the uncomfortable "Father, Daughter Softball Game," were also considered an important part of the program. The purpose of the program was to enhance the lives of all participants as well as to create a supportive network for teen woman and their families in the community.

The project was overseen by an Advisory Committee (including Shirley Egan, Betty Howard, Rhoda Linton and Tracy Saulsgiver) and received funding from the division for youth. The project was in existence from June, 1980 (with its famous "Peas and Potatoes" growing and marketing project!) until June, 1981.

Special Events and Fund Raisers

By October 1975, it seemed time to have a special event to celebrate the accomplishments of the young people in the Summer Day Camp and the After School Programs. Thus the tradition of the annual Enfield Harvest Festival began on October 18, 1975.

There were rides on a fire truck, the newly purchased fire truck was on display for the community and a display on fire prevention was presented by the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company.

In the gym, crafts people demonstrated their arts: weaving (Ruth Place); spinning (Louise Hubbard); quilting (Nina Linton, Warena Ramsey, and others); butter making (Edith Stoughton and Nellie Ruth McEver); ceramics and doll making (Billie Spencer). The Tompkins County 4-H recreation Club demonstrated square dancing with Robert Stalley calling. There were booths with games; the Buck Hill Buccaneers 4-H Club had a sponge toss booth, and the Enfield Town and Country 4-H Club had an apple bobbing booth.

There were booths with good things to eat and drink: Alfred Wurster pressed fresh apple cider; the Enfield Baptist Church sold homemade cakes, pies, and cookies; The Enfield Nursery School sold baked goods, crafts and produce. Betty Bullock's sixth grade class sold popcorn and donuts - a fund raiser for their spring trip to Washington, D.C.

The Boy Scout Troop gave a presentation on outdoor lore. The Enfield Valley Grange offered antiques and other old treasures at their booth. To benefit the Enfield Community Council, there was a raffle of donated items, including a quilted pillow by Nina Linton and a live lamb from Jim Linton — both won by a surprised and smiling Helen Jackson!

The Community Councils first auction was organized and coordinated by Pam Whitaker in June 1980. The money raised was to be used to match Division for Youth Funds. It was held in conjunction with the Enfield Carnival. Over five hundred dollars was raised. The auction has continued to be one of the ECC's biggest fund raisers. Carol Barriere has been the coordinator for most of the years through 1995.

The Fall Harvest Festival (another big fund raiser) has become not only a fund raiser but an anticipated community event. Local vendors and crafts people display and sell their goods while other festival goers enjoy hay and fire truck rides, sample luncheons, chicken BBQ, games and displays such as wool spinning and the Enfield Town Historian. The height of the festival has always been the raffling of the Senior Citizens hand-made quilt.

The Harvest Festival and auction continue to be the Councils biggest fund raisers. However over the years there have been bake sales and other events that have brought in money for the youth program, including a "Run for Youth" fun run and basketball game with a local radio station.

The Community Council is a great example of the old proverb "It takes a whole village to raise a child". It is very exciting to see the hard work of the ECC and other town programs pay off.

Officers Of The Enfield Community Council

1981-1982		1984
President	Ann Rider	Helen Jackson
Vice President	Pam Whittaker	Carol Barriere
Secretary	Dorothy Hunter	
Treasurer	Nancy Wurster	Nancy Wurster
1985		1986
President	Theresa Manheim	Theresa Manheim
Vice President	Debbie Ketchum	Marnie Kirchgessner
Secretary	Mattie Rumsey	Chris Smith

Treasurer Roy Barriere Roy Barriere
Financial Director Rich Favaro Rich Favaro

1987

President Carol Barriere
Vice President Joanne Smith
Secretary Barb Williams
Treasurer Roy Barriere
Program Coord. Peggy Hubbell

1988

Lura Arcangelli
Marnie Kirchgessner
Barb Williams
Debbie Ketchum
Peggy Hubbell

1989

President Marnie Kirchgessner
Vice President Brenda Smith
Secretary Helen Smith
Treasurer Rose Pellegrino

1990-1991

Marnie Kirchgessner
Roy Wollney
Helen Smith
Rose Pellegrino

1992

President Rose Pellegrino
Vice President Roy Wollney
Secretary Debra Traunstein
Treasurer Marnie Kirchgessner

1993

Rose Pellegrino
Dave Owens
Debra Traunstein
Marnie Kirchgessner

1994

President Fredi Shapiro
Vice President Dave Owens
Secretary Jessica Connors
Treasurer Marnie Kirchgessner

1995

Karen Anderson
Fredi Shapiro
Alicia Febo

1996

President Karen Anderson
Vice President Marnie Kirchgessner
Secretary Alicia Febo
Treasurer Tom Drew

1997

Joseph Schehr
Marnie Kirchgessner
Alicia Febo
Tom Drew

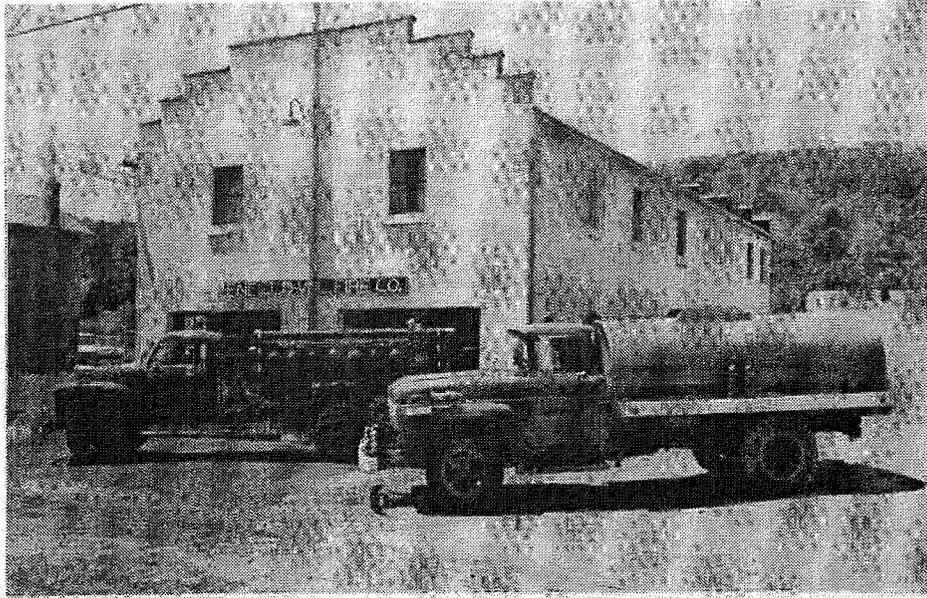
1999: President Jack Kulp **Vice President** David Albrecht
Secretary Vera Howe-Strait **Treasurer** Carol Givin

2000-2002: President David Albrecht; **Vice President** Rob Ainslie **Secretary** Vera Howe-Strait;
Treasurer Carol Givin **Currents Editor:** Kim Albrecht

A Time Line Of The Enfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc. by Dennis Hubbell¹⁶

In the Fall of 1947 discussion began to establish a Fire Company in Enfield. Meetings were held at Newhart's store in Enfield Center and the Town Hall with approximately fifty interested men.

In January of 1948 the first election of officers was held. The elected officers were, Chief: James VanOrder, Captain: Carl Newhart, First Lieutenant: Richard Apthorp, Second Lieutenant: Carlton Miller and President: Donald MacGillivray.



29. First Enfield Volunteer Fire Company House

On January 22, 1948 a Certificate of Incorporation was issued to the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc. Owen Rolfe, Spencer Wilkins, Harry Willis, Donald MacGillivray, Arland Crester and Jay Rumsey signed as Directors of the Fire Company.

1948: February the first ham raffle, as a fundraiser, was held at Woodside Inn. March 20, the first ham supper, as a fundraiser, was held at the Enfield Grange Hall. It was voted to have each member bring a usable item to each meeting to be raffled off. The profits to go towards a building fund. May, the membership reached nearly one hundred members. Harvey Stevenson was elected the building chairman to oversee construction of a thirty foot by forty foot two story building, to be located just south of the Enfield Grange Hall on land donated by Harry and Gladys Willis. June 15, ground was broken for the Fire House. The Town had just purchased a new power shovel. It was unloaded at the site and the excavation was done with this new machine.

1949: February 29, the new Fire House was ready and a meeting was held there. April 4, a new 1948 Chevrolet/American LaFrance fire truck was purchased. July 1, the first contract talks with the Town for fire protection were held. The amount discussed is unclear. May, three fire phone locations were picked so fires could be reported. The first call was to Newhart's store. July, the new fire truck was driven in its first parade. The first Old Home Days were held in the schoolyard at Enfield Center. July, a plan to charge every resident twenty-five cents per week for two years to help pay off the loan on the fire truck was discussed. August, the State Park donated the flagpole from the C.C.C. camp to the Fire Company. October 31, the new fire truck went on its first fire at Bostwicks Corners.

1950: April, a used siren was purchased from the Mecklenburg Fire Company. July, the Town donated two Indian water tanks to the Fire Company for fighting grass fires.

1951: March, a joint scrap drive with the Enfield Grange was held to raise funds. The Fire Company will sponsor Boy Scout Troop Fifty. April, a discussion was held to ask the Town to raise the tax rate fifty cents per thousand. An alarm circuit was installed from Newhart's store to the Fire House.

1952: August, the first known Enfield Hose Team placed second in the Ladder Climb at the Tompkins County Fair.

1953: January, the first water tanker, an old Brockway fuel truck, was purchased. June 26, the first carnival was held with a profit of \$1,352. Underwriters required that ten men respond to calls within ten minutes.

1954: October, talks began on a civil defense radio system. The Federal Civil Defense Department saw a need to set up a radio communication system in the event of national disaster.

1955: January, a two-year contract was signed with the Town for \$1,467. The civil defense radio and siren tests will be at noon on Saturdays and 7:15 pm on Wednesdays. December, a used ladder truck was purchased from the Ithaca #9 Fire Station for \$300. A 1947 Dodge water tanker was purchased to replace the Brockway truck.

1957: February, an addition to the back of the Fire House, to include two bays plus an upstairs hall area, was approved for \$5,000.

1958: January, a two-year contract was signed with the Town for \$1,750. April a used one thousand gallon water tank from Seneca Army Ordinance was purchased for \$10. July a new Ford F-700 chassis for the one thousand gallon water tank was purchased for \$3,314.

1959: July, an old school bus was purchased for transporting firemen and Auxiliary members to parade sites.

1960: January, the contract with the Town for fire protection was \$2,300. A breathing resuscitator was purchased. May, a lease was obtained on land at the corner of State Route 79 and State Route 327. The land to be used for fund raising carnivals. June, the first Kiddie Parade was held at the time of the annual carnival.

1961: July, Permission was received from the Baptist Church to put up the siren on their property across the road from the firehouse. August, an alarm system was installed in the Fire House.

1962: January, of 1962 the fire protection contract with the Town was for \$3,000. September of 1962 a 1963 Ford F-750 chassis was purchased for \$3,989.

1963: September, new blacktop was installed in front of the Fire House at a cost of \$350.

1964: February, of 1964 the first portable walkie-talkie radios were purchased. September, the Dodge water tanker was sold. October, Dodge pickup truck was purchased for \$1,995.

1965: April, two Scott air paks were purchased. They are self-contained breathing apparatus. November it was decided to hold a dance every two months for firemen and their families.

1966: January, the first set of mechanics wrenches and sockets were purchased so members could do maintenance on the trucks.

1967: January, the contract for fire protection with the Town increased to \$3,400. June, purchased a new 1967 Ford Ward LaFrance fire truck for \$15,000.

1968: January, the fire protection contract with Town was for three years at \$4,000 per year. May, a second siren was installed on John Smith's barn on South Applegate Road.

1969: January, the idea of a sub-station was voted down due to high costs. February a direct phone line was installed to the Ithaca Central Fire Station.

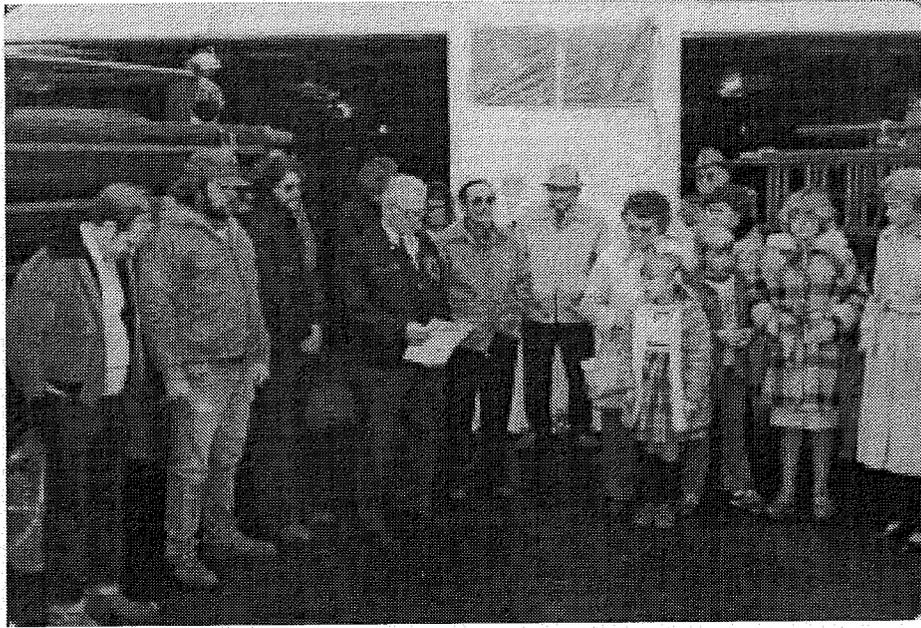
1970: January, a fire phone was installed in the Marian Lovelace residence at the corner of Enfield Main Road and Fish Road.

1971: January, the fire protection contract with Town was raised to \$5,950. May, an addition was to be constructed on the south side of the existing Fire House by Charles Hubbell for \$12,114.

1972: February, purchase was approved for fifteen tone alert monitors as the County had begun to use a radio alert system. June, manpower and equipment was sent to the Elmira-Corning area to help flood victims after floodwaters had devastated the area.

1973: January, the Fire Company's first two-way radios were purchased for the chief and the assistant chiefs. September, the first automatic alarm in Enfield connected the Enfield School to the Tompkins County Fire Control via radio. November the fire protection contract with the Town was signed for \$8,200 to cover 1974. Talks between the Town Board and the Fire Company were becoming increasingly difficult.

1974: July, the idea of going to a Fire District was discussed. November, a two-year fire protection



31. November 15, 1981 dedication ceremony in front Fire House – left to right – George May, Gary Laue, Denny Hubbell, Harold Clark, Dominic Seamon, (behind them) Jessie Smithers and Mary Spadaro) Leon Tucker, Gladys Willis, Mary Ellen Jackson, Brian Jackson, Juanita Wojtanik, Ann Marie Jackson and Helen Jackson.

contract was signed with the Town for \$12,500 per year.

1975: May, Woodside Inn burned to the ground. June a 1975 Ford truck was purchased for \$29,100. July, the 1959 Ford water tanker was sold to the Fillmore Fire Department for \$3,000.

1976: January, Dominic Seamon was injured in a single vehicle accident with the 1967 Ford fire truck while in route to a house fire at Iradell and Waterburg Roads.

1977: September, six members enrolled at TC-3 for the Emergency Medical Technicians course.

1978: June, approval to purchase a 1978 Chevrolet mini-pumper, was gained. The truck was purchased totally with fundraising monies. August, a Rescue Squad was organized. This unit was to respond to all calls in Enfield where an ambulance was dispatched.

1979: March, The newly organized Hose Team to compete on the full schedule of the Central New York Hose Team Captain's Association. Team members were Greg Kirchgessner, Jeff Brainard, Denny Hubbell, Ed Simmons, Carl Hubbell, and Wayne Snyder. They were known as the Enfield "Nozzleknockers".

1980: January, the first Fire investigation Team, with George Palmer as captain, began. The Nozzleknockers received the Sportsmanship Award for 1979 from the Central New York Hose Team Captain's Association. December the Fire investigation Team received a \$500 grant from the Factory Mutual insurance Company.

1981: October, the Fire House was dedicated in memory of the late Harry Willis. December, a two-year fire protection contract with the Town was signed for \$29,100 per year.

1982: September, the Nozzleknockers clinched the 1982 Central New York Hose Team Captain's Association overall point championship. On October 4, 1982 seven acres of land were purchased behind the Fire House from Gladys Willis as the site for the new Fire House.

1983: August, construction of a pond behind the Fire House was approved. September, the Nozzleknockers tied the Odessa Hose Team for the overall point's championship for 1983. A \$49,000 budget was proposed. The Town Board felt this to be high and requested that it be reduced. October, the

Fire Company reduced the 1984 budget to \$41,000. The Town Board asked for a larger reduction. November, the Fire Company pleaded with the Town Board to approve the \$41,000 budget figure, as that is what it cost to run the Company for a year. After some heated discussions the Town Board adopted a budget figure of \$36,400. The Fire Company refused to sign the 1984 contract for that amount. State and County officials along with lawyers from both sides were called in to settle the impasse. An agreement was reached with the Town Board for \$36,400 for 1984 with the remaining \$5,000 to be paid over the next several years. A fire protection contract was then signed.

1984: April the Town Board started proceedings to go to a Fire District in light of the problems that arose with negotiations for the 1984 fire protection contract. July, a bus was purchased from Cornell University for parade use. The money was to be taken from the firemen's fundraising account. September, the Nozzleknockers clinched the Central New York Hose Team Captain's Association title for the third straight year.

1985: January, the fire protection contract was for \$54,700. February, the 1975 Ford fire truck was sold to the Wayne New York Fire Department for \$30,000. April, a 1985 Ford F-8000 tanker was purchased for \$73,000. November, the refurbished 1967 American LaFrance fire truck was put into service.

1986: January, the fire protection contract was for \$63,725. June, the first computer was purchased to keep track of the Company's records. August after, thirty-eight years of stag banquets, it was decided to allow wives or girlfriends to attend. October, it was recommended to the Town Board, by the Fire Company's Board of Directors, that they drop the Fire District plan as no action had taken place in at least a year. An Explorer Post was started for young firefighters.

1987: May, the Fire Company's Board of Directors asked the Town Board for a decision on funding for a new building. June, lacking a decision on a new building funded by the Town, it was decided by the membership to try to secure funds on the Company's own merits. The first hydraulic powered extraction tools were purchased. November, funds for a new Fire House were included in 1988 budget. The estimated cost \$325,000. The firemen to donate money from their accounts plus their labor to finish the inside of the building, reducing the cost by \$100,000 thus leaving a total to be financed at \$225,000. December, a contract was signed with Morton Building of Homer, New York to construct the new Fire House. December, a vote was taken as to whether to continue the carnival and beer concession. The results were twenty one-yes and eight-no.

1988: January, the contract for fire protection was \$74,050. February an ambulance was purchased from the Trumansburg Fire Department. June, the Fire Company moved into the new Fire House. September, the old Fire House was turned over to the Town to be used as a community building.

1989: January, the fire protection contract with the Town was for \$97,131. March, a well was drilled on the carnival grounds to aid in meeting Health Department regulations. April, the chief, Dennis Hubbell, received the Tompkins County Fireman of the year award for his dedication to fire service.

1990: January, the fire protection contract with the Town was for \$129,330. September it was voted to discontinue having the carnival.

1991: January, the fire protection contract with the Town was now up to \$155,040 due in part to the lack of revenue from the carnival. April, different types of fundraisers were considered to replace the carnival. August, the first annual "Cruise to the Country" car show was held.

1992: January, the fire protection contract was cut by \$15,000 to \$140,040. April, the 1978 Chevrolet mini-pumper was sold to the McGraw Fire Department for \$12,500. The Company donated \$1,000 from the fund-raising account to the County's new computer aided dispatch system. May, a used 1978 Ford heavy rescue vehicle was purchased. June, the first Air Bag Rescue System was purchased. September, the pond dike was leaking, was to be totally rebuilt by Austic Excavation of Trumansburg. The

breathing apparatus units was approved. The 1978 Ford heavy rescue vehicle was dedicated in memory of longtime firefighter and past chief Jake Smithers who passed away in 1992.

1994: January the fire protection contract with the Town was for \$144,809.

1995: Fire Protection contract with the town was \$149,153.00

1996: September wiring was completed to accommodate auxiliary power for Fire Station in case of power outage.

1997: November the first known Blood Drive was held at the Enfield Fire Station.

1998: June 22, Enfield Volunteer Fire Companies 50th Anniversary.

1999: Fire Protection contract with the town was \$174,044.00

2001: Fire Protection contract with the town was \$193,156.00

2002: Fire Protection contract with the town was \$203,366.00

The Charter Members

Apthorp, Richard; Bock, Fred; Bock, Robert; Boyer, Fred; Calkins, George; Comstock, B.F.; Cretser, Arland; Fish, Robert; Fish, Russell; Fitchpatrick, Lawrence; Ford, Frank A.; Fox, Norman; Geisler, A.P.; Grover, Sherman; Hornbrook, Howard; Hornbrook, Donald; Hubbell, Richard; Hubbell, Raymond; Huhtanen, William; Laue, Harold; Laue, Ernest; Laughlin, Lee; Leonard, Eugene; MacGillivray, Donald; Michener, Richard; Miller, James; Miller, F. Carlton; Nadge, William; Newhart, Carl; Rolfe, Wesley; Rolfe, Owen; Rood, Russell; Rothermich, Henry; Schaber, T.A.; Schilling, Delbert; Schilling, Robert; Schnitzer, Albert; Snyder, Norman; Stamp, Howard; Stark, George; Steinberg, Roger; Stevenson, Robert; Stevenson, Lawrence; Stevenson, Harvey; Stoughton, Clarence; Stoughton, Kenneth; Swansbrough, Harry; Thall, Robert; Tompkins, William; Van Order, James; Warren, Lyman; Wilkins, Spencer; Willis, Harry; Wright, Arthur

Life Members

Bock, Fred (d); Bock, Robert; Brainard, Jeff; Carlisle, Floyd (d); Carlisle, Albert (d); Carlisle, Michael; Cornish, Robert; Covert, Arthur; Hubbell, Roger; Hubbell, Richard; Hubbell, Raymond (d); Inman, Merton; Lanning, Larry; Laue, Harold; Laue, Ernest; Lovelace, Carl; Newhart, Carl (d); Oliver, Vince (d); Palmer, Roy (d); Palmer, George; Patterson, Thad (d); Rolfe, Wesley (d); Rumsey, Dana (d); Rumsey, Orville (d); Rumsey, Ralph; Rumsey, Jarad (d); Saulsgiver, Larry; Seamon, Dominic; Sheffield, Charles; Smith, Earl (d); Smithers, Jake (d); Snyder, Norm (d); Spadaro, Frank; Stark, George (d); Stevenson, Robert (d); Stevenson, Harvey (d); Stilwell, Larry; Thall, Carlton; Tucker, Emmett (d); VanOstrand, Randolph (d); Warren, Lyman; Wilkins, Spencer (d); Willis, Harry (d); Wright, Randall (d); Young, Edward (d)

Chiefs

1948-49 James VanOrder; 1950 Orville Rumsey; 1951 Earl Mengle; 1952-54 Jake Smithers; 1955 Wesley Rolfe; 1956 Floyd Carlisle; 1957 Merton Inman; 1958 Earl Smith; 1959-60 Merton Inman; 1961 Floyd Carlisle; 1962 Dominic Seamon; 1963 John Juber; 1964-65 Dominic Seamon; 1966 Norm Snyder; 1967-68 Gale Carlisle; 1969-70 Dominic Seamon; 1971 Mickey Carlisle; 1972 Earl Smith; 1973-75 Mickey Carlisle; 1976-79 Jeff Brainard; 1980-92 Denny Hubbell; 1993-94 George May; 1995-96 Larry Stillwell; 1997 – Rich Neno; 2002 – Greg Stevenson

Captains

1948 Carl Newhart

1968 John Smith

1949 none

1969 George Palmer

1950-51 Lyman Warren	1970 Larry Stilwell
1952 Harry Swansbrough	1971 George Palmer
1953 Roger Hubbell	1972-73 Ed Barr
1954 George Calkins	1974 James Bailey
1955 George Calkins/Nelson Terwilliger	1975 Art Covert
1956 Merton Inman/Jared Rumsey	1976 Roger Lauper
1957 Albert Carlisle/Harvey Curry	1977 Denny Hubbell
1958 Jared Rumsey/Harvey Curry	1978-79 Art Covert
1959 Wesley Rolfe	1980 Ed Simmons
1960 John Juber	1981-83 Art Covert
1961 Orville Rumsey	1984-85 G. Kirchgessner
1962 Merton Inman	1986 Roger Lauper
1963 Dominic Seamon	1987-88 Wayne Snyder
1964 John Hamilton	1989-91 Art Covert
1965 Gale Carlisle	1992 Ray Hubbard
1966 George Palmer	1993 Greg Stilwell
1967 Charles Sheffield	1994 Ray Hubbard
1995-1997 Wayne Snyder	2002 Mark Roach

Secretaries

1948-51 Arland Cretser; 1952-55 Vince Oliver; 1956-58 Spencer Wilkins; 1959-61 Dominic Seamon; 1962 Jake Smithers; 1963 Robert Gray; 1966-68 Roger Hubbell; 1964 Roger Hubbell; 1965 Charles Sheffield; 1969-76 Chas. Sheffield; 1977-79 James Bailey; 1980 Andrew Herkovic; 1981 Greg Kirchgessner; 1982-88 Chas. Sheffield; 1989-92 Bill Eisenhardt; 1993-95 Judy Neno; 1996-97 Tanya Snyder; 2002 Judy Neno

Treasurers

Wesley Rolfe; 1950-52 Charles McGurk; 1953-62 Thad Patterson; 1963-67 Vince Oliver; 1968 James McClellan; 1969-75 Merton Inman; 1976 Robert Ricketson; 1977 Merton Inman; 1978-80 Frank Spadaro; 1981 Andrew Herkovic; 1982-84 Roy Barriere; 1985 Robert Stage; 1986-90 Brad Connors; 1991-96 Roy Barriere; 1997 Judy Neno; 2002 Roy Barriere

Ladies Auxiliary By Annabelle Seamon And Fern Smith Ferris

Ladies Auxiliary formed July 1953. There were 31 Charter Members. The purpose of the Ladies Auxiliary is to promote the welfare and render any assistance wherever possible to the fire company. Promote sociability among the members of the auxiliary. Originally the constitution states members of the auxiliary must be wife, widow, sister, daughter or mother of a current Enfield Volunteer Fireman.

When the auxiliary was first formed they assisted by bringing coffee and refreshments to the fire scene. As the Fire Company developed we assisted with dinners, breakfasts, Barbeques, and dances by furnishing refreshments and support systems. When the firemen started having carnivals as fundraisers the auxiliary worked in all capacities at the carnival grounds (State Route 327 and 79 West, known as Millers Corners). The participation of the community is what made this a financial success.

The ladies auxiliary purchased uniforms to wear in parades at firemen's carnivals. We won money and many trophies. Other projects to make money were: community calendars, cake wheels, and raffles, sold knives, candy and toys. Over the years the auxiliary has donated \$25,000 to the Enfield Fire Company.

Enfield auxiliary pays membership dues to: Ladies Auxiliary of Tompkins County, Central New York

and New York State (LAFASNY). When Enfield Auxiliary joined Tompkins County Auxiliary, Groton, Lansing, McLean and Virgil were also members, but as of 1996 only Enfield, Groton and McLean were members.

Charter Members Of Enfield Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary

Augusta Albertman	Martha Bock	Ann Brown	Betty Brown
Naomi Calkins	Helen Curry	Mary Entrikin	Grace Henderson
Viola McCray	Edna McFall	Virginia Miller	Francis Newhart
Barbara Oliver	Edna Palmer	Althea Rolfe	
Pearl Rolfe	Alice Rumsey	Elizabeth Rumsey	Mabel Rumsey
Mildred Rumsey	Jessie Smithers	Della Snyder	Francis Snyder
Mildred Stark	Marian Terwilliger	Matilda Updike	Emily Warren
Christine Willis	Gladys Willis	Thelma Willis	Helen Wilkins

Post Offices And Postmasters by Randolph Warden

The area of present Enfield was first settled before the formation of Tompkins County from parts of Cayuga and Seneca Counties in 1817¹, and the Town of Enfield was founded on March 16, 1821.² One of the early settlers was John Applegate, who settled at "Applegate's Corners" in 1805³. He opened a tavern northeast of the "Corners" in 1807⁴ and established a post office at that location. This is the first post office listed in the Town of Enfield in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. This was on December 29, 1822⁵. But it appears that there was a post office in the present Enfield before that date⁶, as two authors have stated that the first postmaster in "Enfield Township" was Moses Lovell⁷. The confusion may arise by reason of the fact that Enfield Township (now Town) was formed in 1821 and John Applegate's post office was not recognized as being located in the Township until 1822. Perhaps Moses Lovell was designated a postmaster in Enfield Township before John Applegate, although no date is given as to Moses Lovell and no post office location.

The Applegate post office continued in operation until January 8, 1873⁸, although its location was changed to the northeast corner of "VanDorn's Corners" (VanDorn and Mecklenburg Roads) when Peter VanDorn was appointed postmaster. It appears under the area title of "Enfield P.O." on a map from 1866⁹. After its closing in 1873¹⁰, it was promptly reestablished as a post office with Oliver S. Williams as postmaster on January 27, 1873 and again discontinued on October 13, 1874¹¹.

In June 1892 this post office was again established at Applegate's Corners under the name "Applegate"¹². It continued until November of 1902, when it was abolished¹³. In 1894 Joseph Tibb had been postmaster there¹⁴.

The next post office in the present Town of Enfield was that in "West Enfield". This was opened on March 14, 1832¹⁵ with James Tompkins as postmaster¹⁶. It was discontinued on February 10, 1841¹⁷. Its location appears to have been south of the Mecklenburg Road on what was then called Georgia Road, which ran between Mecklenburg Road and the New Road (presently known as Fish road). The post office was probably located at or near the intersection of Georgia and New roads¹⁸, since that is where "West Enfield" appears on an 1851 map¹⁹. The roads (unnamed) also appear on the 1866 map²⁰.

On July 11, 1846 a post office was established at "Enfield Centre"²¹ (changed to Enfield Center on November 18, 1893)²², with Solon P. Sackett as its first postmaster²³. It was discontinued on April 20, 1918²⁴, at which date Charles F. Wright was postmaster²⁵. This post office was located at the northeast corner of what is now Enfield Main Road and Enfield Center Road East²⁶.

On September 30, 1902 William Barber was postmaster²⁷.

The final post office to be established in Enfield was in Enfield Falls at a location, which is uncertain. It was probably in the most settled part of that village on a road north of Five Mile Creek²⁸. This post office was established on May 31, 1882²⁹ with Charles Budd as the first postmaster³⁰. It was discontinued on August 30, 1902³¹.

Since the closing of the Enfield Center post office in 1918, there has been no post office in the Town of Enfield, where rural free delivery is now universal. In this connection, the first mail deliveries in the area began in Ithaca on September 1, 1888 with horse drawn vehicles. Rural route service was established from Ithaca in 1902. Between 1902 and 1910 there were five rural free delivery routes out of Ithaca. Between 1918 and 1926 motorized vehicles replaced horse drawn carriages³². It was at this time (1918) that the last Enfield post office closed.

Examining maps showing settlements and considering the location of successive post offices, it becomes apparent that post offices first followed patterns of settlement along the present Mecklenburg road, with settlements at Applegate's Corners (Enfield), VanDorn's Corners (Enfield Post office) and West Enfield, followed by Enfield Center and Enfield Falls.

Also notable is the part played by technology. With motor vehicles the last Enfield post office closed. Rural free delivery was established and remains today. Perhaps it is fair to speculate that, in the future, paper mail may be uniformly replaced by "electronic mail". What a benefit for dealing with "junk mail" (4th class as the postal authorities would have it!)

Finally, one additional observation on the past. The earlier mails were carried to Enfield by stage coach. The earliest stage coach traveled a route different from the present Mecklenburg road, between "Applegate's Corners and Ithaca. Since the first road laid out (unused by 1879) ran along the present State Route 79 and then southeasterly from Applegate's Corners "to where Nicholas Kirby lived in 1879, thence over the hill, past the old Lovell farm, and over this road was the first stage coach route"³³. Such stages had regular time schedules as shown by an 1883 brochure showing "arrival" and "closing" times for stage mails to and from Enfield Center and Enfield Falls³⁴.

List Of Town Supervisors And Other Officers For The Town Of Enfield

From the Board of Supervisors Proceedings Historians Report - 1935 and Yearly Report Books.

Years 1821 and 1822 copied from the Minutes book of the Board of Supervisors for the Year 1821 and 1822 - by M.C. Hubbell (3/11/1996)

Additional listings were taken from the budget listings of each year by Sue Thompson. Note: abbreviations for listing below: Elections – Clerk of Elections; Health – Health Officer; Highways – Commissioner of Highways.; Justice of Peace – Justice ; Commissioner Of Common Schools – Schools; Overseer – Overseer of Poor; TC Rep. – Tompkins County Board of Representatives.

1821 - Supervisor: Walter Pain (Payne) **Town Clerk:** Samuel Rolfe

Assessors: Squire Nobles; Jonathan Rolfe; Gilbert Ogden

Elections: William Queal; Charles Ink **Schools:** Moses Lovell; Humphrey Dennis; James Rumsey

Highways: John Still; Amos Buck; Isaac Beach

Constable: Jesse Harriman; William Queal; Charles Ink

Justice: Walter Payne; William Hunter; Samuel Rolfe; Moses Lovell

Overseer: Jesse Harriman; Jonathan Rolfe

1822 - Supervisor: John Applegate **Town Clerk:** Samuel Rolfe

Assessor: Reuben Lyon; Gilbert Ogden; Squire Nobles; Humphrey Tabor