

SCHOOL ONE, TODAY

School One is located on Park Avenue, the main street of Scotch Plains. The school grounds extend from Park Avenue to Forest Road. School One's building is made of red brick with wooden window frames, which are painted white. At one time the school had a roof of wooden shingles but as that was a great fire hazard most of the roof has been recovered with slate shingles. A bell tower is on top of the building. This past year, the school was repainted both inside and outside. There are six entrances to the building.

The grounds were all landscaped last year. Sidewalks were built all the way to the back on both sides of the building. The driveway was fixed and repaved. A lawn was planted in the front and the hedge was torn out. This makes the grounds look very attractive.

The playground was also fixed up last year. It is not as muddy as it had been before. About ten years ago, a fence approximately eight feet high was built around the school yard. It helps to keep the children on the school yard and makes it easier to keep the grounds in shape. The entire school grounds look much different than they did a few years ago.

If we enter School One by the front entrance, on the left is the principal's office and the library. There are eight classrooms on the first floor. These are for the primary grades--from the kindergarten through the third grades. There are two rooms for each grade except for the kindergarten and Miss Webb's combination class.

On the second floor, there are seven classrooms for the upper grades. There are two classes for each grade and one combination grade. Also, the auditorium and teachers' room are upstairs. On the first floor, there is a boys' lavatory. The girls' room is on the landing of the middle stairway.

Inside of the building, the walls are of wood and plaster. They are painted brown and cream. There are three fire-proof entrances. Our school is heated by a coal furnace. There is a ventilator in each room. Each room has the regular school equipment such as blackboards, bulletin boards, etc. Every class has its own class library to supplement the main library in the office. As our desks are very old, we hope to have new ones very soon.