



This monument, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Front Street in Scotch Plains, was constructed by the Victory Celebration Committee of Scotch Plains to commemorate the contributions of our community to World War I. The captured German cannon was a gift from the government, in appreciation of the fact that Scotch Plains had the largest percentage of over-subscription to the Victory Liberty Loan in any non-banking community in the Second Federal Reserve District. This subscription tallied to almost \$700,000. In a newspaper clipping located in the time capsule unearthed in the monument in 1995, it is stated that the monument is to serve as a "proper memorial to the boys who responded to the call of the Great World War, and the part which Scotch Plains took in the Victory Liberty Loan when the town raised \$700,000 against its quota of \$25,500. In doing so, the town won first prize, a captured German cannon . . . A ceremony was held to dedicate the monument and the honorable Jowett Shouse, Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, was orator of the day." This monument consists of an 80-foot steel flagpole, "an isle of safety to protect pedestrians, and at the base of the flagpole is a concrete pedestal upon which will be a bronze tablet showing the names of the 88 boys and one girl who responded to the call, three of whom paid the supreme sacrifice." The monument stands today, although it now commemorates all of our country's wars. It is currently being restored by the World War II Commemorative Committee.