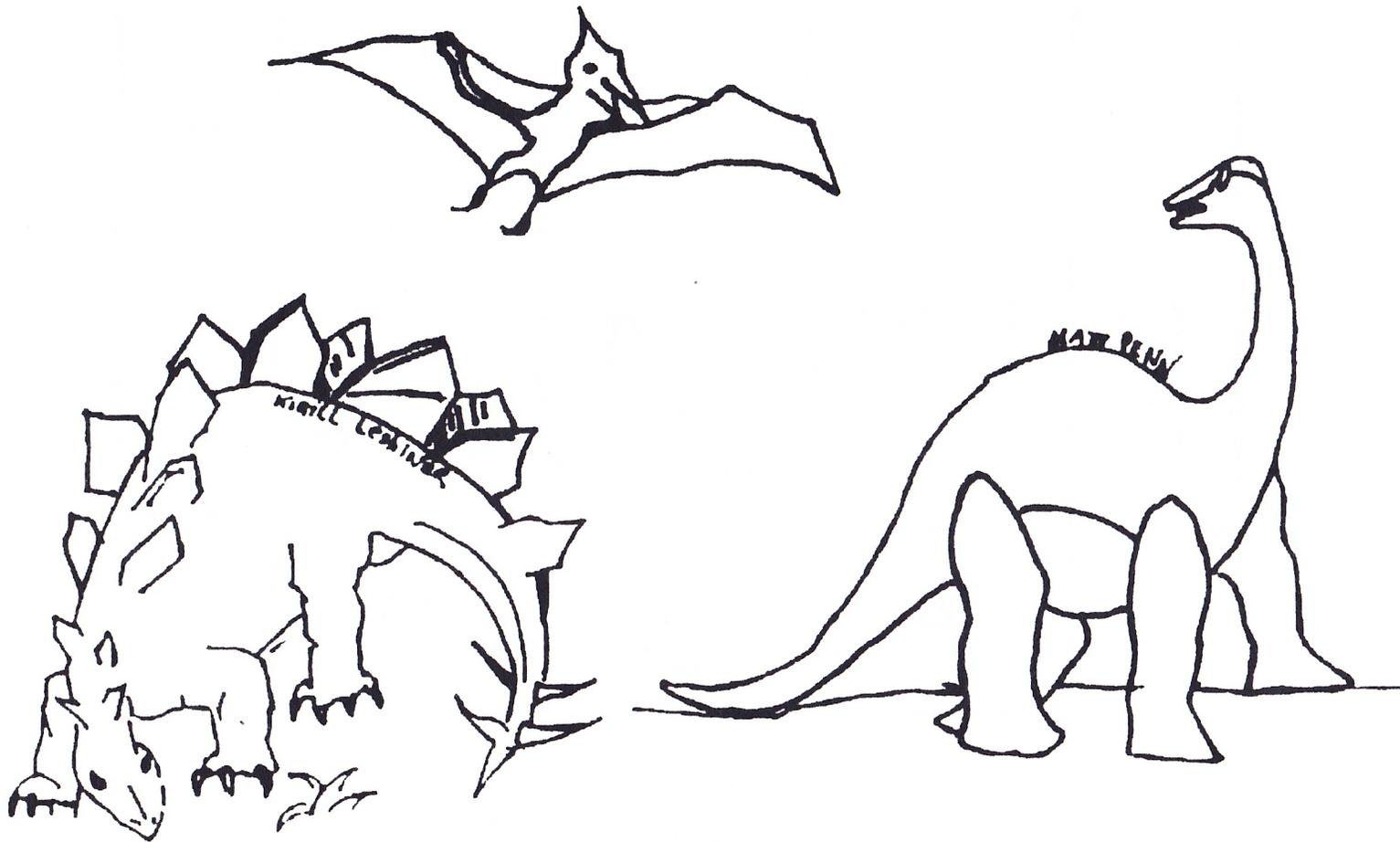


Matthew Swirnic

Let's travel through time and see how the Township of Washington looked a long time ago.



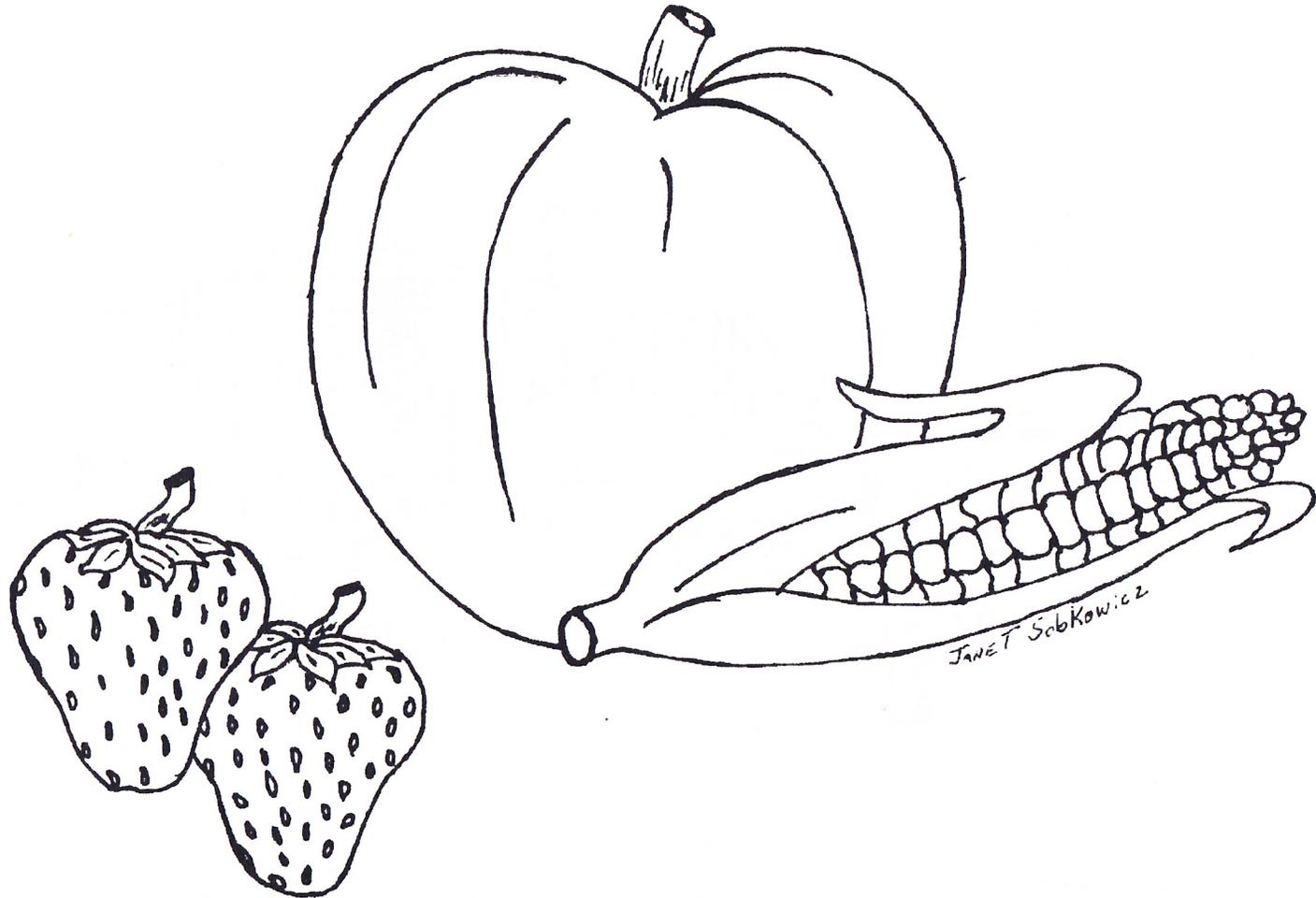
Millions of years ago dinosaurs ruled the earth.



Much later, the Indians came. They called themselves the Lenni-Lenape, meaning "original people."



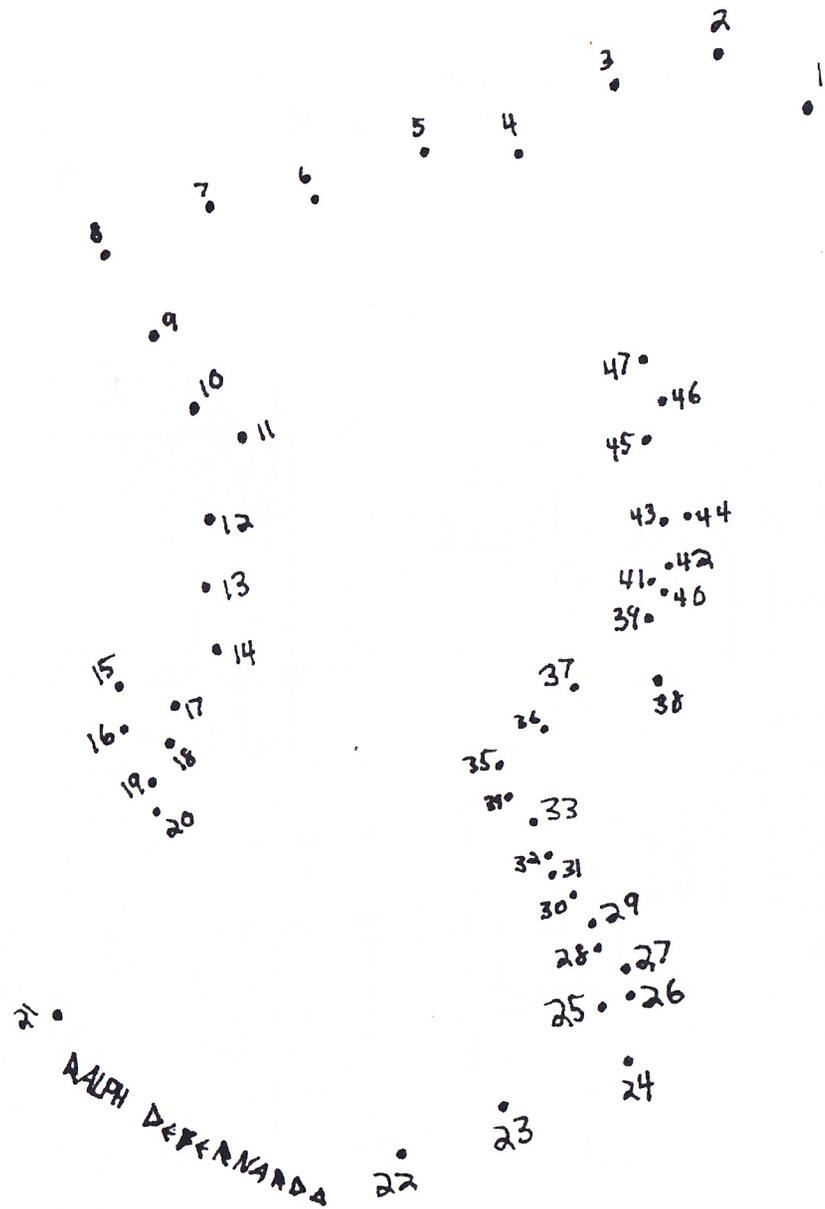
The first European settlers in this part of New Jersey came mostly from Holland. They were known as the Dutch.



Dutch farmers cultivated fields in which they grew pumpkins, corn, and strawberries.



The oldest house in the Township was built by Nicholas Zabriskie in 1745. Dr. William Howland bought the house in 1914 and named it "Seven Chimneys."



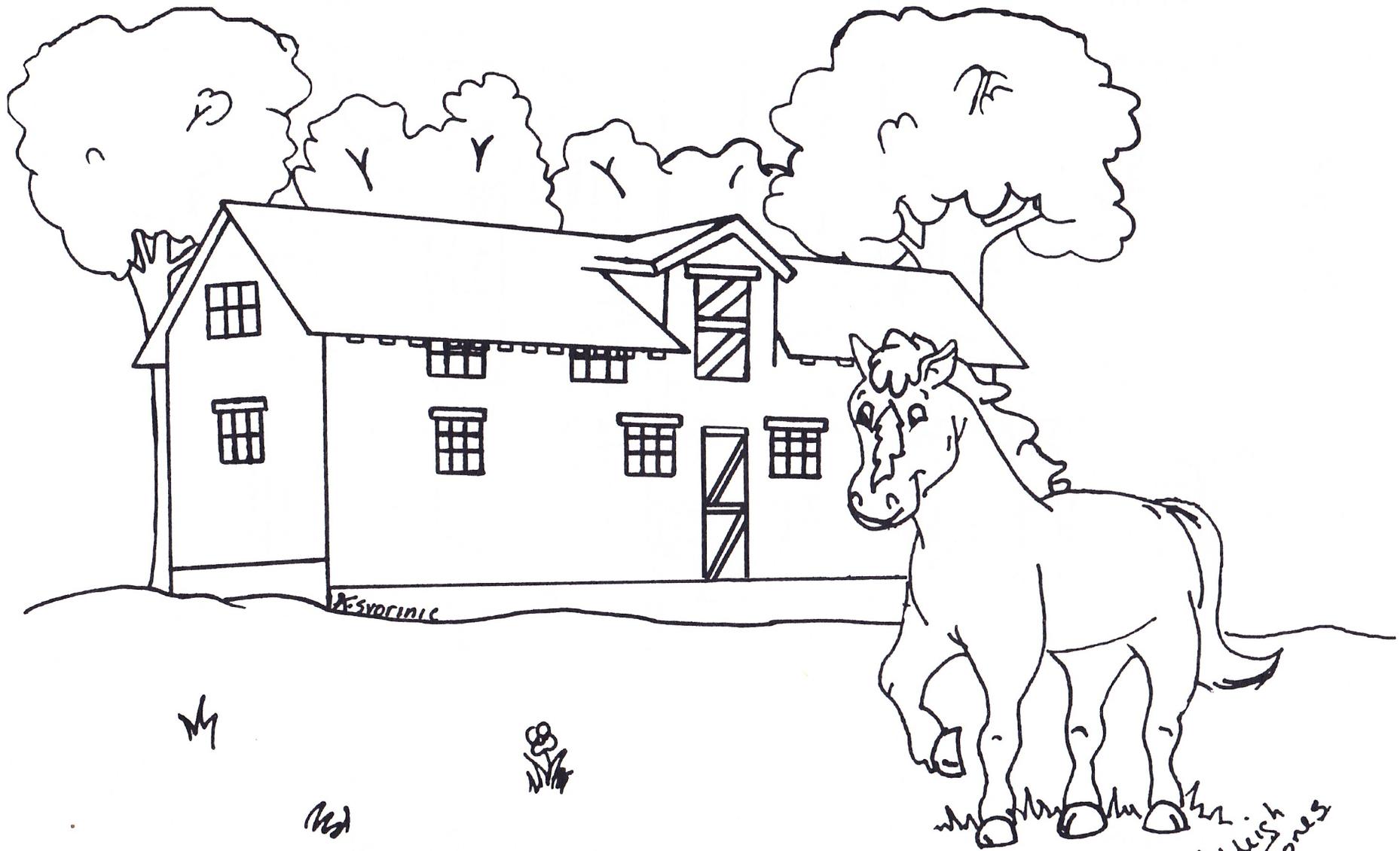
In 1840, the Township of Washington was named in honor of the first President of the United States.



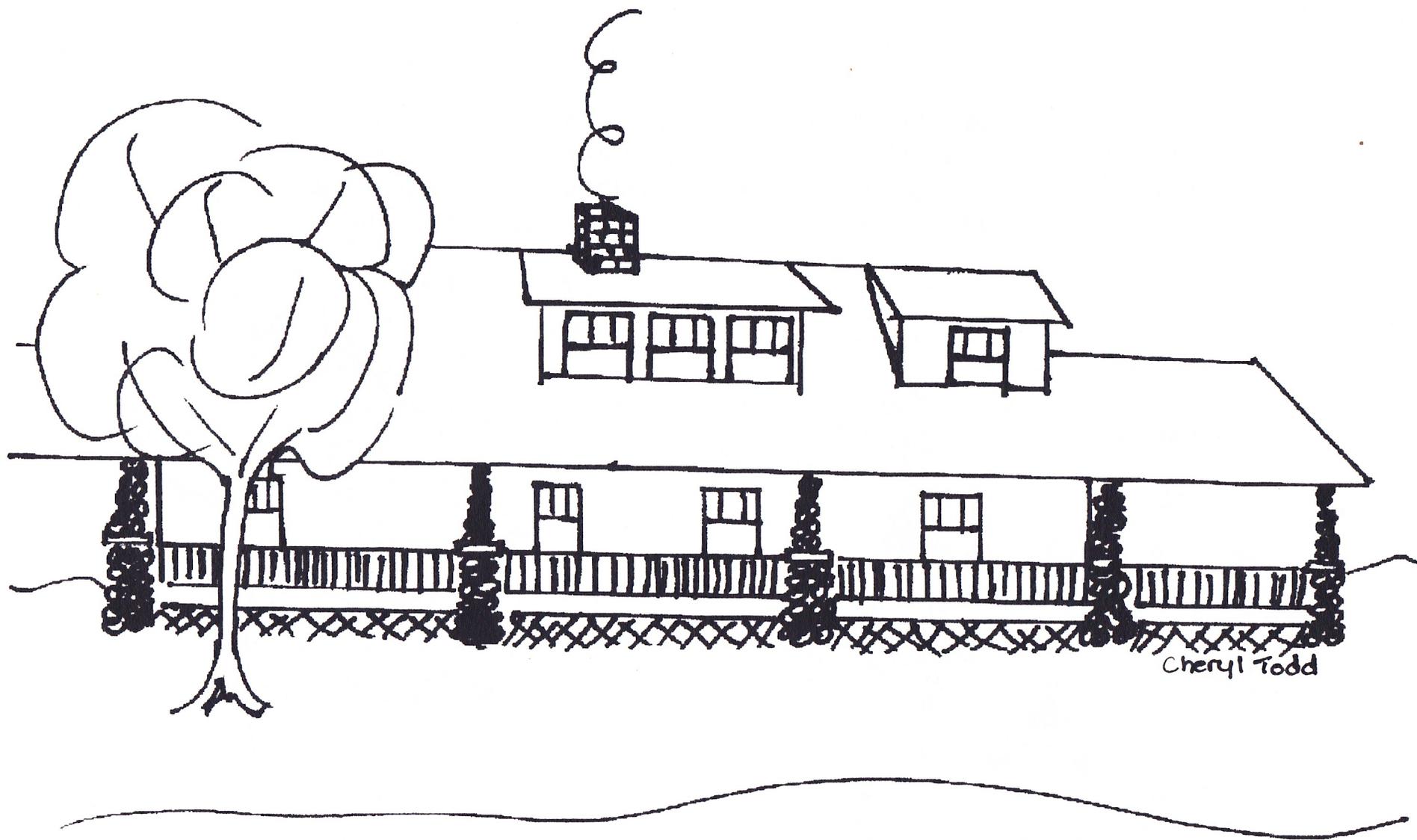
The John Van Horn house at 7 Ridgewood Road was built of compressed earth between 1861 and 1876. It is one of only two such "mud houses" known to exist in Bergen County.



Township children attended classes in this one-room schoolhouse from 1902 to 1922.  
The building was often called "the crackerbox."



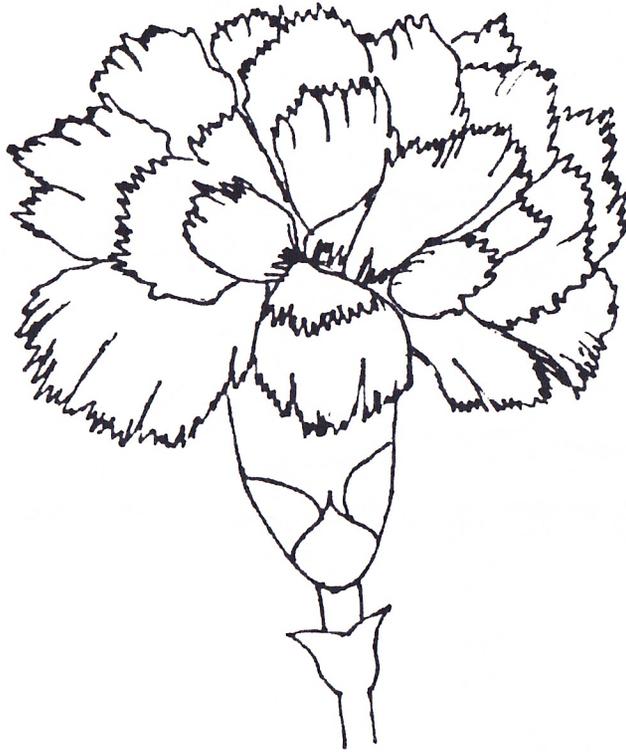
The stable on Mountain Avenue was built in the early 1900s to provide shelter for horses and other animals.



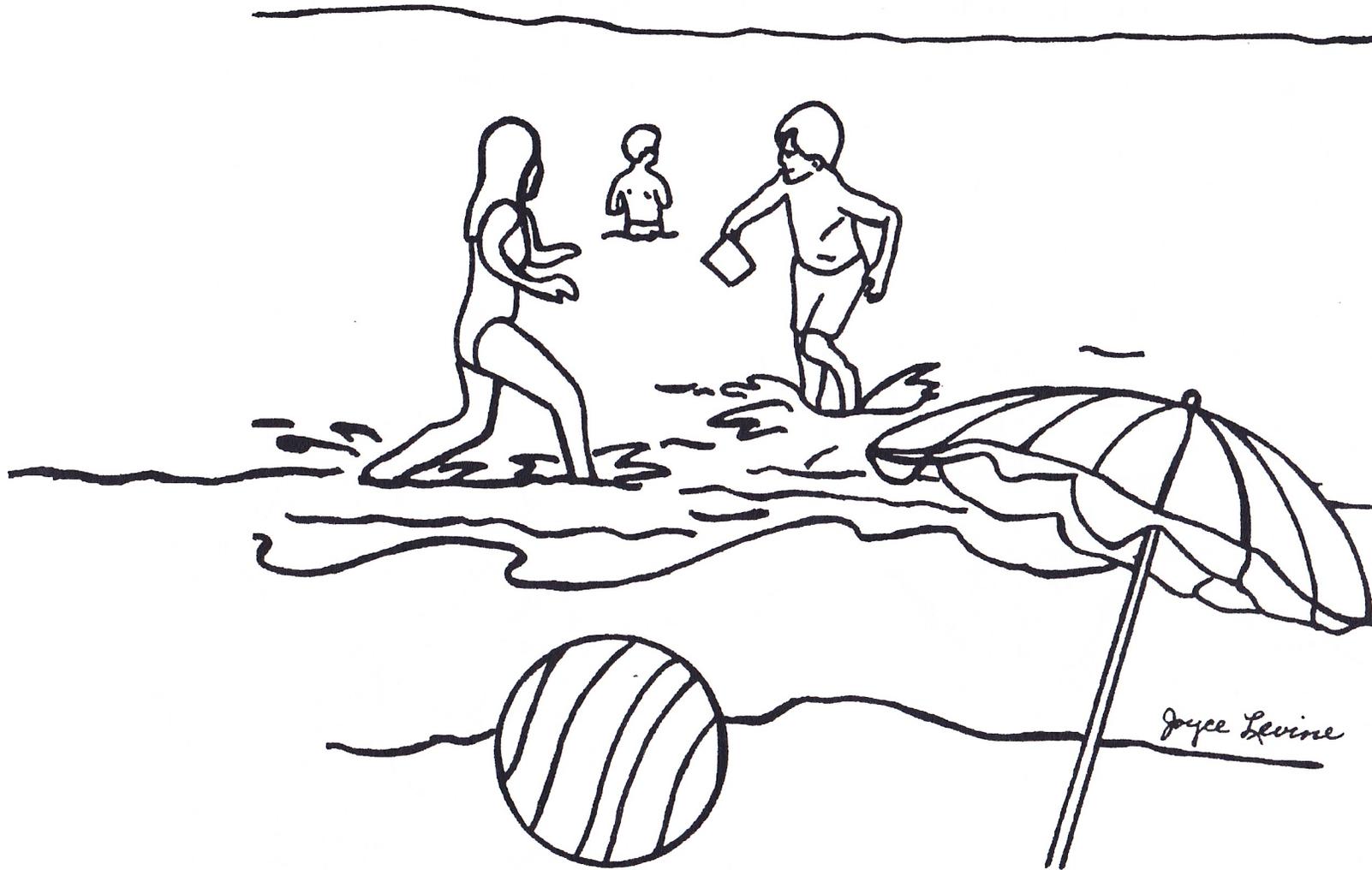
Edmund F. Hanks built this house on the corner of Pascack and Ridgewood Roads in 1913. It was known for many years as the Pine Lake Inn.



Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States, visited his friend Dr. William Howland at Seven Chimneys during the years after he left office. After a 1902 political cartoon showed Roosevelt with a bear cub, toymakers started producing the cuddly, stuffed animals that are still known as “teddy bears.”



Two of the early businesses in the Township of Washington involved the cultivation of flowers.  
Beuerlein's Home of Flowers produced carnations and Orchidvale grew orchids.  
Both businesses were frequent winners at international flower shows.

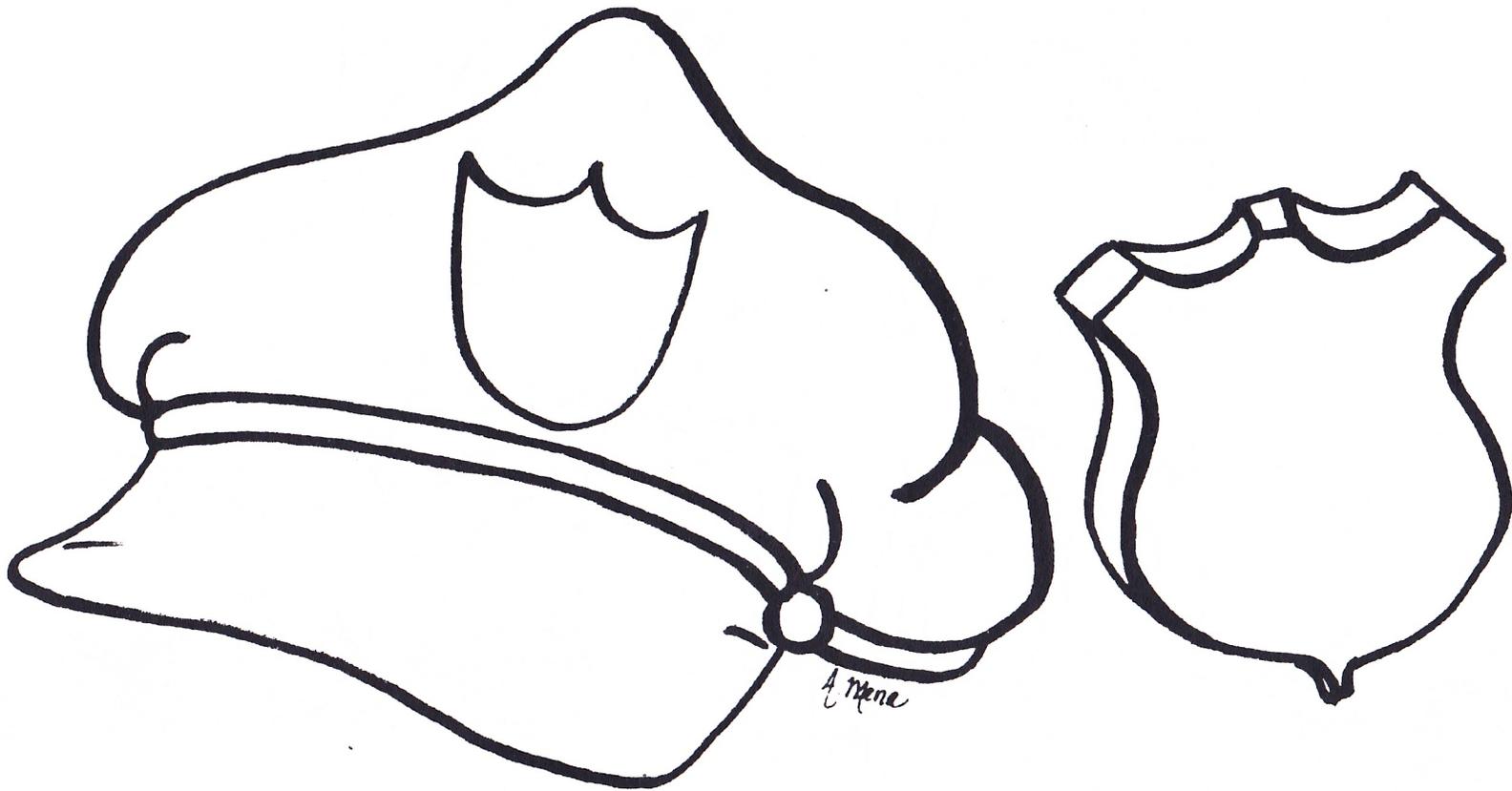


Pine Lake was a popular place for young people to meet and swim in the era before private swimming pools. From 1930 to 1976, people traveled long distances to enjoy the cool waters of the lake on a hot day.

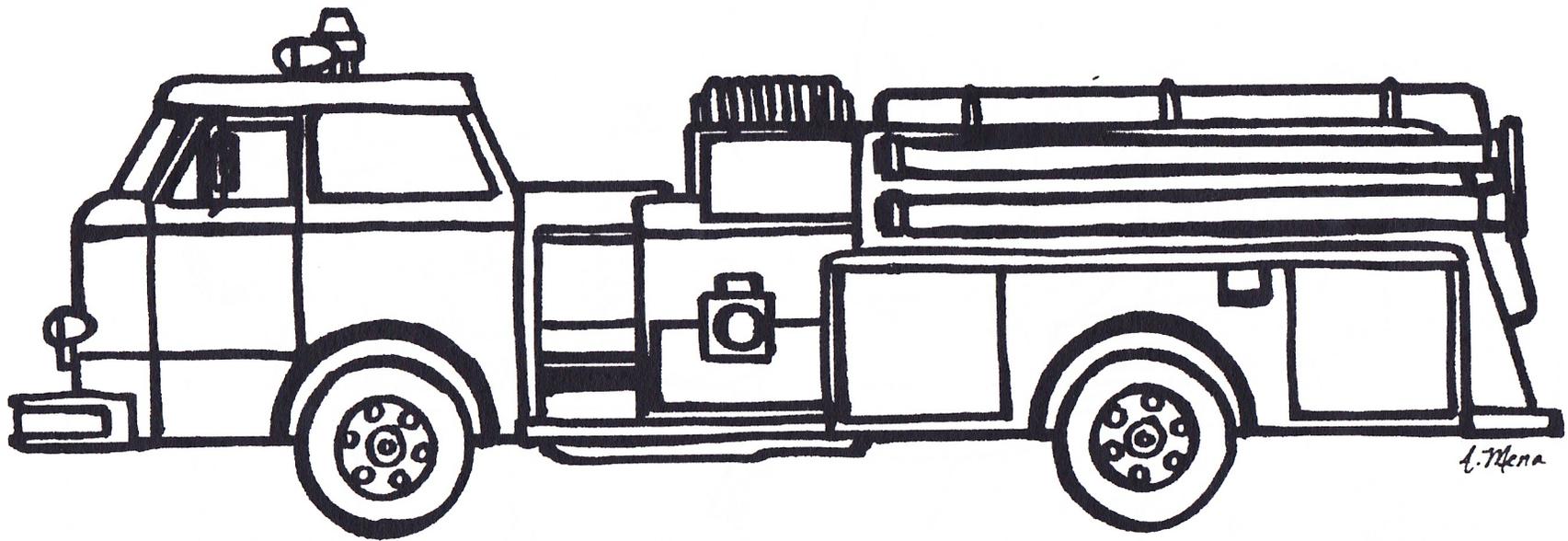


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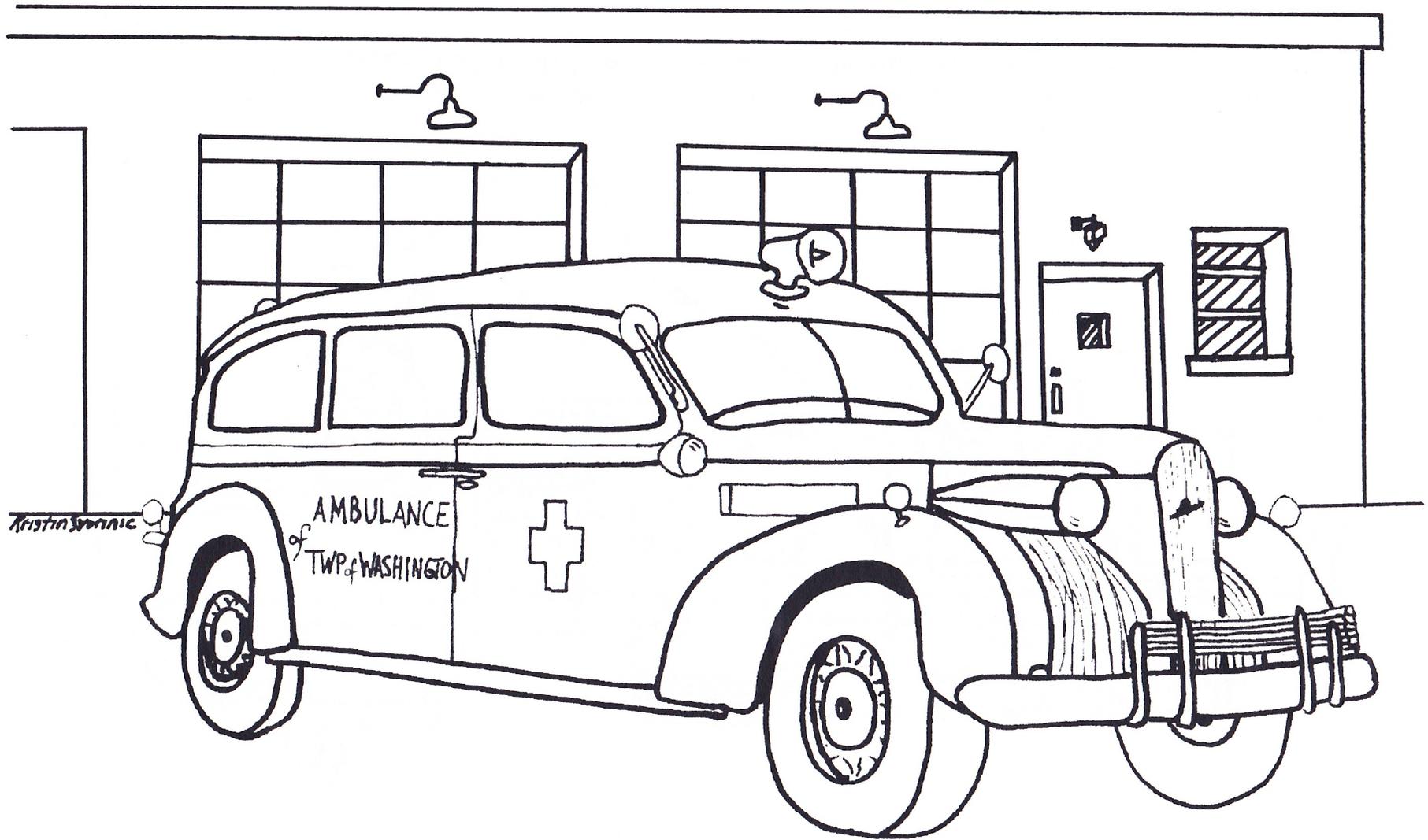
Ice skating has been a popular form of winter recreation in the Township for many years.



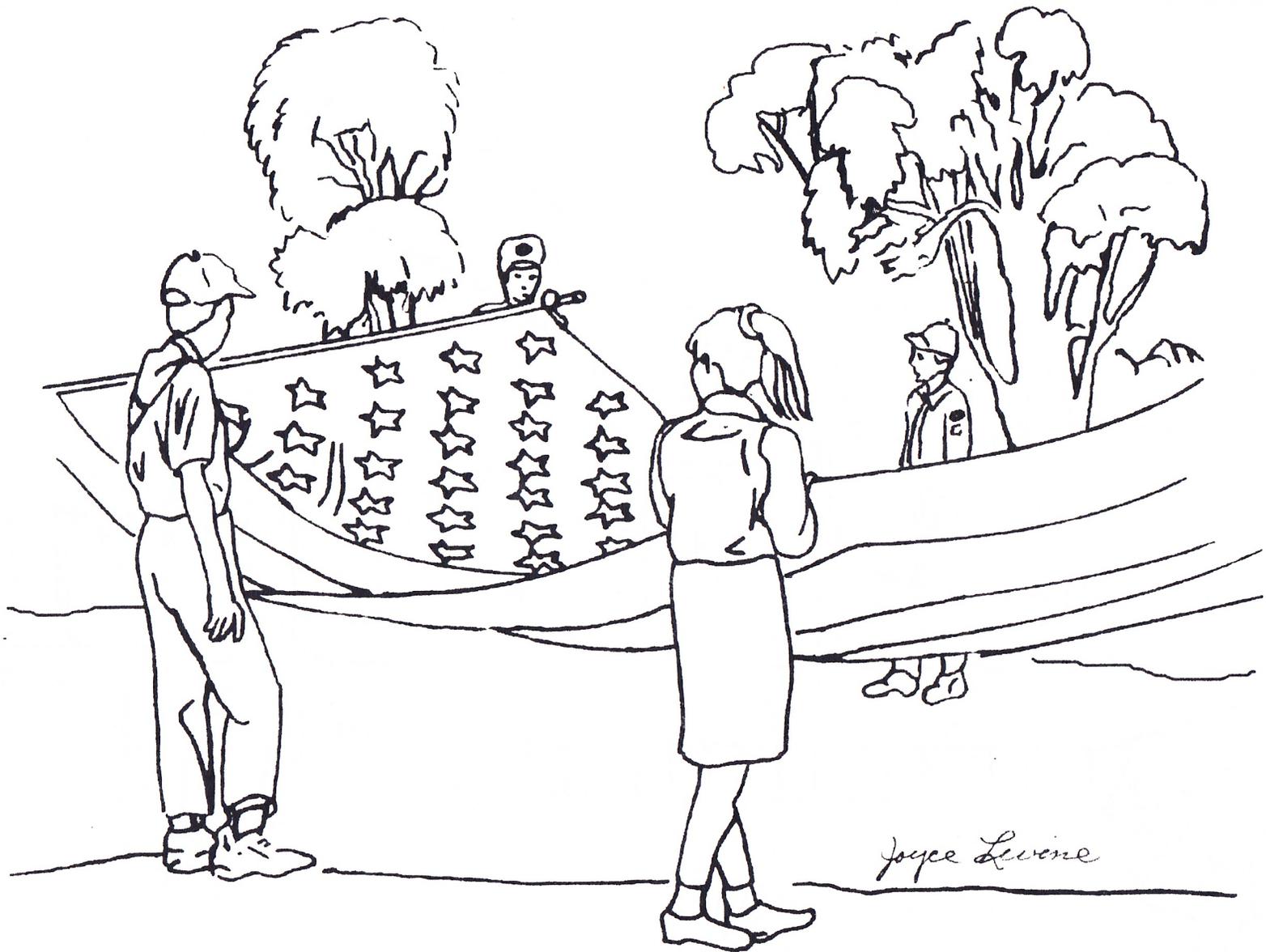
The Township of Washington Police Department works to prevent crime and to assist people with many different kinds of problems. Police officers wear distinctive hats and badges as part of their uniform.



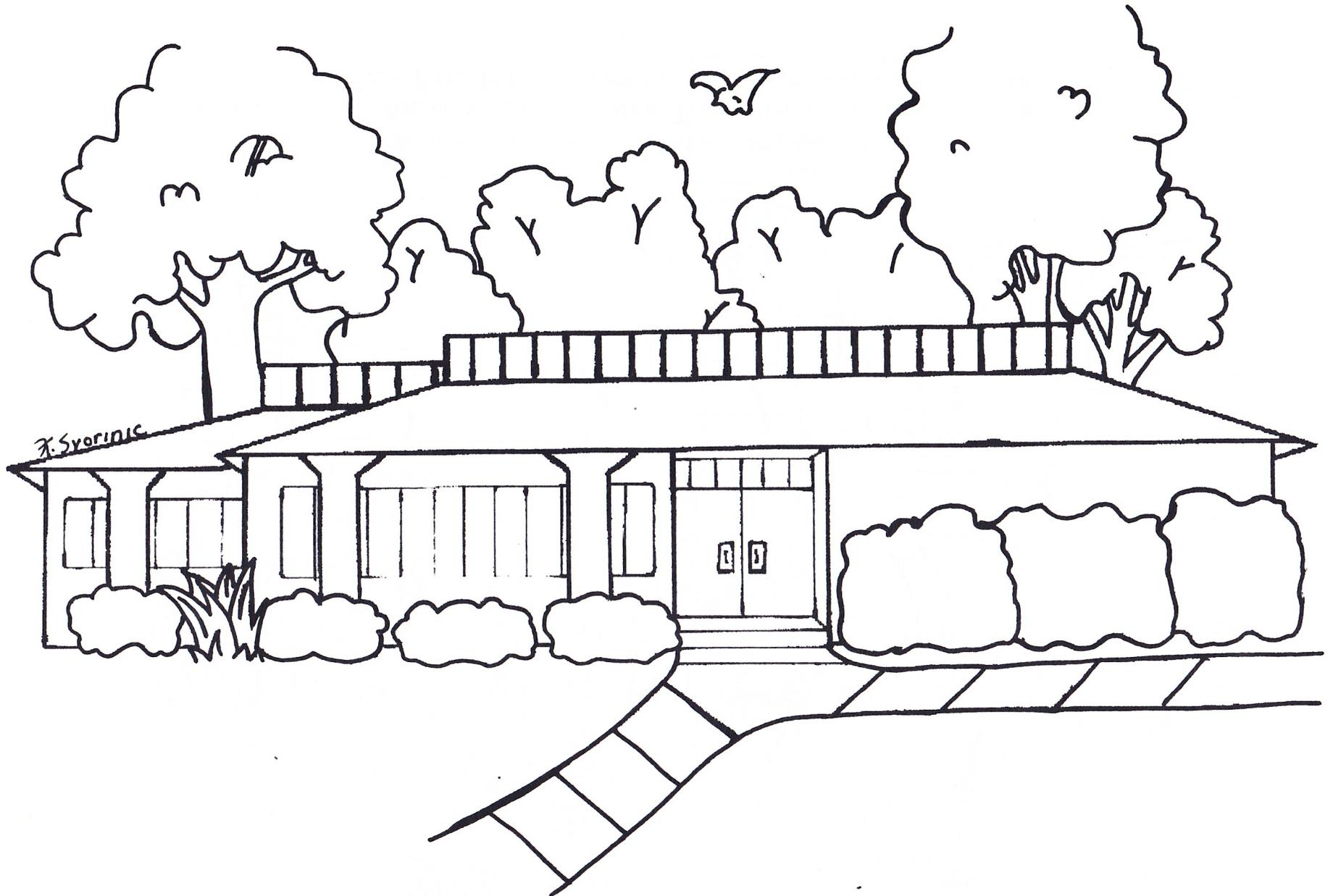
The Township of Washington Fire Department operates trucks that are used to fight fires.  
Fire fighters risk their lives to rescue people and protect property.



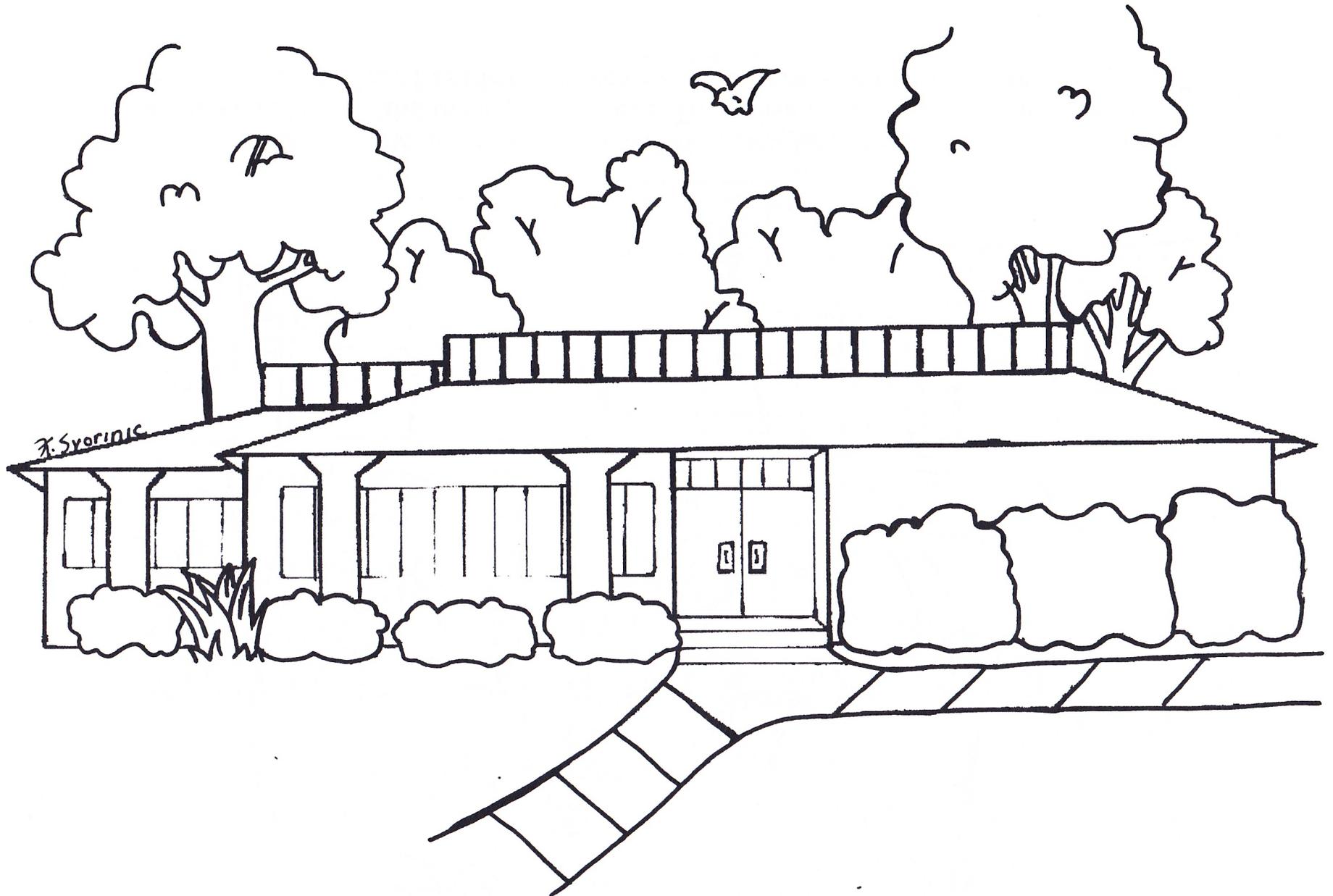
The volunteers of the Township of Washington Ambulance Corps assist sick and injured people by transporting them to the hospital. A used 1939 LaSalle served as the first ambulance for our community.



Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are organizations that encourage young people to develop their interests and abilities and to be good citizens. These scouts are marching in the annual Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



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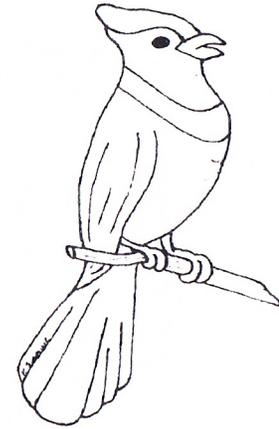
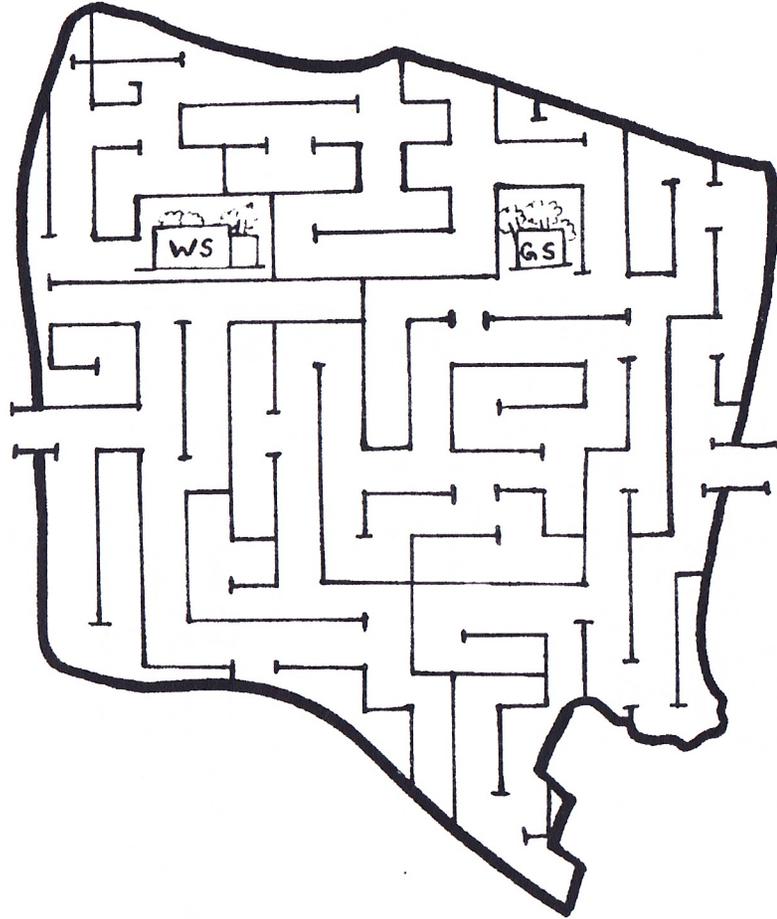
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The Township of Washington Public Library offers story-time and craft programs for young people. Do you have a library card?



There are many ways to find information at the library. Can you name some of them?



The George School Owl and the Washington School Bluejay have flown away from home.  
Can you help them get through the maze and back where they belong?



This large building on Pascack Road is the center of our local government and a meeting place for senior citizens. The government of the Township of Washington makes rules to keep life running smoothly for all who live here.

## Acknowledgments

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