

125 YEARS AGO JULY 1898

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR – More Troops from New Jersey

Courier-News, 1 July 1898, p 2

Sea Girt, NJ. Adjutant General William S. Stryker has issued a call for the formation of a new regiment of infantry to be furnished by New Jersey under President McKinley's second call for volunteers. Under the call, guardsmen from any regiment may enlist as individuals, by detachments, companies, battalions, or else as an entire regiment, although they will be accepted only as recruits and must merge their respective organizations in the new one to be formed from the several regiments here.



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FEDERAL AGENTS SEIZE LIQUOR AT SOMERSET COUNTY FARM *Courier-News, 6 July 1923, p 1*

In the seclusion of a quiet neighborhood on a hundred-acre farm between North Branch and Lamington, Federal agents came upon one of the biggest stills ever operated by bootleggers in New Jersey and raided it yesterday... and wrecked the outfit, in which was a bountiful assortment of stuff in process of making hooch. ...The still was in the woods on what is known as Molini Farm near the Raritan Country Club and not far from Rattlesnake Bridge. ... [Charles Esposito of Millstone road, Manville, proprietor of a saloon, Theodore Staats, taxi operator, and Arthur Staats, sons of Theodore Staats, Sr, proprietor of River View Hotel in North Branch, are among the owners.]

CAMP TAYLOR PROVING POPULAR *Courier-News, 17 July 1923, p 9*

Somerville. Camp Taylor is as busy as a beehive these days with a live bunch of young men and boys enjoying the swimming, boating, fishing, athletics, hiking, stunt program, and general camp life. Most of the boys who went for one week have been writing home for permission to stay longer. A baseball league has been made up of teams representing Morris, Hunterdon, and Somerset counties. Steps are being taken to move the tents to the top of the hill overlooking the camp, but this will not be done until next year. / Some county people have the feeling that Camp Taylor is too near home to be the best for their boy, and as a result a number of boys have been attending Y.M.C.A. camps in other localities. All that is necessary for these people to do is to go to Camp Taylor and see for themselves what a wonderful camp is being conducted there, and they will see that it is an exceptionally fine place for any boy. / The girls' camp is obtaining a good enrollment which will exceed the capacity of the camp...

COMMUNITY SING LARGEST EVER *Courier-News, 17 July 1923, p 9*

Somerville. There were about 1,000 present at the community sing last evening held on the court house lawn. In the absence of Andrew Reed, ... the singing was conducted by H. M. Biggin. The Somerville Male Chorus sang several selections. / F. A. Rieman sang a baritone solo, "Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses," after which he was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses by the employees of the Rite-make Shirt Factory, of which he is superintendent. Mr. Biggin pleased the audience greatly by his singing of the verses of "Where the River Shannon Flows." The audience joined in the chorus. The pianist was Rudolph Bullard, and he was assisted in his accompaniments by George Maurer, who played the cornet.

FAR HILLS ANNUAL CARNIVAL *Bernardsville News, 12 July 1923, 1*

Members of Union Hook and Ladder Company of Far Hills have completed arrangements for their annual carnival to be held on the Far Hills fair grounds tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday afternoon and evening. The attractions will include dancing each evening, music by a six-piece jazz band, moving picture shows, a photo gallery, an orange grove, a rummage sale, fancy booths and tables for the sale of articles, hot dogs, ice cream, soft drinks, and candy stands, etc. ... A very special feature will be the palatable cafeteria supper which will be served by the ladies Saturday night from 5 to 8 o'clock.

STATE POLICE RENT BARN *Courier-News, 6 July 1923, p 24*

Somerville. The State Police have taken a one-year lease of the barn in the rear of the Eagle's building on West Main street, and will keep their horses and equipment there. They are moving their belongings from Netcong and expect to be in their new home by the 15th. The men who have been stationed here on West End avenue will move to the new quarters tomorrow. (Ed. note: the Eagles building was on West Main street opposite where Mannion's is now located.)



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Advertisement. Bernardsville News, 5 July 1923, p 5.

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