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RUNAWAYS WRECK A BABY CARRIAGE *Courier-News, 5 August 1899, p 5* **Team of Chimney Rock Horses Off on a Rampage.**

Bound Brook. An unusual and almost fatal accident was recorded at Chimney Rock yesterday afternoon in the peculiar course taken by a runaway team. The village was in the greatest excitement over the actions of the horses, which could not be captured until they had done serious damage. Their final act of destruction was to run over a baby carriage, totally wrecking it and inflicting severe injuries upon the child which occupied it. The horses were Mr. Stein's and they became so frightened as to become unmanageable and plunged madly along the street. The baby carriage was in the front yard of the residence of Mr. Rowe. When the runaways neared the house, they swerved aside from the road and dashed into the yard, overturning the baby carriage and reducing it to splinters. The little one fortunately escaped the horses' hoofs but was badly injured in the accident.

Image: 1899 wicker baby carriage. <https://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/heywood-victorian-wicker-baby-10342096>



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DEFENSE DAY WILL HAVE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE HERE *Bernardsville News, 28 August 1924, p 1*

Bernardsville. In accordance with the desires of President Coolidge and the proclamation of Governor Silzer, the committee appointed by Mayor Cross has already made preliminary plans for the proper observance of **National Defense Day** on **September 12th**, when it is proposed to hold a parade and ceremonies in connection with the **unveiling of the World War memorial tablet** which has never been placed. ... In view of the fact that there is no military organization here, the Boy Scouts, the ex-service men, the members of the Home Defense Unit, the lodges and the women's organizations of the village will take part in the parade and **Conrad Scheuler, the only living Civil War veteran in this village**, will occupy a place of honor in this line. / Decision as to the time of the parade which will be followed by the public ceremonies has been made difficult in view of the fact that September 12th has not been declared a legal holiday, but it is the intention of the committee to hold the celebration in the afternoon. ... It is possible that the war memorial will be placed in front of the library in Morristown road where the brief ceremonies will be held in connection with the unveiling. ...

CAMP GROUND ASSOCIATION INCREASES HOLDINGS *Courier-News, 2 August, p 7*

Bound Brook. The property of the Washington Camp Ground Association has been increased to a considerable extent during the present week, when title to a tract owned by Walter L. Sackett, of Maplewood, was given to the organization. This is located north of the old camp ground property and extends over the hill to the road leading along the top of the mountain. An additional tract will be given by George M. LaMonte, and when this transfer has been negotiated the entire holdings of the association will be turned over to Bound Brook for use as a borough park. The property, when amalgamated, will contain about 25 acres and will not only make an excellent park for the borough, but will at the same time insure the perpetual holding as a public park, the site where Washington and his army were encamped and where the Stars and Stripes were first officially unfurled over the Continental troops June 14, 1777.

STATE AUTO AGENTS WERE AT WORK HERE *Courier-News, 16 August, p 7*

Somerville. The inspectors for the State Department of Motor Vehicles paid their regular visit to Somerville Thursday, and after completing their day's work at issuing automobile licenses to would-be drivers, put in the time from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening in checking up on the way in which automobile drivers were obeying the laws. ... A Bound Brook citizen was very much peeved because he was assessed for not having a mirror on his automobile. He said that he had purchased the car Monday of this week, knew that it did not have a mirror, and also knew it should have one. He had driven 64 miles, but had not had time to get a mirror. He seemed to feel that the recorder should make an exception in his case, but the recorder did not agree, and he had to pay the fine.

SOMERSET COUNTY INDUSTRIES WILL HAVE FIELD MEET *Courier-News, 8 August, 1924, p 11*

Somerville. Tomorrow is the big day for the industries of Somerset County as the annual picnic at Duke's Park will be held in the fields about a mile west of the Raritan River bridge at Raritan. ... The big event of the day will be a baseball game between the Cott-a-Lapp nine and the Atlantic Terra Cotta team from Rocky Hill. It is a safe bet that this game will have the largest audience that has ever witnessed an Industrial League contest in the county. Fred Smith will pitch for the floor-covering makers with Frank Burns behind the plate. The Terra Cotta team will have Kevich in the box and Lemore in front of the bang-board. ... Events have been scheduled to bring out the athletic talent in the factories... The big event of the athletic contests will be the tug-o'-war in which the team from the Ruberoid Company in South Bound Brook, will compete against a team picked from the men of the other industries. ... The young ladies from the Dix plant are planning to have a booth...for the sale of refreshments. During the entire time, the Boys' Band from the State Home for Boys at Jamesburg will be on hand to play... [Note: Cott-a-Lapp became Calco in 1929 when it moved to the Van Horne property]

ST. ROCCO CELEBRATION WELL ATTENDED

Courier-News, 25 August 1924, p 11 *image: St. Rocco celebration procession, undated. raritan-online.com*

Raritan. Ten thousand people were present at Raritan Saturday evening for the final program of the St. Rocco celebration, crowding into every available space in the vicinity of the bandstand and the pyrotechnic exhibit. People came to Raritan by every available means. Some walked, some came by trolley, many extra cars being operated by the Public Service, but by far the greater number came in automobiles. Every possible space along the streets and in the fields north of the railroad track was filled with cars and it is estimated that as many as 3,000 machines were driven to Raritan for the celebration. ... The streets of Raritan were decorated with colored lights. Added to this was the largest midway of amusements and refreshment booths ever known ... The display of fireworks began at 11 o'clock and was a gorgeous one.

