

100 YEARS AGO DECEMBER 1922

WILL VINDICATE JERSEY JUSTICE in HALL-MILLS MURDER CASE *Courier-News, Dec 2, 1922, pp 1, 11*

For the sake of the good name of this State, long known for the administration of "Jersey justice," plans for the continuation of the investigation of the Hall-Mills murder mystery in New Brunswick have been made by Col. Norman Schwartzkopf*, of the State Police, and Sergeant John Lamb of the State Troopers ... stationed in New Brunswick. A new feature introduced in the investigation, but informally is the presence of Sir Basil Thompson, of Scotland Yard...to study the circumstances and offer any suggestions. Whatever investigation is still being carried on by Middlesex County is being done privately... Sergeant Lamb, of the Troopers, said he had no definite leads in the mystery, but would stay on the job until something breaks. ...



Charlotte Mills, (pictured at left) sixteen-year old daughter of the murdered choir singer, was drastic in comment on the conduct of the case, and is quoted as saying that the case "will never be solved so long as [Somerset County Prosecutor] Mr. Beekman is handling it." She added: "My two aunts... and myself, who were witnesses before the Grand Jury, believe it useless to continue the investigation under any of the officials who have been handling it so far. I would like the Governor or someone else who has the power, to pick out a man of experience who has no connection with New Jersey politics, and put him in charge of the case. I have remained silent about the attempts to blacken my own character since my mother's death, because I thought the solution of her murder was of greater importance. I wanted the murderer punished and I knew I could take care of myself. ... Those officially identified with the investigation seemed more interested in discrediting me, and more anxious to talk about me and my family, than in finding out the guilty parties. ... When I could have been asked a hundred questions really bearing on the crime, those quizzing me went on asking insulting questions about my own behavior which had nothing to do with the case...My aunts, too,

were asked questions about me and if it would not be better to send me away ... Should I be put away because my mother was murdered? Because I didn't hesitate to say who I thought had a guilty knowledge of the murder, or because thousands of gossips in New Brunswick have said all sorts of things about us? ... I shall keep on saying that the failure of the Grand Jury to indict anyone has not changed my opinion as to the identity of one person mixed up in the plot that resulted in my mother's death. What I did not tell the Grand Jury because I was not asked, is that for weeks before the murder mother kept telling me that Mrs. Hall was acting strangely toward her." ...

[Ed. note: ancestor of General Herbert Norman Schwarzkopf, Jr., Commander of US forces in the Gulf War]*

MURDER PERJURY TRIAL RESUMED *Courier-News, Dec 8, 1922, p 1*

New Brunswick – Raymond Schneider, charged with perjury in connection with the arrest of Clifford Hayes in the Hall-Mills Murder Case, was the first witness called this morning for the defense when the trial was resumed before Judge Daly and a jury. There was involved a sworn statement made by Schneider accusing Hayes of the murder, which led to the arrest of the latter. Later he admitted that the charge was false and Hayes was released. ...

The Board of Freeholders of Somerset and Middlesex Counties in session yesterday adopted a resolution pledging undivided support to Prosecutors Stricker and Beekman in their efforts toward solving the murder. ... [I]t had been falsely reported in the New York newspapers that the people of Somerset County were opposed to expenditure of county money for the solution of the crime. Mr. (Howard F.) Woolston (of North Plainfield) declared that the people of the county want it solved, but do not want funds wasted. ...

NEW YEAR LICENSE WARNING *Bernardsville News, Dec 28, 1922, p 5*

But three more days remain for the motorists of this State to obtain their 1923 automobile license tags and plates. As in years gone by, there are still many car owners who have waited until the last moment to secure plates. Motor Vehicle Commissioner Dill has announced that 1923 plates may be put on cars December 31, and that all 1922 plates must be off by midnight of that date. Motorists who fail to remove plates will be arrested, Mr. Dill declared. ... Motorists are warned that all applications must be sworn to before a notary public or a member of the Motor Vehicle Department staff. All cards must contain engine numbers. ...



WOULD CLOSE SCHOOLS FOR LACK OF SCHOLARS *Bernardsville News, Dec 21, 1922, p 1* *Bedminster Taxpayers Consider Abandonment of Schools with Attendance of 9 and 6 Respectively*

After being informed by State School Inspector Charles McDermott, that the Larger Crossroads school does not conform to State requirements and that improvements will have to be made before he will grant permission for its use after this year, members of the Bedminster Township Board of Education, it is expected, will take action at the coming school election in February to remedy this condition and also to make repairs to the Union Grove and Foot of Lane school buildings, both of which have also been condemned by Mr. McDermott. ... While some taxpayers feel that these structures are unfit for school use, they are opposed to having them repaired and favor the recommendation of County Superintendent Henry C. Krebs for a consolidation of schools and employment of transportation routes. The Larger Cross Roads school has nine pupils, two of whom, it is said, would not attend after this week, while the Lamington school had six pupils when it was closed.

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BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS; HELP ANTI-PHTHISIS LEAGUE *Courier-News, Dec 11, 1922 p 3*

Although the official sale of Christmas Seals under the direction of the various affiliated organizations of the **New Jersey Tuberculosis League** started December 1, firms, organizations, and individuals desiring to use the seals on letters and statements to go out after that day may purchase them. Nearly 50,000,000 seals have been distributed... Schools, department stores, and various fraternal organizations have expressed a willingness to aid in promoting the sale of the seals, one of the utility companies agreeing to distribute 150,000 copies of a pamphlet advocating the sale of Christmas Seals and showing the work accomplished from the proceeds of the sales.

BASKING RIDGE LOSES ITS FOREMOST CITIZEN *Bernardsville News, Dec 14, 1922, p 1*
P.C. Henry, Merchant and Bank Official, Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia Tuesday Morning

Basking Ridge lost one of its oldest and best known citizens early Tuesday morning when in all the wise providence of God, Parmenus C. Henry, one of the most successful merchants in the Ridge community, was called to his eternal reward. Mr. Henry was taken ill with pneumonia last Thursday evening and, although his family provided him with the best of care, a physician and two trained nurses being at his bedside, his condition grew steadily worse and he succumbed at 3:45 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was seventy-five years old on the day of his death and was born December 12, 1847 at Washington Valley. Deceased had conducted a grocery and general store in Basking Ridge for over fifty years. ...

SIXTEENTH DEATH FROM TYPHOID AT FRANKLIN *Courier-News, Dec 18, 1922, p 3*

Franklin – The sixteenth death from Typhoid occurred Friday, the victim being Tony Kosinski ... forty years old, of 8 Lehigh street. He is survived by his wife. Kosinski died in the Franklin Hospital, where he had been under treatment since November 23. A total of ninety-eight cases are now in the record. ...

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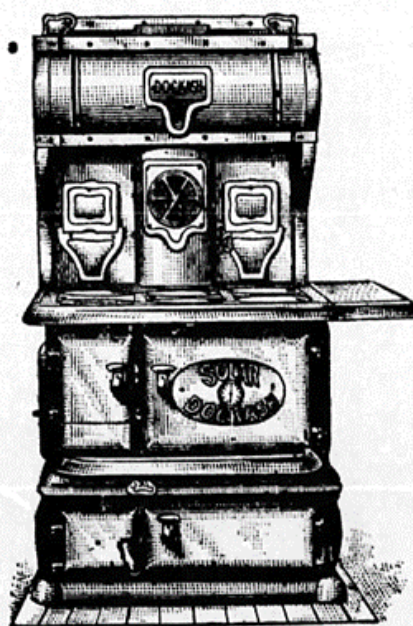
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