

FLASHBACK

A look back at Somerset County's past

February 2025

125 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1900

HORSE BREAKS THROUGH BRIDGE AND OTHER COUNTY COMPLAINTS

The Courier-News, 14 February 1900, p. 5

A meeting of the Somerset County Freeholders was held at Somerville yesterday afternoon. A complaint by Charles Flynn was made. Flynn claimed that his horse broke through the Raritan-Somerville bridge and was seriously injured. The Board found that the accident was due to Flynn's negligence and would give no damages. / A committee consisting of Lutkins, Mobus and Coddington were appointed to settle the dispute between the Board and Walter Real, contractor of the newly constructed Belle Mead road. The trouble is about payment of the contract. Real wants more than the Board will allow.

100 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1925

REVENUE COLLECTOR TO SIT HERE The Courier-News, 12 February 1925, p. 7

Somerville. To assist Federal income tax-payers in filing their income returns for 1924 as rapidly as possible, a deputy internal revenue collector will sit in Room 1 at the Court House from 9 in the morning until 9 in the evening from March 9 to March 14. The collector will not only assist in making out the returns but will take the necessary affidavits without charge.

FIRST ANNUAL POLICE DANCE The Courier-News, 6 February 1925, p. 17

Somerville. The Somerville Male Chorus will appear at the first annual ball that will be given by the Somerville Police Friday evening, February 20, in the armory*. Dancing will be held from eight until one. The music for the occasion will be furnished by Ernie Krickett and his phonograph artists and the Original Dixieland Five. **was located on Grove street*

LIBERTY CORNER TO BE WITHOUT STREET LIGHTS Bernardsville News, 26 February 1925, p. 1

Vote Them Out Unless Maintenance Charge is Reduced. Liberty Corner taxpayers have practically decided to cut out the street lights in that community and save considerable expense, for at the election there Saturday for making appropriations for lighting service and choosing commissioners, a resolution was adopted with a vote of [15 ?] to 3 to continue the street lights next year only on condition that the present maintenance fee is reduced.

NORTH BRANCH VOTES DOWN STREET LIGHTS The Courier-News, 27 February 1925, p. 19

The proposition to raise \$630 a year by taxation for street lights lost. Through private contracts with the company, however, many homes here will be lighted by electricity as soon as the line is extended to this place.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS The Courier-News, 7 February 1925, p. 11

Somerville. The annual school elections which will be held throughout the county and state in each school district Tuesday, February 10, will bring a number of new faces to the many district boards of education. In addition... a

number of important school issues ... will be decided. **Somerville** having a new high school* and sufficient buildings to accommodate the children of the borough will have only to elect three members of the Board of Education. ... In **Montgomery township** the issue of building a new two-room school house to replace the old structure at Blawenburg will be submitted to the voters. The present building is old and has the rooms one above the other. The new building would have two rooms on the first floor and would cost the township about \$20,000. At the present time, the old building ... is confining to the 54 students that meet daily. ... Should the voters of **Bernards township** authorize



the Board of Education to proceed with the construction of a modern school building it is estimated that the structure would cost about \$275,000. A number of classes in the schools in Bernardsville Borough are on part time due to the crowded conditions which exist. **that high school is the current middle school*

image: Blawenburg School <u>#2</u> faces Georgetown-Franklin Turnpike just east of Blawenburg Reformed Church. <u>https://www.blawenburgtales.com/post/56-the-three-schools-of-blawenburg.</u>