

100 YEARS AGO JANUARY 1923



NEW YEAR GREETING by Will M. Maupin *Bernardsville News, Jan 4, 1923, p 2*

I wish a happy, prosp'rous year to all my good friends far and near ...
I wish a year of joy and peace, from sorrow and from pain release;
For friends about on every side and Love's door ever opened wide;
Hope's full fruition day by day, and sunshine all along your way.
And harbor safe when tempests roar—all this I wish for you and more.
For you I wish in stead of gold, that you may gracefully grow old;
That each day's slowly setting sun will see some duty nobly done.
I wish that home ties stronger grow, that for you flowers bloom and blow,
That God's rich blessings on you pour—all this I wish for you and more.
The best that's old, the best that's new—all of these I wish for you.

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LOCAL CITIZENS CAUGHT NAPPING *Bernardsville News, Jan 4, 1923, p 1*

For operating their automobiles New Year's Day with last year's license plates, William Stevenson, Thomas Flood, J. A. Lambour, driver for Charles A. Dana, and Leslie W. Blazier were fined \$5 each and costs Tuesday by Recorder Joseph E. Buck. Those fined were hailed before the court by Police Chief Magee, who also handed H. E. Bushnell, of Basking Ridge, a summons to appear in the local court tomorrow (Friday) to answer to a similar charge. It seems that the five men fined simply forgot to put their new license plates on their cars, but the court cannot take cognizance of such an oversight.

BOYS FINED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT *Bernardsville News, Jan 4, 1923, p 1*

On a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by section foreman and special deputy sheriff W. A. Richardson, of Basking Ridge, John Gerges and Louis Van Arsdale were fined \$14 each yesterday noon by Recorder Joseph E. Buck. Both were released in the custody of Police Chief Magee. It was alleged that the two used indecent language and acted in a disorderly manner Tuesday night at the Basking Ridge railroad station. ...

SOMERSET'S SHARE COST OF MURDER PROBE IS \$8,500 *Courier-News, Jan 3, 1923, p 1*

Somerville, January 3 – Bills aggregating \$8,500, Somerset County's share of the expense in the special investigation of the **Hall-Mills murder case** came before the Board of Freeholders here yesterday. The bills included those of Wilbur H. Mott, deputy attorney general, \$3,500; Detective Mason, \$1,062.63; Edward A. Schwartz, clerk, \$79.20 and Edward O'Brien, stenographer, \$250.

MARTINSVILLE CLUB TO EXTEND ITS MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES *Courier-News, Jan 20, 1923, P 2*

Martinsville, Jan. 20. -- The community for which the Martinsville Club serves as a recreation center, has been extended to include not only the farms lying near the village, but Somerville, Bound Brook, and Plainfield. Bad weather or bad roads have not been sufficient to keep the dances from being well attended each fortnight. But the club feels if these distant friends were made a part of it, the club would function more as it was intended it should by the founders. ... To welcome sustaining members of the club with the object of inducing those who have long enjoyed the club to realize that they must bear some responsibility towards it, and to invite outsiders, the club is tendering a dance to the adult community, next Wednesday, the 24th. The Paramount Orchestra will furnish music and refreshments will be served. A short program will be given in the intermission. ... Every grown person in Martinsville or the wider community who has the intention of joining the club is invited. ...



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- ◆Dunellen had a radio station established, so as to connect with the outside world.
- ◆The Middlesex County Freeholders in conference with the Somerset Freeholders asked that the muddle over the county line bridge, at Sebring's Mills, be settled by making the brook the county line.
- ◆State Senator Charles A. Reed, of North Plainfield, drafted a bill to the Legislature, to provide regulations about taxing so that Somerset County would not suffer from a discrimination in the system of taxing.