

100 YEARS AGO JULY 1924

LAID CORNER STONE OF NEW HOSPITAL *Courier-News, 21 July 1924, p 7*

Somerville. The corner stone of the new Somerset Hospital was laid with appropriate exercises Saturday afternoon [July 19] at 3 o'clock. The new building is being constructed on a site north of the present building and commands a view of the countryside in every direction. The location is an excellent one and may be reached from Union avenue and Main street through Rehill avenue or Grant avenue, which leads almost directly into the grounds from the west. Charles C. Kenyon, former mayor of Somerville, and chairman of the Board of Trustees presided at the exercises. The history of the Somerset Hospital from its origin, many years ago, up to the events of the afternoon, was read by George A. West, secretary of the Board. The address of the afternoon was by Senator Clarence E. Case. ... The corner stone, which is of Indiana Limestone, was placed at the southwest corner of the building. ... [it] contained a metal box in which was placed copies of the hospital year book, the paper giving the history of the institution, a copy of Senator Case's address, copies of the local papers and other articles. It was hermetically sealed.



STATE POLICE MOVE TO PLUCKEMIN *Courier-News, 2 July 1924, p 12*

Somerville. The headquarters of the State Police, for some time located at the corner of South and Elm streets, have been moved to the Pluckemin Inn at Pluckemin, occupancy dating from July 1. The members of the local troop found Somerville a most desirable center but their quarters here were far too small for their use. No other place was available in the borough and the location at Pluckemin offered many advantages, both as to central location along a State highway and the fact that all of the men, their horses and equipment may be located on the same premises. Members of the troop have only the highest praise for the courteous treatment and excellent co-operation received while in Somerville.

OPEN AIR PICTURES POPULAR *Courier-News, 17 July 1924, p 9*

Bound Brook. The moving pictures that are being shown every Friday evening at the LaMonte School grounds, Bound Brook, are under the direct supervision of the Industrial Committee of the Somerset County Y.M.C.A. It has been the practice of the Y.M.C.A. to go into local shops and give noon hour movies but during these warm summer days they have transferred these pictures to the open air. Last Friday a crowd which almost filled the open lot on the corner of Second street and Vosseler Avenue, stood out and enjoyed the famous Western Electric picture called the "Go-Getter" and a reel of nature study and a cartoon comedy. Every Friday evening this wholesome recreation will be afforded the people of Bound Brook with Industrial Secretary A.J. Reed in charge. The cheering and singing last Friday brought out the whole neighborhood.

RAID ON SLOT MACHINES *Courier-News, 25 July 1924, p 12*

Somerville. Prosecutor Beekman, this week, issued orders to the police heads of every municipality in the county to pick up all coin slot machines operated in public places. It is said there are more than 40 machines in Somerset County. Yesterday Chief Bellis instructed Officers Holmes and Pascale, to pick up the machines in Somerville, and the officers at once visited the Ronca pool room on West Main street, where they confiscated one machine. Two machines were taken from Gambino's restaurant on Division street, and one from Cole's pool room on the same street. ... During the day similar visits were made to a number of hotels and pool rooms throughout the county. ... Detective Totten was at the court house all day yesterday receiving the machines. The machines are an old-time gambling device, and it is understood they are leased or sold as the proprietor of a place desires. When they are leased, the profits are shared with the owner...

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE BOARD OF HEALTH CODE *Bernardsville News, 17 July 1924, p7*

Chapter VI, Section 46, Births: The physician or mid-wife present at the birth of any child born in this Borough, or in case there is no physician or mid-wife present then the parent or witness present at said birth shall report in writing to the Registrar of Vital Statistics or Secretary of the Board of Health all particulars concerning said birth, called for on a blank form furnished by him for that purpose, and said report must be made within five days of the birth.