

**FLASHBACK ~ 100 YEARS AGO MARCH 1922**

**Health Regulations to Check Scarlet Fever**

*Somerset Democrat, March 10, 1922, page 1*

At a joint meeting, held Tuesday, of the Board of Education, Board of Health and school physician, it was decided to prohibit, until further notice, all children under 16 years of age from attendance at Sunday schools, church services, theatre performances, or any other public gathering, as a precautionary measure to check the spread of scarlet fever prevailing in the borough. The public school will remain open, unless there are further developments. At the school a doctor and a nurse are in attendance, the teachers have been instructed, and each pupil is examined every morning to detect the development of any new cases that may occur. Through failure of one family to observe the quarantine other cases have developed and a close watch is now being kept on these cases.

**Military Dance, March 24<sup>th</sup>** *Somerset Democrat, March 10, 1922, page 1*

What is being described as the biggest event of the late winter season is the dance to be given by Company K of the 113<sup>th</sup> Infantry, the local military organization. The dance is for the benefit of the Sea Girt Camp fund. ... Somerville has been privileged with a military organization since 1888, when old Company H of the Third New Jersey Infantry, was organized. The company volunteered with others in the Spanish-American War, and at its discharge at the end of that conflict, became Company



*Militia, Co. M, Main St.,  
Somerville, 1911*

M of the Second New Jersey. The part of Company M in the World War is known to everyone in the vicinity. The new organization is making every effort to live up to the reputation of their predecessors and they are deserving of every support. Captain William Schroeder, head of the local organization, is leaving nothing undone to make the coming event a memorable one in the social history of Somerville. The members of the local military organization will be in uniform that evening and will act as hosts to their guests. [Ed note: Militia units became the NJ National Guard after WWI]

One of the big features of the dance will be an orchestral competition between the Dixieland Serenaders ... and the Harmony Club. The prize will be a silver cup. .... Those who attend the dance are assured of having music such as they have never heard before.

**Entertainment at Middlebrook Club**

*Courier-News, March 4, 1922, page 8*

Something new and unusual in the way of entertainment will be given on next Tuesday evening at the Middlebrook Country Club at Bound Brook for members and guests, when the audience will be given an intimate insight into the workings of a central telephone office, through the courtesy of the New York Telephone Company. ...

The program includes musical numbers by telephone workers ... a special motion picture showing the vastness of the telephone industry, and a demonstration of actual telephone central office operation by young women taken from the telephone company's ranks. A. B. Wilson, local manager of the telephone company, will preside over the entertainment.

The demonstration feature of the program will be conducted on a specially built piece of apparatus in which portions of switchboards are exactly duplicated so that the spectators can see the entire progress of a telephone call from one instrument to another. The purpose of the entertainment is to bring telephone users in closer touch with the inside story of telephone operation.

**Amusing to Women Today**

*Somerset Democrat, March 10, 1922, page 6*

**What Was Considered Proper in Mid-Victorian Days Seems Somewhat Ridiculous Now**

In a book written in mid-Victorian days concerning the proper manners of well-bred women appears the statement that a woman with graying hair is "hardly respectable without a cap," and that the woman of thirty-five who does not don the cap as signal of the fact of her advanced age has something of a "masculine aspect." Such statements are amusing and sometimes just a little annoying—especially to the woman of thirty-five. .... [T]imes have changed enormously since those days... Possibly our present mode of life, our athletics, our style of clothes, tend more to the retaining of youthful appearance and real youthfulness than did conditions of the Nineteenth century.



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