

**126 YEARS AGO MARCH 1897**

**PLUCKEMIN NEWS** *Bernardsville News, March 18, 1897, page 2*

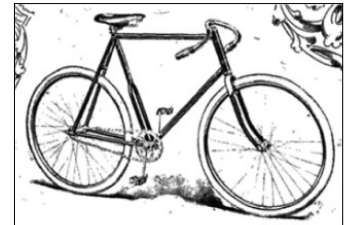
The Woolen factory is approaching completion. Part of the machinery is in place and in running order. The whistle now sends forth its shrill notes. Spring is evidently near. Its annual harbingers, the blue bird and the robins, have already made their appearance. The next thing that we want to see is the trolley and we expect it soon.

**ADVERTISEMENT.** *Bernardsville News, March 18, 1897, page 5*

**Are you going to ride a wheel this season?** There are many good reasons why you should, few why you should not. Wheeling is a most health-giving exercise, a most exhilarating recreation. It has developed health and strength in many a weak frame.

Wheeling is hurting the drug business. I am going to get even by buying the bicycle business. **The Adams and Butler Bicycles** are as good as any. Both are strictly high grade wheels guaranteed in every detail for the year 1898. ... You are invited to call at Somerset Pharmacy and examine the wheel. Butler for men or women, \$39.50; Adams for men or women, \$31.50; Butler Tandem, \$70.00; ....

– **Somerset Pharmacy, Bernardsville. BURNS, the Druggist.** *Image: <https://onlinebicyclemuseum.co.uk/1897-cycle-world>*



**100 YEARS AGO MARCH 1923**

**NEW TWO-CENT STAMP ON SALE** *Bernardsville News, March 1, 1923, page 1*

The new two-cent stamp is now on sale at the local post office, Postmaster Gibb announced. The new issue bears the head of Washington, as did the old issue, but there is a marked difference in the style of the lettering.

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**DAYLIGHT SAVING AGAIN LOOMING** *Bernardsville News, March 29, 1923, P 3*

Daylight saving will start at 2 A.M. Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in many of the larger eastern cities, including New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg. ... What the communities in this vicinity will do this year has not been decided, but it is assumed that Daylight Saving will be adopted. Efforts to obtain a state law in New Jersey and adjoining states, fixing daylight saving as a permanent state wide institution have not been successful thus far. In the state of New York, a law was enacted but repealed in 1921. A statewide bill was defeated in both Pennsylvania and Connecticut in the same year. In New Jersey a bill got through the House but died in the Senate, because of the opposition of the legislators from the rural counties, whose constituents have never looked with favor on the idea. The farmers hold that the scheme seriously interferes with their tilling of the soil and the harvesting of crops due to the farm hands quitting work at the time of day most favorable to farm work. They also hold that the plan is solely for the benefit of the business and professional men of the cities, enabling them to have a longer period in which to indulge in recreational pursuits

**RARITAN NEWS NOTES** *Courier-News, March 1, 1923, p 11*

--Constantine De Lucia is constructing a bakery on First avenue, which will be conducted in connection with the one now operated in Somerville.

*Image: De Lucia's Bakery <http://www.raritan-online.com/delucias-at-100.htm>*



**SOMERVILLE LITERARY PROGRAM**

*Courier-News, March 10, 1923, P 11.*

From now on mothers are being especially invited to the meetings of the Arts and Literature Committee. For now, the committee has means of taking care of the children, so that the mothers may enjoy a literary afternoon once a month. Mrs. Charles H. Bateman, who is known for her "way" with children, is acting as chairman of a committee which will entertain the children in the kindergarten room in the new school house while the mothers are imbibing art and literature in the high school building every second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be next Monday at 3:30 o'clock... Two especially attractive features of the program will be a dramatization of Lord Dunsany's "A Night in an Inn," and the singing of two songs by Mr. McWilliams, tenor soloist of the Second Reformed Church of Somerville...

**SOMERSET COUNTY HEALTH COMMITTEE IS ORGANIZED**

*Courier-News, March 9, 1923, p 10*

A meeting of the recently formed County Health Committee was held Wednesday afternoon in the office of County Superintendent H. C. Krebs, and a permanent organization was effected. ... Earnest D. Easton, secretary of the State Executive Committee, was present and outlined the work devolving upon the county nurses, and the field of the Health Committee in conducting the work. The Somerset County nurse will be Miss Linda Meirs, who will take up her work here about April 1. ... Mr. Krebs has been elected chairman of the committee. ... The nurse engaged for the work in Somerset County will work in the rural districts **for the purpose of detecting tuberculosis in children** while it is in its early stages. Through Mr. Krebs, a considerable amount of money was raised during the winter among the children of the schools through the sale of Christmas stamps, and this money, together with a sum advanced by the New Jersey Anti-Tuberculosis League, will defray the expenses of the nurse.

