

FLASHBACK

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100 YEARS AGO MAY 1922

Call State Police by Telephone Arrangements with Telephone Company Will Aid Service May 5, 1922 Somerset Democrat, p 1

Wherever the State Police may be patrolling their posts in northern New Jersey, residents in this section will be in close touch with the troopers by telephone, through the co-operation of the New York Telephone Co. with the police organization, it was announced this week by Mr. Wilson, local manager of the telephone company. If you want the troopers, Mr. Wilson says, just ask your telephone operator for State Police. She will connect you with the nearest troopers' zone headquarters, as a regulation telephone toll call, and the troopers will do the rest. Information to this effect will be printed on the front covers of the next telephone directories, along with the notices concerning fire and police emergency calls. The telephone numbers of the troopers' headquarters will be posted on the central office switchboard bulletins before each operator to aid them in handling these emergency calls.



HORSES FOR SALE

Horses! Horses! May 12, 1922 SD p 1

A.H. Obeles' big auction sale of 50 head, on Saturday, May 13, 1922, at his sales stables, 297 Somerset street, Plainfield. Every horse will be sold to the highest bidder; also wagons and harness, single and double. This comprises the best lot of horses I ever shipped and I mean to sell. Sale 1 o'clock, rain or shine. —Advertisement

County School Notes

May 5, 1922, Somerset Democrat p 3

At Franklin Park last Saturday, a **new two-room school building** was voted for Kingston. ... The Board of Education has called another special school meeting to be held at Middlebush on May 20, for the purpose of selling four one-room school buildings that are not in use. The Board of Education also decided that each teacher should secure a vote from each family having children in the school as to their preferences regarding standard time or daylight time for opening of schools. Each school will thus be governed by the wishes of the parents as to whether it shall be run on daylight saving time or standard time.

Memorial Day Arrangements Plans completed for honoring the nation's heroes May 26 1922, Somerset Democrat, p1

At a meeting ... held at the Somerville Armory on May 17, ... arrangements for Memorial Day were completed. H.J. McAlevy has been appointed marshall. ... Units will form on Grove street at the corner of High street, extending back toward Main street. When all in line, the parade will move to High street, up High to Bridge, then down Bridge to the cemetery. Organizations participating in the parade as follows: G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic, Civil War Union Veterans), Spanish War Veterans, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of Veterans, Co. K. 113th US Infantry, Girl Scouts of Somerville, and Boy Scouts of Raritan...

At the cemetery, the opening invocation will be by Father Ryan. Rev. Joseph R. Sizoo will be the principal speaker and Rev. Blair Latshaw will deliver the benediction. The Glee Club and Grasshopper Club of Somerville High School will render patriotic songs. After the services, flowers will be placed on the graves of the dead whom we are honoring. [Ed. note: The annual Memorial Day Parade ended with the pandemic and will not return this year (2022), but cemetery ceremonies continue.]

