

of Somerset County, NJ

FLASHBACK

A look back at Somerset County's past

November 2024

100 YEARS AGO

November 1924

ANTIQUE EXHIBIT IS SEEN BY CROWD The Courier-News, Nov 24, 1924, p 9

Bound Brook. The exhibit of American antiques of the Revolutionary period at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene LaTourette, on the Canal road, South Bound Brook ... was extended to yesterday afternoon and hundreds of people visited the house on the three days, adding considerable to the <u>fund being raised for the Bound Brook Memorial Library.</u> / The display was a complete one and consisted of samples of china, pictures, chairs, tables and other things that went to furnish a house of Colonial days. In addition to the interest centered about the exhibition is the touch added by the old home in which they were shown, many parts of the house remaining intact since the days since it was occupied by Baron Steuben during the Revolution and was visited by General Washington, who was entertained at a garden party there in the summer of 1779. Baron Steuben offered his sword in the aid of the American colonies and was appointed major general and inspector general of the Continental army. He gave military training and discipline to the citizen soldiers of America and aided greatly in the fight of the colonies for independence. He was born in Prussia in 1720 and died in New York City, November 28, 1794.

LIBERTY CORNER HAS BUS LINE Bernardsville News, 20 Nov 1924, p 2

Hail the Bus! We have been discovered! For these many years of our existence the railroad has never seemed to know that tucked in among these foothills Liberty Corner has been growing and thriving in a steady, normal growth that is fast placing it on the state map in bright colors. / Cut off from outside to a pitiable degree, we have reached out to everything coming our way. We appreciate all the help we have had with our school, church, and many undertakings, but added to what has been done for us we have faithfully and painstakingly tried to measure up to our part, and we present ourselves today as a town ready to be annexed to the big outside, and the first connecting link has come. On Monday November 17 the Passaic [V]alley Bus Line started to run a bus from Liberty Corner to Summit five times a day. So goodbye, old railroad, we are out to do big things in the interior. ... this initial transportation project promises to be a great factor in Liberty Corner's history.

AUTO DRIVERS TAKE EXAMS The Courier-News, 14 Nov 1924, p 25

Somerville. Ninety-three would-be automobile drivers took the examinations yesterday and about one-fourth failed to pass the tests. For some reason, many people go to take the examinations without having studied the laws and it is these who are caught in the written examination. ... The inspectors are in Somerville one day a month during the winter, this being the second Thursday.

AUTO LICENSE PLATE SALE STARTS SATURDAY Bernardsville News, 13 Nov 1924, p 4

Bernardsville. Local Motor Vehicle Agent Robert B. Garrabrant is getting ready for a rushing business which he expects will prevail Saturday morning (November 15, 1924) when the new 1925 auto license plates will be placed on sale. Mr. Garrabrant has all the supplies on hand for the 1925 business.

Image: https://greatamericanplates.com/product/443689-new-jersey-1925

MUST GIVE NAMES OF LIGHTS Bernardsville News, 20 Nov 1924, p 1

In order to maintain a check on the matter of lights, all applicants for car registration cards and plates are required under New Jersey automobile law to give the name of the lights with which their cars are equipped when they seek their registrations. It will no longer do to answer merely that "I have lights of an approved type." There has been included in the automobile law a list of lights approved by New Jersey and other states that have taken similar action, and the name of the lights must be specifically given. If they are not, no registration will be issued. So, Mr. Motorist, have a care that when you seek your 1925 registration, you know the name of the lights on your car, and that they are of one of the approved types. ...

SEEN THIS WEEK Bernardsville News, 20 Nov 1924, p 3

- ⇒ Boy, apparently about seven years of age, puffing away like a veteran on a paper cigarette.
- ⇒ Local sports toting shot guns and with dogs at heel in quest of the illusive cock pheasant and jack rabbit.
- ⇒ Lots of automobile radiators steaming Monday morning. With temperature at 10 many were caught napping, and the rush for denatured alcohol soon exhausted the supply.
- ⇒ Enthusiastic hunter being towed into a local garage Monday evening to be thawed out. Left car standing all day while he hunted and when he tried to start it to return home not only the radiator but water pipes, pump, etc., etc., were frozen.



Liberty Theatre

H. T. MILLER, Owner and Manager BERNARDSVILLE

> Friday and Saturday, November 28 - 29

> > 7 and 9 o'clock

MARY PICKFORD

-- in --

'ROSITA'

Beautiful Mary Pickford in her most beautiful picture as a spitfire girl of eighteen who braves paternal wrath, meets conspiracy and intrigue, treachery and treason, for the love of the youth who holds her heart.

COMEDY NEWS

Admission

Adults, 40 c.

Children, 25 c.

Advertisement, Bernardsville News, 27 Nov 1924, p 1