

FLASHBACK ~ 100 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 1921

Typhoid Epidemic

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Because of the unusual prevalence of typhoid fever in many parts of the State and several localized epidemics of more than ordinary magnitude, the State Department of Health urges all persons who have not had typhoid fever to be immunized against the disease. This applies particularly to school children. A marked increase was noted in the seasonable rate of typhoid fever during the month of June, there being a third more cases reported than during the corresponding month last year. Since last spring there has been a steady increase week by week in the number of cases reported. From June 1 to Sept. 23, 1921, forty-two per cent more cases of typhoid fever have been reported than during the same period of time last year. This increase has not been entirely due to localized outbreaks originating from a common source of infection, as the number of sporadic cases has been correspondingly large.

Harry Ten Eyck Buried With Military Honors

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Met Death on Battlefield Nov 2, 1918. The body of Charles Henry Ten Eyck, son of Mr. and Mrs. James. Q. Ten Eyck of West End Avenue, arrived in Somerville late Monday afternoon. On Tuesday it was taken to the deceased soldier's home. At 6:30 services were conducted at the house by the Rev. Asa R. Dilts, of Amherst, Mass., a cousin of Mrs. Ten Eyck. Interment was in the new cemetery with full military honors at sunset.

C. Harry Ten Eyck lost his life November 2, 1918 in the final stages of the World War. He was seriously injured in the performance of his duties at Grandpre and died in American Red Cross Hospital No. 1 shortly afterward.

Harry Ten Eyck was born in Somerville, October 14, 1886, and always made his home here up until the time he went into the service. He came of double Holland Dutch extraction; his great-grandfather on his father's side served with distinction in the Revolutionary War.

Harry attended the public schools of Somerville until 1902, when he entered Rider, Moore & Stewart School of Business in Trenton, from which institution he graduated in 1904. At the time of entering the service, he was in the comptroller's office of the American Smelting and Refining Company in New York, where he had been employed four years.

Harry Ten Eyck left Somerville for Camp Dix, February 23, 1918 and he was soon in France with the American Expeditionary Forces, a member of the 312th Ambulance Corps of the 78th Division and 303rd Sanitary Train. It was while engaged in [rescue of wounded under heavy fire] that Harry Ten Eyck sustained the injuries from which he died.

75 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 1946

Brigadier General George S Smith to Visit Home Town

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Brigadier General George Stanley Smith, United States Army, the borough's highest ranking member of the armed forces, now on a 30-day leave from Army headquarters at Casserta, Italy, is expected tomorrow for a visit with his father, George W. Smith, and his sister, Miss Dorothy Smith, of 16 Codrington place. He is at present with his wife and two children in New York State.

General Smith will spend the week-end with his family here, reporting in Washington next Monday, and will return to Italy shortly thereafter. He has been in this country for two weeks.

Holder of the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit, General Smith has also been decorated three times by foreign governments for his service in World War II. He was awarded the Commander of the British Empire, the Order of the White Eagle of Yugoslavia, the Order of St. Maurice and St Lazarus of Italy and the Silver Medal presented by the civil and military authorities of Rome.



Brigadier General Smith receiving Honorary Officer of the British Empire from Field Marshal R.L.G. Alexander.