

125 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 1899



SURROGATE WANTS TYPEWRITER *Courier-News, September 1, 1899, p 1*

Surrogate Spenser has been trying for some time past, or ever since he was elected to the office, to have the county buy a typewriter for the surrogate's office so that the legal work may be uniform and clear in the writing. Up to this time his efforts to secure this improved appliance has been unsuccessful because of the cost, but he is not discouraged, for he is getting up a petition among his friends to present to the [Somerset County] Board of Freeholders, asking that they buy the machine. He has had one on trial for several months and it has worked so satisfactorily that he does not wish to dispense with it. The work is neat and uniform and certainly makes a difference in the looks of the books from that in which several styles of handwriting appear. *Image: 1899 Remington 7; ebay.com*

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MEMORIAL DEDICATED AT DEFENSE DAY OBSERVANCE *Bernardsville News, September 18, 1924, p 1*

Bernardsville celebrated National Defense Day last Friday afternoon [September 12] with open air exercises in front of the library at which time a bronze tablet secured several years ago through popular subscription and bearing the names of those residents of this borough and Bernards Township, who lost their lives during the World War, was unveiled on the library lawn by Conrad Scheuler, sole surviving Civil War veteran of this town. ... The tablet is set in a four ton boulder and bears the names of the following men who paid the supreme sacrifice: James Kilday, Artur A. Card, Russell W. Mullen, Robert E. Pope, William Neill, Francis Bergen, Paul Roebing, John G. Dougherty, Charles B. Kelloway, Charles E. Kutcher, George Ross, Henry Kirchner, Harry Williams, Walter W. Klinger, Michael Moffett, Alessandro D'Amico, George Giesecke, Joseph Labadia, James Ruggiero and Louis Soucase.



The Boys of Bernardsville

*They leaped to the front, they fell in the fight;
their deeds of valor, their deeds of might
Have burnished the pages of fame, for they
fell in the fight for a better day.*

*Shall they die for nought, shall they die in vain
and the moloch of war be loosed again?
Shall the hearts that bled and the homes that wept
By another scourge like that be swept?*

*These boys were dear to their homes and friends
And a wave from the ocean of sadness blends
With a hope that their lives were not given for naught
And the good shall remain that their life's blood bought
May the rank and file of each nation rise
And ask "Why all this sacrifice?"
And then with hands uplifted to God
Swear, no more blood shall drench the sod.*

Ed note: the (WWI) war plaque has been re-mounted with plaques for the Vietnam War and WWII; the combined memorial is now located in Bernardsville's Michael J Mervine Memorial Park.. Image : top plaque, World War I memorial; middle plaque, Vietnam War memorial; bottom plaque, WWII memorial. <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=19598>

NEW AMUSEMENTS TO INTEREST YOUNG AND OLD AT FAR HILLS *Bernardsville News, Sept 4, 1924, p 1*

Street Fair Will Have New Games Selected from the Best Shown in New York. Since the Park Avenue Street Fair earned forty thousand dollars for various charities from the much entertained population of New York, street fairs have become epidemic. They are pleasant and they are profitable and every enterprising community has had or is going to have one. Not to be outdone in enterprise and enthusiasm, the Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills is planning a street fair which promises to be a first class show. It incorporates all the most amusing ideas from the Park Avenue Street Fair, and many others. **Games** which have never been played in this part of the country are being added to the popular **Carnival entertainments** and everything is to be the best of its sort Nobody is to be left out. In the "**Children's Enclosure**," with slides, a pony, a donkey, and a sandbox, the young can be left safely guarded while their parents, watch the horses, inspect the cattle or the dogs, or patronize games suitable to their ages and dispositions. In the evening when the **Horse Show** closes and the little ones are in bed, admittance will be free and there will be **dancing** for older sisters and brothers. As for **movies**, ... the fair will have the very first showing of a thrilling film, the name of which has not yet been disclosed. The **Rummage Sale** will also be open in the evening. The **Cafeteria**, so popular last year, is to be continued so that all those who wish to come in the afternoon for the **Horse Show**, the **Dog Show**, the **Cattle Show**, or the **Whippet Races** may conveniently wait for the evening festivities. ... Patronizing the Street Fair is the pleasantest duty imaginable, for the Visiting Nurse Association, which does so much for all those who need assistance in our community, deserves your support.

FIND SLOT MACHINES IN CIGAR STORE

Courier-News, September 16, 1924, p 15

Officers from the Prosecutor's office yesterday seized two slot machines which were being operated in a store conducted at the entrance to the Calco Oval, just over the Bound Brook boundary line in Bridgewater township. The place is operated by Dennis Conroy as a cigar, candy, and real estate business and the owner has prospered during the summer activities held in the vicinity. *Image: 1924 Mills Operator's Bell 5-cent slot machine <https://auctions.morphyauctions.com>*

