

## 125 YEARS AGO      SEPTEMBER 1898

### **NEW BRANCH OF STUDY** *Courier-News, September 1, 1898, page 1*

#### **Stenography and Typewriting to be Added to the Curriculum of the North Plainfield Public School.**

With the opening of the North Plainfield public a new branch of study will be taken up which is destined to become very popular. In fact, more applications have already been received for admission to the class than can be accommodated. The study will be that of stenography and type writing. ...The Borough Board of Education ... are now looking for a competent teacher. This appears a difficult thing to get. Many of the applicants are qualified to teach one branch but not the other. One who can teach both is required. Most of those who have made applications to be admitted to the study are old graduates. Just how many will be accepted remains for the Board of Education to decide, but as the accommodations are limited, it is not thought the class will be a large one the first year.

*Image: 1898 Remington 7 Standard Typewriter*



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### **BIG FAR HILLS FAIR OPENS NEXT THURSDAY** *Bernardsville News, September 6, 1923, page 1*

The Far Hills Fair Association announces...the annual fair to be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 1, 3, 14, and 15. The horse and pony show alone, which will be held during the entire three days, will be the best exhibition of its kind in the State. ... In addition to the large number of prizes to be awarded in the cattle exhibit and horse show, \$2,000 in prizes will be awarded in the first annual all-breed dog show to be staged by the Somerset Hills Kennel Club under the direction of Prentice Talmadge. Whippet racing with some of the fastest racing dogs in the country will be one of the features of the dog show. ... \$6,000 will be awarded in the cattle, swine, sheep, and poultry shows. ... The New Jersey Boys and Girls Calf Club will have a large number of entries ... Mrs. Margaret Arnold will supervise the Somerset County Schools exhibit of baked goods, canned goods, radio sets, and hand made toys. ... The vegetable, fruit, and flower exhibit will be in charge of Lewis Barkman of the H. Otto Wittpenn estate, and Mrs. W. Nelson Tuttle, of Bedminster, will be in charge of the canned goods department. ... The Far Hills Fair is backed by a group of unselfish, generous men who at great personal sacrifice give of their time and money to make the annual event an overwhelming success. ...

### **RAILROAD WORK IS NOW IN PROGRESS** *Courier-News, September 24, 1923, page 11.*

*Somerville.* The Westerly end of the Central Railroad yard and the space between Washington place and the bridge over Somerset street are the scenes of great activity on the part of the contractors' gangs that are working on the changes being made by the company. Tracks are being laid and raised and everywhere is hustle and bustle. / Some weeks ago a track was laid on the south side of the railroad yard west toward Somerset street and close to the old Cammann house, which stood opposite the end of New street. The track did not cross the road, but has now been extended past the rear of the Washington's headquarters house to the south side of Somerset street. Every day train loads of dirt are being brought in by the cars belonging to Richards & Gaston and at the present writing this track is five feet above the road, with about four feet higher to go. ... /Work started this week on tearing down the Cammann house and the fine group of trees that stood in front of it have all been chopped down. Many passersby have remarked on the beauty of this spot, but now it has to give way to the demands of modern railroading. ... / In years gone by there were a number of fine residences standing where the railroad now runs and cellar holes and walks show their location. Washington place was the "fashionable" part of the town and the mansions there housed the elite of the town's residents. Washington himself lived at the Wallace House, but little did he dream that where once his "coach and four" passed on its way to his door there would some day rush iron monsters of steam and steel that could take him in one hour farther than he would travel in an entire day by coach. ... [Editor's note: the house that stood at the end of NEW STREET that was described as demolished was actually the home of Eugene Doughty. Cammann's house stood where Borough Hall is now. Both were demolished, Doughty's sometime before 1883 and Cammann's in 1887, by Daniel Robert before he rebuilt the "castle" that is now Somerville Borough Hall.]

### **TO HOLD UNIQUE DANCE** *Courier-News, September 6, 1923, page 7*

"Barney Google" and "Spark Plug," whoever those persons may be, are arranging to hold a dance in the Parish Hall at Manville, Saturday evening, September 29, and have already issued invitations for the affair. The Music will be furnished by the Yeoman's Orchestra and there is to be a prize fox-trot with two large silver cups for the winner.

### **TO ERECT FOUNTAIN IN PARK SECTION** *Courier-News, September 7, 1923, page 13*

*Somerville.* A letter was received [by Somerville Borough Council] from H. K. Gaston, in which he offered to have an artesian well drilled in the park property in the north west section of the town and equipped with a pump. There is at present no place where drinking water can be obtained and the offer of Mr. Gaston will relieve a trying situation. Council voted to accept, with deepest thanks, Mr. Gaston's kind offer.

### **SEEN THIS WEEK** *Bernardsville News, September 6, 1923, page 4*

- ⇒ Two boys riding one bicycle run down a little girl on the Boulevard. No, they didn't even stop to inquire whether she was injured.
- ⇒ Mothers heaving sighs of relief. Schools opened Wednesday.
- ⇒ Hundreds of cars, loaded down with household goods and camping equipment homeward bound on Sunday and Labor Day.