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## FINDS UNearthed DAILY

The finds are being located daily on the foot of the second Washington road, a scant mile northeast of the hamlet on the Frob-Belm estate, owned by R. Schley, who has engaged Mr. E. W. Schlabach, former State Archeologist of New Jersey to excavate this revolutionary camp. Mr. Schlabach is the author of several articles dealing with the Indian antiquities of all the northern counties of the State and has also written a monograph on Indian rock shelters, published by the American Museum of Natural History, New York.

The data obtained on the Frob-Belm estate is to be published in book form. It is to be published in this issue, and it is through his public-education that it will now be thoroughly explored. This includes denoting the various mounds and other sites nearby will be erected at the proper time. In this wise, knowledge of the camp will be revived and preserved for the profit and instruction of future generations.

During such times as Mr. Schlabach is on the job, he has made a number of mounds of the estate for the purpose of locating Indian camp sites. In this he succeeded, for he noted a camp opposite the Far Hill pottery site and excavated tract of land near Mine Brook. Among the implements he picked up there, was a so-called pitted landman's spear and several arrowheads. Other things of the Redman were discovered on what is locally known as the "Indian landing ground." Here was found a number of pipes, that is, the refuse of pipe-making, some of them of the redman. In view of this, it would seem that the latter had a small workshop, i. e., a place where tools were fashioned out of stone.

At the Knox encampment, the winter quarters of the arm of the Revolutionary Army during the winter of 1778-1779, altogether some twenty mounds, consisting of boulders and earth, ranging in a straight line were found. In digging, it is presumed, the officers' quarters, while the ordinary soldiers camped on the next higher ridge. Examination of these mounds showed that they were ovens, there being indications of fire in the very center of each.

Other indications are shallow pits and circular rows of stones, the former proving to be filled with bones, mostly of the horse and, in others there were thousands of oyster shells which, tradition says, were supplied to the soldiers by the people of the neighboring coast towns.

It is to be remarked that most objects found occurred outside of the mounds, notably on the refuse heap near there. The articles thus far unearthed comprise thousands of horse bones, oyster and clam shells, along with a few bird bones. Next there occurred hundreds of rusty nails and variously shaped pieces of iron belonging to wagons and possibly to gun carriages. There were iron balls, about the size of a plum, came to light at mound four, together with three buttons bearing numbers 58 and 59 respectively, the third one exhibiting the wheels of a cannon.

At mound two, more buttons were dug up, one exhibiting the number 20, the other bearing the cannon wheel.

In the assortment of corks recovered, there was also found part of a horse shoe and a fragment of a ramrod, as well as pieces of china and broken bottles.

On Tuesday, mound eight was examined and yielded several iron pieces of rivets, such as a horse banded knife about twelve inches in length, similar to the later day butcher variety, located near the top. Two more soldiers' buttons were picked up with numbers barely legible, an iron ring measuring five inch in diameter, several flat pieces of sheet iron, a bullet about the size of a pea, with four score rusty nails and an iron implement, shaped somewhat like a trident, except that one of the three arms is shorter than the other two and the handle ends in a sharp point.

There remain eight mounds still to be examined which will, in all probability, yield other objects of interest.

Mr. Schlabach has spent but a little over a week in his explorations on the Schley estate and expects from the

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## CORN EXHIBIT SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

Goody Number Present—Fine Exhibit—Lecture Interesting

### NEW OFFICERS NOMINATED

The corn exhibit held by the Bernardsville Agricultural and Horticultural Association on Monday brought together a goodly assemblage of supporters of local mountain estates, about thirty in number, each laden with one or more particularly good specimens of their year's work in garden or field.

The exhibit was primarily and especially for exhibits of vegetables; fruits and flowers which not only added a fine showing of specimens in each of the classes to be judged. It required several long tables to hold the entire, which were tastefully arranged.

Following the arranging of the different exhibits, the judging of the varieties was taken up. Professor App of the New Brunswick Experimental Station, judging the corn exhibit, J. F. Anderson, of the Ogden H. Hammond estate, John Kuhn, of the Mrs. H. O. Wither's estate, and Alex. Sherrif, of the George E. Post estate, judged the other specimens in the exhibit.

The prize winners were as follows: Class 1—Six ears any dent corn; first prize, Crystal Spring Farm; second, Lewis Barkman of the Mrs. H. O. Wither's estate; third, Eugene Hodman of the Hardey's estate.

Class 2—Six ears any flint corn; first prize, Sara Sanders, second, R. K. Ruyon.

Class 3—One quart wheat; first, Crystal Spring Farm; second, Wendover Farm; third, A. R. Quimby of Mendham.

Class 4—One quart rye; first, A. R. Quimby second, Wendover Farm.

Class 5—One quart oats; first, Crystal Spring Farm; second, Mr. Linton of F. B. Bonbright's estate; third, Mr. Gallop of Morristown.

Class 6—One quart buckwheat; first, A. R. Quimby; second, Mr. Linton; third, Mr. Gallop.

Class 7—One only mangal; first, Lewis Barkman; second, Charles H. Trambell of the Fackard estate; third, Crystal Spring Farm.

Class 8—Six potatoes; first, H. O. Conner; second, Mr. Linton; third, Charles H. Trambell.

Class 9 and 10—Dent corn, for bona fide farmers only; first, Crystal Spring Farm; second, A. R. Quimby, Mendham; third, Crystal Spring Farm.

Lewis Barkman's exhibit of a collection of vegetables, which included five fine stalks of celery, six monster parrots, six carrots, several fine heads of cauliflower, brussels sprouts, etc., was awarded a certificate of merit. It has gotten to be a yearly habit for Mr. Barkman to capture this prize.

In the class for best collection of farm produce, that of Charles H. Trambell, of the Fackard estate, carried off the blue ribbon.

The exhibits of flowers, fruit and vegetables from private estates, judged according to merit, and for which ribbons were awarded, were as follows: Lettuce—R. Fischer of the J. A. Starnburg estate, first prize.

Celery—Wendover Farm, first.

Carrots—Trambell, second.

Spinach—Rudolph Fischer, first.

Cauliflower—Wendover Farm, first.

Brussels sprouts—Charles H. Trambell, first.

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Apples—Charles H. Trambell, blue ribbon.

Beans—Charles H. Trambell, first.

Sweet Potatoes—J. R. Ridlaw, first.

Collection of apples (special class)—Mr. Linton, of the W. F. Bonbright estate, certificate of merit.

Following the awards Professor App, lectured on Corn Culture, in his talk advocating the showing of exhibits of corn on the stall, also recommending one showing of two types, one grown in good soil and one on poor soil. He advised the testing each year for germination and stated that the result before him was very good, comparing favorably with any he had seen throughout the state. Questions were asked and answered, after which an invitation was extended to the speaker to be present next year. This brought a suggestion from Prof. App that the Association secure another man who might bring to them new ideas of benefit.

Following the exhibit a meeting of the Association was held and nominations made for officers for the coming year, to be voted upon at the January meeting. Following are the nominees: for president, Lewis Barkman and Rudolph Fischer; vice-president, David Noll and P. E. Hoffman; secretary, J. F. Anderson and G. D. Olver; corresponding secretary, A. Sherrif and for treasurer, William Hays.

## "TWIN ISLAND PARK"

Public May Enjoy Its Beauty Through Kindness of Owner

Richard V. Lindbury, who so stated exclusively in the News two weeks ago, has been making a beautiful park of what was an eyecore, has made public his plan as to the future of this "beauty spot" in the making.

Some time this week, he states, water to the depth of two feet will be let in the lake and canals so that skating may be enjoyed by the public when the lake freezes over. In the summer swimming may be enjoyed for which purpose a spring board is to be erected at the west end of the lake where the channel will be nine feet deep.

Although the park will be open for the use of the public, Mr. Lindbury will continue to own and control it, and will himself bear the expense of keeping it up. He estimates it will require the services of two men all the time to keep the park looking as it should.

For more than a year workmen have been engaged this week to level and gradually converting the swamp into a park, old trees were cut down, and many others were replaced with young trees and shrubbery. Along the right of way of the Lackawanna Railroad, there will be no walk because the water will rise almost to the top of the bank, but the trees and shrubbery have been planted there instead.

The lagoons around the islands will be two feet deep so that boating and canoeing around the islands can be enjoyed. The bridges are so small so that boats easily can pass under them.

Later, water will enter the lake on Tuesday.

## TOWNSHIP SOLONS MEET

Matters of Interest Discussed— Bills Amounting to \$1,975.82 Audited.

The Township Committee convened on Monday afternoon, with all members present excepting C. P. Campbell.

A communication from the collector of Bernardsville Township asks for Bernards Township's share of the cost of the new Far Hills bridge, \$261.20, which was ordered paid.

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Sunday, December 10th, will mark the beginning of the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Methodism in Bernardsville, which is to be observed in the local Methodist Church by fitting ceremonies, social activities and the renewing of "old acquaintances," during the week following, closing on Sunday, December 17th, with two special services. At the morning service a tablet in memory of George I. Seney, will be unveiled. In the evening special church music will be a feature. The program for the week follows:

Sunday, December 10th.  
Morning worship at 10:45. The pastor will preach on "The Glory of The Latter House."  
Evening worship at 7:45. Sermon by the Rev. Wilbur V. Malahan, D. D., of Summit.

Tuesday, December 12th.  
Congregational Night  
The members of the Church and the congregation are cordially urged to gather for a "family supper" in the Social Hall. Supper will be served at 8 o'clock. The menu includes some speeches and music.

Wednesday, December 13th.  
Pastors' Night  
Of the former pastors, Francis E. Mason, Thomas Gordon and C. H. Von Glahn have sent word they will be present. Others may be on hand.

Friday, December 15th.  
Neighborhood Night  
Nearly all the Churches of the Township have sent word that they will be represented in the News but it seems probable that the Rev. Mr. J. F. Watson Hanson, one of the greatest preachers of our Church, will deliver the main address. This should be a "big night."

Anniversary Sunday, December 17th.  
Morning worship at 10:45. The Rev. Luther B. Wilson, D. D., LL. D., Resident Bishop of New York, will preach. Also, a tablet in memory of George I. Seney will be unveiled.  
Evening worship at 7:45. Sermon by the Rev. George G. Vogel, D. D., Superintendent of Newark District. Special church music.

The history of Methodism has already been published in the News but it seems fitting at such a time to review the past—at least, briefly.

The inception of Methodism in what was called at the time, Neatlown, occurred during the year 1841, when a company of local Methodists organized in a body and held preaching services, Rev. William Ferry, officiating. Following him came Peter Day, made class leader, who led the little flock for the next three years being succeeded in 1844 by Rev. Richard Van Horn, and in 1845, Henry Richard Trumbower taking charge.

The original church building was erected in 1848 on the site of what was still lately the "old schoolhouse," on Anderson road. The cornerstone of this building was laid on April 11th and the building was ready for dedication on December 17th of the same year. The entire cost of the church was \$207.50, of which \$28.00 was unpaid on the day of dedication. As the weather was unfavorable, on the day of the dedication the dedication of the building was postponed and the deficiency was subsequently provided for.

Four pastors served the church between 1848 and 1852, during all of which time the charge was connected with Mendham. In 1852, the Bernardsville charge was separated from Mendham. Rev. H. A. Arnold, the first pastor of the now separate church being most successful in increasing the membership from 26 members to 14.

In the spring of 1856 a circuit was formed, consisting of Cross Roads, Bernardsville and Mine Mount, Basking Ridge, and Forest Falls. Where in