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FIVE CENTS

COL. A. R. KUSER PRESENTS PARK

Township Accepts Proffer With Thanks—Road Work Discussed

FOREST FIRES COST \$145.50

Mrs. Lillian Cox, overseer of poor reported assistance to a number of needy families during March and April and recommended the removal to a sanitarium of a case of tuberculosis which threatened other members of the family with whom the patient lived. Upon the overseer's recommendation, the Committee passed a resolution withdrawing from men requested aid, except upon certification from the township physician.

The auditors' report on the condition of the township finances was laid over for another month to allow Treasurer Schley to reconcile his accounts with those of the auditors.

The committee on house numbering, in anticipation of free mail delivery, reported their work completed.

The committee on laying out fire districts in the several villages of the township reported progress. The committee was continued.

Clark Dargel announced the receipt and delivery of twenty-five badges for special policeman recently appointed within the township, at a cost of \$30.00.

Committee on Clark reported on the matter of securing a time clock. Mr. Clark stated that he had investigated several kinds and, in his opinion, one carried attached to the belt, for which keys could be placed at different points throughout the village, seemed most feasible. If this system were installed, the night policemen would have to carry the clock attached to his belt and visit the places where the clock keys were placed, at stated intervals throughout the night.

The insertion of the several keys in the clock would show at what time the location was visited by the officer. The matter was laid over for further consideration. Mr. Clark proposed the delay.

John B. Danster appeared before the Committee at a former meeting requesting that surface water from the street now flowing in his pond, be diverted to follow the road. A committee comprising Messrs. Buist and the township engineer reported that the water could be kept from Mr. Danster's pond at little expense and authorized to proceed in correcting the difficulty.

Several permits to carry firearms were granted, among them being Robert Nash, John E. Puff, John Vard and A. Grande.

NEW DATA REGARDING THE KNOX BIVOAC

Two Shack Sites Restored and Another Camp Oven Located

SOME OF THE RECENT FINDS

BY MAX ROEBERCH

While pursuing the investigation of General Knox's encampment, the explorer was confronted by the task not only of locating the several sites but also of determining their nature by means of the refuse left behind. These tell-tale marks of former occupation consisted of two kinds, namely, the mounds and foundations of shanties on the one hand, and the debris or remains of animal times on the other. The mounds, in particular, were quite conspicuous and could be identified as such in most cases. But as for the foundations of shanties, the task of accurately determining their outline was by no means an easy one, since the first place one of the stones, once forming part of the square and circles, had been removed and, in second, because the occurrence of countless rocks littering the camp tended to render their outlines indistinct.

Speaking of the debris buried in the soil, both beneath the rocks and under them, it afforded a valuable clue for determining the character of the various sites. Thus, for instance, an accumulation of ashes, charcoal and fire cracked bones was taken to indicate a hearth or fireplace, heaps of bones and marine shells a garbage dump, and the same remains buried deeply a refuse pit.

Thus, also, a pile of fine mortar and fragments of bricks would point, most likely, to an oven site, while buttons, forks, knives and nails, occurring mostly, as they did, within or near stone squares, may serve to strengthen the presumption that these squares do actually indicate the exact situation of the soldiers' shacks.

Moreover, the investigation has generally shown the space within the stone squares to be most prolific in remains, whereas the intermediate sections, that is, those outside of them, were comparatively bare of such.

In view of what has been said, it is evident that apart from the row of low mounds, all overgrown with a dense vegetation and hidden under a mass of tangled vines, there were practically no signs revealing the significance of this old historic landmark or giving any intimation whatever as to the scenes enacted here for six long months during that fateful winter of 1779-79, when the destinies of this country were being decided in these days, when the struggle for freedom, honor and the scales of man and yet, what a rich harvest of remains what an abundance of evidence as to the investigation was once under way!

In the preceding issue of this column an account was given of the progress made in restoring the sites situated to the northern section of the camp as far south as mound "C". Proceeding farther southward, a quantity of gravel shells were noted, some of them exposed to view, strewn along the slope of the hill a few feet south of the new, but discovered oven site. Clearing the surface from rocks, temporarily deposited thereabout, while digging into mound "C", another rock square could plainly be discerned contiguous to mound "D" and directly north of it. Adjoining this square to the east, there were seen two other rows of stones running from the easterly corners of the square so as to form a triangle, with the apex pointing toward the hill. To be more explicit, square and triangle have one row of rocks in common, the base of the latter forming the easterly side of the former. In the southern corner of the triangle there was a shallow depression, about a yard in diameter and encircled by rocks, which on examination was found to contain many bones and blades. The stones composing these rows were firmly imbedded in the soil and as their arrangement, such as it is, shows design, it can be little doubt that it signifies the outline of a shack.

About twenty-five feet east of mound "D" and a few feet south of the rock triangle, at a point where the hill begins its ascent, a large mass of lime mortar was noticed lying on the surface. Making an excavation at this spot, much more of that material came to light mingled with some bones, shells and oyster shells. Considering all the evidence, this spot, too, may have been the site of an oven, although there can be no question that it must have been much smaller and far less used than

TO ENLIST BOYS

For Farm Work Throughout Township—Plans Ready Under Way.

A plan was adopted at Monday night meeting of the Bernards Food Association, held in Bernards Inn, by which a brigade of schoolboy workers will be organized in Bernardsville Township. William J. Bickett, Superintendent of the township schools, will be manager of the project and boys will be selected from high schools in different parts of the state. A guarantee of \$20 per month and board will be given each worker. The colony is expected to open June 1st.

TO BENEFIT FARMERS

Farm Demonstrator for Somerset County to be Appointed.

The Bernardsville Agricultural and Horticultural Society has started movement to secure a farm demonstrator in Somerset County.

The initial steps were taken at the March meeting of the Society and already Senator Frillinghausen, in a letter to the secretary of the society, has signified his willingness to further the project in any way.

State Commissioner of Agriculture, Alva Engle has been approached and will be guided entirely by the sentiment of the farmers who will benefit by the appointment. Since it depends upon whether the farmers of Somerset wish the aid and advice of an experienced agriculturist in their farming operations, petitions will be circulated within a few days, throughout the entire county, to secure signatures of all who favor the appointment. On the success of these petitions will depend the selection of the County Agent.

His headquarters will probably be in Somersetville and his advice will be available to any farmer desiring assistance of any nature, in his farming problems. The Board of Freeholders will be approached at their next meeting to favor the appointment.

The expense will be born entirely by the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., the State Experimental Station and the Board of Freeholders of Somerset County.

TO HOUSE BOYS IN SCHOOL

Permission Granted to Use the Olcott Building as Headquarters For Farm Brigade

The Bernards Township Board of Education adopted a resolution at last night's meeting giving the Citizens' Food Supply Association of Bernards Township, permission to use the Bernards High School as a barracks for a brigade of about fifty high school boys selected from outside schools.

Two boys will spend their vacation assisting neighboring farmers in their farm work and will receive compensation at the rate of twenty cents per hour for nine hours a day.

Positions are ready for all the boys and the expense of their maintenance has been arranged for. Several rooms in the building will be needed for the purpose and the Food Supply Association guarantees to provide against injury to the building through its occupancy by the brigade.

The movement is under the direct management of Supervising Principal Bickett and a representative of the Y. M. C. A. and another from the "Farm Scouts" organization will be in constant supervision.

Permission was requested to use the school property but it is very possible that the plans of the Committee in charge may be changed and the boys housed elsewhere.

The arrangements of the several townships will be used as training centers in the respective localities during the summer months and demonstration of instruction in the art of raising potatoes, onions and every sort of vegetable is aimed.

SAILORS' RELIEF WORK

Began Under the Supervision of Mrs. R. V. Lindbury.

Mrs. Richard V. Lindbury addressed a meeting of local women in the Public Library last Thursday afternoon on relief work for the Navy. Samples of knitted jackets, scarfs and wristlets were shown and instruction given in making the articles.

Mrs. Lindbury, who is very much interested in this work, will supply wool to any one willing to donate a skein. The Library is to be used as a base of supply until a distributing center has been established.

Among the local organizations which will take up this work are the Woman's Social Union, the Sub-Committee of the Visiting Nurse Association and the Y. A. E. Club.

The finished articles will be sent to Mrs. Lindbury who will make a shipment to Washington each week.

Impressions of a Newcomer

From the News-Letter of Westbrook Heights comes the following compliment which gives the impressions of one of our newer residents—Rev. O. J. Joseph—on conditions in our village:

Bernardsville, N. J.
Editor News-Letter:
Dear Sir—I want to use your paper to thank all my friends in Westbrook Heights for their cordiality and courtesy. They are well and I am glad to have a beautiful house with excellent grounds. There is also a large garden. As a true patriot I expect to raise potatoes, onions and every sort of vegetable in season.

At the present time, I am in a transition state. Free delivery of letters will be introduced in June. The sidewalks are found only in some of the streets but there is a movement on foot to lay them in all the streets. The street lighting is fair. The town is interesting to me because I continue rural and suburban elements. There are quite a few commuters, as the train service on the D. L. & W. is excellent, and it is only an hour's run from New York. I understand there has been a steady growth of the population and people are moving in all the time from the great city, Newark and beyond. The climate is delightful and nature has made this a rare garden spot.

There are two large school buildings. One was presented to the town by the late Mr. Olcott and with its good extensive grounds. This is used by the High School and the kindergarten. The other is the grammar school building. The Supervising Principal Mr. Bickett lives here and he has introduced quite a number of reforms. In this respect, he is like my good friend President Thompson in the Heights.

The town has a good Free Public Library in charge of a trained librarian who knows her business with thoroughness. A specialty is made of books for children and young people. The reading room is well supplied with papers and periodicals.

I visited the Masonic lodge in town on Tuesday of last week and was given a characteristic reception. The lodge is about two years old but it has grown very rapidly. The temple is quite a fine structure. Meetings are held every Tuesday to meet the demand for admission. They are a splendid company of men, the pick of the town.

I was quite pleased to see that a whole column was given in last week's News-Letter to a notice of my book, "The Path and the Pellyowhip." Although published within the last month I was gratified to learn that it was the third best seller in a large New York store. Anyone who desires a copy can address me at Bernardsville, N. J., enclosing \$1.25.

My wish for Westbrook Heights, is that it will have a steady growth in all directions and become one of the important residential suburbs.

Sincerely yours,
OSCAR L. JOSEPH

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Methodist Church Notes

Mother's Day will be celebrated next Sunday morning. A special sermon will be delivered next Sunday evening. Community will have been the feature of the service.

Installation of newly elected officers of the Epworth League will be held on Sunday May 27, at 7.45 in honor of Memorial Day.

Wednesday evening the monthly missionary prayer meeting will be held. We need the world vision in these days and here is an opportunity to have it. Right o'clock.

The following are the newly elected officers of the Epworth League: Stanley Wilson, president; Albert Sutton, first vice president; Miss Edna Flowers, second vice president; Miss Eliza Faust, third vice president; Mrs. Smith Kagan, fourth vice president; Miss Elizabeth Petty, secretary; Lester Mullen, treasurer; Mrs. Roy Walker, pianist.

Round Top Council No. 227, Jr. O. U. A. M. have accepted the invitation of Rev. Oscar Joseph to attend divine service on Sunday May 27, at 7.45 in honor of Memorial Day.

Express Their Loyalty

Seney Lodge, I. O. O. F., at their meeting Tuesday evening adopted a resolution as follows:

"Resolved, expressing our confidence in our National Leadership, we pledge our unstinted support, representing as we do, our thirty thousand men in the State of New Jersey."

A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to President Wilson.

The Board of Health

At the Board of Health meeting Tuesday afternoon, attention was called to the presence of stagnant water in the solar on the Frank H. Alter property at the corner of Main Street and New Street.

The street officer Hausbrick stated that the matter was receiving attention and the water would be removed as soon as possible when the water was removed.

All milk sold to the public by dairies of Bernards Township will be subject to bacteriological tests. The taking of these tests will be started this month by Dr. L. R. Hausbrick, health inspector. The Board of Health authorized Dr. Hausbrick to compel all dairies to take out licenses in accordance with the ordinance passed last year. There are twenty dairies in this township doing public business.

New Enlistments

Among those to enlist this week were Ellsworth Childs, son of Luther Childs; Lyone, Evander Schley, son of Grant L. Schley; Par Hills, and John Stevens, son of Col. Edwin A. Stevens, of the mountain colony. All three will go to Fort Myer as members of the Officers' Reserve Training Camp.

The New Sires at the Ridge

Just heard the blaine of a siren at frequent intervals during the last few days? The fire ladders at the Ridge have installed their new fire alarm siren. The new alarm can be heard very clearly within a radius of several miles and seems to be fulfilling expectations.

TO SUPERVISE HOME GARDENS

John Bayard Stevens of West Brighton, Statesboro, a graduate of Rutgers Agricultural College, has been engaged a Supervisor of Home Gardens and will visit communities between Millington and Gladstone.

The committee in charge of the work consists of the Rev. J. A. Conover, W. J. Bickett and Mrs. S. C. Bickett, of Bernardsville; Clara B. Mitchell, of Par Hills; Lester Meseroll, of Peapack-Gladstone and Frederick Stroh of Basking Ridge.

Mr. Stevens arrived Wednesday to take up his work here.