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## REVOLUTIONARY CAMP BEING RESTORED

**Twelve Sites Definitely Put in Shape Following Removal of Debris**

LOCATING CAMP OVENS

By MAX SCHRAMBERG

When, toward the end of November 1916, the investigator paid his first visit to the locality one used as winter quarters by General Knorr's artillery, it was a tract of wild woodland, with thick underbrush and tangled vines between the trees and with numerous rocks littering the ground, and it was assumed that this it denotes the location of one of the high ovens remembered by some of the oldest people, the superstructure of which was carried away a long time ago to be used in building culverts.

A large quantity of lime mortar was noticed northeast of mound within the northern part of the camp, and it is quite possible that an excavation made at that spot may reveal the traces of one of these ovens. Again, consider another of these ovens. It is a large oval one of the high ovens remembered by some of the oldest people, the superstructure of which was carried away a long time ago to be used in building culverts.

As regards the preponderance of nails among the remains of this camp—more than a thousand having been found—may account for their occurrence in such quantities by assuming that the soldiers used them for building wood sheds by means of pick and mattock when the advent of winter imperatively called a halt for the time being.

To remove these obstacles, a gang of men was set to work during the winter months cutting away the timber and burning the brushwood and leaving only the larger trees standing. Thus, at the end of March, work could be resumed under greatly improved conditions.

During the process of the excavations innumerable rocks were encountered buried in the upper layer, as already stated. These had to be dug out in order to secure what remains the soldiers had left and to try to ascertain by the nature of these the character of the various sites scattered over the camp. With the exception of a certain quantity of oyster shells and a few military buttons which lay on the surface, all relics were found imbedded in the soil between the rocks and beneath them, to a depth of about a foot. While tearing up the soil constant care had to be exercised not to damage or misplace any of the large stones which, being arranged in squares, one had reason to suppose betokened the foundations of the rude huts so recently tenanted by General Knorr's soldiers.

This done, it became necessary to remove the rocks and set up all over the camp and pile them up in convenient places some distance from the tents. Clearing the surface from all unnecessary rocks had the effect of rendering the stones, evidently indicating the soldiers' quarters, quite conspicuous or obvious to the eye. Of this class of sites there are three. They have been restored within the last ten days. Four of these are situated in the northern section of the camp, where there is a level space between mounds five and six and the slope of the hill, which is much wider than that between the more southerly mounds and the rising ground east of them. The three remaining ones are a few feet to the east of mounds 3, 4 and 5.

In addition to this, a small hearth was found just east of mound 4, composed of large smooth, angular rock which contained charcoal and oyster shells in the niche or pocket thus formed, about a foot below the surface. East of it what appeared to be a small refuse pit was noted filled with considerable quantity of oyster shells, bones and hard shell cans. Both of these have been restored as well as a large shell and bone pit, about six feet long by three feet deep, ten feet east of mound 2.

Mention has already been made in a previous article of the fact that each of the twelve mounds examined contained a fireplace lying invariably in the center about two feet below their top. As in rebuilding them all these fireplaces were again covered up or hidden from sight, it was deemed proper for the sake of demonstration to leave open up a tunnel recently discovered but at first not suspected as such. It lies about twenty-five feet east or southeast and the fireplace in its interior consisted of a wall of rocks partly fire-baked, with soil discolored by charcoal and ashes at the bottom.

Probably the most important site yet discovered on the camp was found about twelve feet south of the mound just spoken of. When first noticed, it was thought to be merely a refuse pit, filled, as it was, with shells, bones and nails to a depth of about eighteen inches. Digging to a depth, however, a thick layer of ashes and charcoal came in sight and under it there was a pavement or floor composed of flat-baked lime mortar, thirty inches below the surface. Working carefully, the walls, were seen to be coated or cemented with the same material. Buried in the ashes there were many nails along with two small vent tubes, dating back, no doubt, to colonial days, and at the lowest level four pieces of pewter,

## ANNUAL CARNIVAL DATES FIXED

July 3 and 4 Selected by Bernardsville Fire Company For the Big Event

The general committee in charge of the Bernardsville Fire Company at their last meeting decided on July 3 and 4 as the dates for holding their annual carnival which will take place at the school grounds.

The general committee in charge of the affair is Edwin S. Spinning, chairman; Joseph Debbas and Samuel Conklin, assistant chairmen; Joseph Knorr, secretary; John E. Puff, assistant secretary; Joseph Knorr, treasurer.

Publicity Committee—Joseph Debbas, Joseph Knorr.

Donation Committee—Thos G. Mayberry, chairman; Rev. T. A. Coover, David Bush.

Amusement Committee—Joseph B. Knorr, chairman; D. V. Timolin, Louis Corrado, Walter Bider, David Blitt, Clarence Pope, Samuel Conklin, Irving Trimmer, S. W. Tunison, A. B. Wainman, John McWilliams, John J. Foley, Elmer Lacker, Dr. E. E. Moore, Homer T. Brooks, Raymond Manker, Jack Griffith, Harry Wright, Marie and Joseph Frantz, Wm. Orden, chairman; W. C. Ludlow.

Merry-go-round—T. B. Smith, chairman.

George Zarkard, Steve Corrado, Chas. Griffith, Nicholas Meary.

Ice Cream—Martin Monaco, chairman; John Dick, L. H. Nuse, Sr., Horace McWilliams.

Special Police—A. B. Cihb, W. P. Alsheskey, John McWilliams, Martin Monaco, Andrew Dick.

## B. N. D. RIFLE CLUB INCORPORATES

Defense Organization Appoints Company Officers and Forms Permanent Body

DRILL NIGHTS FIXED

The Bernards National Defense Rifle Club had a meeting membership meeting on Monday evening in the Olcott School, attended by representatives from all the neighboring units, the entire assemblage of men numbering more than one hundred and fifty.

Several matters of importance were under consideration, one of these being the advisability of incorporating the organization. After discussion of the benefits of the new move, a resolution was passed incorporating the body.

Four new members were admitted, making the total membership now slightly over two hundred.

The finance committee's report showed receipts of over \$1,300, with disbursements amounting to leave a balance in the treasury of over \$200.

The expense of the bi-weekly rifle practice was discussed at length and it was decided to hold these "shoots" every Saturday, each member to be well greeted. If further ammunition is desired, it may be purchased. This change was made on account of the scarcity of ammunition at the present time and also to cut down somewhat the heavy expense for its purchase and will be in effect until it can be ascertained how much ammunition can be secured gratis from the government.

For some time the infantry drills have been held on Monday and Thursday nights, each week. These nights were fixed as the regular drill nights; Monday evening to be the drill night of the respective units in their own neighborhood and Thursday night to be known as "company" drill, when all the members will gather by the instruction.

As the department will be the division of the organization into three divisions: the first will be composed of those who wish to attain proficiency in rifle shooting; the other two divisions will be composed of those who do drill work. One of these divisions will be known as the "infantry" and will contain those who desire to form and maintain a permanent organization, secure uniforms and equipment, drill regularly and participate in military service in case of need and, in fact, study and instruct themselves fully in military tactics. The other division will be known as the home guard reserve, the members of which shall drill in squads or platoons but who need not uniforms or equip, but shall be reserves of the infantry company for home guard work.

Another matter of interest was the election of temporary officers to serve until July 1st, 1917 in order to carry out full company formation. A nominating committee including Rev. L. G. Bennett, W. A. Richardson, S. G. Wilson, C. L. King, Rev. J. J. Barson, with Capt. Spadon, Sergeant, first lieutenant, Joseph Debbas, second lieutenant, F. K. Sullivan; first sergeant, E. M. Hurd, duty sergeant, Floyd Putter, Martin Monaco, Stanley G. Wilson and John C. Barnard.

New rules and regulations governing those who join the infantry corps were adopted, together with a distinctive march, which will consist of a diamond shaped march patch, sewed on the left hand upper coat pocket.

## PUPILS MUST QUALIFY

in Their Studies to Gain Permission to Assist in Farm Work

The Bernards Township Board of Education, at a special meeting held on Tuesday evening last, discussed at length the advisability of releasing pupils of the township schools for the purpose of assisting in farm work.

The Board of Education had already re-arranged their hours of study so that High School pupils are now released each day at 1 1/2 p. m., so that the balance of the day might be given to assisting in farm work, if desired.

To further assist in the national effort to supply larger crops, the Board passed the following resolution, which gives those who are well up in their studies, an opportunity to further assist in this work:

"Whereas, the Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey has recommended the releasing of boys for the purpose of assisting in farm work, and whereas the following qualifications are necessary for such release:

1—Be over fourteen years of age.

2—Be in good physical condition.

3—Be a consent of parent or guardian.

4—Satisfactorily considering agricultural employment.

Resolved, that the Board concurs in the above and will excuse pupils well up in their studies to assist in farm work, provided they are well up in their studies to the extent of the following conditions:

1—That a passing standard shall have been attained in all studies up to the time exemption is requested.

2—That pupils, other than seniors, agree to do special work upon return to school in order to make up any deficiency due to absence.

Resolved, that all applications for exemption be referred to the president and supervising principal, who shall have power to grant or refuse such exemption and report at the succeeding meeting of the Board."

L. S. Graham, who has been furnishing lunches to some of the pupils in the local school, requested that he be relieved from this work as he found that because of the change in the school hours now in effect many of the scholars secure their lunches upon their return home after the close of the session at 1 o'clock. The request was granted.

## BRADY HORSES WIN MANY PRIZES

Hamilton Farms Entries Capture Blue Ribbons at Annual New York Spring Horse Show

EVENT CLOSES MONDAY

James Cox Brady's Hamilton Farms, entries carried off most of the laurels last Thursday night, when the twenty-second annual New York Spring Horse Show closed at Durland's Riding Academy.

The Gladstone farm horses were unobtainable after three nights of exhibitions which some of the finest entries in the country were paraded before a large and fashionable crowd.

There was no denying the quality of the horses sent into the ring by Mr. Brady, and though there was a wave of montony in the awarding of blue ribbons to the high steps of Hamilton Farms, the judges had no alternative as the high-class entries were handled perfectly by Manager John Tierney.

In the harness classes last Thursday night, five more blue ribbons were awarded Mr. Brady, which added to those captured on the two previous evenings made a total of eleven gained during the three nights of the show by this powerful stable.

How far Mr. Brady was in front of his rivals may be gauged when it is noticed that no other exhibitor won more than three blues.

Besides the harness classes, Mr. Brady's ponies, tandem, heavy and middleweight jumpers also carried off the first prizes.

In Argo and Frailty, Mr. Brady had reserved one of his best pairs for the last night of the show. These were first brought out in the class for pairs over 15.2 hands high.

These handsome chestnuts had no easy road to success, as the competition was keen and the class one of the best ever seen in the Durland ring.

Argo, a chestnut gelding, who came from England with the reputation of having won a championship, has been in this country about three years. It cost \$7,000 to import this fine specimen, but it was only last season that Mr. Brady managed to add him to his stable. He was perfectly matched by the chestnut mare Frailty, but it took the judges a long time before they decided to hand the blue ribbons to this pair over Supreme Polonia and Ideal Malibu, the A. W. Atkinson entries from Brooklyn.

Lacer in the evening Argo and Frailty came out for the tandem with the English champion in the lead and again they made a fine showing and won over the Atkinson pair.

## RIDGECAMP PURCHASE SIREN

Firemen Installing Fire System in Their Firehouse

A resolution adopted at a meeting of the Bernards Ridge Fire Company, No. 1, on March 21st, states that the usual fire signal, the Presbyterian Church bell, has proven to be not loud nor distinct enough as an alarm and the firemen decided to contract for what is known as the Sterling Village Siren, a fire alarm signal, operated by a three horsepower electric motor.

The new signal weighing 700 lbs., arrived by freight on Wednesday and will be placed in the tower of the firehouse, which has been prepared to receive the apparatus.

The maker's claim for the new siren was based for a distance of from four to five miles and the firemen have thirty days in which to make a thorough trial of its merits before finally deciding to purchase.

The siren will be operated for the present from a signal box already affixed to the firehouse, similar to those used in large towns. An alarm may be sounded by breaking the glass and operating the mechanism inside, according to directions. If the signal proves satisfactory additional signal boxes may be erected in other parts of the village.

It is hoped to have the apparatus ready for tests to be held on Saturday.

## FARMING COLONY NOW OPEN

High School Boys Already Encamped at Far Hills Fair Grounds

Forty high school boys have already started work on the newly opened Frantz Farm colony sponsored by Grant B. Schlegel owner of the estate which includes 5,000 acres. The boys who come from Plainfield and Bloomfield High Schools, arrived Monday but were unable to begin their work on account of the rainy weather, until Wednesday. The ground to be planted has already been prepared. About ten more boys are expected to arrive from South Orange and Elizabeth schools.

The colony is operated on a military basis. Strict instruction is given on a co-operative plan. Living quarters have been arranged on the Far Hills fair grounds, where the boys will be made comfortable for their summer sojourn.

## Cloths Mysterify Local Residents

Red and white cloths flying from the tallest tree in the section around the Bernards Water Company reservoir has caused much mystery in this community. Strict investigation by a public spirited man has failed to disclose even the slightest clue as to the reason for the nightish noise. The tree is on the public road leading to the estates of S. S. and William Childs, Jr. About two weeks ago a red cloth was discovered nailed to the tree and although it was taken down and a watch established, an unseen agency replaced it with another crimson banner. Additional men were put on the case but without avail as Tuesday's dawn revealed a white cloth in place of the red one. Chief of the watchers have been Walter V. Stryker of the Bernards Water Company and William J. Bickert, supervising principal of the Bernards Township school.

They are not taking the incident too seriously, but thus you never can tell.

## Aids "War Sacrifices"

In a public letter to the parishioners of St. Bernards P. Church, Rev. Thomas A. Coover, the rector urges the members of his fold to give up the use of alcoholic drinks as a "war sacrifice." The letter appears in the monthly bulletin issued by the church.

Most of the weekly residents of the township belong to members of St. Bernards parish.

## Killed by Fall From Wagon

William Brakes of Basking Ridge was killed Monday night at Striking Ridge as a result of a fall from a load of logs. He was carrying from Far Hills to Striking.

Brakes, who was sixty years old, struck on his head and rolled under the wheels of the heavy truck which crushed his legs. The dead man was employed by Ernest Reisman, a Billing member who is cutting logs at Far Hills.

## English Soldier Sells Home

There is a case of the banking firm of Messrs. Kinross & Co., of New York City, has bought Lancaster, the country estate of Henry W. Lance, about five miles from Bernardsville.

Mr. Lance, who is an Englishman, went to England at the beginning of the war to enlist in the army, leaving Lancaster in the hands of a New York representative to sell at \$20,000. The estate comprises 200 acres, large Elizabethan type of dwelling and golf links.

The F. A. E. Club will consider plans for war relief work at their meeting tonight. On May 6th the members will gather wilderness to be sent to various hospitals. On May 17th Mrs. J. H. Hopkins of New York City will talk on the suffrage question.

## Miss Mitchell Weds June 2

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blair Mitchell of Fairbrook House, Far Hills, and De Courcy Falls will take place on Saturday afternoon, June 2, at Bernardsville, N. J., in St. Barnabas P. Church. A reception will follow at the bride's home.

Miss Virginia Mitchell is to be her bridesmaid, and the best man is to be the bridegroom's brother, Charles De Rham, and G. W. Galletta, all of New York; John Switzer, De Ford Deal, Frederic Cunningham, and George Putnam of Boston, and Spencer Irvine of Philadelphia.

Mr. Falls is a son of Halliburton Falls of 110 East Seventy-second street, New York City. Miss Mitchell's father is a member of the law firm of Choate, Larocque & Mitchell of 41 Wall street.

## HYMNAL

O'KEEFE-FARMER

Announcement has been made of the marriage Wednesday April 25th of Miss Mary Farmer of Brooklyn and Miss O'Keefe of Manhattan at St. Augustine's Church in Brooklyn. Mr. and Mrs. O'Keefe will reside in Manhattan.

## Bank to Aid Farmers

The City National Bank of Plainfield has taken the initiative in providing a fund for assisting farmers of North Plainfield Township in cultivating their farms this spring.

The bank will advance small loans to farmers whose application is certified by the Agricultural Commission of the township and the accommodation will be extended from now until December first.

Horace Hallock Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Brown, is one of twelve undergraduates of Williams College, who will sail for France within the next two weeks to enter the American Ambulance service on the front.

## To Meet With Round Top

The Somerset County Post Controller's Association will meet with Round Top Council, No. 277, on Friday evening, May 11th.

The subject for this meeting will be "Americanizing the Foreign-Born."

## Bay Day Postponed

Because of their inability to secure a speaker and stenographic views expected the Sub-committee of the Westinghouse Association postponed the holding of Bay Day, which was scheduled for Monday April 30th, to a date to be fixed later.

## Injured His Spine

John Barker, baggageman at the local station, who lives in Summit, was fighting from the trolley near his home there last Friday night when his axle turned and he was thrown to the pavement, injuring his spine.

Barker was removed to Overlook Hospital where he is in a critical condition. His position here is being filed by G. B. Lester of the freight department.

## Commencement Dates Fixed

Dates for the holding of Commencement and Class Day exercises of the Bernards High School have been fixed as follows:

Recommencement sermon on Sunday, June 24th in the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church, by Rev. L. C. Bennett.

Class Night exercises will be held in Columbus Theatre, on Tuesday evening, June 26th.

Commencement exercises in Columbus Theatre on Thursday, June 28th, at 10 p. m. Dr. Calvin N. Kendall, State Commissioner of Education, will make an address.

## Movies at Parochial Hall

The Educational Film Corporation of New York gave its initial moving picture performance in the new Parochial Hall yesterday afternoon at 8.30 o'clock and evening at 8.15.

The afternoon show was given especially for the children while the evening one was devoted to adults. Henry L. Weber, baritone, sang during the entertainment.