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Horse & Plow



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Excerpts from:
Salem Standard and Jerseyman, 8/11/1932

Herbert Hoover is President of the United States... Cost of a first class stamp is two cents...Singer Johnny Cash is born...
 The infant son of Charles Lindbergh is kidnapped...Amelia Earhart is the first woman to fly the Atlantic solo...
 The stock market reaches it lowest level of the Great Depression bottoming out at 41.22...
 NY Yankees defeat the Chicago Cubs (4-0) in the World Series...
 and the Academy Award for Best Picture goes to *Grand Hotel* starring Greta Garbo. Meanwhile in Salem NJ...
 Hundreds of people will be treated to a real thrill when they witness Dr. Rajah Sigmund, world famous mental telepathist, in a daredevil drive while blindfolded, through Salem streets, complying with all traffic

rules and regulations.
 Dr. Sigmund, who is appearing all week at Riverview Beach Park will start his uncanny drive from the front of the Standard and Jerseyman office on Friday at 1 o'clock. The bandages, several fold thick, will be applied by Chief of Police W Howard Reeve.
 Rajah will then get into a new model Chrysler automobile. Rajah has selected this car because of its patented floating power and other mechanical features which ensures quiet operation and easy handling power which does not detract from his acute concentration.
 Radio mental direction is the explanation given of his ability to drive while blindfolded and alone. Dr. Sigmund will be guided by thoughts transferred by his wife, Serena, "the key mind", who is actually his eyes. The success of this drive will be credited to

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Clerk's Corner

PRESERVING OUR HISTORY
 The Salem County Clerk's office has initiated an extensive project to preserve and scan the multitude of historic documents and books which are located in the County Clerk Archives. A newly purchased overhead book scanner will facilitate the reproduction of the historic and significant treasures which represent and affirm the history of Salem County.

It is of vital importance that there be a duplicate copy of all existing historic records in the event of a fire or flood emergency within the Salem County Courthouse complex. Those records include land and property records dating back to 1715 and early road books of 1698 to 1792.

Documents of citizens and families includes marriage records from 1699 to 1912, naturalization records from 1808 to 1958, slaves and indentures from 1793 to 1845, and military documents from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

We will be searching for funding through grants and our own Trust Fund Revenues to accomplish this task.

The Salem County Archives Room is open during regular business hours. It is currently utilized by many members of the public who are interested in genealogy and history or require copies of certain documents.

We invite the public to visit our downstairs Archives and experience our County history.

Gilda T. Gill
Salem County Clerk

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Veteran's Day Tribute

The Salem County Clerk's office will sponsor a special pictorial tribute to Salem County Veterans on the website www.salemcountyclerk.org and on the "Wall of Honor" in the Courthouse.

Salem County residents are invited to provide a picture of veterans, alive or deceased, to the Clerk's office, which will be included in a slide presentation and displayed in the Courthouse from September through November, 2008. The name of the person in the photo must be included. All photographs will be returned to the sender.

The County Clerk will also conduct a special personal tribute to veterans on Wednesday, November 12, in the **Old Courthouse** in Salem. All registered veterans will be individually recognized for their service to our Country.

A registration form will be provided to interested veterans or their family members from the County Clerk office. For further information, contact County Clerk Gilda Gill.

Dog Days of Summer

National Standard, July 9, 1902

A little fox terrier belonging to Edward Blackfan, of New Hope, had a leg taken off by the wheels of a train at Lambertville. Rather than cross the bridge between the two towns, the suffering animal leaped into the Delaware, swam across and hobbled home. Attention was given to the injury, and the dog recovered, but he could no longer perform some cute tricks for which he was noted. By way of experiment, his owner had a wooden leg made for his pet, and the little beast manifested the keenest delight in this aid to his locomotion.



Old age is realizing you will never own all the dogs you wanted.

What dogs want most in life is for no one to go away.

Politicians are interested in people. Not that this is a virtue. Fleas are interested in dogs.

—PJ O'Rourke

Finn's Point War Monument

Salem Standard June 1, 1910

The War memorial monument erected by the United States Government to mark the burial of Confederate prisoners of war who died on northern soil during the Civil War is now in position at the National Cemetery at Finn's Point.



The memorial is styled a rough quarry-faced shaft memorial, the total height is 82 feet 6 inches, and the square platform base is 21 feet. A total of 12 bronze tablets give the entire record of 2,460 names, with the company and regimental assignment of each confederate prisoner who died and was buried at Finn's Point.

The period of time required in the erection of this memorial was 18 weeks. The material used is called granite marble

and was quarried in West Grove, PA. The VanAmringe Granite Company received \$8,500 for the work.

Riverview Beach Park Ready For Opening

Salem Sunbeam May 25, 1938

Even dad will have as much fun as the kids at Riverview Beach Park this year, operating the new Speedway Cars which are gasoline driven. These little cars replace the Custer cars which have given many a young motorist his start at the wheel!

New skee ball alleys, as well as other improvements and modernizations, have been installed at this famous park at Pennsville on the Delaware, which opens for the season on Saturday, May 28th.



Of course there is the new modern swimming pool, one of the finest in the East, and the large roller skating rink, with the finest hardwood floor in South Jersey, and the dozen other amusements, with the delightful picnic grounds. Many South Jersey organizations are making plans to hold their picnics at the Park this year, while thousands will come down from Philadelphia on the Wilson Line steamers.

Fourth Annual DuPont Picnic at Riverview

Salem Sunbeam August 10, 1938

Favored by ideal weather, the annual picnic of the DuPont Deepwater Industries brought nearly 20,000 people to the Riverview Beach Park last Saturday.

As early as nine o'clock employees and their families started redeeming their tickets for free rides on the amusement devices and by noon more than 10,000 had gathered. An elaborate program of events starting with a baby parade at 10 am and ending with a diving exhibition at 6 pm provided entertainment for every minute of the day.

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the alertness of Serena, who also has a certain amount of psychic powers. She will follow Rajah in a Plymouth car.

Asked about the possibilities of crashing into other cars or into a store window, he did caution that perhaps it would be best for pedestrians to remain on the sidewalk. He also disclosed that he has made nearly 500 such drives and all of them have been successful.

And as an encore, Rajah Sigmund will hypnotize a Pennsville woman in the large front window of Hitchner's Furniture Store. The subject will be reposed on a Simmons Beautyrest mattress which is being featured at a new low price of \$33.75.

After 3 hours, an ambulance will transport the sleeping subject to Riverview Beach Park, where Rajah will then break the subject's trance, before a large crowd.

Rajah Sigmund summed up his abilities as "just mind over matter. I do not try to delude the public into thinking that the sixth sense is innate. It is the result of 14 years of perseverance."

For more of this story and to see the amusing advertisements visit our website.

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SalemCountyClerk.org
to read all about the
events of the year
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as recorded in the
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newspaper.

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