

# **Clifton News 100 Years Ago: April 1914**

## **Passaic Daily News**

**April 1, 1914**

### **CLIFTON**

A party of young boys, representing the Clifton training school left in an automobile for Warwick, N. Y., Monday afternoon, where they were to have played basketball. At Mountainview they had two blow-outs and were forced to fill the tire shoe with leaves and drive to Greenwood Lake. When they arrived there they telephoned to Warwick stating that they would not be able to play that evening and then started on their homeward journey. They arrived home at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

**April 2, 1914**

### **CLIFTON**

#### **LAKEVIEW WILL HAVE MAIL BOXES WHERE NEEDED**

The matter of having mail boxes distributed through Lakeview and Lakeview Heights was brought up at the regular monthly meeting of the Lakeview Improvement Association last evening at the Lakeview fire house on South Second Street. Mr. Balliman stated that he did not see why the Clifton residents were any better than the Lakeview residents to have mail boxes distributed throughout their section of the township and that this matter should be carefully looked into... On motion the secretary was instructed to communicate with Postmaster McNair and to send him the following as sites selected by the association where boxes are greatly needed: South Second Street and Trenton Avenue, South Second Street and Sixth Avenue, and Madeline Avenue and Jensen Street.

The committee on the flower show competition which is to be held in September between the classes of Lakeview School No 4 and Lakeview Heights School No 11, reported that they were trying to secure another prize to be awarded in addition to the silver loving cup, which will be presented by the association. During the first part of the year the association sold flower seeds to the pupils of the two schools which they are to plant. The class displaying the most beautiful flowers will receive a silver loving cup which they will hold for one year...

**April 4, 1914**

### **CLIFTON CUBS PLAY FIRST GAME TODAY**

#### **Paterson Nine Opposes Village Team on Race Track Diamond this Afternoon**

The Clifton Cubs will open their baseball season this afternoon playing the Oriental Crescents on the race track grounds. The game will be called at three o'clock.

The Clifton team expects to win the contest and will have out a strong team to accomplish this end. Melville and Berry will divide up the pitching, while Cocker will catch. The rest of the lineup will be: Manning, 1b; Walsh, 2b; Martin, 3b; Reilly, ss; Fulton, lf, W. Fulton, rf; and Berry, cf.

**April 9, 1914**

### **CLIFTON**

#### **BOY SCOUTS WILL TAKE WALK TO**

Tomorrow morning, at 8:30 o'clock, the members of the Clifton Boy Scouts, troop No 1, will again attempt the hike to Maywood for the third time. On two previous occasions it had to be postponed on account of rain. The course will be from Passaic Avenue firehouse, to Clifton Avenue, to River Road, to Broadway, and to Arcola, where the scouts will prepare their own lunch. They will continue along the Plank Road to Maywood...

The pupils of fifth and sixth grades of grammar school No 10, Clifton Avenue, Clifton, will visit the Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History, New York, on Saturday. They will be in charge of Misses Kennedy and Galloway, teachers in the school...

**April 13, 1914**

### **TOWNSHIP SOLON SUES COMPANY FOR LARGE SUM**

Eugene F. Piaget a member of the Acquackanonk Township Committee has instituted suit... against the Buckley-Newhall Company, a New York Corporation, to recover \$5,000 damages. The action has been brought through William B. Gourley... Piaget was struck by an auto truck owned by the corporation while alighting from an automobile bus on the Valley Road, December 11, 1913... He claims \$500 for medical expenditures and says that his business has suffered considerably because of his inability to attend to it by reason of his incapacity.

**April 13, 1914**

### **CLIFTON**

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER SALARY INCREASE**

The residents and storekeepers along Main Avenue, from Crooks Avenue to Highland Avenue, are now complaining of the large quantity of dust which is raised by the trolley cars and vehicles which pass up and down the road all day long and from rumors that are going around it is expected that they will complain to the township committee at their next meeting. The storekeepers claim that they do not dare leave their doors open. If they do much of their open case goods are destroyed. One resident of the township stated: "If the township committee and Public Service Railway Company would get together and arrange some way to have the road sprinkled with oil before the warm weather sets in they will save us a whole lot of trouble."

**April 14, 1914**

### **PASSAIC AND CLIFTON RUNNERS UP WITH LEADERS**

#### **GRAS RUNS FOURTH IN PATERSON ROAD RACE, FULTON NINTH – ST. ANSELM TRIO IN LEAD**

Nearly 30,000 persons saw the annual road race of the Knickerbocker R. and A. A. of Paterson through the streets of the latter city yesterday afternoon... William Gras, of this city [Passaic], a member of the South Paterson A. C., with a 3 minutes handicap, was fourth. Cornelius Fulton, of Clifton, also of the South Paterson A. C., was ninth...

Gaston Strobino, the Olympic Marathon hero, with 20 seconds handicap, found the going hard, finishing sixteenth...

**April 14, 1914**

### **CLIFTON**

While the members of the Clifton Boy Scout Troop No 1 were on their hike to Maywood last they witnessed the thrilling fall of Fred Hilde in the monoplane at the North Country Club grounds. After the scouts helped clear up the damaged monoplane, they continued on their journey to Maywood... The following members took part in the hike under the

leadership of Scoutmaster Roy Schleich; Reginald Fork, William Albert, John Schleich, Osmonde Spaar, Henry Koert, William Peterson, C. Bennett, James Crank, Roland Litchfield, Walter Husslewath, George Ritter, George Rosewall, Perry Belden, George Van Varick, M. Feeley and S. Martin.

**April 15, 1914**

## **CLIFTON**

### **INCREASES FOR TEACHERS IN THE TOWNSHIP**

At the adjourned meeting of the Township Board of Education... the resolution providing for an increase in the salaries of the teachers and janitors of the township schools were adopted.

Principals having from four to seven assistants will receive a minimum of \$900 and \$50 annual increase up to \$1,300. Principals having from eight to twelve assistants will receive a minimum of \$1,100 and an annual increase of \$50 up to \$1,450. Principals having thirteen or more assistants will receive a minimum of \$1,500 and an annual increase of \$100 up to \$2,000.

Mr. Randall made a motion that the teachers should receive \$500 per year with an increase of \$50 the first two years and \$25 annually thereafter. Mr. Wilkinson made an amendment to this motion, stating that all teachers should receive \$500 with an increase of \$25 the first two years and an increase of \$50 per year thereafter. The amendment was carried by a vote of five to four...

**April 16, 1914**

## **CLIFTON**

### **PARTNERSHIP MIX-UP SETTLED BY LAWYERS**

Arthur Hughes, of the Lakeview Heights Land Company, after discussing the matter with the members of the Lakeview Residents' Improvement Association, has instructed Township Engineer Doolittle to prepare ordinances for the dedication of the following streets to the township: Wabash Avenue, South First, South Second, South Third, South Fourth, and South Fifth Streets...

**April 17, 1914**

## **CLIFTON**

At the training quarters of 101 Ranch Wild West Show, one of the horses, while rehearsing in the soggy field, stumbled and fell on the driver, a Cossack, seriously injuring one of his limbs. Several of his fellow performers came to his aid and carried him to the tent where the show physician attended him.

A series of pictures taken by the local Boy Scouts on hikes they have taken during the past year can be seen in one of the large windows of Berger's drug store, on Main Avenue, Clifton.

**April 20, 1914**

## **CLIFTON**

While peeking in the tents of the 101 Ranch Wild West show, on Saturday, Marinus Otten, of Clifton Avenue, Clifton, was kicked or struck on the nose. He was unconscious for several minutes. Otten, with several other boys, was taking a peep in one of the tents where the performers were assembled. He just lifted the tent wall when he was struck. He was

carried into the tent where the wound was dressed. He was then taken to his home by companions. The family physician was called but he was unable to say whether his nose was broken.

The two new motorcycles recently purchased by the township for the local police department were received on Saturday. "Acquackanonk Police Department" is inscribed in red letters on the machines. Attachments have also been arranged on the rear of the machine to convey prisoners to head quarters.

Herbert Wilkinson, of First Street, Clifton, is suffering with blood poisoning in his right hand, as a result of playing basketball several weeks ago. He has been under the care of a physician...

**April 21, 1914**

## **CLIFTON NOTES**

### **MAY DECIDE ON TOWN HALL SITE THIS EVENING**

#### **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WILL HEAR REPORT ON SITE FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

At a recent meeting of the Acquackanonk Township Committee the matter of the selection of a site for the new township municipal building was placed in the hands of the members of the Township Committee as a committee of the whole. They were ordered to look thoroughly into the several sites mentioned and decided on the site they believed the best for the building. They were to report back at tonight's session of the committee...

The two new motorcycles for the police department have arrived and they have already created quite a "stir" through the village. The officers will be able to cover more ground with these machines and in much quicker time...

#### **Old Janitor dead**

Daniel Lawler, one of Acquackanonk's oldest school janitors, died on Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. [Oliver] Serven, of Hazel Street, Lakeview, where he had been confined for the past two months with kidney trouble. Mr. Lawler had been employed as janitors of grammar school No 4 for the past twenty-five years, HAVING BEEN ENGAGED SHORTLY AFTER THE ERECTION OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING. He was a favorite among the younger generation of that section of the township. The deceased has been a resident of the township for thirty-one years and during that time made many friends by whom he was well liked and who were grieved of his death. Four months ago Mr. Lawler suffered a serious attack of kidney trouble. Before he had fully recovered he resumed his duties in the school and suffered a relapse from which he died...

**April 22, 1914**

## **CLIFTON**

### **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING**

Citizens and store keepers on Main Avenue petitioned the committee to compel the Public Service to oil and sprinkle the avenue or reduce the speed of cars. The chairman will take up the matter with the corporation.

I. W. Illig sent in a communication from the Delawanna Improvement Association requesting weekly collections of garbage instead of every second week, as is the present schedule. The communication was referred to the road committee. The committee passed a resolution declaring that all dogs running at large be exterminated.

A. T. Hawthorne, owner of the Clifton race track property, offered a site for the proposed municipal building. Plot No 1 offered is at Main and Luddington Avenues, estate of Samuel Grocock, for \$15,000. The homestead is located on the plot and the offer includes the building. Plot No 2 offered is the northwest corner of Main and Washington Avenues, for \$10,000. The offers were referred to a committee of the whole. A. B. Taffen offered two sites, one at Main and Madison

Avenues and the other on the southwest corner of Main and Union Avenues. No prices were stated for the latter properties...

**April 23, 1914**

## **CLIFTON**

The business men residing on Crooks Avenue, Lakeview, are making a great effort to have the name of the street changed. They claim that it is not a suitable name. It is expected that a petition was gotten up and presented to the township committee. This matter was brought up once before but after some discussion the matter was forgotten...

**April 24, 1914**

## **CLIFTON**

### **BOYS RESPONSIBLE FOR MISSING MILK**

For the past few days the residents in the vicinity of the winter headquarters of 101 Ranch Wild West show have been missing milk and buns, which they thought were being taken by the show people. The mystery was solved yesterday morning when one of the women from that neighborhood went out at about 6:30 o'clock to get her milk and buns and saw three small boys running off with them in the direction of the circus tents. The police were notified...

The members of the fire company No 3 held a drill last evening in front of their headquarters on East Clifton Avenue, Clifton. They were inspected by Chief Hughes and First Assistant Daly.

At the fire which gutted the home of Joseph Wasneiski and Mrs. Kloss, on Hamilton Avenue, Clifton, last Wednesday evening, the former claims that he lost \$250 which he had hidden under his pillow. Mr. Wasneiski in the excitement, threw the bed clothes out of the window, forgetting all about the money.

**April 25, 1914**

## **DELAWANNA**

David Young, of Paterson, mosquito exterminator commissioner, of New Jersey will give an interesting and instructive lecture on the subject of mosquitoes. Mr. Young is the man to talk on this subject and everyone should take advantage of this opportunity to get some pointers for future use.

**April 27, 1914**

## **CROOKS AVENUE MERCHANTS WANT NEW STREET NAME**

### **Say It Keeps Business Away and Retards Development – Will Petition Acquackanok Committee**

The business men of Crooks Avenue, Lakeview, with the assistance of the Lakeview Improvement Association, are making a strong effort to have the name of that street changed to a more suitable one. For this reason the members of the improvement association and the business men are circulating a petition and when the required amount of names are secured it will be presented to the Acquackanok Township Committee...

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