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CLIFTON NOTES

CARNIVAL OF CLIFTON FIREMEN A GRAND SUCCESS

After a successful four days run, the carnival of Clifton Hose Company No 5, held on the grounds adjoining the fire house at the corner of Highland Avenue and Second Street, was brought to a successful close Saturday night. The proceeds will be used to pay off part of the $400 mortgage which still remains on the building... Dancing was provided each evening in the fire house, the music being furnished by Iseldyke’s orchestra.

Saturday night the members dressed up in full uniform and a flashlight photograph of the group was taken. This will be framed and hung in the firehouse...

The company has been organized two years and a half and the present fire quarters were built only a year ago at a cost of $1,000... The officers of the company are: Vincent Cantrell, president; William Moreland, captain; Charles Lembeck, lieutenant; B. Von Suskel, secretary; John Sweetman, financial secretary; Martin Schwartz, treasurer; Cornelius Nederfield, sergeant-at-arms.

POLICE PICNIC WEDNESDAY WILL BE BIG AFFAIR

Wednesday will be a big day for the members of the police department of Acquackanonk Township. That is the date scheduled for the annual picnic and dance of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of the township police force...

The event will be conducted both afternoon and evening with dancing all the time and a cabaret entertainment which will be provided by professional talent from New York, consisting of three women...

Olympic Park has again been selected as the place to hold the event... The proceeds will be turned into the fund of the association which is used in case of sickness or death.

100 AT PICNIC OF WAREA BAND

The members of the Warea band of Clifton and their wives and families went on the annual picnic of the band held at Sommaro Park, Fornelius Avenue, Athenia, on Saturday. In all there was a crowd of about 100 people on hand to enjoy the games and dinner which followed...

For the most part the races were confined chiefly to the members of the band. One in special interest was taken was the fat man's race between George Giese and Frank Adams. This event was won by Adams.

ALBION PLACE MAY BECOME BOROUGH: MEETING TONIGHT

The citizens Improvement Association of Albion Place will hold its regular meeting this evening at the Albion Place Fire Headquarters.

One of the principal and most interesting topics for the members will be the discussion of "Borough Form of Government" for Albion Place.

"The people of Albion Place have for many years been dissatisfied, therefore a committee of property owners has devoted considerable time investigating the benefits they would derive from a Borough Form of Government," said J. J. Hamil today...
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AVIATOR WRECKS MACHINE TO SAVE TWO CLIFTON GIRLS
CHARLES GRIEDER MADE FINE FLIGHT OVER NORTHERN END OF TOWNSHIP

After making a fine flight over Clifton and Lakeview in his aeroplane yesterday afternoon, Charles Grieder, of Paterson, was compelled to wreck his machine to save two little children from being injured.

Grieder rose from Olympic Park shortly after 5 p.m. and circled over Clifton for the best part of half an hour. Attempting to land again at the park, he saw that it would be impossible to do so on account of the crowd of people singing on the field. He then made his descent in a field just off Lakeview Avenue.

Everything would have been all right had not two children run directly in the path of the aircraft. They would have been severely injured had not Grieder stalled his engine and dropped abruptly to the ground, breaking one of the planes and propeller blades on his machine. Grieder was not hurt.

August 4, 1914

BUS LINES RIVALS IN ACQUACKANONK

One Granted License, Other Put Out of Business.

There seems to be a little mix-up in Acquackanonk Township over the operation of two motor bus lines between Paterson and Montclair, which run through the township.

Last night the National Transportation Company, which has operated buses some time, applied for a license at the Township Committee meeting in Clifton, as a recently passed ordinance requires. The license was granted.

Bright and early this morning Chief of Police William Coughlan and two stalwart officers went to Valley Road where the buses run. There they halted a bus of the New Jersey Motor Company, a new firm, in which Paterson men are interested. The driver was told to refund the passenger’s fares. He was arrested.

Just as the driver, Albert Vollinger, was to be arraigned before Justice of the Peace James F. Sutton; City Counsel Edward F. Merrey, of Paterson, counsel for the bus line company, happened in. He succeeded in having the arraignment postponed.
Mr. Merrey said that the New Jersey Motor Bus Company had applied for a license, but that it was refused. He said that he would take the matter before Justice Minturn.

Mr. Merrey also said that several Acquackanonk men are interested in the National Transportation Company.

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**August 5, 1914**

**CLIFTON NOTES**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO GET LIGHTS FOR ATHENIA SECTION**

**WILL CONSULT WITH FREEHOLDERS...**

At the meeting of the township committee last evening a petition was received from the National Transportation Company, of Paterson, requesting that it be granted a permit to operate a motor bus line through the township which will run from Paterson to Montclair. Thomas Dennis, superintendent of the company, appeared before the committee and submitted a running schedule. Several minor changes were suggested by the committee. Mr. Dennis promised to have these changes made at once and the permit was issued. This company has been operating the line for some time, but, in accordance with a State law recently enacted, a permit must be issued by the governing body of the town they operate in or pass through...

A communication was received from W. A. Willard, chairman of the Richfield Improvement Committee, requesting that the township committee get in touch with the Board of Freeholders and request them to place several street lights in Van Houten and Clifton Avenues. The clerk was instructed to attend to this at once...
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ALBION PLACE RESIDENTS BOOM NEW BOROUGH
ANXIOUS TO BREAK AWAY FROM ACQUACKANONK TOWNSHIP – OBJECTION MAY BE MET

Agitation has been started in the Albion Place section of Acquackanonk Township for the formation of a borough which would take in that settlement, Richfield and a portion of Athenia. At a meeting of the Albion Place Improvement Association Monday night in the fire house of Albion Place, thirty-five of the voters of the district attended and considerable enthusiasm was lent to the movement.

The advisability of forming a borough was discussed and the men present were unanimous in the opinion that such form of government would be good for the district. From the figures presented which were taken from the books of the township assessor it was seen that the district would be well able to get along.

According to the plans, if the borough is formed, it will take in that part of the township from the Paterson line on the Notch Road to Van Houten Avenue, along that thoroughfare to Athenia to the line of the branch of the Erie railroad, thence back again to the Paterson City line at Hazel Street and so around to the point of beginning. The approximate value of the land in this territory, which covers about three square miles, is not known.

Included in this district is the creosote plant of the Lackawanna Railroad at South Paterson which is valuable because of the high taxes paid. This is the only large manufactory in the territory, those in Athenia being just outside. It is possible, however, that the lines will be changed before a bill for the borough is introduced in the Legislature. There is also likely to be some opposition on the part of the rest of the township to the territory mapped out.

Matters have progressed so rapidly now that it is likely that an effort will be made by the people this winter to get a bill through the Legislature. In order to acquaint the residents with the affair and to give them an idea as to the benefits to be derived from borough form of government, a big public meeting has been planned to be held in Albion Place by the Improvement Association on September 8, at which time speakers from other nearby boroughs will attend. This meeting will be the regular meeting of the association which is held once each month...

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CLIFTON MEN INCORPORATE
ARTICLES FILED YESTERDAY BY LUBRICATING ACCESSORIES COMPANY

Papers of incorporation of the Lubricating Accessories Company was filed with County Clerk John Slater yesterday. The stock of the company is $25,000 divided into twenty-five shares of $100 apiece...

August 6, 1914

CLIFTON NOTES
JUSTICE MINTURN TO ACT ON NEW ORDINANCE HERE

JERSEY MOTOR BUS COMPANY SECURES STAY IN ITS OPERATION – A DRIVER FINED

A writ of certiorari was received from Supreme Court Justice Minturn by Edward F. Merrey, last night, to stay the ordinance of the Township of Acquackanonk regulating hacks and buses. On the claim that he was violating this ordinance, Albert Vollinger chauffeur for the New Jersey Motor Bus Company, of Paterson, was arrested by Chief of Police William Coughlan, of Clifton, yesterday morning.

This writ will stay the operation of the ordinance until the hearing on the writ and consequently the bus line will be allowed to run during the interim...

A trial of Vollinger’s case was scheduled for this evening before Justice Sutton, but this will have to be adjourned following Lawyer Merrey’s action last night...
Chief Coughlan and his men went out to Albion Place at 10 o’clock, where they met the buses. Both drivers were placed under arrest and the passengers were refunded their money and had to get out of the machines. They were arrested under a township ordinance which requires all hacks, buses, etc., carrying passengers in the township to have a license.

At the meeting of the Township [Acquackanonk] Committee Tuesday evening a license was granted to the National Transportation Company operating a bus line along the same route. It was stated that the owners of the buses that have been arrested applied for a license but were refused. The Township Committee deny this and state that no such application was made. Iterly and Vollinger were taken to police headquarters, where they were arraigned before Judge James F. Sutton. Iterly was fined $25...

RECORD CROWD TURNS OUT AT POLICE PICNIC
PROCEEDS WILL SWELL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION’S FUND – PATERNON WINS BALL GAME

The second annual picnic and cabaret of the Acquackanonk Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association held yesterday afternoon and evening at the new Olympic auditorium and picnic grounds proved a huge success, both socially and financially, there being a record breaking crowd on hand. The people in the afternoon were entertained with a baseball contest between Paterson’s “finest” and the Passaic blue coats, the former being the victors by the score of 14 to 6. The Paterson’s were presented by the Acquackanonk peacemakers with a handsome silver loving cup on a mahogany stand with the following inscribed on it: “Presented to the winner of the baseball contest at the second annual picnic of the Acquackanonk P. B. A.” After the ballgame contest Officer Michael Dudasick [identified in the Passaic/Clifton Directory of 1918], who tips the scales over 200 ran a hundred yard against his previous record, behind the motorcycle one of the of Officer Battell. Owing to something going wrong with the motorcycle, Officer Dudasick failed to come up to his record by two seconds. A friend of Dudasick’s held the watch and refused to give the time. Refreshments and “eats” were served to the visiting patrolmen, who were entertained with Irish songs and monologues by Officer James Coughlan...

For those who did not wish to dance during the evening, Miss Dorothy Collins, a well-known cabaret singer of New York City, and Madame LaFue, of the Gaiety Theater, N. Y., and Madame Teresa, also a well-known cabaret singer, of Brooklyn, were engaged to entertain in the old Olympic dancing pavilion, which had been prepared for this event. As each one entered the hall he was presented with a handsome souvenir program. Professor Hill’s orchestra furnished the music for the tangoers, until wee hours of the morning...

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CLIFTON

The case of Albert Vollinger, who was arrested on Wednesday for operating a bus line in the township without a license and which was to have come before Judge Sutton last evening, has been postponed until the first Tuesday in September...

Clifton’s new Delicatessen Store offers a full line of imported and domestic goods. Home cooking is a specialty. C. H. McCully, 711 Main Avenue...

August 8, 1914
CRAMER ATTACKS ACQUACKANONK’S BUS ORDINANCE

Special to the Daily news.

Trenton, August 8 – An ordinance of the Township of Acquackanonk, imposing a license fee on buses will be reviewed by the Supreme Court in certiorari proceedings instituted by Louis A. Cramer, of Paterson.
Cramer runs auto buses from the City Hall Paterson to Upper Montclair and passes through Acquackanonk Township.

Cramer contends that the Township is without authority to impose a license and further that the ordinance is invalid because of the penalty of $100 prescribed for failure to take out a license in the township.

Cramer further charges that some members of the Township Committee have discriminated against him in his business, with the intention of favoring the National Transportation Company, a competitor.

August 10, 1914

RIVAL BUS DRIVERS IN COURT

ONE MONTCLAIR LINE CHAUFFEUR SAYS ANOTHER RAMMED MACHINE

Another chapter in the Montclair bus story was unfolded Saturday evening, when Alvin Paxton, of Albion Place, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Samuel Percey in Paterson on a complaint of malicious mischief, preferred by Harold Ruffing, of Valley Road, who is a chauffeur on one of the Montclair buses in the employ of Louis Cramer...

Ruffing charges that on Wednesday afternoon of the past week he was running a bus filled with passengers along Notch Road, bound for Montclair, when the bus driven by Paxton, who is employed by a rival concern, crashed into his machine sideways, doing about $25 damage. Paxton, he says, then drove on without offering aid. Ruffing further claims that there has been much rivalry between the two concerns of late and it seems that one is continually trying to outdo the other in the number of trips made to and from Montclair to Paterson.

August 15, 1914

CLIFTON

Leonard Belin, the barber on Main Avenue and an officer of Fire Company No 1, has been receiving instructions how to run the new automobile fire combination wagon. He will have charge of running the apparatus to the fires in the day time as he is always on hand...

August 17, 1914

ATE CRABS AT SEASHORE; DIES

MISS LILLIAN JACKSON, OF CLIFTON, VICTIM OF PTOMAINE POISONING

STRICKEN ON VACATION

SUFFERS TWO WEEKS DESPITE HEROIC TREATMENTS

Miss Lillian Jackson, 33 years of age, of 27 DeMott Avenue, died at St. Joseph's Hospital on Saturday after two weeks illness from ptomaine poisoning. While on her vacation at Asbury Park the latter part of July, Miss Jackson and a number of friends gave a fish dinner. Miss Jackson who was very fond of crabs, partook of them.

On July 30 she was taken ill and started for home. When she arrived home, medical attention was given her at once and it was discovered that ptomaine poisoning had set in. She was taken to the hospital. Everything known to the medical profession was done to save the young woman's life, but the poison had spread to far.

Miss Jackson was employed in Quackenbush and Company's store in Paterson and was well liked by everyone who knew her...
At the meeting of the Township Committee last evening... Fire Chief George Hughes asked the committee to provide gasoline for the two fire automobiles.

The Township Committee instructed its counsel William B. Gourley to defend the township in the suit brought against it by Louis Cramer, of Paterson, who was arrested some time ago for running a bus line through the township without a license...

A petition signed by a great number of the residents of Albion Place was presented to the Township Committee last evening asking for committee to show the same courtesy to all bus lines running through their section, as the more bus lines the better service the people could receive. John J. Hamil, secretary of the Albion Place Citizen’s Improvement Association and part owner of the bus line, which the Township Committee has granted a license to, addressed the committee. He asked the board to grant any company a license that wanted one, as it would give the people better service. Chairman George Schmidt told Mr. Hamil that the issuing of the license was within the power of the committee and that the same courtesy would be given each and everyone alike. He said that Louis Cramer, who was arrested for running without a license, applied to the township clerk the afternoon of his arrest and as it was not within the power of the clerk to issue the license asked for, he was told to appear before the committee. This he said has not done so as yet, but as the case is now in the courts the township police cannot prevent him from operating his line through the township. On motion the petition was placed on file...

Edo M. Yereance, clerk of the township is busy this week making out licenses for milk dealers. The licenses run out this month and many of the dealers are already taking out new ones...

The Women’s Political Union of Clifton held its first open air meeting at the corner of Clifton and Main Avenue last evening. About 100 men and women gathered at the corner to hear the speaker. Miss Miriam E. Oatman, of Newark, was the principal speaker and held the crowd every minute. She asked justice for women...

**TWO ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING IN CLIFTON**

NEW YORK MAN FINED $5...

Motorcycle Policeman Frank Van Houten, of Clifton, yesterday arrested two autoists who violated the village ordinances... The first to be apprehended was exceeding the speed limit and when arraigned in court he was fined $5...

**August 19, 1914**

**CLIFTON**

BIG CROWDS HEAR TALKS ON SUFFRAGE

MISS OATMAN AND MR. DAVISON MAKE ADDRESSES IN PASSAIC AND CLIFTON

About two hundred people listened to an address in behalf of woman’s suffrage delivered by Miss Marion Oatman, of the Women’s Political Union, of Newark, at the corner of Main Avenue and Washington Place [Passaic] last night.

Miss Oatman held the attention of her auditors for an hour, discussing the different phases of the question and making a deep impression on the crowd. She was loudly applauded at various times.

That the vote was the right of woman and that the government was really robbing itself of material which was naturally its own and allowing half to go to waste; was among the chief contentions of the speaker...

Previous to delivering her speech here [Passaic], Miss Oatman addressed an enthusiastic crowd of men and women at Main and Clifton Avenues, Clifton. The meeting was conducted under the auspices of the Women’s Political Union of Clifton and was the first outdoor meeting held there...
August 20, 1914

ALL ALBION PLACE STIRRED BY BUS “WAR”

RESIDENTS WANT ALL LINES LICENSED – COMPETITION GIVES VILLAGE BEST SERVICE

The motor bus line “war” in Acquackanonk Township is arousing no end of interest among the residents, particularly those in Albion Place, where the Citizen’s Improvement Association has taken up the fight in favor of all lines.

Following is a copy of the protest which was sent by the Albion Place people to the Township Committee, which has decided to grant licenses to all who comply for same and also comply with the laws of the State:

“Honorable Township Committee, Acquackanonk Township, Passaic County, N. J.

Gentlemen –

“We beg to bring to the attention of your body the fact the manner in which your ordinance requiring the licensing of ‘buses’ has recently been enforced, has already caused one of the lines to suspend business and has inflicted a great deal of hardship and annoyance on another company.

“When it is considered that for many years this section has been without transportation facilities of any kind and that the recent starting of bus lines has been of very great convenience to us, we naturally feel that these public vehicles running past our homes and farms should be given every possible encouragement, from both those in authority and from the residents of this section, especially as they constitute a most needed improvement, without a cent of cost to the township or to the residents.

“Also we beg to call your attention to the fact that the bus lines are in no way a natural monopoly and we are convinced that the laws of competition will act far more favorably for the convenience and welfare of the patrons and residents, than any attempt at regulation of schedules, number of vehicles, etc.; however wisely performed. We would therefore respectfully request your body that if you deem licenses necessary, such licenses be granted to any individual or company that cares to take the business risk and make application to your body.

“Very respectfully yours,

“CITIZENS’ IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,

“John J. Hamil, secretary.”

Besides the foregoing, a protest was presented to the Township Committee of similar import which was signed by about fifty of whom are business and professional men of Paterson.

It is claimed for the unlicensed line now in operation by virtue of a writ of certiorari granted by Supreme Court Justice Minturn when the driver was arrested recently, that it is of vast benefit to the people along the route it covers, because it runs between the Montclair D & L station and Paterson.

Bernhard Nesslage, gardener, h Bloomfield Road, Richfield [1918 Richmond’s Passaic and Clifton Directory named as Nessledge] [Photo courtesy Floyd and Rae Vollinger]
August 20, 1914

CLIFTON

The Women’s Political Union of Clifton will hold a suffrage tea at the home of Mrs. Joseph Stiner, 24 Washington Avenue this afternoon from 3 to 5 o’clock...

While swimming at Normandy Inn Lake on Lexington Avenue late Tuesday afternoon with a party of friends, Jack Finkle, of Clifton Avenue, jumped from the springboard and in coming down struck his chin on the edge of the board, cutting it. He was at once taken to the office of Dr. Meloney where his wound was dressed...

August 21, 1914

CLIFTON

SUFFRAGE TEA ATTENDED BY MANY INTERESTED WOMEN

The suffrage tea given by the Women’s Political Union, of Clifton, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Stiner, of 24 Washington Avenue, yesterday afternoon, was well attended by the members and their friends. Plans for the work this fall were talked over, also ways and means to raise a campaign fund. The next suffrage tea will be given at the home of Mrs. Oscar Nahouse, of Maple Place, September 3. All women of Clifton interested in women suffrage are invited to attend...

The Atlantic and Pacific Tea Store, of lower Main Avenue, will shortly move its business to the Brook’s building in Main Avenue, near Passaic Avenue...

August 22, 1914

DEMOCRATS ENDORSE MR. ADAMSON

THINK WELL OF PROGRESSIVE LEADER – THREE PASSAIC MEN NAMED

As predicted in the Daily News of Thursday, the Democratic County Committee last night named the following... as candidates for the coming fall election...: for freeholder, Colonel John H. Adamson, of Clifton. The fact that Colonel Adamson has been named is creating much comment. The Colonel, known as a staunch Progressive, is apparently well thought of by
the Democratic Party and this is their first active step in the county campaign to weld the Democrats and Progressives into a fusion ticket.

Colonel Adamson seemed pleased with the action of the Democrats when he was informed by a Daily News reporter today that he had been endorsed for the Assembly by the County Committee.

“That’s fine,” he said. “They seem to appreciate our Progressive tendencies. Soon we will have all the Democrats over in the Progressive party.

“In view of the fact that they haven’t asked me to change my platform one bit, and are willing to take me with all my sins and transgressions, I suppose they think quite well of the Progressive principles and to be sure, I haven’t any objection whatsoever....”

John H. Adamson [on left] on the rounds of the fire houses in early Clifton, was a charter member of Fire Company No 1 in 1897 [Copy of photograph in the Bergen Record]

August 24, 1914

CLIFTON

SAVE LAD FROM WATERY GRAVE

About 400 people enjoyed swimming at Villa Normandie Lake on Lexington Avenue yesterday afternoon. Among them was John Shullack, of Passaic, who came very near drowning. Robert Toland and Arthur J. Albonica saw him go down once, and reached him in time to get him as he came up. Shullack tried to swim across the lake, but it proved too much for him.

AUTO OUT FIRST TIME AT $100 BLAZE

The Clifton fire department was called out to a small fire about 10:30 o’clock Saturday night. The blaze was at the corner of Main Avenue and South First Street, Lake View... The building was unoccupied, but was used as a store room for groceries... Fire companies One, Three, Four, and Six responded. Number One responded with its new automobile, the first time out for the auto. Mr. Jacobs, a member of Company Number One, is to be congratulated on the able manner in which he handled it...
ADDITIONS TO TWO SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE READY TILL NOVEMBER

FALL TERM OPENS SEPTEMBER 8 – ATHEANIA BUILDING COMPLETE – NEW ALBION PLACE PRINCIPAL

The regular monthly meeting of the Acquackanonk Township Board of Education was held last evening. The board made all plans and arrangements for the opening of the schools on September 8.

The building committee reported that the addition on School No 12 will not be ready for the opening of the school term. The addition on School No 11 will not be completed until sometime in November. When both schools are ready it will mean about eighteen more rooms.

It was decided to return to Mr. Jaegger, of Albion Place, the money he had paid in on the building of old School No 5 which was sold at public auction sometime ago. The Board of Education could not furnish Mr. Jaegger with a clear title, the title reading that the property was to be used for school purposes only. The Township Council was instructed to continue to work on the title until a clear deed could be given.

Albion Place Gould Street School No 5 in background showing path from Gillies to Gould Street [Photo courtesy Lotz family]

Supervising Principal George Smith recommended to the board that Lloyd Sweetman be made principal of Albion Place School [Number 5]. Mr. Sweetman is a graduate of Harvard and has two years experience. He is to be engaged for a month’s trial and if satisfactory will receive his contract from October first...
August 29, 1914

CLIFTON

At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Roy Van Valkenburg, of Clifton Avenue, Thursday afternoon, the members of the Clifton Woman’s Suffrage Union decided to hold an open air meeting on Monday afternoon. Mrs. George Randolph volunteered the use of her lawn for the meeting. The officers of the Clifton Union are as follows: Mrs. Fred Tyler, president; Mrs. George Van Valkenburg, vice-president; Mrs. George Davis, secretary; and Mrs. B. J. Haldane, treasurer. Several noted speakers for the cause will be brought here and Monday’s meeting will be a gala day for the Clifton suffragists.

August 31, 1914

DELAWANNA

The Women’s Civic Association will hold a “Silver Tea” at 2:30 o’clock on William Street. The members of the association have been busy for some time planning a number of novel features for the occasion. There will be races and games, both for children and grownups as well as croquet and cards. Everyone who attends is assured a most pleasant afternoon...

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