

The New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania

History of the First Fifty Years

1906 – 1957



New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania

PROLOGUE

It is hard to believe that 2014 finds me to be a member in good standing of the New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania for the last 24 years.

More germane to this paper is how it got started. In 2002 Boyce Adams announced at a NJSP meeting that he was moving and needed to hand off two boxes of NJSP 'STUFF'. The boxes lay in his garage on Iron Post Road for at least ten years, never touched. There were no takers to come to his aide.

I did something unusual; I volunteered to take the boxes off his hands. Boyce was very happy and he volunteered me to be the 'Historian'.

I must explain that Marianne would not let the boxes in the house until I separated the mouse dirt from the rest of the 'STUFF'. This sorting and cleaning activity resulted in one box of archival material and one box of disposable 'STUFF'. I sorted the material and became familiar with the contents. This effort resulted in a file box with hanger files divided into fifty years. In 2004 I shared a slide presentation with the members at Tavistock CC. The slides are incorporated into the Chronological Notes.

Unfortunately only partial information of the first fifty years was contained in this material. Many gaps existed in the files. For example less than half of the annual reports were in the archives. I spent the next several months attempting to add to the NJSP archives. The research program that I followed included the following:

- Visits to Historical Societies in Burlington, Gloucester, and Salem Counties (I also visited the Moorestown Historical Society).
- Next I visited the Union League, the Philadelphia library and Philadelphia Historical Society.
- I visited the New Jersey historical archives in Trenton.
- In a search for a copy of the Society's charter I visited the court records department. This included visiting active and dead storage facilities surrounding court records.
- To get a feel for the automobile trips I followed two itineraries outlined in the NJSP archives. What I did learn is that the roads travelled were not the highways we are accustomed to today.
- Finally I visited locations that were recipients of Bronze Tablets, New Jersey Flags, Historical Books, etc. Included were visits to Trenton, Salem, Burlington City, Gloucester City and Valley Forge.

We lucked out in several cases. The Union League provided a copy of the 1907 Banquet invitation and menu. The Burlington and Gloucester Historical Societies provided several duplicate yearbooks from their files. All places contacted were helpful and went through their archives to surface any material concerning NJSP.

The sections that follow provide an overview of the first fifty years and a chronological discussion of activities from 1906 through 1957.

The Society's Challenge going forward are several, first making this material assessable to members and second, adding years 1958 through 2014.

AN OVERVIEW
New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania
1907 -1957 First Fifty Years

Historic Environment

It should be noted that the first fifty years of the Society was during three significant events, the First World War, the Great Depression, and the Second World War. Activities were reduced and membership decreased during these periods.

Archival Information

Three major information sources were available in the archives. First, Annual Reports – these are bound books that contain information concerning the Annual Banquet/Dinner (in 1934 the Society changed the name to recognize the times – the Great Depression was in full swing). The archives contain thirteen books for various years from 1907 through 1933. Second, Letters and Minutes – these records were bound in two volumes. Thirty-four years are represented. Again yearly gaps exist. Third, Menus – twenty-two formal menus or menu cards for the Annual Banquet/Dinner are in the file. The Union League provided a copy of the menu for 1907, the First Annual Banquet.

Additional annual reports are in the Gloucester County and the Burlington County Historical Society archives. Based on our collection of annual reports and those held by B & GCHS the following facts exist: the last annual report was issued in 1933. The annual reports are similar but some vary in content. All contain the speeches made during the Annual Banquet/Dinner evenings. It appears that a recorder was hired to document all speeches, introductions, and casual remarks made during the evening. In several cases the speakers requested that their remarks not be formalized. Also, several of the speakers spoke so fast that the recorder could not chronicle their remarks. In addition several reports contained details concerning outings during the year. This information for the most part was in the form of an itinerary. Also, many reports contained excerpts from historic diaries and monographs about New Jersey. The Society's Historian, Frank H. Stewart authored or edited this information.

The Annual Report frequently contained one or more of the following: lists of attendees at the Annual Banquet/Dinner, roll of members, list of guests, list of officers and list of speakers.

Speakers

During the 50-year period two to six speeches were made at each Banquet/Dinner. The speakers for the most part were well known representatives from business, legal, political and corporate sectors. The political representatives often included Governors from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Senators and Representatives from Washington D.C., and Governors, Mayors, Senators and Representatives from North Carolina, Massachusetts, Delaware, Georgia, New York, Michigan, Oregon and Ohio also participated. Generals Mark Clark, A.A. Woodhull, John J. Pershing, Smedley Butler, and Rear Admiral Perry, members of the French Foreign Legion and several veterans of the two world wars represented the military. Ambassadors, Corporate Officers, Small Business Owners, Humorists, Newspapermen, and Academicians were often represented. At one dinner a magician provided entertainment.

Speeches for the most part focused on events of the day. The politicians praised each other and lauded the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Other speeches were very interesting e.g. hunting in Africa, Life in China, exploring the Arctic, Europe during the war, and economic state of the union.

Several speeches were long, in excess of an hour; others received national attention in newspapers.

Publications and Tablets

The Society in its objective "to promote New Jersey" published several pamphlets, monographs and a book concerning early Jersey. Most of the publications were excerpted from the Annual Reports or handout booklets. As an aside the book "Notes on Old Gloucester County", was compiled by the Society's Historian, Mr. Stewart. He is viewed as a valuable contributor to the early history of New Jersey. His personal library was donated to Rowan College.

The Society erected several Bronze Tablets in commemoration of important events in New Jersey history. The following received wide coverage in the press. The first tablet was erected on the building occupied as the home of the Mechanics' National Bank in Trenton, New Jersey. The bank was the original site of the Old Trenton Inn and where the Congress of the United States assembled during the Revolutionary War; it marks the spot where the Marquis de Lafayette took final farewell of Congress, on December 11, 1784.

In 1919 the Society placed a tablet on the Office of the Surveyor-General of the Council of Proprietors of West Jersey, in Burlington, New Jersey. This tablet bore the first two pages in script of the original "Concessions and Agreements of the Proprietors, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Province of West Jersey in America." William Penn signed the original tablet.

In 1925 the Society participated in the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of Salem, New Jersey; by placing a bronze tablet on the wall of the Friends' Burial Ground in which stands the famous Salem Oak.

The Society participated in many other historical events in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Outings and Meetings

Most of the Spring Outings focused on historical events in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Several were all day affairs. Outings were by car, on steamers, and by chartered bus. The itineraries were documented in the annual reports. Ladies were invited for the first time in 1929 for a trip down the Delaware on the steamship "State of Delaware". Pamphlets were prepared for participants that described the history surrounding these trips.

The Officers met frequently to discuss new members, programs and other Society business. In 1937 the Society met monthly to promote membership. The Society participated in many historical events in New Jersey and Pennsylvania e.g. annual New Jersey flag presentation at Valley Forge (the Society contributed the flag).

Selected Statistics and Information

The Society changed its membership by-laws from 150 to 600 members during the first fifty years. The highest and lowest number of members in the first fifty years was 524 and 144. Attendees at the Annual Banquet/Dinner and Outings ranged from 51 to 460.

Due to the 2nd World War and food rationing the Annual Dinner was a Luncheon in the years 1942, 3, 4. The locations for these events were numerous. They included: The Union League, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Manufacturers' Club, Ben Franklin Hotel, Penn Athletic Club, and the Manufacturers' and Bankers' Club. Dinners were as low as \$1.00. The Annual Banquet/Dinner whenever possible was held on December 18. This date marks New Jersey's ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

The Society was a "men's Club". Ladies were invited sparingly and not until the Spring Outing in 1929. A Gold Society Button was available at Baily, Banks & Biddle. Also a blue and gray lapel pin was available through the Society for 50 cents.

The Treasurer reported a high balance of \$4,558 and a low balance of \$362. In 1937 the Officers met to discuss the financial condition of the Society; which at the time was overextended. The status of accounts showed a bank balance of \$75 and an outstanding bill of \$200 for publishing the "Notes on Old Gloucester County". The book did not sell as planned. The Historian came to the rescue and purchased all books still at the publisher for \$500. A sigh was heard at the meeting after the 'white knight' volunteered to financially assist the Society.

Observations

The Society was made up of people who actually had jobs. Lawyers and politicians and other prominent men were very active. In fact the Society provided opportunity for its members to lobby with politicians and businessmen.

The tone of Society business meetings was formal. In 1917 nine standing committees existed. They were: Banquet, Speakers, Membership, Biographical, Auditing, Finance, Publicity, Outings, and Historian.

It appears that the Historian was the moving force to keep the Society involved in historic matters surrounding New Jersey. The Society had a President's Medal. This medal was first worn in 1922 and last worn in 1951.

Based on the comments contained in the annual reports the membership was made up of men who liked each other and took delight in needling each other. Many jokes were told in the spirit of friendship (I think). Based on the number of participants the outings were a good time. Also, the press frequently followed the Society's events.

CHRONOLOGICAL NOTES

1906 - 1907

On December 29, 1906, a preliminary meeting, attended by sixteen gentlemen, was held at the Union League in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where it was resolved to form "an organization of 'Jerseymen' resident in Philadelphia and adjacent thereto.

This was followed by a larger and more formal meeting on January 16, 1907, and thereafter an application was made to The Court of Common Pleas #1 of the City of Philadelphia, for a charter, and on April 15, 1907 a Charter to the New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania was approved by the Court. Judge Bregy presented the Charter and made complimentary remarks upon the outstanding character of the Charter members. The objects of which were set out to be as presented in the Society's handbook. In summary--they are to promote a spirit of general interest and patriotic pride in the State of New Jersey and to foster friendship among the native sons of New Jersey and friends of New Jersey.

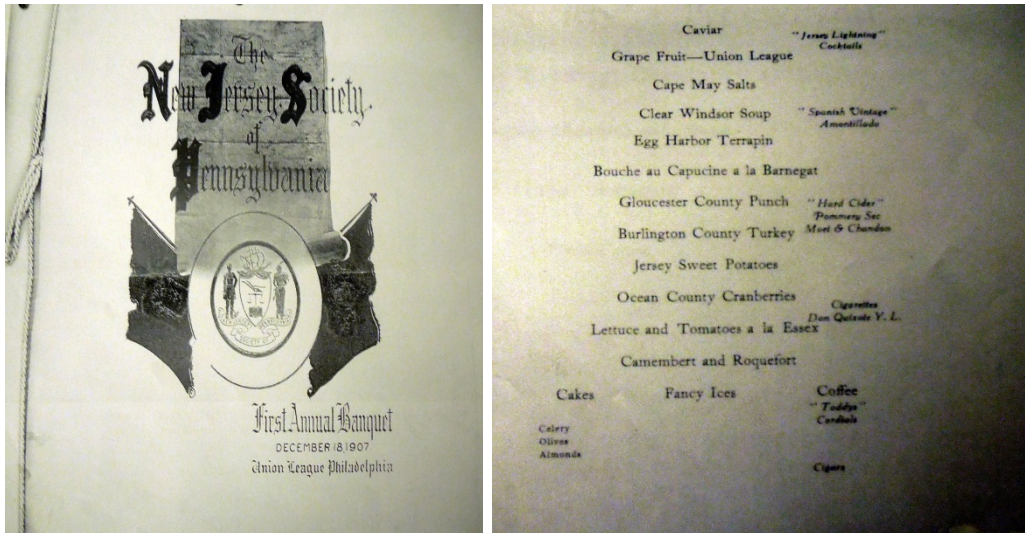
The seal of the Society was adopted containing a crest bearing a ship of the period of settlement of Burlington and Philadelphia 1676 – 1682, having for supporters an Indian girl, emblematic of the friendly feeling between the white and red men, and the figure of a mechanic holding a hammer, significant of the growth of manufacturing. The shield contains an open book marked "Constitution U.S. 1787, Pa., Dec. 12, NJ Dec. 18.



The New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania's seal closely resembles the Seal of the State of New Jersey which follows.

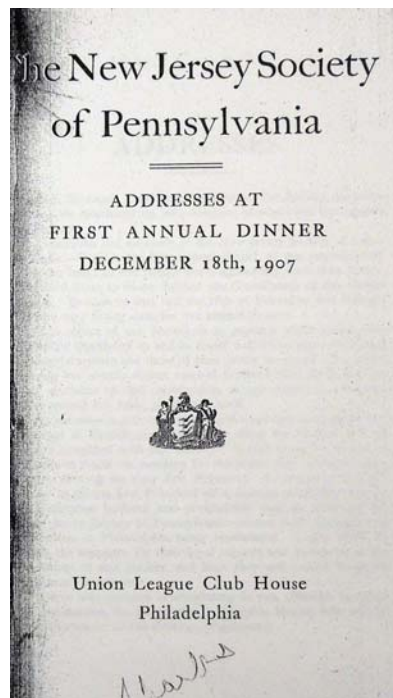


The Society held its first Banquet on December 18, 1907 at the Union League. December 18 is significant as the date marks New Jersey's ratification of the U.S. Constitution. It was agreed that all future annual dinners will be held on December 18 or as close as possible. Approximately 100 members attended the first banquet. A picture of the invitation and menu pamphlet follows.



It was common for a Banquet to last four hours or more and boast 10 to 12 speakers. The speakers were well known men from industry, military, academia and most of all politics.

All Society activities, including the annual speeches for years 1907 through 1933 were recorded and printed in an Annual Report. Unfortunately only half of the reports are in the Society's archives, but the first twelve books are in either the Burlington or the Gloucester County Historical Society archives. The cover of the first Annual Report follows.



The following speakers participated in 1907.

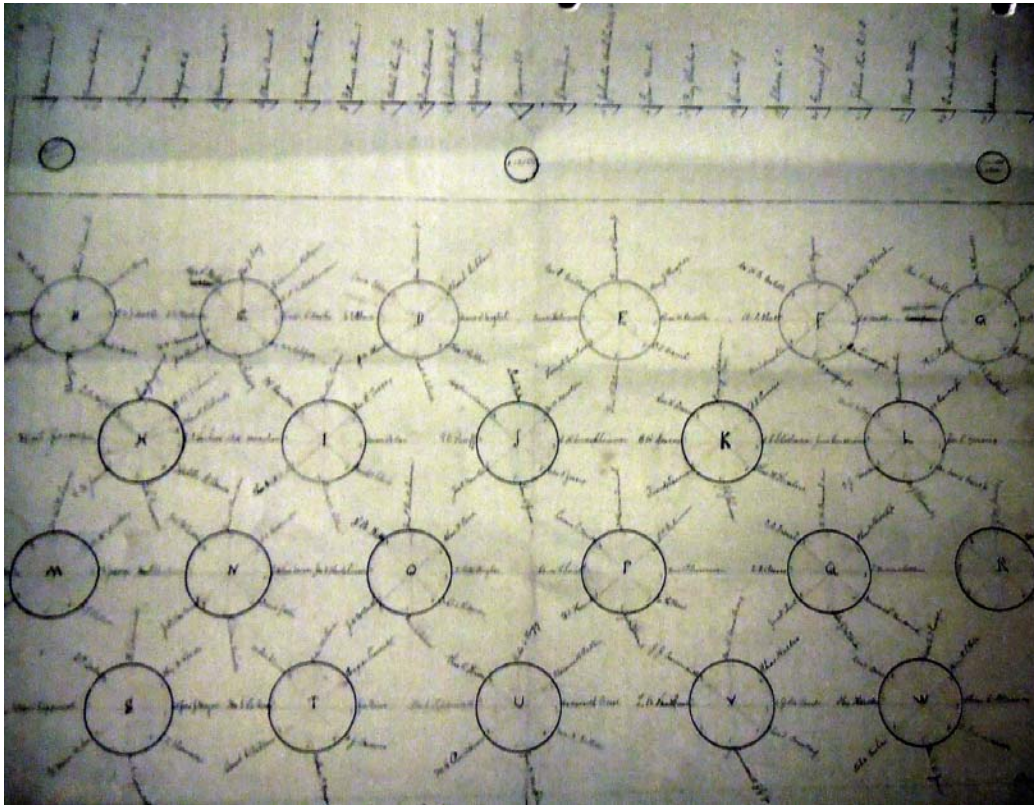
- Honorable Edward C. Stokes, Governor of New Jersey
- Penrose, Senator from the Keystone State
- Honorable Philander Knox, U.S. Senator Pennsylvania
- J. Franklin, Governor Elect for New Jersey
- Honorable Edwin S. Stuart, Governor Pennsylvania
- Honorable Reverend Reuben O. Moon, MC from Philadelphia
- Honorable Francis B. Lee, State Historian, New Jersey
- Honorable John E. Reyburn, Mayor of Philadelphia

As was typical all speakers focused their comments on how great New Jersey and Pennsylvania are.

New Jersey was identified as a beehive of industry. 12% of the nation's manufacturing was accomplished in New Jersey. The State ranked sixth in output of factories. The State's agriculture industry was aggressive and large since 10 million people lived within easy reach. No State Personal Income Tax except a small levy for schools existed at the time. The State had no debt. About \$6 million in taxes from corporations were sufficient to pay State expenses with some left over to turn back to local governments. Not a cent of which came out of their pockets.

The relationship between New Jersey and Pennsylvania were noted to be very good. As an aside it was mentioned that New Jersey relationship with New York was not so good. The official year book is on file at the Gloucester County Historical Society.

Senator Penrose, Pennsylvania made the following remarks that provide the model of most speeches made at Society Banquets/Dinners by politicians. When he took office it became the duty of the Governor to boast on every public occasion that Pennsylvania possessed the fairest woman, the bravest men, the most fertile fields, the most productive farms, the wealthiest mines, the largest mountains and the broadest rivers of any State in the Union, and to assert the superiority of the State generally, notwithstanding the presence of Governors of other States. In summary the comments provided an opportunity for the politicians to pat each other on the back and blow the horns of their respective states. It also gave members opportunity to rub elbows with important political and business shakers in Philadelphia. Just looking at the detail planning surrounding the seating plan suggests that NJSP was an organization to be in. See Picture.



Trivia 1906 – 1907 the Society had almost reached the prescribed membership limit of 125. The Union had only 46 states.

1908

The 1908 year book was the thinnest of the last three years and is on file at the Burlington County Historical Society. This year a List of Officers Nominations was included. No formal list of speakers was included. Actually the speakers came to their feet in response to a call of the chair. Jokes and off the cuff ribbing prevailed.

The Banquet was held at the Union League.

- Honorable Francis Lee, Historian State of New Jersey
- Honorable John Reyburn, Mayor of Philadelphia
- Honorable Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the National House of Representatives
- Honorable James S. Sherman, VP Elect United States
- Honorable Hampton Moore, Congressman from Philadelphia

Regrets were received from: William H. Taft, Hot Springs, Va.; Edwin S. Stuart, Executive Department Pennsylvania; John Franklin Fort, Executive Chamber New Jersey; Charles E. Hughes, Executive Chamber New York.

Trivia 1908 - SOS became international maritime distress signal and Robert Perry discovered the North Pole.

1909

The files offered slim pickings in 1909. The speeches were rich in praise for the speakers' home states. Speeches were politically focused, i.e. Unfairness of Tariffs was a lively topic. The official year book is on file at the Burlington County Historical Society.

The festivities held at the Union League were enlivened with songs by members of the Orpheus Club of Philadelphia. The members sang the following songs: Mein Herr Van Dunck, Annie Laurie, Dixie's Land, For He's a Jolly Good Fellow, Fill Him Up a Full Glass. Several songs remain unnamed.

Rear Admiral C.S. Perry was honored. He shared several stories from his adventure trips.

Trivia 1909 – Robert Perry discovered the North Pole and Henry Ford introduced the Model T

1910

President William H. Taft was unable to attend the Annual Banquet held at the Union League. He did write a letter detailed in the annual report which is on file at the Burlington County Historical Society.

The Closing Remark tells it all – "All plays have ends and suppers too; and merriest moments take their flight; the clock strikes twelve, the evenings through, and even lovers say "good night".

Trivia 1910 – Philadelphia Athletics won the World Series

1911

This was the first year that members were provided with a pamphlet containing the Constitution of the New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania. A list of past officers and a current list of members were bound in the pamphlet.

At the November 23, 1911 Annual Meeting the following amendment was made to the Society's Constitution.

- Membership in the Society shall be limited to 225, and the number of members in proportion as to Pennsylvania and New Jersey residents may be fixed hereafter by Board of Directors. The original limited to 150 of whom no more than 1/3 shall be residents of New Jersey. The tide was starting to shift to New Jersey.

The Fifth Annual Banquet was held at the Union League on December 18, 1911. Again the Banquet was black tie and men only. The attendees may have looked like the following photograph.



This is a joke, note the mule, this is definitely not a NJSP banquet. However the BYOB looks familiar.

The program was speaker rich with seven notables. They were:

- Honorable Weldon B. Heyburn, U.S. Senator from Idaho talked at length regarding New Jersey and its politics. He mentioned that William Penn was the Proprietor and Governor of New Jersey for five years. Also, it is appropriate that Penn's statue on City Hall, Philadelphia faces New Jersey - the BEST view in town.
- Honorable William Hodges Mann, Governor of Virginia mentioned that the vote in Virginia was 90 to 45 against secession. However the people of Virginia wanted to stay on the side of its Sister States. He told the story of the Battle of Petersburg by General Grant. An auction was taking place at a key crossroad. The auctioneer was selling an old mahogany wardrobe. He had a price of \$990 once, \$990 twice, just then a shell from Grant lit right on top of the wardrobe and knocked it to smithereens, whereupon the auctioneer cried "Gone to General Grant for \$1000".
- Rear Admiral Peary, U.S.N. talked about his experience at the North Pole in terms of the misconceptions regarding cold, hunger and darkness.
- Honorable John C. Bell, Attorney General of Pennsylvania talked about the laws of Pennsylvania.
- Honorable John J. Gardiner, Congressman from New Jersey talked about the modesty of Jerseyites. He then mentioned the 100 great things about New Jersey.
- William T. Tilden, President of the Union League talked about how the League gathered within its walls sons of every state and makes them welcome under the Stars & Stripes.
- Dr. Edward L. Tilden, President Elect of the Society discussed the need to bring in younger members. He closed the meeting with the following "All plays have ends and suppers too; and the merriest moments take their flight; the clock strikes twelve, the evenings through; and even lovers say goodnight". Note: He must have attended the 1909 Banquet.

Details are contained in the annual report which is on file at the Burlington County and the Gloucester County Historical Societies.

Trivia 1911 – Irving Berlin wrote "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and Philadelphia won the World Series (two years in a row).

1912

The files contain very little information for 1912. Annual report is on file at both the Burlington and Gloucester County Historical Societies. The Annual Banquet continues to be held at the Union League.

Trivia 1912 – Woodrow Wilson became the 28th President and Frederick Wetherly, an Englishman, wrote the lyrics to “Danny Boy”.

1913

A change in venue this year, the Annual Banquet was held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. A menu for the affair is in the archives and the Annual Report is on file at the Burlington County Historical Society.

Trivia 1913 – “Mother’s Day” became an official national holiday, and Harry Vardon won the British Open

1914

Another change in venue this year’s Annual Banquet was held at the Manufacturers Club. The Annual Report is on file at the Burlington and Gloucester County Historical Societies.

Speakers at this year’s Annual Banquet were:

- Charles F. Hires, President of the Society
- Brigadier General A.A. Woodhull, U.S.A. Retired, Princeton Professor

He reviewed the military conditions in New Jersey prior to the close of the Revolution

- Honorable J. Hampton Moore, Master of Ceremonies
- Honorable Boies Penrose, U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania
- Mr. Edward F. Cattell, Statistician City of Philadelphia.

Details of the presentations are included in the Annual Report on file at the Burlington and Gloucester County Historical Societies.

Trivia 1914

World War I began with the declaration of war between Austria-Hungary and Serbia. The first traffic light was installed in Cleveland, Ohio. One red and one green light both operated manually from a control booth. Mother’s day was celebrated as an official national holiday for the first time.

1915

The Annual Banquet was again held at The Manufacturers Club on December 18, 1915, Cost \$5. An invitation/menu card is in our archives and the Annual Report is on file in the Burlington and Gloucester County Historical Societies. The cover page of the invitation follows.

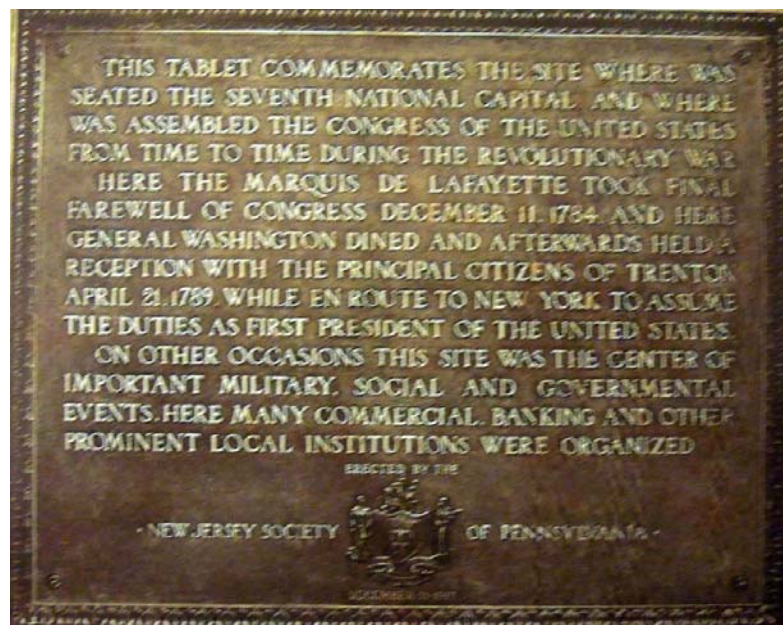


The speeches are included in the Annual report and the speakers were:

- Honorable G. Brumbaugh
- Honorable Simeon D. Fess
- Honorable Edwin Robert Walker
- Professor Francis H. Green
- Honorable David O. Watkins

As in the past the speeches were political and arrows were shot from New Jersey to Philadelphia and the other way, all in good fun, I think.

This year the Society decided to place its mark on a building in Trenton. The Society dedicated a bronze tablet to mark the spot where Lafayette bade his farewell to the American Congress in 1781. The press ran several articles complementing the NJSP and over 100 people gathered to see the tablet, shown below.



Unfortunately two days later the press had a field day with the article "Error in the New Tablet Erected in Trenton". The tablet used the word 'Capital' to mark the site. The article advised that the word "Capitol" should have been used. Capitol means the City of Trenton. Capitol designates the building. As an aside the original site on which the bank now stands was the old Trenton Inn. The corrected tablet follows.



It is a mystery that the second and corrected tablet did not make the minor spelling change but the entire 1st paragraph was rewritten. I don't believe the two parties agreed as to the original word choice. I did contact the tablet maker, Bureau Brothers Bronze Statuary in Philadelphia regarding the mix up. Their files were silent as to the details. As an aside the tablet when replaced was hung at the rear of the building and not its original entry position. Adding to the mystery was the following tablet erected at the entrance while the original was being corrected.



A little more regarding the 'now a bank building'. The following pictures identify that the building was a tavern "Blazing Star Tavern in 1785", a popular watering hole for politicians and Generals Washington and LaFayette. In 1789 it was called City Tavern and dated 1789 – 1837 when it was converted to a bank.



Trivia 1915

The Lusitania was torpedoed by a German submarine off the Irish Coast; and The taxicab appeared. For a short ride, drivers were charged a nickel, and the word "Jittney" was coined.

1916

The Annual Banquet was held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel with 180 in attendance. The 1916 Year Book is on file at the Burlington and Gloucester Historical Societies.

The records indicate that fewer speakers held court this year. However, the number expanded rapidly when the Master of Ceramones addresses the crowd and selects speakers on whim. The formal speakers were:

- Honorable John Barrett, Director General Pan-American Union. He discussed the importance of international trade development.
- Honorable Walter Edge
- Mr. Thomas Daly, Philadelphia Evening Ledger. He is a humorist and laid it on heavy as he expounded on the greatness of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Trivia 1916

Shark attacks off the coast of New Jersey inspired the novel and motion picture "Jaws". The Professional Golfer's Association of America was formed this year, and the Battle of Verdun in WWI lasted 10 months with approximately 1 million casualties evenly divided between the French and Germans with no meaningful result to either side.

1917

The war in Europe was imminent but membership activity picked up this year. The Annual Banquet was a success and again it was held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. A menu of this affair is in the archives. 121 attended the Annual Banquet; 68 were members, 34 were guests of the members and 19 were guests of the Society. The speakers were:

- Honorable Walter Edge, Governor of New Jersey
- Admiral Perry
- Dr. Demarest of Rutgers College

- Mr. Frank Stewart, Historian of NJSP addressed the membership concerning “the need for a more thorough dissemination of historical facts with regard to New Jersey be written”.

All committees fleshed out and were active. The named Committees were nine; Banquet, Speakers, Membership, Biographical, Auditing, Finance, Publicity, Outings, and Historian.

The by-laws concerning membership were changed on 11/21/17 as follows: “Section 5 – The membership shall consist of active and associate members. Active members shall be limited to 225, and the number of active members of the Society in the proportion as to the residents of Pennsylvania and residents of New Jersey may be fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time. Associate members shall have all the privileges of active members except to vote and hold office. They shall automatically become active members in the order of their admission, as vacancies occur.”

Historian Frank Stewart wrote a book of 342 pages titled “History of Gloucester County”. The Society received extensive press coverage. A copy of the book was distributed to members at the 12/10/17 meeting.

Two outings were described in the Annual Year Book currently on file at the Burlington and Gloucester Historical Societies. This was the first year that meeting minutes appeared in our archives – they were short.

The first outing was an automobile trip through Gloucester County, Red Bank and Swedesboro ending with dinner at Newton’s Hotel. Each attendee paid \$2.50 for the works.

The Spring Outing was held on June 2, 1917. An itinerary was prepared in card form and distributed to attendees. This extensive trip by car started at 12:30pm at the Pennsylvania RR Ferry Terminal on the Camden side. The trip stopped at the Harleigh Cemetary to visit Walt Whitman’s grave, then on to Haddonfield, Gloucester, Red Bank, Swedesboro and ended with a 5pm dinner at Rachor’s Hotel in Woodbury, New Jersey.

The following pictures provide a flavor of the autos, individuals and ferry involved in outings in 1917.



BLACK Fords on the move, a demolition derby to the pier and ferry.



Lots of activity on Sunday mornings at the trolley turntable-Market St.



Ferry boat trip to New Jersey and NJSP Outing

The Society sent a resolution to the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Assembly of the State of New Jersey re "establishment of a State Department of Public Records".

Trivia 1917 – Denmark sold St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas to the United States. The U.S. entered WWI when it declared war with Japan.

1918

This was a quiet year the officers and members reduced activities due to the war. The Annual Banquet was held on December 18, 1918 at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. A menu is in the archives. 139 attended the banquet. The total membership was 221, 128

from Pennsylvania, 75 from New Jersey and 18 Associate members. A bank statement in the file showed a balance of \$362. The Annual Year Book is on file at the Gloucester County Historical Society.

An outing was held at the Old Mochican Club House in Pea Shore, New Jersey. 82 were in attendance. The attendees were addressed by Cpl. Oscar Mouvet of the French Foreign Legion and Sgt. J.B. Hathaway on the conditions in Europe during the war, slides were shown for the first time.

Speakers at the Annual Banquet were:

- Honorable John H. Small, North Carolina, Chair of the Rivers & Harbors Committee
- Honorable Joseph Walsh, Massachusettes Member of the Judiciary Committee

Frank Stewart, Historian had a busy year. He published a booklet "Outline of Colonial and Revolutionary History in New Jersey." He also presented the monograph "The State of Amboy". The Booklet and the Monograph are filed in the Gloucester County Historical Society archives.

It was resolved that a service flag be made showing a star for each member in the service, their sons and sons-in-law of the members in service.

Trivia 1918 – Codell, Kansas was struck by a tornado for the third consecutive year on the same day. Exterminator won the 44th Kentucky Derby, Knapp was up.

1919

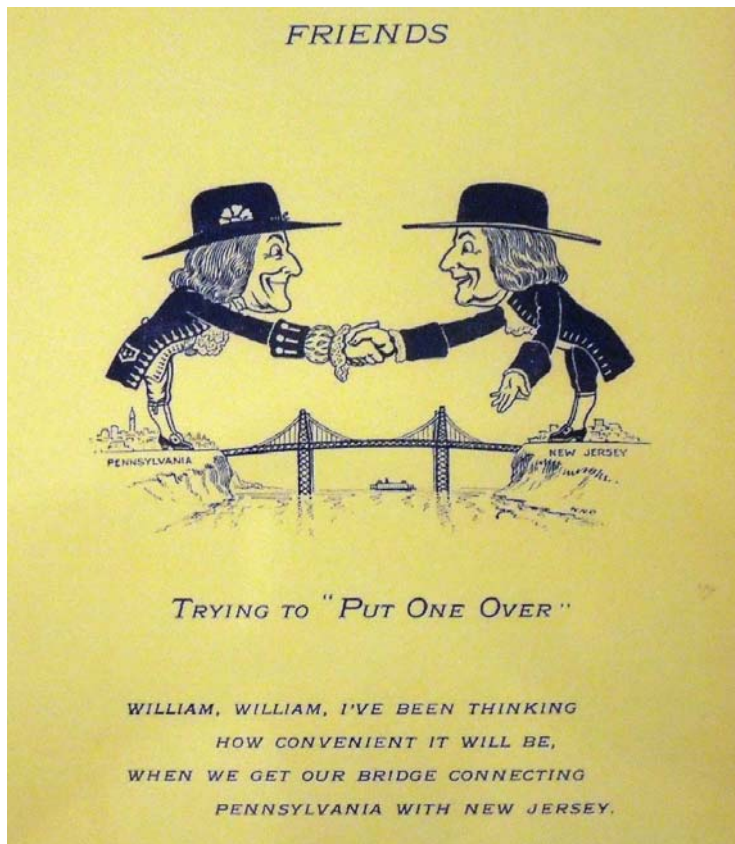
The Annual Banquet was held on 12/18/19 at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. 250 attended the banquet. 33 Sons and Sons-in-law of the members who had seen service in the Great War were present.

The Society honored the lawmakers of the past and present and the men who stood between our homes and the despicable Hun. The Veterans Spokesman, Francis D'Olier, recognized all veterans in attendance.

The members received a special treat, a bound volume containing a complete record of the Society from 1907 to 1917 was distributed. Unfortunately none of the Historical Societies had a copy this book. The 1919 Annual Book is on file in our archives.

The NJSP passed a resolution to advise both legislative bodies of the State of New Jersey the urgent necessity of continuing the publication of the archives of the State of New Jersey, and to immediately provide a substantial appropriation by the Legislature to fund this task.

The Toastmaster at this years Annual Banquet was the Honorable J. Hampton Moore, Mayor-elect of Philadelphia. He was a very active participant during the evening. Other speakers included Honorable William G. Brantley of Georgia who presented "Some Basic Truths About Our Government" – an extensive political paper. The speech was published in pamphlet form and received wide distribution. The Mayor of Philadelphia and the Governor of Pennsylvania were recognized for their efforts in pushing the bridge construction between Philadelphia and Camden (The Ben Franklin Bridge). A handout follows.



The Toastmaster called upon Ex-Governors of New Jersey, Honorable Edward C. Stokes and Honorable David O. Watkins, both had retired for the evening.

Some statistics were provided concerning the U.S.A. – in 1916 we owed Great Britain so much that we annually paid them \$300 Million in interest. Today England owes us so much she must pay us \$150 Million in interest annually. A few years ago we owed Europe \$4 Billion. Today they owe us \$10 Billion. Figures regarding telephones, automobiles, railroads, iron and steel, copper, gold and silver were presented. Finally it was noted that 90% of the world's bathtubs are in the U.S.A.

"Historical notes about West Jersey" by Frank H. Stewart, Historian were included in the Annual Report. This paper included much detail concerning Gloucester County in 1784 and later. Historical facts included the following: Gloucester County had 346 slaves and 37 merchants and shopkeepers.

On June 7, 1919 a bronze tablet was unveiled – The Society provided a tablet bearing the first two pages in script of the original "Concessions and Agreements of the Proprietors, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Province of West Jersey in America" and attached it to the outside walls of the Surveyor General's office in Burlington, New Jersey. Members of the Burlington County Women's Historical Society attended the occasion. The tablet was signed by William Penn and 149 "Proprietors." This ancient organization has dispensed with the last property under its responsibility and is inactive. In 1919 the President was Colonel Frank W. D'Olier of Riverton, New Jersey.

Pictures of the Surveyor General's Office and the Tablet follows.



Lists of Guests, Service Members, and Members of the Society were included in a pamphlet. 350 were in attendance at the Annual Banquet.

Trivia 1919 – The Treaty of Versailles signed on 6/28/19 ended WWI and placed limits on Germany. Woodrow Wilson won the Nobel Peace Prize.

1920

The Annual Banquet was held as planned (December 18 and at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel). Our archives contain the Annual Report, menu and minutes. 12/18 marked the 133rd anniversary of the signing of the Constitution by delegates of New Jersey.

Toastmaster William J. Conlen, known internationally for his expertise in Admiralty Law introduced the speakers. These included:

- Honorable Ronald S. Morris, American Ambassador to Japan
- Honorable J. Hampton Moore, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia
- General John J. Pershing, U.S.A.
- Honorable William H. Parry
- Judge Harold B. Wells, Burlington County, New Jersey
- Reverend J. G. Bickerton, D.D. Pastor Methodist Episcopal Union Church, Philadelphia

The evening featured the showing by motion pictures of the Spring Outing, a road tour through South Jersey. 90 members and guests participated.

The Ambassador to Japan spoke extensively regarding his recent 6000 mile expedition through Siberia and beyond Omsk into the Ural mountains. His comments

regarding how poor the country was highlighted through the remarks of the train's cook, Abdul. Abdul's parents had emigrated to New Jersey some two centuries ago from Turkey. The Ambassador noticed that Abdul, usually a cheerful member of the entourage, was looking rather despondent. He remarked "Well, Mr. Ambassador, as I see more and more of these foreign countries I find that I love more the folks that I hated back home."

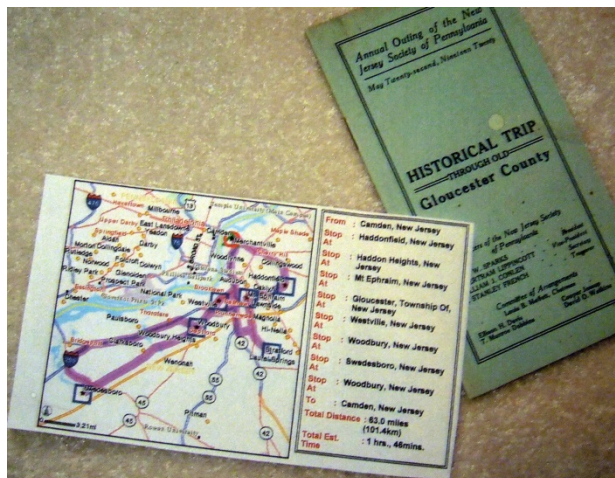
He talked about Bolshevism in Siberia – the days after the Russian government was overthrown – with the Commissionaires there. One of my questions was "how far they have succeeded in their aims". They have within the cities nationalized all industries, have taken private property from all those who possessed it, have closed the banks, have closed all the great distributing agencies, insofar as they have things to distribute. They have taken over the control of these things by this minority of the population. They have not taken the land. In Russia there are 85% peasants, and peasants were urged to take from their old landlords the land which they believed was rightly theirs.

General Pershing received a standing ovation. He requested that his remarks not be taken down by the recorder. He let it all hang out.

The next speaker was the Honorable J. Hampton Moore, Mayor of Philadelphia. He talked extensively about his review of the court system in Philadelphia. He focused on the weaknesses regarding coddling evil doers. He contrasted this with Jersey justice, the firm and unyielding dealing with the malefactor that might be encouraged in other commonwealths.

Toastmaster Conlen had some sharp remarks about the City of Philadelphia's government officials – and the sparks flew.

A booklet that follows, "Historical Trip through Old Gloucester County" contained the itinerary of the May 22, 1920 trip. 90 travelers participated.



Trivia 1920 – The 19th amendment ratified on 18 August 1920, granted women the right to vote. In 1920 at the Olympics in Belgium the Olympic flag made its debut.

1921

The Annual Banquet was held in the Clover Room of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on 12/17/21. The membership topped 300 and the Treasurer advised that the bank balance was \$859. The Annual Report, meeting minutes and menus are in the Society's archives.

A menu card was produced with the original cut of the accepted draft of the bridge to be erected between Camden and Philadelphia. The bridge span was longer at the time than any existing suspension bridge in the world.

As in the past motion pictures of the spring outing were shown. The itinerary of the outing through Burlington County to Bordentown was documented in a handout. Cost to each of the 100 participants was \$2.50. This trip received significant newspaper exposure.

The following speakers provided an information and fun packed evening:

- Honorable Charles P. Gillen, Mayor of Newark, New Jersey provided some historical information concerning New Jersey. He discussed cranberries and how New Jersey was the largest producer. He talked about how important the apple crop was to New Jersey. Specifically he noted that New Jersey was known for its Applejack. He talked about the new bridge and how it will be a great boon to business between New Jersey and Pennsylvania.



- Mr. Edward Ford, a corset manufacturer was the next speaker. His speech was on the light side and included many stories and one-liners at the delight of the audience.
- Mr Edward J. Cattell, assistant to the Mayor spoke lightly regarding matters of the time. He like the speakers he followed included many stories and jokes in his remarks – some of them printable.
- Judge Wells of Bordentown, who made the fastest speech last year only briefly spoke to attendees. A poem, not printable, was shared with the audience. His theme "What is the most important thing conducive to happiness." He led a presentation from the philosophies of the great humanitarians, the stoics and cynics. He quoted the words of Plato and of the Saviour, of Socrates and Euripides. He highlighted the greatness of his hometown, Bordentown. The Toastmaster said, "it is regretted that although Judge Wells' speech was one of the best ever delivered before the Society, yet so rapidly was it delivered that the stenographer was unable to take notes, and it later developed that the Judge himself had no notes, and, therefore, his remarks in extenso cannot be given.

At this point in time the Society had a membership of 300 principally natives of New Jersey engaged in business in Philadelphia.

As in the past Frank H. Stewart, Historian highlighted the Quakers of the Revolution and historical notes about West Jersey. These are bound in the Annual Report stored in the Society's archives.

Trivia 1921 – Warren Harding became the 29th President of the United States, and the 1st Miss America pageant was held.

1922

The Annual Banquet was held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on December 18, 250 attended. A menu card is in the archives and the cost for the evening was \$6.

Something new – the members were requested to wear the Society button - see picture.



A souvenir in form of a paper weight, showing a reproduction of the Delaware River Bridge, was given to each person present. Construction of the bridge started in January.

The Annual Outing was by water and took place on June 1, 1922. This river trip reviewed historical points on either side of the Delaware between Philadelphia and Delaware City. 124 participated in this gala trip aboard the Steamer Brandywine at a cost of \$3. The trip began at 1:30pm and ended at 9:30pm.

A representative of the Woodbury Daily Times wrote about the outing for publication in the newspaper. The article was included in the year book which is on file in the Society's archives. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,331.

In accordance with custom, a gold button was presented to the retiring president. I guess we missed this one.

Frank H. Stewart continued his input to the Annual Report with abstracts from the Diary of Samuel Mickle, a leading merchant in Woodbury, New Jersey.

Thomas W. Hulme was the first to wear the Presidents' Medal - picture follows.



Sometime during the last 10 years the medal was updated with the names of all NJSP Presidents.

Trivia 1922 – The first aircraft carrier, the USS Langley was commissioned, and Egypt gained independence from the United Kingdom.

1923

The Annual Banquet held on December 18 was the largest banquet in the history of the Society – 331 attendees at a cost of \$6 per. Also, the treasury was full with \$2,035 in the checking account.

Guests of the Society and speakers included:

- Honorable Cyrus E. Woods, U.S.A. Ambassador to Japan
- Honorable Gifford Pichot, Governor of Pennsylvania
- Doctor William Mather Lewis, President George Washington University
- Honorable E. Ambler Armstrong former Judge of Common Pleas and Circuit Courts of Camden County
- Reverend Frank P. Parkin, President of the Ohio Society of Pennsylvania
- Mr. Jennings Hood, past President of the Sons of Delaware

Ambassador Woods talked about the recent earthquake in Japan. Governor Pinchot took the opportunity to rib Governor Silzer of New Jersey concerning his attitude on prohibition. It should be noted that Governor Silzer returned his barbs on his attitude in the coal situation.

President Lewis addressed the type of education that is needed in our schools and colleges. The final speaker, Judge Armstrong, read some letters written to George Washington in 1776 by John Cadwalader, concerning the military situation in Philadelphia, and a letter by George Washington written in 1777 in reference to the economic and military situation at the time. Detail papers concerning the various speeches are bound in the Year Book filed in the Society's archives.

A beautiful and useful souvenir, consisting of a morocco card-case was presented to each person present.

The banquet received significant recognition in local newspapers. Letters received by the Society written by speakers and guests included many laudable comments including: "Most enjoyable affair I ever attended", "It is rare that one sees such a representative group of men together", "We enjoyed ourselves, which is something we can not always say after a formal banquet", and many more of the same.

Additional extracts from the Diary of Samuel Mickle were included in the year book.

The outing this year was again on the Delaware. About 250 members and guests participated and went down the Delaware on the chartered steamer State of Delaware. The trip included visits to Fort DuPont and Fort Delaware. A description of the trip was written by Charles H. Folwell, a member of the Society and was printed in his newspaper, The New Jersey Mirror. The paper was included in the year book. The booklet included a passenger list.

Trivia 1923 – John Harwood an English watchmaker invented the self winding wrist watch in 1923, and Interpol, the world's largest international police department, was established in 1923.

1924

The Annual Banquet was held on December 18 at The Bellevue-Stratford Hotel - \$6 per person. 372 were in attendance. It was requested that the members wear the Society Button. These may be purchased from Bailey Banks and Biddle.

Speakers at the banquet and their topics were:

- Honorable William R. Greene, Chairman Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives – “The Prevention of War”.
- Mr. Ralph Modjeski, Designer and Chief Engineer of the Delaware Bridge – “Important problems that were overcome and how the engineers solved construction and traffic problems”.
- Lieutenant Commander Z. Lansdowne – Shenandoah’s ‘cross continent’ trip.
- Rear Admiral Scales – “Aviation and its Relation to the Navy.”

All presentations were included in the annual Year Book currently in the Society archives. The fourth and final installment of Extracts from the Diary of Samuel Mickle was included in the Year Book.

A handbook and membership list was presented to the members. The

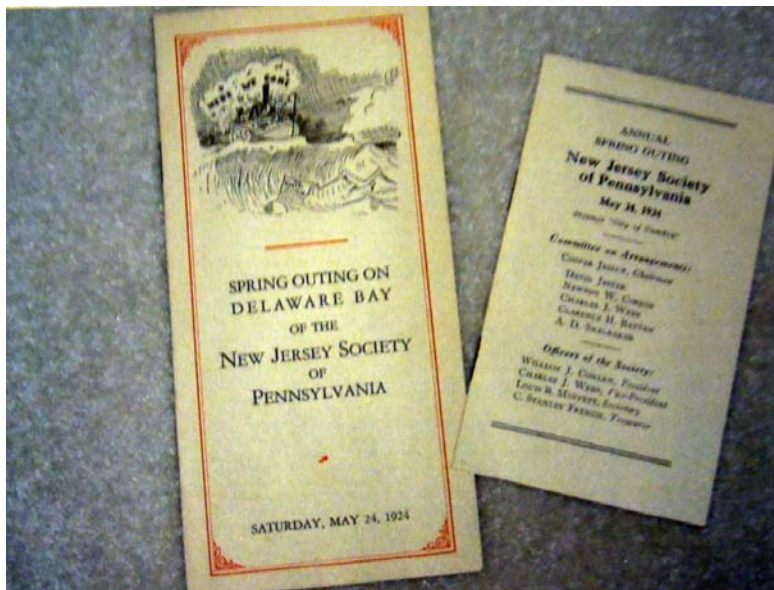
Book contains a list of members, a list of speakers from 1907 to the present and details Spring Outings since 1917. A list of major publications and highlights of New Jersey was included in the handout. Unfortunately this material was not included in the Society’s archives or distributed to Burlington or Gloucester Counties archives.

About 30 members attended on October 12 a presentation of a State of New Jersey silk flag to the Memorial Chapel of Valley Forge. This event received much publicity in local newspapers.

A gold pencil was presented to each person in attendance at the Annual Banquet.

The Treasurer advised that the checking account balance was \$1,980.

The Spring Outing was held on May 24. The Society chartered a steamer from the Wilson Line (City of Camden) and set sail from the Chestnut Street Pier at 1:30pm for Delaware Bay. A booklet was prepared that detailed the various sights scheduled to be seen on the trip. Heading in one of the local newspapers “Famous organization and guests nearly 300 strong enjoy trip down the Delaware.” A passenger booklet was prepared and distributed to participants. See below:



Trivia 1924 – 1st around the world airplane flight from Seattle was completed, and the 1st Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade was held.

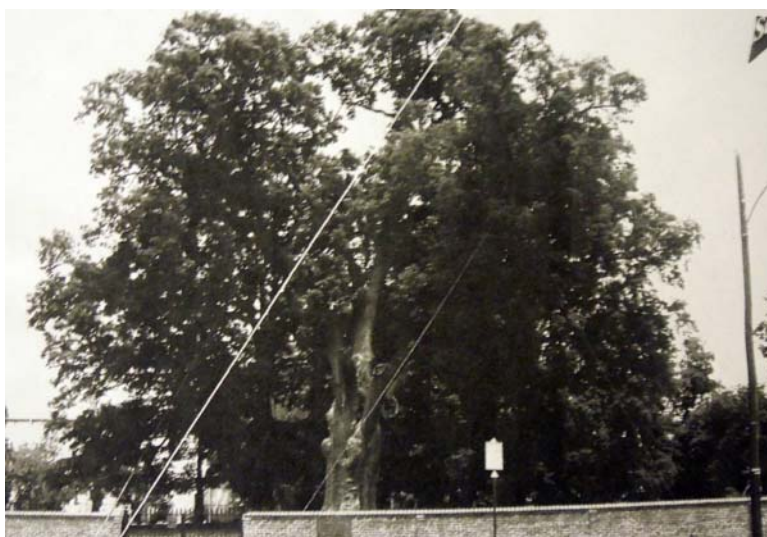
1925

On May 1 a request from the Officers was made to the membership to increase the membership limit to 500. Membership at the time was 363. “Any male person of

good character, 21 years of age, residing in Pennsylvania or New Jersey, a native or descendant of a native of New Jersey is eligible for membership. A month later on June 6 during the Spring Outing which was held on the Steamer, "State of Pennsylvania" the officers elected to change the membership limit from 225 to 600. Membership on November 16 was 425, the largest in the Society's history. Treasurer announced a check book balance of \$2,036.

334 attended the Spring Outing at a cost of \$6 each. Everyone had a good time. The only negative reported was that the cost per person exceeded plan by \$1.23. A booklet containing the names of attendees and the Evening Musicale program was given to each participant.

The City and County of Salem celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the Colony by John Fenwick in 1675. The Society placed a bronze tablet on the wall of the Friends' Burial Ground in which stands the famous Salem Oak. The tree is 88 feet high and its foliage covers one-quarter of an acre. A post card and several pictures of the Salem Oak are in the Society's archives. I took the following pictures during a research field trip.

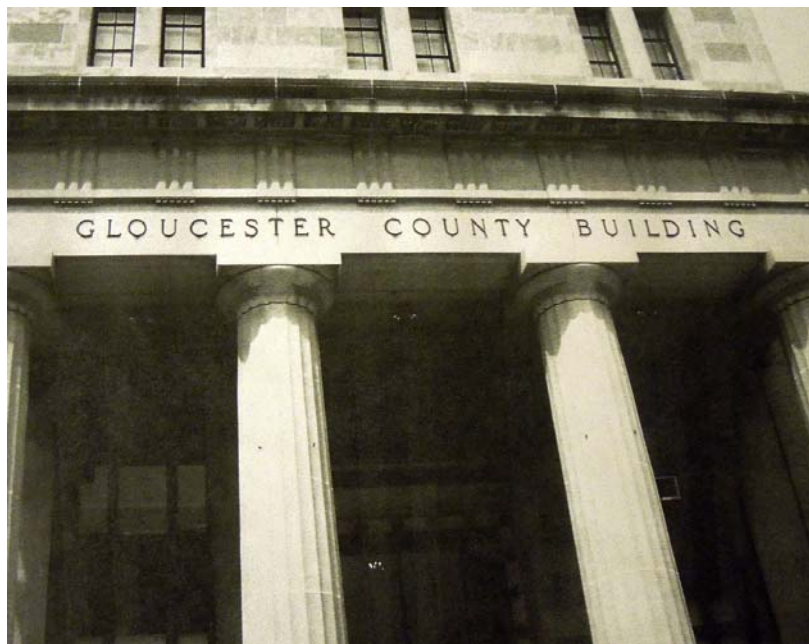


The Bronze Tablet

The Annual Banquet was held on December 18 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Cost was \$6. About 400 members and guests were in attendance. The invitation and menu is in the Society's archives.

Speakers and their topics were:

- Congressman Abernathy of North Carolina, made an interesting address, and called attention to the many things in common between the great states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.
- Attorney General Woodruff devoted his address to the efforts being made to conserve the waters of the Delaware River by means of joint action of the three states of NJ, Penna. and NY.
- Ex-Congressman Mahany of New York told many interesting anecdotes concerning well-known men.
- Mr. Arthur W. Evans of Ohio, a well known public speaker made the final address. Although he spoke for more than an hour, he held until the last the close attention of his audience. His address was a composite of wit, wisdom, philosophy and history. The speech was enjoyed by all. Specific remarks were bound in the Year Book on file in the Society's archives.
- Frank H. Stewart, Historian provided 40 pages of Historical and Genealogical Miscellany from original sources – very interesting reading.
- Notes on Old Gloucester County, Decennial Records (1922,3,4) and the 1924 membership list were imbedded in the cornerstone of the Woodbury's new office building and jail on 3/14/25. A picture of the building follows.



Trivia 1925 – John Scopes was found guilty in the Monkey Trial for teaching the “Theory of Evolution”; and Leica produced the first successful 35mm camera.

1926

The Annual Boat Trip took place on a rainy June 5 aboard the “State of Pennsylvania”. Cost was \$5 per person. As in the past a booklet containing a list of

participants and the evenings Musicales Program was distributed. A short paper "The Defense of Philadelphia in 1777, and the Five-day Battle between the American Forts and the British Fleet" were included in the booklet.

The Annual Banquet was held at the Penn Athletic Club on December 18. The cost remained \$6. A menu is in the Society's archives.

Speakers included:

- Honorable A. Harry Moore, Governor of New Jersey
- Mr. Griffith Alexander of the Evening Public Ledger
- Honorable Joseph L. Hooper, Member of Congress from Michigan
- Rabbi Louis Wolsey, Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Philadelphia

A handbook and membership list was distributed to the members. This Handbook reported activity and membership through 1925 – Members totaled 396.

The Benjamin Franklin Bridge was completed on 7/1/26 and it was dedicated by President Coolidge. Note: it was originally named the Delaware River Bridge it was renamed in 1956. In 1926 it was the 34th longest bridge in the world and the longest suspension bridge in the world.

Trivia 1926 – The first SAT was taken by 8040 candidates on June 23, and Bobby Jones was the 1st to win both the British Open and the U.S. Open in the same year.

1927

The Society held its second golf outing this year (first and last) on May 24 at the Manufacturers' Country Club in Oreland, Pennsylvania. Costs were: dinner - \$3.50, golf greens fee - \$3.00, and caddy fees - \$1.00. The picture that follows suggests what could have been if this event continued as an annual affair. It should be noted this particular foursome were not par shooters.



Dick Baker, Sam Madara, Doug Springer and Boise Adams

Printing a decennial record was discussed. The printing cost would be \$1800. The membership was advised of this and they were solicited for their willingness to pay

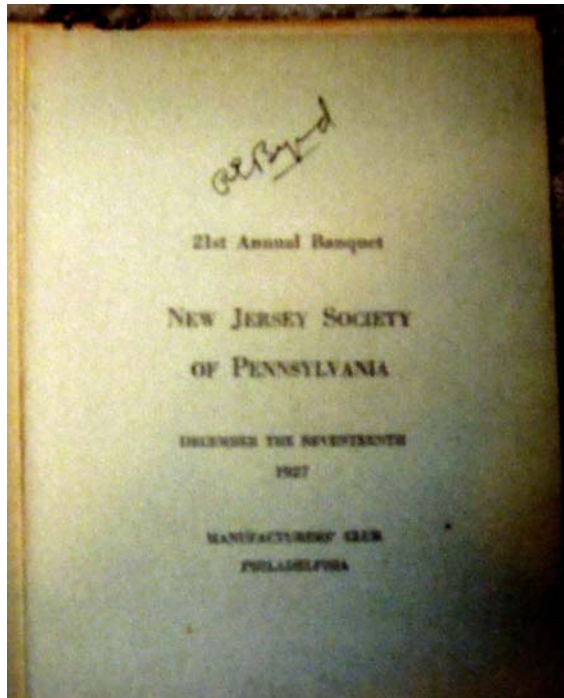
\$5.00 per volume. Since the book was not printed, it would appear the membership was not willing.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4558.

The Annual Banquet was held on December 17 at the Manufacturers Club at a cost of \$6.00. A menu is in the Society's archives.

Speakers included:

- Commander Richard E. Byrd, the famous aviator, who in 1926 made a flight to the North Pole and this year he followed Lindbergh across the Atlantic. The invitation card signed by Commander Byrd follows.



- Honorable James H. Maclafferty, Vice President of the Pacific-American Steamship Association and the Shipbuilders' Association of the Pacific Coast
- Honorable Carroll L. Beedy, member of Congress from Maine

The Year Book contains the full text of presentations made at the banquet. Also included are: List of members, background of the Society, and details surrounding the tablets erected.

The Society reorganized and is now down to five active committees: Banquet, Reception, Outing, Finance and Membership.

Trivia 1927 – Charles Linbergh flying "The Spirit of St. Louis" from Long Island completed his flight in 33.5 hours at Paris, France, and the Harlem Globetrotters played their first basketball game (originally known as "Savoy Big Five").

1928

The Annual Banquet was held at the Manufacturers Club on December 18. A menu is in the archives. Speakers for the evening were:

- The Honorable Morgan F. Larson, Governor-elect of New Jersey
- The Honorable Theodore E. Burton, Senator-elect of Ohio
- Captain Edward A. Salisbury, Lecturer and Explorer

A copy of the Annual Report is in the Society archives.

Trivia 1928 – 1st home TV set demonstrated, screen size was 3" x 4"; and Walt Disney released 1st Mickey Mouse cartoon 'Plane Crazy'.

1929

At 7pm the Bugle sounded and the bar area at the Manufacturer's Club cleared, the NJSP Annual Banquet attendees, 460 strong streamed into the Banquet Room. A menu is in the archives.

Again the banquet night was held on December 18. This was the date in 1787 when The Constitution of the United States was ratified by the State of New Jersey. New Jersey was the third state to give its consent. Music was provided by the Little Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Albert N. Hoxie.

Speakers for the evening were:

- Major-General Smedley D. Butler, United States Marine Corps
- Mr. Alford M. Collins, Lecturer and Explorer

Major-General Butler gave an interesting speech concerning his experiences in China. Mr. Collins spoke of his experiences in hunting big game in various parts of the world. His presentation included a number of slides and several reels of film concerning his adventures in Africa.

This was a banner year for the Society. The membership hit 524. New members during the year topped out at 51.

Spring Outing was held on Saturday June 8. 329 people embarked on the steamer "State of Delaware" for a trip down the historic Delaware. This was the largest outing to date. NOTE – Ladies were invited for the first time in the history of NJSP.

Frank H. Stewart, Historian included a collection of New Jersey facts in the Year Book, on file in the Society's archives. He discussed many battles of the Revolution. He made an interesting reference to a certain lady who had 21 children, 16 of whom were in the Revolutionary Army. Her tombstone has inscribed on it an epitaph that goes as follows: "Some have children; some have none; Here Lies the Mother of twenty-one."

Trivia 1929 – The stock market crashed on October 29 heralding The Great Depression. This day was called "Black Tuesday"; and on February 14 in Chicago the members of the Capone Gang, masquerading as policemen, killed seven of the Moran Gang. This day was known as the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre."

1930

The Annual Banquet was held on December 18 at the Manufacturers' Club, a copy of the menu is in the archives.

The program included music by the Little Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Albert N. Hoxie. Josephine Lucchese, Coloratura Soprano rounded out the program. Ms. Lucchese was the Prima Donna of the Philadelphia Grand Opera; the Ohio Opera Company and the Detroit Civic Opera Company.

Guest speakers for the evening were:

- Honorable James J. Davis, Senator from Pennsylvania
- Mr. Charles Milton Newcomb, author of "The Psychology of Laughter".

Mr. Davis spoke at length on early Pennsylvania. Mr. Newcomb entertained with a number of one liners.

The membership on December 11 was 510. As in previous Annual Reports a roll of the membership was included. The Annual Report is in the Society's archives.

The Spring Outing was held at Valley Forge on June 5. 400 attendees took a trip of inspection of the grounds and of the several forts - A vivid picture of the hardships experienced by George Washington and his devoted followers during the memorable winter of 1777-78 was presented. A dinner was served at the Washington Inn.

The Historical Section of the Annual Report contained excerpts from a diary concerning the spirited naval engagement on the Delaware River nearly two months before the Declaration of Independence. This was the first fight between our glorified row boats and the British frigates.

Trivia 1930 – Bobby Jones won all four Grand Slam events, U.S. Open, British Open, U.S. Amateur, and the British Amateur; and in Horse Racing, Gallant Fox won the Triple Crown (Kentucky Derby, Preakness, and Belmont Stakes).

1931

The Annual Banquet was held at the Manufacturers' Club. A menu is included in the archives. No minutes or other documents exist concerning this 25th Anniversary Year. A Year book is on file in the archives.

Speakers for the evening were:

- Honorable J. Hampton Moore, Mayor-elect City of Philadelphia
- Honorable Charles L. McNary, United States Senator from Oregon
- Major Alfred M. Collins, Lecturer – He discussed "Gorillas and Pigmies" in the District of Walikali, Africa.

The Salem County Historical Society requested a contribution toward the restoration of the historic Hancock House. NJSP contributed \$500.

Trivia 1931 – Sonja Henie of Norway won the Gold Medal World Figure Skating Championship – it was the fifth of her ten consecutive championships; and the Empire State Building opened with a height of 1454 feet, it was the world's tallest building until 1972.

1932-1933

Following a policy of retrenchment which appeared to be indicated by economic conditions, no Year Book was published in 1932. A combined Year Book for 1932-33 was published and is in the archives. This was the last book published. A picture of the 1932-1933 and 1924 books follow.



Banquets for both years were held at the Manufacturers and Bankers Club. Menus are in the archives.

The banquet was officially in honor of Honorable J. Hampton Moore, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia. The Mayor discussed the financial problems of the City. He was presented with a leather upholstered armchair, a replica of the chairs in Independence Hall.

Vocal selections by Chief Caupolican, Baritone, Philadelphia Grand Opera Company were loudly applauded.

Speakers for the evening were:

- Major-General Hugh L. Scott, Chairman New Jersey State Highway Commission. General Scott took as his subject, the sign language of the Plains Indians.
- Honorable Harold G. Hoffman, Motor Vehicle Commissioner State of New Jersey

Committees were reduced to four – Finance, Banquet, Reception, and Membership. Outings Committee was eliminated.

Trivia 1932 – Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean; and Duke Ellington recorded “It don’t mean a thing (if it ain’t got that swing”).

1933

The first Ladies’ Night in the history of the NJSP was on Saturday evening April 22.

During 1932 and 1933 the Society suffered a distinct loss in the death of several distinguished members. A total of 28 died during this period. Also, due to the stress of economic conditions a large number of resignations were experienced. At December 29, 1933 the NJSPs bank account was solid at \$1,121.

The Annual Banquet was held at the Manufacturers and Bankers Club.

Madame Josephine Lucchese, Coloratura Soprano and Miss Rae Eleanor Ball, Violinist provided the musical portion of the program. The guest speaker for the evening was Honorable Roland S. Morris, Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan.

Frank H. Stewart, Historian as in the past provided an interesting Historical Section in the Annual Report surrounding Indian land deeds.

A luncheon was held at the Manufacturers’ Club for the Officers, Directors, and former Presidents of NJSP on April 25.

Trivia 1933 – The film King Kong was released to many audience screams; and Adolf Hitler was named German Chancellor and formed a new government with Von Papen; and the ‘Lone Ranger’ began a 21 year run on ABC radio.

1934

The NJSP continued to lose a large number of members through deaths (11) and resignations (34). The Depression was taking its toll.

The Annual Banquet was at the Manufacturers and Bankers Club. The musical program featured Josephine Lucchese, Coloratura Soprano, Kurt Brownell, Tenor and Marian Kalayjian, Pianist.

Speakers for the evening were:

- Honorable H. Edgar Barnes, Secretary-designate of Revenue for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Mr. Boake Carter, Philco News Commentator.

The Spring Outing was at the Hancock House, Hancock's Bridge, New Jersey. The focus was on the 200th anniversary of the construction of the house. An old-fashioned chicken pot pie dinner was provided by the Ladies of Hancock's Bridge. The Governor of New Jersey, Honorable A. Harry Moore was the principal speaker. Our own President Howard Cooper Johnson, Esq. officially represented the New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania.

Trivia 1934 – The Dionne Quintuplets were born; and LEGO Blocks were introduced.

1935

The Annual Dinner was held at the Manufacturers and Bankers Club on (surprise) December 18. A menu can be found in the archives. 150 including the actors were in attendance.

The Barristers of the Camden County Bar Association re-enacted the Ratification of the Constitution (with a little wine). The re-enactment was in the form of a pageant drama. All the actors were bewigged and powdered, and costumed in colonial finery and old lace. Seventeen participated in the pageant.

A musical program featured the Newton Coal Trio – Violinist, Cellist and Pianist.

Trivia 1935 – Greta Garbo appeared in Anna Karenina with Basil Rathbone, Frederick March and Maureen O'Sullivan; and the Board Game 'Monopoly' was introduced.

1936

The Annual Dinner (Note - use of the word "Banquet" has been eliminated – sign of the times) was held on December 18 at the Penn Athletic Club at a cost of \$2.50 per person. A menu is on file in the archives. 250 members and guests attended. Entertainment was by The Philadelphia Ballet.

The membership was 195, New Jersey 118 and Pennsylvania 77 and the check book boasted \$1,942.

The NJSP has in publication a historical book written by Nichols Collin, the last of the Swedish missionaries to America. The book focuses on Swedish families along the Delaware from 1770 to 1786. The text was written in Swedish and translated by Dr. Amandus Johnson, Curator of the John Morton Museum of Swedish History in Philadelphia. The book was free to members and was sold to others including libraries for \$5.00 a copy.

Trivia 1936 – Boulder Dam (now called Hoover Dam) was completed; and Life Magazine was first published.

1937

It was time to reorganize again – Three Committees were active: Membership Committee 21, Outing Committee 7, and Banquet Committee 6.

Entrance fee for 1937 was suspended to encourage an increase in the membership. Dues stayed at \$5.00. As an aid to recruiting a series of luncheon meetings were approved by the Officers and Directors. The first luncheon was held on

April 23 at the Sylvania Hotel. The cost was \$1.00 per attendee; forty attended. The Honorable Franklin Spencer Edmonds spoke on "A taxpayer looks at his Government".

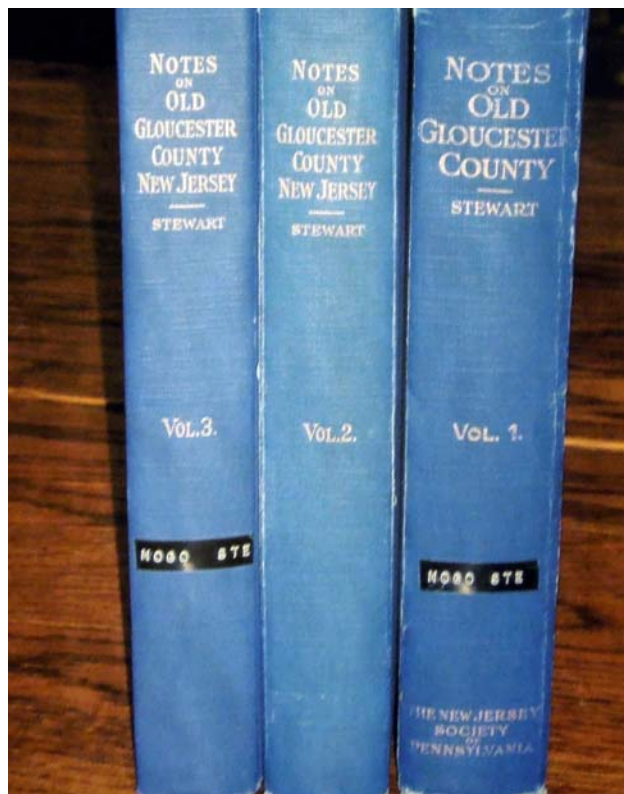
A second luncheon took place at the Manufacturers and Bankers Club on October 7. The cost was \$1.00 per person; thirty attended. The speaker was Victor R. Fritz. His program focused on his experiences climbing the three highest peaks in Mexico. He also showed film of his climbing in the Rockies.

The Annual Dinner was held on December 18 at The Penn Athletic Club. Speakers were: Honorable Harold G. Hoffman, Governor of New Jersey and Charles Milton Newcomb, a humorist.

The membership numbered 184 (112 New Jersey and 72 Pennsylvania). No mention is made in the records as to the success of the Recruitment Lunches.

At the November 1 meeting of the Officers and Directors a discussion took place concerning recent book publications. For many reasons the Society overextended and ended up for the first time with a small bank balance - \$75 and a debt of \$200. After much discussion Frank H. Stewart, Historian agreed to take all books at the printer for \$500. A sigh of relief went through the attendees. Actually three books were involved. Following is a picture of the books. Note: no copy is in the archives. However, on my trips to the Gloucester Historical Society Library I stumbled across two of the books and later by chance the third book, hidden on a back shelf in the Moorestown Historical Library surfaced.

Now for the rest of the story – as you look at the picture you will note that the book on the far right bears the NJSP Seal. The other two do not. It appears that the first book was paid for by the Society and the other two (no seal) by Mr. Stewart.



Trivia 1937 – The animated movie Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs was released, and the shopping cart was invented.

1938

A fellowship luncheon was held on April 28 at The Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. No speakers were fielded. Entertainment was by Philadelphia's leading magician Mr. Gus Bohm. The event cost was \$1.00 and drew 35 attendees.

The fall get-together was held at the Union League on October 12. The speaker, Joe Mitchell Chapple, from Boston, Mass. authored over 40 books and travelled in over 50 countries. He told stories of his personal acquaintance with: Charles Lindbergh, President McKinley, Teddy Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge and the Duke of Windsor. Forty members and guests attended.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Union League with a cost of \$4.00. This was a 'Men Only' affair. Speakers were:

- Professor, Major B. Foster, President Alexander Hamilton Institute, Head of the Department of Banking and Finance, New York University. His presentation focused on "Current Problems in Banking".
- Mr. Duane Minard, Assistant District Attorney State of New Jersey who discussed "The New Jersey-Delaware Boundary Dispute".

Trivia 1938 – The March of Dimes Foundation was founded to find a cure for polio, and Don Budge was the first to win all four singles.

1939

Membership was at the forefront of Society actions. The President sent letters to existing members to encourage their recruiting involvement. The membership had dropped to 172. A new membership category was created called "Affiliated Membership" - \$5 Dues and \$5 entrance fee.

A handbook containing the membership list and activities for 1939 was issued to all members early in 1940. The balance within the membership was 99 New Jersey and 73 Pennsylvania. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$360.

A luncheon was held at the Union League on April 20, cost \$1.00. The speaker, Dr. Robert C. White, Controller, City of Philadelphia delivered a downer speech concerning the City. He stated that receipts dropped approximately \$1.3 million since 1929. He mentioned a number of disappointing City investments. Municipal Stadium with a cost of \$4.2 million had an operating cost of \$134 million with a one year income of \$16,000. He was particularly pointed on the cost of subways. They are not being used and the annual maintenance cost is high.

On October 18 a second luncheon was held at the Union League. 66 attendees heard a speech by Mr. Charles R. Holton, Vice President, Bethlehem Steel Company.

A third luncheon was held at the Union League on November 15 with 70 attendees. The speaker was Mr. William Park, President of the American Stores Company.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Union League on December 18 at a cost of \$4.00 and 150 attendees. Speakers for the dinner were:

- Honorable A. Harry Moore, Governor of New Jersey
- Honorable William S. Culbertson, Former U.S. Ambassador to Chile and Former U.S. Minister to Rumania

- Honorable John Foster of the British Embassy, Washington DC.

No record of the speeches made is in the archives, the Annual Report having been discontinued to save money.

Trivia 1939 – New York City hosted the World’s Fair, and *Gone with the Wind* was released.

1940

Five luncheons were scheduled during the year to promote the objectives of the Society and to retain members and attract new members.

1st – Held at the Union League on February 14. The speaker was Mr. H. P. Liversidge, President Philadelphia Electric Company and a Director of U.G.I.

2nd – Cancelled March meeting. Speaker Thomas S. Gates of Drexel & Company could not attend due to the dissolution of Morgan-Drexel.

3rd – Held on April 11 at the Union League. The speaker was Captain Russell A. Snook of the New Jersey State Police. He was in charge of its Crime Laboratory and Identification Bureau. 60 attended.

4th – Held on May 16 at the Union League. The speaker was Captain Gil Rob Wilson, Director Department of Aviation State of New Jersey.

5th – Held at the Union League on November 18. The speaker was Mr. Paul Super, General Secretary of the YMCA in Warsaw, Poland. Mr. Super talked about the situation with Hitler and his experiences during the bombardment.

The Annual Dinner was held on December 18 at the Union League, men only. Speakers were:

- Captain Wilson (return from Spring Luncheon) talked on the Defense Program
- Dr. Joseph Stokes, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pennsylvania
- Lt. Colonel W. Stewart Roddie C.V.O. through the courtesy of the British Embassy.

The archives had no additional information regarding recruiting or speeches made.

Trivia 1940 – In WWII the evacuation of Dunkirk occurred, and Auschwitz the largest concentration camp was opened in Poland.

1941

Four luncheons were scheduled this year. No field trips were held.

1st – Lunch was held at the Union League on February 5. The speaker was Mr. William W. Bodine, President of the United Gas Improvement Company.

2nd – Lunch was held at the Union League on March 11. The speaker was Dr. Allen A. Stockdale, Public Relations for the National Association of Manufacturers.

3rd – Lunch was held at the Union League on April 15. The speaker was Dr. Herbert H. Tily, President of Strawbridge & Clothier.

4th - Lunch was held at the Union League on October 16. The speaker was Dr. C. R. Miller, Colonel U.S.A., in charge of the Coatesville Veterans Rehabilitation Center.

The Treasurer reported a November 30 bank balance of \$397. The Annual Dinner was held on December 18 at the Union League. Speakers were:

- Major John Maude, attached to the British Embassy

- Honorable Arthur Bliss Lane, Former Secretary of the Embassy at Berne, Former Minister to Nicaragua and Yugoslavia. After the bombings in Europe he was recalled and is presently Minister in Costa Rica.

The documentation of events and details of speeches and attendance is lacking in the archives.

Trivia 1941 – Whirlaway won the Triple Crown in horse racing, and the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

1942

The Society sent a telegram to President Roosevelt on December 18 pledging the support of NJSP during the war. The President responded and thanked the Society.

The Society decided to not hold the Annual Dinner this year; instead a Christmas luncheon was held on December 10 at the Union League. Officers of the USS Boise were guests of the Society. The speaker was Dr. Joseph C. McCracken, Head of the Medical Mission Hospital in Shanghai, China for 25 years.

Two additional luncheons were held during the year. The 1st was on April 8 at the Union League. The speaker was Colonel Lynn Adams, Commissioner Pennsylvania Motor Police. The 2nd luncheon was held on October 14 at the Union League. The luncheon speakers were: Mr. Pierre Rodrigues, a Frenchman who served as a Parliamentary Attaché during the war; and Mr. John J. Smith, a torpedoed Merchant Marine Sailor who worked most of his life on tankers.

The Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$467.

Trivia 1942 - The code name for the Allied Invasion in North Africa was "Operation Torch", and the "Death March" took place in the Philippines.

1943

Luncheon was held at the Union League on February 11, cost \$1.25. The speaker was Mr. Roger W. Burman, Manager National Cash Register Co. who spoke on his experience living in Japan during the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

A Christmas luncheon was held at the Union League on December 15 at a cost of \$2.50. 182 members and guests attended the luncheon. Guests included 20 wounded armed forces men who were recuperating at Philadelphia hospitals. Each military person received a gift – a furlough bag (blue for Navy or olive for Army and Marines). Due to OPA rationing regulations the Union League could only accept guaranteed reservations.

An up-to-date membership roll was deferred until after the war.

Unfortunately the luncheon received negative press because the speakers were not entertaining. They orated too long on downbeat topics.

Little documentation concerning the year was found in the archives.

Trivia 1943 – In WWII President Kennedy's boat the PT109 was sunk, and the Pentagon was opened.

1944

A luncheon was held at the Union League on March 1 – 51 attended. Ladies were invited. The speaker was Captain L.K. Ferguson, Medical Corps. USNR. He addressed the audience about his 18 months active duty aboard the USS Solace in the South Pacific.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$792.

The Annual Christmas Luncheon was held at the Union League on December 18. The affair was men only, 51 attended. The speaker was Paratrooper Robert Otto who was currently receiving medical treatment at the Valley Forge Hospital. He told of his experience dropping 5 miles behind the German lines with the 501st Airborne Infantry. As a token of the Society's appreciation he was given a traveling kit.

Trivia 1944 – Casablanca won the Academy Award, and the 1st programmable digital computer was built, it weighed 5 tons and was 50 feet long/8 feet tall.

1945

At the Executive Committee meeting on February 16 a lively discussion addressed how the Society might become more attractive to possible members and more interesting for the members.

A five point program was agreed to by the Executive Committee.

1. Print an up-to-date hand book of by-laws and membership list.
2. Make it known the "principles" and "purposes" of the Society.
3. Hold more meetings to involve members – possibly monthly.
4. Alternate luncheon meetings for the members and dinner meetings to which the ladies might be invited.
5. Map out the program for the year ahead; build a dinner around a tribute to Our Sons in the Service upon their return from duty.

Two luncheon meetings and two dinners were scheduled at the Union League during the year. Attendees numbered 47 at the March 29 Luncheon. The speaker was Dr. Ivor Griffith, President Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Sciences. Dr. Griffith is well known for his Welsh wit – he didn't disappoint attendees.

A dinner meeting was held at the Union League on May 24, ladies were invited. The cost was \$3.00. The Glee Club of the Corporal John Loudenslager Post 366 American Legion sang for attendees; and Mr./Mrs. Arthur LaDow of Woodbury, New Jersey presented in Technicolor the "Romance of the New Jersey Barrens".

A luncheon was held on October 30 at the Union League, cost \$1.50. The speaker, Dr. Millard E. Gladfelter, Vice President of Temple University talked about "The Pennsylvania Dutch".

A Dinner Meeting was held on December 13 at the Union League. The cost was \$5.00 per member. The dress was informal and 126 attended. The entertainment included the Glee Club of Corporal John Loudenslager of Post 366 American Legion and an inspiring reading of the "Love and Laughter of James Whitcomb Riley" by Dr. Milton Harold Nichols.

The State Historical Society of the State of Wisconsin requested a list of the Year Books of the NJSP to complete their files. This request was turned over to Frank Stewart.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$710 and a membership of 158.

Trivia 1945 – Truman became President on the death of Roosevelt, and Ben Franklin made up the saying “Haste makes Waste”.

1946

Sons and Daughters of the Society’s members were honored at a Dinner held at the Union League on April 25. Forty Veterans were in attendance. The speaker was Mr. Louis J. Alber, Lecture Manager. His program kept everyone rolling in the aisles – “Laughing with World Celebrities”. The Dinner was formal and included the ladies.

Trivia 1946 – Winston Churchill coined the word “Iron Curtain”, and Louis Reard introduced the bikini.

1947/1948

A letter to the membership advised that the Society was compelled by the war to curtail its programs. The Society is now ready to resume a larger program of outings, dinners, and luncheons. Many of the Founders are deceased and we have lost a few others in recent years. Little effort has been made to replace them. This heritage is very close to the hearts of all of us and with the renewal of our purposes it is now a proper time to proudly invite any of our friends who are natives of New Jersey or descendants of natives of the State to join our Society. The Society has never aspired to a large membership. We do not now wish to become a large Society. We do want to extend the honor of membership to such persons that you would enjoy. It is your Society.

A person neither a native of New Jersey nor descended from a native of New Jersey can now become an Associate Member.

Trivia 1947/48_- Brooklyn Dodgers signed Jackie Robinson, and Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier, and the nation of Israel was created.

1949

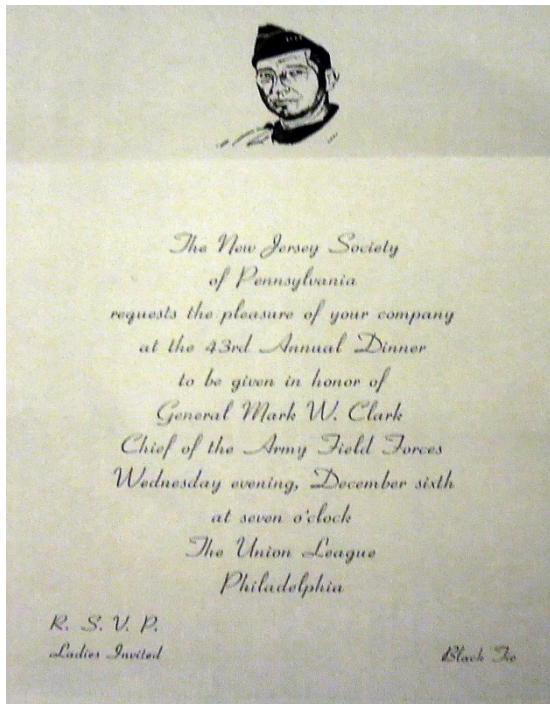
Five Committees were active rebuilding the Society. They were: the Executive, Project, Membership, Resolutions and Nominations Committees.

An Annual Dinner with the Ladies was held on December 7; attendees numbered 187.

Trivia 1949 – “South Pacific” debuted on Broadway, and George Orwell published ‘1984’.

1950

The Annual Dinner was held on December 6 at the Union League. The event was formal and the ladies were invited – 296 attended. General Mark Clark, Chief of the Army Field Forces was honored.



The Spring Outing travelled to Hershey, Pennsylvania on May 18. Ladies were invited and Dinner was held at The Hotel Hershey, cost was \$6.00. Special Note – General Clark filled in for Major General William J. Donovan who had a late conflict. Attendees at this event totaled 296.

A luncheon was held on October 5 at the Union League, cost was \$2.00. The speaker was D.W, Robertson, former General Manager National Lead Company, spoke on his experiences from an extended tour in the Orient. He provided first hand impressions on Japan and the Korean Situations.

A luncheon was held at the Union League on March 30, cost \$2.00. The speaker was J. Philip Hatch, Managing Director Philadelphia Port Bureau. 51 attended the luncheon.

The Treasurer reported a cash balance of \$1,291.

Trivia 1950 – Zenith developed 'Lazy Bones' 1st remote control, and the Diners Club introduced the 1st credit card.

1951

A luncheon was held at the Union League on April 19 at a cost of \$2.50. The speaker was Mr. Ross L. Loffler, Assistant to the Executive Vice President in Charge of Operations, U.S. Steel. He spoke on the "Impact of the U.S. Steel Fairless Plant on the New Jersey/Pennsylvania Economic Growth".

The Spring Outing was held on May 24 with a trip to the Lennox Plant and a tour of the State House. Governor Honorable Alfred E. Driscoll personally conducted the tour. Attendees then traveled to Princeton where they toured Princeton University Campus and ended with a dinner at the Nassau Tavern, cost was \$5.00. They also enjoyed cocktails, Dutch treat.

The wearing of the President's Medal was discontinued this year.

Christmas Dinner was held at the Union League on December 5. The affair was formal and the ladies were invited – 96 attended the festivities.

Trivia 1951 – Rocky Marciano won the heavyweight championship, and Elizabeth II became Queen of the United Kingdom.

1952

The Spring Outing on May 22 began in Swedesboro, New Jersey. 63 attendees (including ladies) toured the historic site at the Friend's Burial Site; viewed the largest living oak tree at Salem, had lunch at the Richman's Ice Cream Factory, Sharpton, New Jersey; and had dinner at the Tavistock Country Club. The cost of the meal was \$5.00.

A luncheon was held at the Union League on November 6, cost \$3.00. The speaker was Wilbert V. Pike; Executive Director of the Delaware River Port Authority who discussed what is being done to improve activity at the port.

The recent political campaign has convinced the Directors that "no political speeches will be made at future NJSP affairs".

A Christmas Dinner was held at the Union League on December 18 at a cost of \$7.50, 88 attended the affair. The Dinner was formal and included the ladies. Each lady received an appropriate reminder of the occasion and a substantial souvenir was given to a lucky few. A gift for children, not to exceed \$1.00 was sent to the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Trivia 1952 – Thick smog in London killed 4000, and Mr. Potato head went on sale.

1953

The Spring Outing was held on May 13 at Winterthur and was followed by a dinner at the Adronimink Country Club. 71 members and Ladies attended. Short speeches were made by Roy Gibbs, Floyd Crispin and Marshall Diverty. The cost was \$6.00.

A luncheon was held at the Union League on March 12. The speaker was Mr. Bayard L. England, President of the Atlantic City Electric Company.

A Luncheon was held at the Union League on October 28, cost \$2.00. The speaker was C.A. Sienkiewicz, President, Central-Penn National Bank. He spoke on "Business Trends".

Lapel pins in the New Jersey and Pennsylvania colors (blue and gold) were purchased for the members at 50 cents each. Some pins from a French Manufacturer are available from the Treasurer. He announced a bank balance of \$1,725.

Trivia 1953 – Edmund Hillary was the 1st to climb Mount Everest, and Gary Cooper won the Oscar for High Noon.

1954

A luncheon was held at the Union League on March 11. The speaker was Mr. John M. Grimsley, Assistant VP Girard Trust Corn Exchange Bank. He spoke on "Conditions of Western Europe".

The Spring Outing was held on May 13. Transportation was by chartered bus. The program included a tour of the U.S. Steel Company, Fairless Plant and dinner at the Trenton Country Club.

The Christmas Dinner was held on December 7.

The Treasurer announced a bank account balance of \$2,050. The membership totaled 144.

Trivia 1954 – Swanson introduced the 1st TV dinner, and Roger Bannister won the 4 minute mile.

1955

The Spring Outing was held on May 19 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Two passenger Aero Coaches provided the transportation at \$24.04 per attendee. 75 attended the tour of the Bethlehem Steel Company and a tour of the historic Moravian College building complex. The evening ended with dinner at the Saucon Valley Country Club; the cost, for chicken \$3.50 and \$5.00 for beef.

The Society again participated as sponsor of the New Jersey State Sunday Service in the Washington Memorial Chapel, the National Shrine at Valley Forge. The speaker, Joseph E. McLean sat in for the Honorable Robert B. Meyner, Governor of New Jersey. The Society contributed the New Jersey Flag.

The Treasurer advised the balance on hand at November 30 was \$2,050.

Consideration was given to study the preparation of a booklet concerning the purposes and history of the Society as well as an up-to-date list of the membership. No evidence exists in the file concerning the results of this effort.

Trivia 1955 – Disneyland opened in California, and Pepsodent introduced Fluoride toothpaste.

1956

150 two-cent postcards were purchased to remind the members of the Christmas Dinner which was held at the Union League on December 12. The speaker was Dr. Neal Bowman, known for his work as an educator, author, lecturer and sales psychologist. He is a staff speaker for the National Association of Manufacturers.

The President's Medal was discussed and it was pointed out that there is not now space for additional names. It was decided to add a hinge attachment to permit additional names to be added.

The Treasurer reported cash on hand \$2,041 and a membership of 147.

The Spring Luncheon was held at the Union League on March 15. The speaker was Mrs. Mary Roebing, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors Trenton Trust Company, Trenton, New Jersey.

The following plans for the rest of 1956 were tentatively agreed to:

- Spring Outing – May 17, trip to the Philadelphia Zoo, followed by dinner at The Cricket Club or a trip to the New Jersey Pines area followed by dinner at Seaview Country Club or Tavistock Country Club.
- Christmas Dinner – to be held on December 3 or 10 at the Union League with Governor Meyner as the speaker.
- Fall outing – matinee theatre party followed by dinner at the Union League.

Trivia 1956 – Damn Yankees won Tony Award for Best Musical, and Elvis Presley premiered in "Love Me Tender".

1957

With this entry we have reached the bottom of the Society's archives.

A luncheon was held at the Union League on April 4 for a cost of \$2.50. The speaker was Dr. Ivo H. Griffith, President Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. Mr. Griffith's topic "It is Earlier Than You Think" was off the cuff, witty and loaded with common sense.

The Spring Outing was held on May 2. The program included a trip to the Longwood Gardens followed by a dinner at Aronomick Country Club. Ladies were invited. Attendance was 55.

The membership totaled 144 (60 from Pennsylvania and 84 from New Jersey). A membership roll with addresses is in the archives.

The Treasurer reported cash on hand - \$2,404.

Trivia 1957 – Soviet Union initiated the space race by launching "Sputnik", and Sam Hanks won the Indianapolis 500.

That's All Folks. The first 50 is in the can.

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