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From the Holmquist Files... New Jersey's Tercentenary Celebration

by Natalie R. Holmquist

In preparation for the 1964 celebration of New Jersey's Tercentenary, the Brielle Tercentenary Committee arranged a visit from the state's Historymobile. On October 17, 1962, the Historymobile was located in the Borough Hall parking lot from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm. The Tercentenary Committee for Brielle was selected by Mayor Woodruff Smith. It consisted of Mrs. Harry Brindle, chairperson, Mrs. Helen Holmquist, publicity chairman, Mrs. Myron Taylor, Miss Charlotte W. Higley, Brielle school principal Mr. Patrick Parenty and Councilman Earle W. Hendrickson.

The Historymobile was a big success. Many Brielle citizens, pupils of the Brielle School and the Boy and Girl Scouts were in attendance. Rev. Randall Bosch, pastor of the Church in Brielle, gave the invocation. Speakers were Mayor Woodruff Smith, Mrs. Harry Brindle and N. J. Senator Richard Stout. Freeholder Abraham Voorhees was also present. The program continued in the school auditorium, where State Trooper Wrzesinsky explained the nine exhibits of the Mobile.

In honor of the State Tercentenary, a red oak tree was planted on the Borough Hall grounds. Low-growing junipers and cotoneasters were also planted.

WJLK Radio Station produced a program on October 2, 1964, at 7:15 pm interviewing Mayor Woodruff Smith and Mrs. Helen Holmquist. The subject discussed was the history of Brielle.

You will want to hear:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- ★ MORNING CHAPEL 9:15 A.M.
The Reverend Philip S. Brown, minister of the West Grove Methodist Church, Neptune, will preside.
- ★ SPEAKING OF SCHOOLS 1:20 P.M.
Bill Hayward speaks for the New Jersey Education Association and the New Jersey Council of Parents and Teachers.
- ✓★ HISTORIC MONMOUTH COUNTY 7:35 P.M.
The regular panelists interview guests from the Tercentenary Committee of Brielle: Mayor Woodruff Smith and publicity chairman Mrs. Helen Holmquist.
- ★ U.S. RADAR WEATHER WITH REGIONAL FORECAST 11:15 P.M.

Helen Holmquist, author of The Brielle Story and mother of Richard Holmquist, had a great interest in local history, which inspired her daughter-in-law, Natalie Holmquist, to start collecting newspaper clippings, articles and notations from various sources about the early days in this vicinity.

Society News by Ray Shea

OUR 11th ANNUAL ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW was held April 24th at the Curtis House. Over 30 people brought in over



50 treasures to be appraised by our three wonderful appraisers. A couple of the highlights include: 1940s "slipper chair", a Murry Atomic Missile child's ride-on cycle, fishing lures, coins, kettles, firearms, paintings and more. Keep our annual event in mind throughout the year and look out for what you would like to bring to be evaluated next year! OUR 5th ANNUAL DECORATION DAY PARADE and PROGRAM will be held Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. This year's May 30th event will focus on Revolutionary War events that took place here in present day Brielle. We look forward to seeing many of our members at this annual event. Please contact Mr. Belding if you can help out or wish to participate in this event!

**BRIELLE HISTORY NOTE CARDS
& POSTCARD REPRINTS**
on sale - \$5/donation - great gift!

NEW MINI-BOOK SERIES!

The ULHS book committee has begun work on a series of self-published booklets detailing historic events and locations around town. Each booklet will be about 5-7 pages in length and each one will cover a specific topic in greater detail than we were able to write about in our recent history books. All are welcome to support and participate in the project. We hope to be able to offer the booklets for sale beginning this Brielle Day. Our next meeting will be Tuesday morning, May 18th at 10am, Boro Hall. For more information, please contact Ray at rfshea@briellehistory.org or by phone at 732-528-7432.

Thanks to this issue's contributors:
Mrs. Holmquist, Mr. Belding, Mr. DuPre & Mr. Shea
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YOUR HISTORY QUESTION ANSWERED

U.L.H.S. CALENDAR

Your History Question Answered

by John Belding, Borough Historian

Have your question answered! E-mail to info@briellehistory.org and watch for your answer in an upcoming U.L.H.S. Newsletter!

Q I have always been interested to learn the origin of various street names in Brielle. I am unaware of why Linden Lane is so named in the absence of Linden trees.

A In the early 1900s T. Tasso Fischer purchased property and built a large home on the river which was later demolished by Bob Brennan for his estate. And if you recall, Jeffrey Citron purchased the property a few years back and demolished Brennan's house to build a still larger mansion. But to our story, Tasso Fischer, one of the founders of the Manasquan River Yacht Club and the Manasquan River Golf and Country Club, had married a young lady from a family of some means in Rumson. Her family home at 141 Rumson Road was known as "The Lindens". She wished to continue the connection to that name thus requested the new road for their house to be named Linden Lane.

Borough Historian's "It Was Only Yesterday" collection of historical vignettes:
<http://www.briellehistory.org/archive.htm>

Sunday, May 30th - Red, White & Blue Parade, line up at 1:30 pm Church in Brielle Parking Lot and 5th Annual Decoration Day Program, Historic Osborn Graveyard, Holly Hill Road beginning approximately 2 pm

Friday, June 11th - 6 pm, Third Annual Flag Day Ceremony, at the 9-11 Memorial Garden, Riverview Drive

August 23rd - General Meeting, Brielle Day preparation, 7:30 pm Borough Hall

September 8th - SVHS Annual Barn Dinner

September 11th - Brielle Day

MORE events are in the planning stage! Make sure you are receiving e-mail updates! Add your name to our email distribution list - send your email address to info@briellehistory.org

Historical Osborn Graveyard

By John E. Belding, Project Coordinator

Once again, have you been by the graveyard recently? More activity! You will notice there was a mountain of wood chips piled up by the road. I had asked the borough DPW for a load and similar request to Darryl Falkinburgh. Darryl's people left us three loads! I plan on having some boys place them around various tree and shrubbery plantings as a community service project. I wondered how to move that pile up to the top of the grounds near the fence for subsequent ease of spreading. Once again the DPW came through with a piece of equipment capable of scooping up large bites which at my direction they placed in several piles in more convenient locations for later movement.

Also, I'm pleased to let all know that The Coast Star has chosen to honor Marion King in their Special Person section of the paper which came out May 6th. The photographer took a number of photos of her at the graveyard. She is the Secretary of the Graveyard Trust Committee. She has also been extremely helpful in assisting with on going additions to the project Trust Fund, both personally and through her influence with the William Livingston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

9-11 Memorial Garden

By E. David DuPre, Project Coordinator

At a recent meeting of the ULHS it was decided to undertake the publication of a series of historical monographs to treat or expand a particular item of local history.

In keeping with this decision the trustees of the 9/11 project have decided to expand what we know of the local victims, which are simply the sixteen names on the Necrology List as mounted at the memorial site.

The project is intended to present all the information we can acquire about each victim in order to know what the victim was like as a living member of our local communities.

To this end we would like to have for each name: the victim's age at the time of the incident, spouse or closest family member, children (age at the time), parents, siblings, business or profession or occupation, educational background, personal interests and activities, etc.

If you have not already met with a committee member please contact the Society.

U.L.H.S. WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!
Ms. Eve Hershkowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Drew
Mrs. R. Heimbuch and Ms. Heidi Wittenberg