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PICTURE THE PAST
2023

Cover : Robins Tavern

This image was sketched by Henrickson and created in pastel by G.T. Blanche circa 1850 is the earliest rendition of the well documented Robins Tavern circa 1740s. It's a small snapshot of it's original 117 acres. Over the horizon was South River Road now named Agress Road. The building itself was a large two story structure on a sandstone foundation. The Tavern is flanked by two Willow Trees, giving its title many years later as the "Olde Willow Tree Tavern". It once stood on the East corner of Stagecoach and Rising Sun Tavern Roads. In June 1778, both sides of the Revolutionary War camped here days apart as they headed towards Freehold, engaging in a conflict we know today as the Battle of Monmouth.

Print from the collection of Monmouth County Historical Association.
More details can be found in New Jersey History 2001 Robert W Craig's research paper, "in search of Robins Tavern"

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The Friends of Millstone Township is a non-profit organization dedicated to the furthering of public interest in the conservation, preservation, and appreciation of the history of Millstone Township and Monmouth County.

It provides the community and constituent groups with educational activities, exhibitions, and hands-on programs. Further, it provides research resources for the history of the Township, as well as identifying artifacts and property significant to our history. The restoration and care of our historic properties in the Township takes great effort and extensive fundraising. We can only achieve our goals with volunteers and donations from members of the community. Although these are Township owned properties, we are responsible for utility bills and program costs. We fundraise all year to raise enough money to match available grants each year.

Please donate your time to help save the past. Visit us at www. savinghistorywithfriends.org

When this day is over, it becomes History. History is a very important part of our lives. We reflect on it, we enjoy the memories it gives, it connects us to our family and friends and community. Be a part of the connection.

Wishing all Health and Happiness this New Year!

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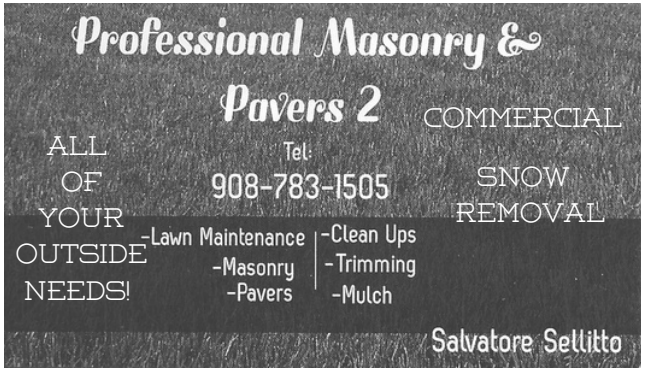

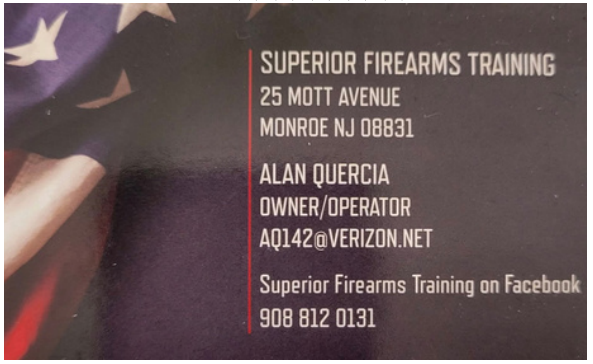

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We hope this Calendar brings an enjoyable journey into the Township's past!

Thomas Gravatt left his signature in the wall of the vestibule of the Clarksburg Methodist Church now the Cultural Center located at 512 Stagecoach Road. It was found during renovation in 2017. Thomas was the head carpenter in 1844 who constructed the Church. He was also a Postmaster in Clarksburg, a Committeeman and Chosen Freeholder. On November 20, 1871 Thomas died of lockjaw caused by a very small splinter. Unfortunately the Tetanus Vaccine wasn't developed until the early 1900s.

Fun Facts: A Journeyman or day worker in 1844 received a whopping 62 1/2 cents for their days labor.

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Robert Gravatt is riding a horse drawn cultivator/plow and practicing his skills as a future farmer in Clarksburg. The Gravatt's family roots go far back in this area with many descendants still living in the township.

Photo around 1925, from the Gravatt Family.

February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Professional Masonry & Pavers Two **Commercial Snow Removal** 908.783.1505	BAR & ITALIAN BISTRO VESUVIO'S PIZZA Nick's PLACE 732.446.1155		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 **Valentine's Day**	15	16	17	18
19	20 **Presidents' Day**	21	22 **Ash Wednesday**	23	24	25
26	27	28	KIDDIE ACADEMY® EDUCATIONAL CHILD CARE 5 ALLYSON WAY ALLENTOWN NJ 08501 KIDDLEACADEMY.COM/UPPER-FREEHOLD		PENNY'S PETALS 240 Stagecoach Rd Millstone Twp 732-625-9911 pennyspetalsnj.com	

You're looking at the original First Aid building in Perrineville. It was located at 215 Millstone Road. A group of six poultry farmers decided the community needed emergency services and formed a squad. Buying a 1941 ambulance for $450 dollars, they parked it in a chicken coop on Abe Seidel's farm in Perrineville. On June 28, 1954, the group incorporated and plans were quickly made for a building. A $200 donation from the Township, and a $1,500 bank loan, plus many volunteer hours made this building possible. A new building was dedicated in 1983 at 899 Perrineville Road. The original building was sold to the Township for municipal business. It now serves as the Municipal Court House. Today all of our emergency services are provided by the Millstone Township Fire Company.

Fun facts: Before we had a “court house” hearings were held in Judge Brody's home on Clarksburg Road. If things didn't go well, the jail cell was in his back yard, yes it's still standing! Years later, court was held in the Clarksburg School which is our municipal building today located at 470 Stagecoach Road.

Photo By Doug Kelty 1970s.

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
VESUVIO'S PIZZA Nick's PLACE 732-446-1155	Bar & Italian Bistro	**A.N.T. NURSERY** 1439 Perrineville Rd Monroe Twp 609-448-1425	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Time Starts	13	14	15 1st day of Spring	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	**Professional Masonry & Pavers Two** 908-783-1505

David Baird was a Grandson of Captain David Baird, and son of Thomas. David was a very successful farmer and a nursery man. Starting with his grandfather's original 500 acres he continued to prosper in his family's footsteps.

The Thomas Baird Homestead was built around 1830 and is located at 24 Baird Road in Millstone Township.

Manalapan, N. J., April 12th 1880

Mr R S Hendrickson

Bought of DAVID BAIRD,

NURSERYMAN.

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FRUIT and ORNAMENTAL TREES. PEACH TREES and SMALL FRUITS A SPECIALTY.

Applegate, Printer, Freehold.

3	200	Amsden June		
4	200	Early Beatrice		
5	200	Old Mixon		
6	200	Crawford's Late		
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Manalapan, Monmouth Co., N. J., 1889.

GENTS :—We desire to call your attention to our Stock of Peach Trees for Fall trade. We shall have 200,000 trees in 50 varieties, suitable for all sections. We know we can please you in assortment and grade and hope to have your order for such as you may need, while the stock is unbroken. We plant only Pure, Natural Southern Seed, (gathered expressly for us by our agent South,) on ground not before used, either for Orchard or Nursery, and use every precaution, from planting to packing, to have our trees strictly healthy and true to name. The trees ripen about October 20th to November 1st. We can refer to many of the largest growers in the Country, and invite buyers to make personal inspection.

VARIETIES.

Alexander,	Old Mixon,	Shipley's Late Red,	Late Heath Cling,
Early Rivers,	Moore's Favorite,	Variegated Free,	Stevens' Rareripe,
Yellow St. John,	Elberta,	Bilyeu's Late October,	Fox Seedling,
Mountain Rose,	Wheatland,	Hill's Chili,	Keyport White,
Foster,	Stump,	Freehold,	Gibson's Late Yellow,
Reeves' Favorite,	Crawford's Late,	Beers' Smock,	Salway,
Crawford's Early,	Beers' Late,	Gary's Holdon,	Ford's Late Yellow,
Reed's Early Golden,	Brandywine,	Chair's Choice,	Wonderful,

SOUTHERN VARIETIES.

Lady Ingold,	Chinese Cling,	Pallas,	Robert,
Amelia,	Gen. Lee,	Thurber,	Juno,
Columbia,	Sylphide,	Elberta,	Oriole.

NOTE.—We will book orders for "The Wonderful," for Fall, 1889, at $20 per 100; 25 trees at 100 rate; June Buds $10 per 100.

PRICE FOR FALL:

4 ft. to 5 ft.,	(½in. up,)	Assorted Varieties,	$40 PER 1000,
3 ft. to 4 ft.,	Medium Grade,	" "	$30 "
2 ft. to 3 ft.,	Light Grade,	" "	$20 "

Apple Seedlings, 3-16ths up, No. 1, $3.50 Per 1000.

☞ENGLISHTOWN is our nearest Railroad Station. Trains leave New York and Philadelphia, via Pennsylvania Railroad, several times daily. Our carriage will meet visitors, if duly notified of day and train.

Respectfully,

DAVID BAIRD & SON.

The Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties are caretakers of The Thomas Baird Homestead. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed!

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
VESUVIO'S PIZZA Nick's PLACE VESUVIOSNICKSPLACE.COM BAR & ITALIAN BISTRO		Professional Masonry & Pavers Two For All Your Outside Needs! 908.783.1505	KIDDIE ACADEMY EDUCATIONAL CHILD CARE 5 Allyson Way Allentown NJ 08501 kiddie academy.com/upper-freehold	PENNY'S PETALS 240 Stagecoach Rd Millstone Twp 732-625-9911 pennyspetalsnj.com		1 April Fool's
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5	6 Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23 / 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

The farm is still owned by the family. Their granddaughter Jennifer runs a flower business on the property called "Penny's Petals" which started as a roadside stand by her mother Penny in 1995.

Information and photo courtesy of the Restine family.

Philip and Sophie Restine (P.J.R. Farm) owned over 100 acres on Stagecoach Road by the 1940s. This photo shows the area around 240 Stagecoach Road. It also shows hand-picking spinach and packing it for market. This produce was transported to Freehold to meet the train. Many farms grew products like spinach and tomatoes for the big companies such as Birds Eye and Campbell's. The truck sports the rural route address used for mailing.

Fun Fact: By this time the tractor replaced the horse. By the late 1940s, horse drawn equipment stopped being manufactured.

MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Penny's Petals 240 Stagecoach Rd 732-625-9911 pennyspetalsnj.com	1	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	**Professional Masonry & Pavers Two Lawn Maintenance** **908-783-1505**	VESUVIO'S PIZZA Nick's PLACE VESUVIOSNICKSPLACE.COM	BAR & ITALIAN BISTRO

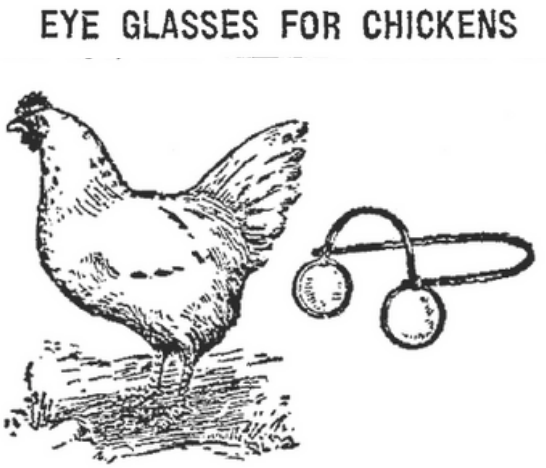
The Clarksburg Post Office has occupied multiple locations thoughout its service. The first one was in a store owned by David Bowman, he being the first Postmaster in 1837. It was located on the west side of the Clarksburg Methodist Church, now our Cultural Center at 512 Stagecoach Rd. The second was in a store on Stagecoach Road in the middle of Clarksburg, featured in July of last year's calendar. That location held the office from 1844 until 1966 when the Postmistress Mrs. Elsie Kreutner, retired. The third was on the property of Charles and Lillian Noreika's business at 370 Millstone Rd. The Noreika's opened that location in 1967, Lillian being the Postmistress. The surrounding area outgrew the quaint Post Office and a larger one was built across the road at 424 Stagecoach Rd, opening June 11, 1984.

Post Card photo. Sketch drawn by Joan Norkus.
United States Postal Service Route 524 Clarksburg NJ 08510
Lillian E. Noreika, Postmaster
Building completed May 1984. Built by Panfili corp. Trenton, NJ

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Penny's Petals 240 Stagecoach Rd 732-625-9911 pennyspetalsnj.com	KIDDIE ACADEMY® EDUCATIONAL CHILD CARE 5 Allyson Way Allentown NJ 08501 kiddie academy.com/ upper-freehold	VESUVIO'S PIZZA Nick's PLACE 221 Millstone Rd		1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20	21 1st Day of Summer	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	**Professional Masonry & Pavers Two** **All Outside Needs** **908.783.1505**

Did you know chicken eyeglasses were patented in 1903 for the purpose of preventing the birds from harming each other?



Meet Joseph and Anna Hendelman. They were a young couple in 1944 when they purchased their 5-acre farm. The farm is located at 354 Stagecoach Road and still remains in the family.

In the early 1930's, area farmers expanded their operations to include poultry. Almost every farmer raised some quantity of fowl. In 1944, a dozen eggs earned 57 cents.

Photo from Estelle Hendelman Gottlieb

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Professional Masonry & Pavers Two **908.783.1505**	KIDDIE ACADEMY® EDUCATIONAL CHILD CARE 5 ALLYSON WAY ALLENTOWN NJ 08501 KIDDIEACADEMY.COM/UPPER-FREEHOLD		**A-Norton Septic Contracting anortonseptic servicesnj.com** **732.360.0808**	VESUVIO'S PIZZA Nick's PLACE BAR AND ITALIAN BISTRO		1
2	3	4 **Independence Day**	5	6	7	8
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23/ 30	24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29

Making way for the new Post Office on the property owned by Charles and Lillian Noreika. Lillian was the Postmistress appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. More details can be found in the month of June.

Photos circa 1956 selling playground sets.

Photos and information from Charles and Robert Noreika.

Located at the corners of Millstone and Stagecoach Roads in Clarksburg is the Noreika's family business. It started as a Christmas tree farm in the late 1940's. Charles Noreika and his wife Lillian, and later their extended family created a thriving multifaceted business. Their claim-to-fame was a dealership for the Cushman Motor Scooters, hence the name "Scooter Corner". The corner will look much different in the near future. Plans to change the traffic pattern will alter the road.

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Professional Masonry & Pavers Two For All Your Outside Needs! 908.783.1505	KIDDIE ACADEMY® EDUCATIONAL CHILD CARE 5 Allyson Way Allentown NJ 08501 kiddieacademy.com/upper-freehold	1	2	3	4	5
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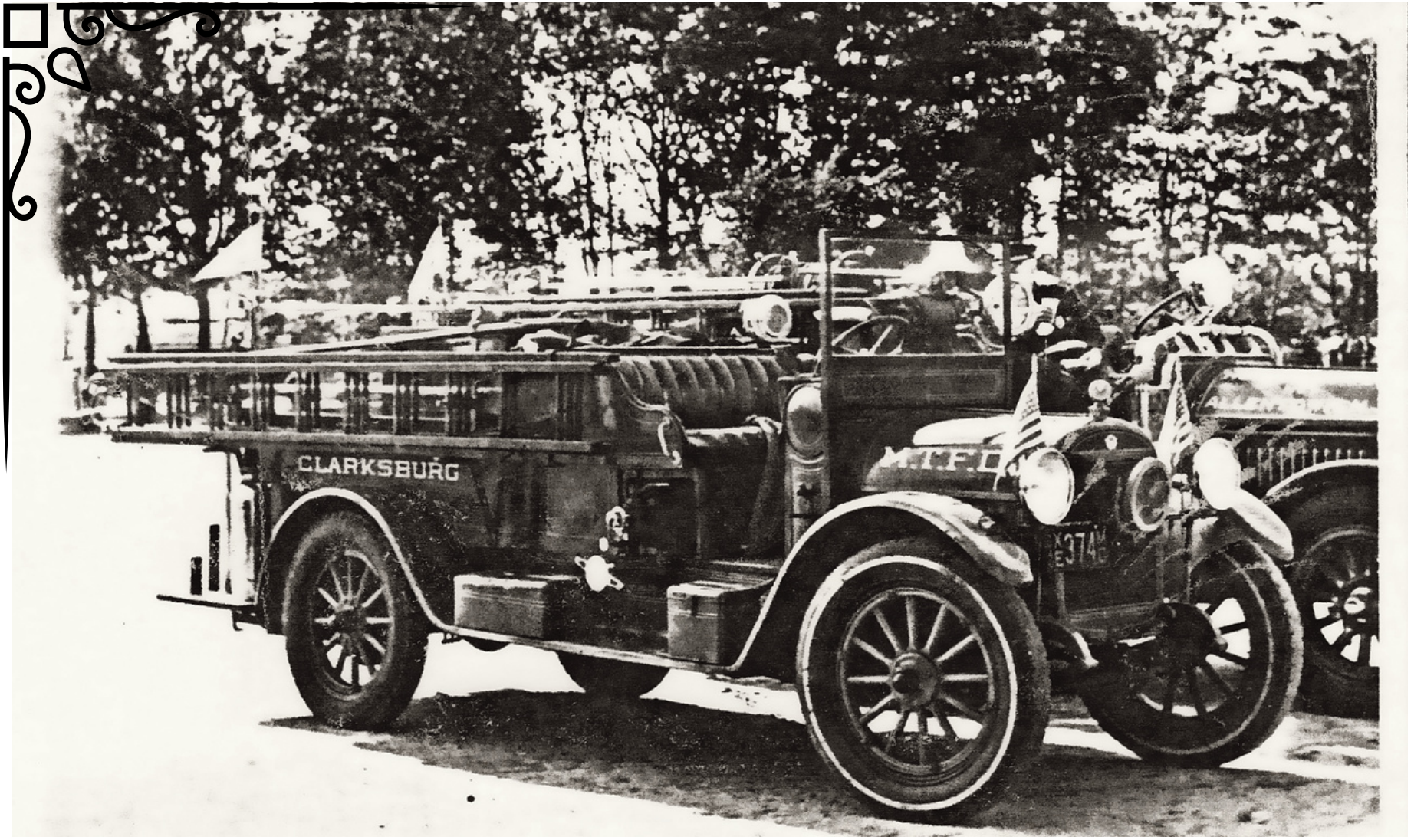

Clarksburg's newly formed Fire Company showing off their pride and joy: Their first fire truck, a 1923 REO. It was purchased in 1938 and was traded a few years later for a 1941 engine. The picture has an Allentown truck next to it, both sporting the American flag. A parade celebration perhaps? Notice the wooden ladders...

Courtesy of the Clarksburg Fire Company

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Professional Masonry & Pavers Two **clean ups*mulch trimming** **908.783.1505**	**A-Norton Septic Contracting** **anortonseptic servicesnj.com** **732.360.0808**	**A.N.T. NURSERY** **1439 Perrineville Rd** **Monroe Twp** **609-448-1425**	VESUVIO'S PIZZA Nick's PLACE BAR AND ITALIAN BISTRO	221 Millstone Rd	1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Rosh Hashanah	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Fall Begins
24 Yom Kippur	25	26	27	28	29	30

A few of the volunteer Fire and First Aid crew standing in front of their building, now the Community Center at 463 Stagecoach Road. The First Aid Squad was organized in 1954 and served the community until 2016 when the service was provided by outside companies. In December of 2020, the Fire Department took over the job once again providing all of the townships emergency needs.

L-R: Margie Poppe, Claude Dey, *, Ray Carbin, * *, Ed Milosz, *.

Photo early 1960's courtesy of the Fire Company

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween	A-Norton Septic Contracting anortonseptic servicesnj.com 732.360.0808	Professional Masonry & Pavers Two ALL outside needs! 908.783.1505	VESUVIO'S PIZZA Nick's PLACE vesuviosnicksplace.com	Bar & Italian Bistro

The Manalapan Presbyterian Church was once located on the corners of Route 33 and Conover Road. When built in 1855 the property was considered Manalapan but the borders changed between municipalities and it was incorporated into Millstone years later. The once thriving church also had a parsonage and cemetery. In 1954, the congregation merged with the Perrineville Church to create the “United Presbyterian Church of Millstone”. Shortly after that the Manalapan church was torn down. The only thing left are the monuments in the cemetery on Conover Road, reminding us of the people that came before us to make Millstone so special.

NOVEMBER

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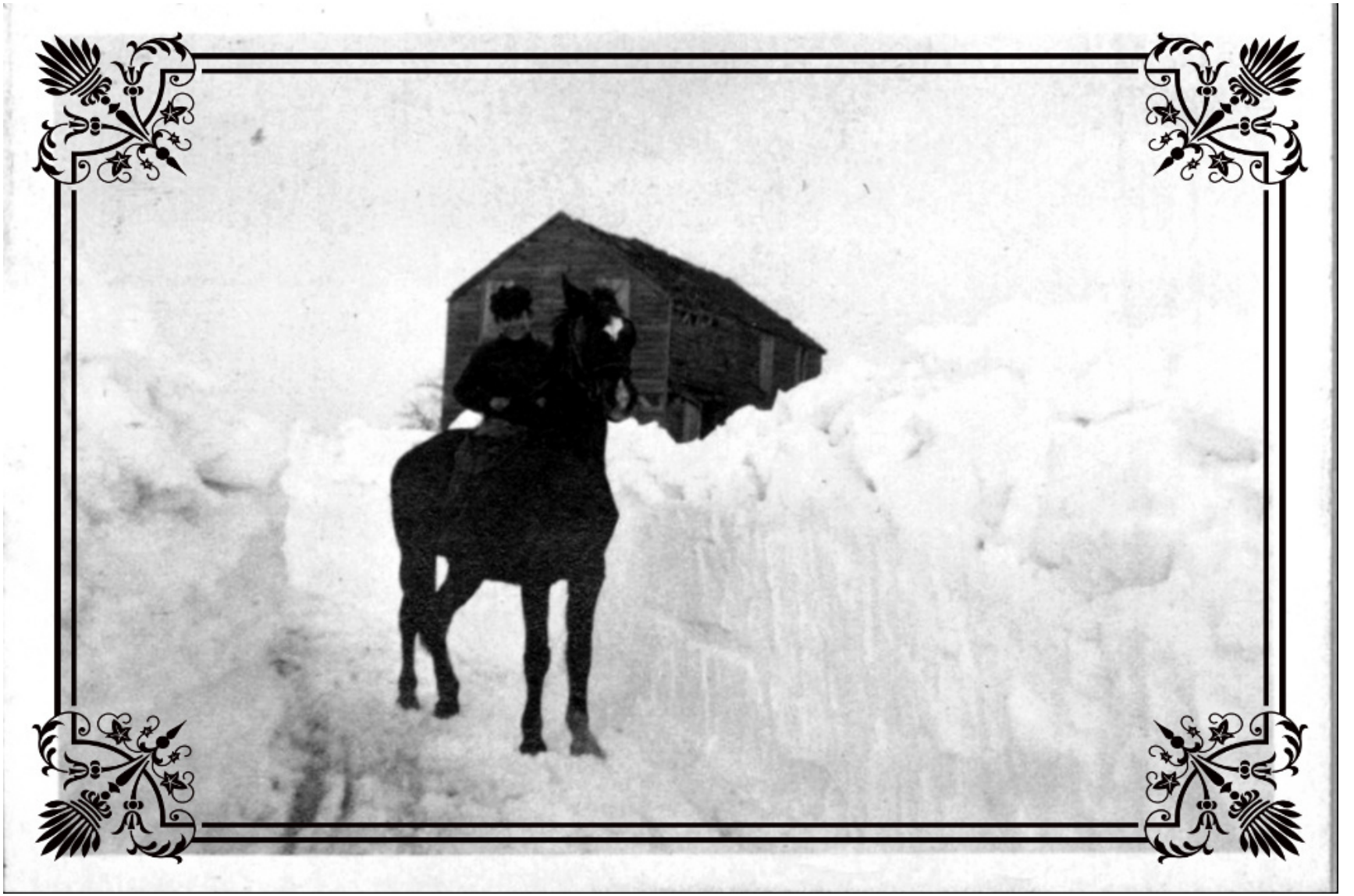
5	6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	VESUVIO'S PIZZA Nick's PLACE 732-446-1155	221 Millstone Rd



The Ward Home once stood around the corner from the Presbyterian Church in Perrineville on Millstone Road. It is now part of the Monmouth County Park System and part of the Perrineville Lake Park. This beautiful landscape is open to the public to enjoy its grounds year round. This young Lady is showing off the recent snow fall. Compare the tall carriage horse with the snow depth. The horse stands at least 16 hands or over 5 1/2 foot tall. And we thought we get snow!

Ward Collection Photo circa 1940s.

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Professional Masonry & Pavers Two Commercial Snow Removal 908.783.1505	Penny's Petals 240 Stagecoach Rd 732-625-9911 pennyspetalsnj.com	THE ARTISAN FRAMER Custom Picture Framing 732.656.0015 TheArtisanFramer.com	VESUVIO'S PIZZA Nick's PLACE vesuviosnicksplace.com	221 Millstone Rd 732-446-1155	1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day Hanukkah begins	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30

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HISTORY OF THE PLEDGE

On September 8, 1892 the Boston based "The Youth Companion" magazine published a few words for students to repeat on Columbus Day that year. Thousands of leaflets were distributed to the public schools all over the country. On October 12, the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival more than 2 million children recited the Pledge of Allegiance written by Francis Bellamy, and thus began a school ritual. "I Pledge Allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all". On June 14, 1923 at the first National Flag conference in Washington D.C. a change was made for clarity; "the flag of the United States". Congress officially recognized the words in 1943. President Dwight D. Eisenhower amended the pledge in June 1954 adding the words "under God" to reaffirm the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war.

As a schoolboy, one of my teachers explained the words and meaning for the Pledge of Allegiance. Later I wrote it down and eventually recorded it. The following is my observation.

I - ME; an individual; a committee of one.

PLEDGE - dedicate all of my worlds goods to give without self-pity.

TO THE FLAG- Our standard; Old Glory; a symbol of Freedom; wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, Freedom is everybody's job.

UNITED- That means that we have all come together.

STATES- Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is Love for Country.

AND TO THE REPUBLIC- Republic- a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

FOR WHICH IT STANDS

ONE NATION- One Nation-meaning, so blessed by God.

INDIVISIBLE- Incapable of being divided.

WITH LIBERTY- which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's life, without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation.

AND JUSTICE- the principle, or qualities, of dealing fairly with others.

FOR ALL- which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

Since I was a small boy two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: UNDER GOD. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer and that would be eliminated from schools too?

copied from the original. Fulll recording can be found on YouTube

RED SKELTON