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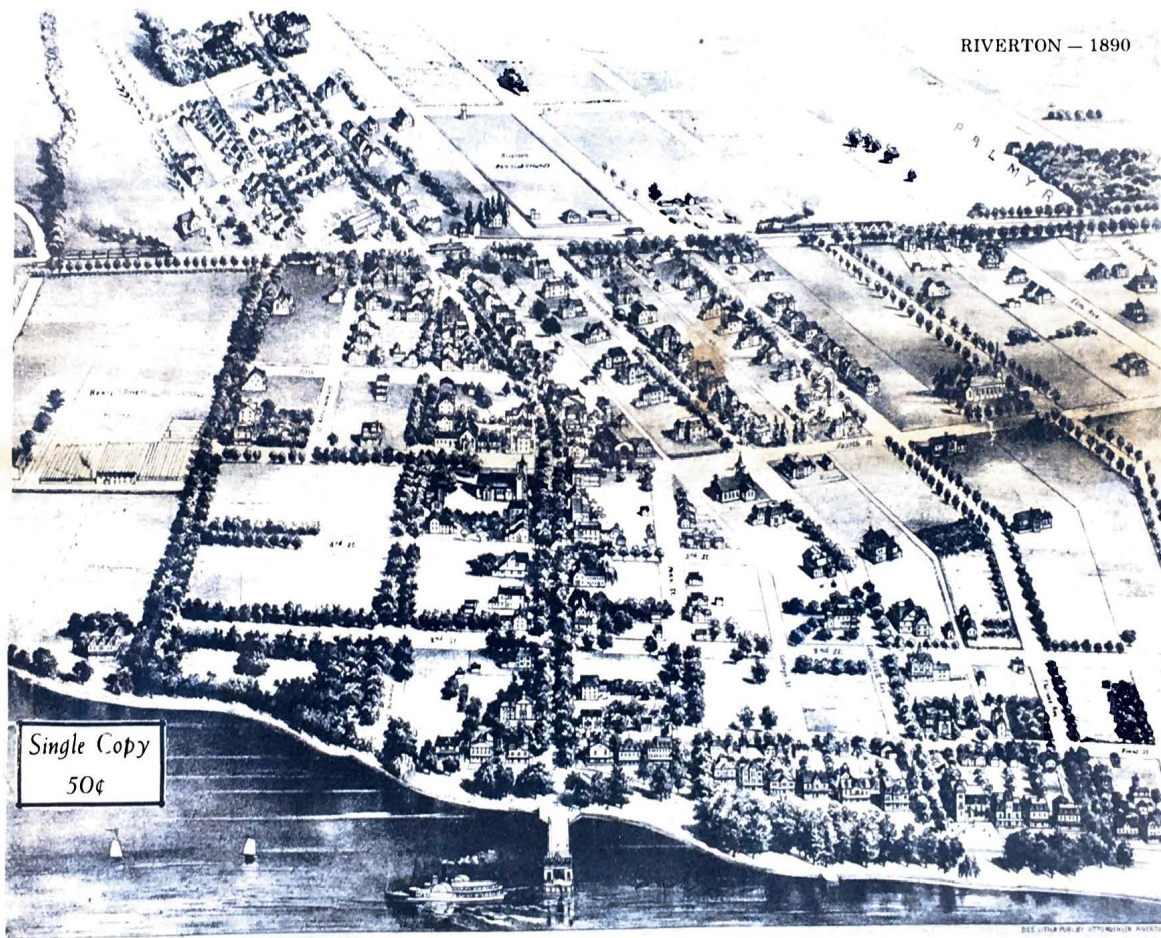
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Anniversary EDITION

RIVERTON — 1890



A Retrospective Review of 75 Years

The New Era is pleased to present this 32-page supplement to this week's regular edition by way of commemorating the 75th anniversary of our existence.

We have tried to make this special feature more than a Diamond Jubilee for the newspaper. Naturally we are proud of the acceptance received from the community all these decades and this supplement is by way of saying "thank you."

But it also is designed to play up the contributions made, and still being made, to the well-being of the area by governmental agencies, civic organizations, churches, schools and groups of all kind. That's why we've tried to feature them, and their contributions to the amazing growth and progress that have characterized the communities of Riverton, Palmyra, Cinnaminson, Delran and Riverside.

We are grateful for the cooperation of those who supplied old pictures and items of historical interest for use in this edition.

We would be remiss, too, if we didn't express publicly a word of appreciation to the mercantile and business interests whose advertising support have made the issue possible.

We urge you, the reader, to examine their messages, and to read every article contained in these 32 pages. It will give you a wider acquaintance with your community and perhaps a deeper appreciation for the contributions made by so many down through the years in order that your town may be a better one in which you and your family can live.

One more suggestion: keep this supplement. It is our guess that you will have occasion to refer to it often in the future. See you on our centennial!

Riverton Well Into Second Century Now

Riverton, as a community, was established in 1851 when Caleb Clobher, Robert Biddle, Daniel I. Miller, Jr., William C. Biddle, William D. Parrish, Dilwyn Parrish, J. Miller McKim, James Clobher and Rodman Wharton purchased a tract of land from Joseph Lippincott.

They drew lots for locations on which to build their homes which were completed by 1852. One of the first completed was the Miller residence on the riverbank. It remained standing until it was demolished in 1938 after being vacant several years.

To insure better transportation to Philadelphia in early days a group of residents rented a 72-ft. sidewheel steamer that made several daily round trips. Later they built and operated another steamer.

Still desiring better transportation, Rivertonians built a house and station and presented it to the railroad. It was finally moved near the J. T. Evans Co. property on Main st. and demolished in 1931. Development of the area south-east of the railroad tracks did not begin until 1898 when the Edward Lippincott farm was sold for development into home sites.

Riverton was part of Cinnaminson township until Dec. 18,

Bicyclists Complain About Speedsters — Horses, That Is!

Horse racing on Broad st., Cinnaminson ave., and on Riverton rd. was so popular in 1895 that bicyclists were forced into the gutters.

The wheelmen complained to the town fathers about this and also berated the unsightly poles that appeared along the roads to carry telephone lines in 1900.

About the same time there was trouble over the watchman's boxes for Riverton policemen, which were continually broken into by vandals until finally removed.

Motor vehicles put in their appearance here about 1909 and brought complaints from horsemen and bicyclists because the motorists refused to equip their vehicles with lights for night driving.

1893 when it was incorporated as a borough. Edward H. Ogden was the first mayor serving with Councilmen H. B. Hall, John Frishmuth, Ogden Mathis and William M. Thomas.

Growth of Riverton has been one of gradual development with no radical changes. Riverton's population was about 1000 in 1893 when it became incorporated. The 1900 census showed 1332 residents; in 1930 there were 2483 and by 1960 it had grown to 3324.

Riverton is proud of its Memorial Park, dedicated to citizens who gave their lives during World War I. Plans were started late in 1918 but it was not until July 4, 1931 that dedication exercises were held. Besides the shaded areas the park has facilities for all types of games and recreational activities.

Special Heralded New Interstate RR Service

A special 8-page edition of the New Era on Dec. 9, 1932 heralded the Pennsylvania Railroad announcement that direct rail service between Broad St. Station, Philadelphia and Riverton and other riverfront towns would begin on Dec. 19.

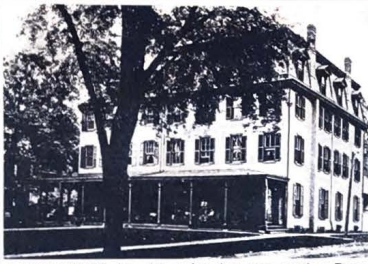
Printed on pink paper the special edition revealed the fact that the trains would stop at 40th St. and North Philadelphia stations and cross the Delmar bridge. Estimated time for the trip was placed at 33 minutes from Riverton including stops at Palmyra, North Philadelphia and 30th St.

The announcement said one train would leave Riverton weekdays at 7:47 a.m. and return at 9:45 p.m.

LARGE TURNOUT FOR POLICE CHIEF'S FUNERAL

One of the most largely attended funerals ever held in Riverton was a fitting tribute to William Quigley who served the Riverton police force for 28 years and was chief for nine months prior to his sudden death Jan. 10, 1931.

State Troopers and police from many surrounding towns escorted his funeral cortege while Riverton school children lined the street in respect to Chief Quigley.



LAWN HOUSE, famed hostelry that once stood at Penn st. and the riverbank, was the summer rendezvous of Philadelphia and New York society at the turn of the century when Riverton was a vacation resort. Building was torn down many years ago.

Riverton Led Riverfront With First Telephone

Riverton was one of the first towns to install telephones along the east shore of the Delaware between Camden and Trenton. The first phone was a public station located in what was later Cowperthwaite's Drug Store.

In 1895 a single position switchboard was installed in the George Tucker residence at 516 Main st., and later moved next door with Mrs. Tucker, a former Phoenixville operator, in charge of the service.

The switchboard was moved to the home of Otto Sauers and in April, 1900 moved to Stiles Drug Store, 526 Main st.

The telephone exchange was described in a 1909 edition of the New Era as follows: "The present equipment is of the highest type common battery drop signal board, at which four operators can work simultaneously. This was installed in the second floor of the Price Building, Broad st., in 1906. The board can now accommodate about 1200 phones and is so arranged that this number can be nearly doubled.

"Riverton, including Palmyra and Cinnaminson, now has 621 telephones, 99 of which are served by one party line."

A Philadelphia and vicinity directory, dated July 1, 1886, listed Riverton No. 1 phone for R. W. Heulings Sons, lumber and coal

Parry Commemorates Outstanding Citizen

Judge William Parry was not one of the earliest settlers in Cinnaminson but he will probably be remembered as one of the greatest.

The community of Parry was named after him in 1860, in recognition of his public service. A post office bearing the Parry name was established there the same year.

Born in 1817 he lived in a large brick home on Branch Pike near Riverton rd. His memoirs contained recollections of his experiences and observations as a surveyor, geologist, horticulturist and judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He also was president of the board of Rutgers University and president of the Westfield and Camden Turnpike Company.

As a horticulturist he was credited with introducing the Keff pear, Parry strawberry and Wilson blackberry. One year's profits from the blackberry built his mansion on Branch Pike. The mansion later became a part of the Campbell Soup Co. farms in 1902.

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Cinnaminson Century Ago Encompassed Entire Area

Cinnaminson township's history dates back to 1860 when it was separated from Chester township by an act of the Legislature on March 15, 1860. In those days the township encompassed the communities later known as Palmyra, Riverton, Riverside and Delran townships.

At the first town meeting on March 12, 1861 in the West Chester School the sum of \$1,000 was appropriated for township purposes and \$700 for school expenditures. The meeting also accepted the offer of Samuel Hunter of land near New Albany for the site of the townhouse.

A total of 344 votes were cast for the following officials: Charles Haines, Israel Lippincott, Henry Van Vane, township committeemen; William Parry, moderator; Job King, assessor; Wallace Lippincott, freeholder; John Stiles, School superintendent; Hinman Wooster, overseer of poor, constable and poundkeeper.

When Cinnaminson was created in 1860 the population was slightly less than 3,000 but it included what now comprises the Tri-Boros plus Riverside and Delran. When Delran township, which then included Riverside, was formed in 1880 the remaining population of Cinnaminson was 2184.

Then Riverton withdrew and formed a borough in 1893, the next year Palmyra township was created and Cinnaminson was left with 1078 residents in 1900. By 1930 the township's population had increased to 2227 compared with the 1860 report in the 1960 census.

In contrast with today's beehive of industrial activity along Rt. 130 and the Delaware River, Cinnaminson's industry in 1860 consisted of the Haines flour mill at Swedes Run on the Burlington Turnpike; a saw mill on Pompton Creek; the Heulings planing mill, machine shop and shutter factory at Fork Landing; a fishery, large-building enterprise, the Dreer Nursery and the Pomona Nursery.

Essentially Cinnaminson remained an agricultural community until the 1930s when its residential and industrial areas began to develop.

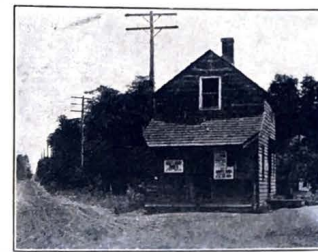
Samuel P. Leeds was postmaster and general storekeeper in the village of Westfield in 1855, but to avoid confusion with another Westfield the postal department named it Cinnaminson after the ancient Indian name for the surrounding area. The post office carried the name for 50 years and was discontinued in favor of the Riverton post office. It was not until 1964 that Cinnaminson again had its own post office.

In early days villages in the township included Westfield, so named because the meeting house was built in Thomas Lippincott's west field in 1801; New Albany, flanking the turnpike; Wrightsville founded in 1847 on land formerly owned by Thomas Wright; Parry named in 1880 after Judge William Parry.

Earlier the latter community had been known since 1855 as North Pennsville.

Another Cinnaminson existed long before the creation of Cinnaminson township. It covered the same general area as the present township, bordered by the Delaware River, Pennsauken and Rancocas creeks.

The first mention of Cinnaminson appears on old maps and documents listing it as an Indian hunting territory and site of an



TURNPIKE TOLL HOUSE at Five Points where users of the Westfield and Camden Turnpike paid for using the gravel road, beginning in 1855. The building was originally on the east bank of Pennsauken Creek and was moved about 1860 to Five Points. It became a shoemaker shop and residence in 1909 and was later demolished.

early settlement of Swedes, who spread across the river from Delaware.

These early records show that Markus Lawrence purchased 100 acres in 1682 and Frederick King and John Hance had land surveyed on the northeast side of Pennsauken Creek. Another Swede, Elias Toy, acquired 200 acres in 1689 on the present site of Palmyra.

The Swedes were followed by a wave of English Quaker settlers including Thomas Lippincott who purchased 1034 acres between the Pennsauken and Pompton creeks.

The Lippincott plantation included a large part of present-day Cinnaminson. Lippincott filled numerous Chester township offices until his death in 1797. After three generations the Lippincott homestead with 200 acres was sold to Samuel L. Allen, inventor of the Planet, Jr., farm and garden tools, sometime after 1850.

The original Lippincott homestead, known as Irvstone, built on Branch Pike about 1754 is now owned by Burt J. Ross and is probably the oldest house in the township.

Other early settlers in the area were the Conarros (now Conrow), French Huguenots, who came to Burlington in 1680 and acquired holdings in what is now Cinnaminson in 1718 and in 1834.

Another name, Coles, had its beginning in Cinnaminson when Samuel Coles, established his New

LOCAL TURNPIKE CHARTERED IN 1853

Chartered in 1853, the Westfield and Camden Turnpike was completed and began taking tolls in 1855.

The gravel road first extended from Camden to the Pennsauken Creek. Later it was extended to where Pomona rd. intersected the Riverton-Moorestown rd.

In later years the road was surfaced with stone and was finally purchased by the counties and made a free road about 1905.

A toll house was erected on the Burlington County Bank of Pennsauken Creek in 1854 and later moved to Five Points. When the turnpike became a free road the tollhouse served as a residence and shoemaker shop. It was later demolished.

Orchard plantation in 1685. Other families who settled in the area with dependents still residing here included Stiles in 1696; Evans in 1798; the Taylors about 1750, and the Haines family sometime prior to 1800.

In the Indian tongue Cinnaminson meant either sweet water or tangled roots depending on which tribal tongue is used for interpreting. One ancient spelling is Senamensing, traditionally the trail from the river through present day Moorestown and Mt. Laurel to the Seashore.

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BUSINESS CENTER of Riverton for many years was Joseph M. Roberts' Brick Stores which dominated the central section of town. The original building burned down in January, 1890 and was replaced by this structure in 1891. Building was demolished in 1938 to make room for a service station.

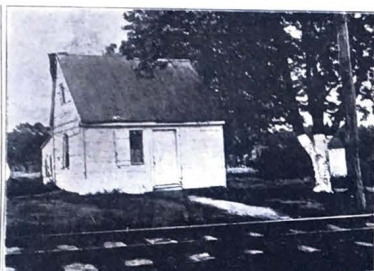
Palmyra's Roots Deep In Early Settlement

Early records indicate that the tri-boro area was first settled by the Swedes in 1690 or earlier. The entire section was an Indian hunting territory known as Cinnaminson.

From 1700 until 1834 the area was a part of Chester township (now Maple Shade). Following the 1834 division the area with its various settlements continued as a part of Cinnaminson township until 1894.

Primarily a farming district, the settlements began to expand after the Camden & Amboy Railroad inaugurated rail service between Camden and Bordentown. A new village sprouted in the vicinity of the new station at Arch st. In 1845, the community was named Texas but the name of Palmyra was adopted five years later by the village's first postmaster, Isaiah Toy.

Most of the early development of Palmyra was in the area of Market, Arch, Race and Vine sts. By 1850 the population was 100. In 1894 when the community's population exceeded 2,000 the township of Palmyra was created by an act of the Assembly, and



FIRST HOUSE in Palmyra which stood south of the railroad nearly opposite Palmyra firehouse. The building was demolished about 40 years ago.

the separation from Cinnaminson took place.

In 1928 Palmyra was incorporated as a borough and adopted the mayor and council form of government.

Lamb Folder Featured Picturesque Palmyra

"Picturesque Palmyra" was the title of a booklet published by Dr. R. H. Lamb, dentist and real estate developer, in May, 1923. Describing Palmyra as one of the most beautiful and desirable suburban towns in New Jersey, Dr. Lamb noted, "Now that the Tacony-Palmyra Ferry is established and the Delaware River Bridge is under construction renders the holding of property here particularly desirable. A big boom in real estate is now imminent and those who have the wise forethought to put money in property at its present value will reap a good return."

The booklet was illustrated with dozens of pictures by photographer J. R. Jagers. Since the photos were taken in early spring needless to say Palmyra's gravelled streets appeared full of deep ruts. At the back of the booklet were two pages of business directory ads concluding with Dr. Lamb's own, listing beautiful building sites in Ridgway Park and Lamb's Palmyra Extension and houses for sale or rent.

Frances Ruppert, of Riverton, won the national woman's 100-yard dash title in 1924.

Early landowners a century or more ago included Toy, Rambo, Fish, Cox, Morgan, Wallace, Evald, Rudderow and Hubbs. Many of these names still survive today.

Much of Palmyra occupies the 350 acres of Toy land sold to Elias organ in 1849 and subdivided by the latter's four sons. The Toy house built in 1761 still stands at the foot of Cinnaminson ave. facing the river.

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Pollution Must Cease, But When, Is Question

Riverton borough council received a communication on Feb. 11, 1909 from the State Board of Health directing the municipality to cease polluting the Delaware River with sewage by Sept. 1, 1913.

Indicating that the wheels of government enforcement grind slowly borough council received a similar letter in 1939 directing that pollution cease by Nov. 1, 1941.

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The first post officers were Herbert Kemmerle, commander; Edward Griffenberg, vice commander; Frank McCormick, adjutant; Ambrose Downie, finance officer; Arthur Wright, chaplain; W. Cook, Harvey Fisher, J. Preston Sharp, Maurice Allen, Stephen Etris and William Strang, executive committee.

The post met in the YMCA building until a new post home was dedicated on Labor Day, 1923.

Palmyran Gave Name To Unit of Legion

Frederick Rodgers American Legion Post 156 was activated in Palmyra in the fall of 1919. The post was named after Palmyra's only resident killed during World War I.

Pvt. Rodgers, a member of Co. C, 14th Inf., 27th Division, was killed in action on Sept. 28, 1918 during the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

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PALMYRA STATION as it appeared on July 21, 1886. Back of photo, loaned by Mitchell's Tavern, is crowded with notations of area's history, including beer legalized April 4, 1933; trolley discontinued April 10, 1930; Palmyra High Stadium built in 1939 for \$67,000; Tacony-Palmyra bridge opened Aug. 14, 1929; parking meters in effect May 5, 1932 and many more.

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Palmyra's First School Dates Back to 1822

Palmyra's first school was a brick building, also serving Riverton, erected near Elm ave. in 1822. When railroad tracks were laid through the center of the village in 1833 the building was moved out of the way to a lot donated by Elias Morgan.

In 1865 a new brick school was erected on Cinnaminson ave., and housed 80 pupils in 8 grades, all taught by one teacher, Miss Laura Hall. Meanwhile the original school became a blacksmith shop and was demolished in 1898.

The newer building was enlarged in 1877 and a second story added in 1886. Fire threatened the building in February, 1933 but it was saved by firemen.

Palmyra's third school building was an eight-room brick structure erected in 1895 on Spring Garden st., near the other building. A one-room school, costing \$1500, was erected in West Palmyra in 1900 for younger pupils in the area. The building at 4th and Race sts. is now a dwelling.

A two-year high school course was introduced in two classrooms in the Spring Garden st. School but was forced to move to Berkeley Hall, a former private school at 4th and Elm aves., when the course was increased to three years.

In 1909 a larger school, costing \$39,000 was erected on Delaware ave. for high school classes and four lower grades.

Residents voted to construct the present high school adjoining the original one in 1921 for \$176,000. Students moved into the new high school on Feb. 22, 1923. Additional classrooms were built in 1937.

In the post war years Palmyra built two new schools and two annexes. In 1948 the Charles Street School, costing \$275,000 was completed and in 1961 an annex costing \$210,000 was completed for the same school.

MERRY SLEIGHERS
Main street presented a lively appearance on Friday, February 10, 1899, with sleighs of all sizes and shapes out. These ranged from natty cutters to lumbering farm sleighs.

The snow storm that afforded the fun was one of the most severe ever experienced here, food being very scarce for several days. There was no school from Monday until Thursday, and the first freight train of the week did not arrive until the latter day.

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FIRST SCHOOL in Palmyra, erected about 1822, also served Riverton children, near Elm ave. With the coming of the railroad in 1833 the school was moved. Later a blacksmith shop, the building was demolished in 1898.

The Delaware Ave. School was opened in 1909, costing \$39,000. A one million dollar high school annex was completed in 1961.

Palmyra High School was hit by a disastrous fire in December, 1957 that destroyed about half the building. While reconstruction was under way classes were held on a split session basis.

4 School Districts In Delran Originally

Delran township established four school districts when it separated from Cinnaminson township Feb. 20, 1880. The districts were West Chester, Chesterville, Riverside and Bridgeboro. In 1893 the Riverside area separated and became Riverside township.

At that time the Bridgeboro School, with a capacity of 90 pupils employed two teachers, one male at \$40 per month, and one female at \$30 monthly.

The Delran school board built a new school on what is now Rt. 130 at Fairview to replace an old stone school on Chester ave. The Fairview School continued in use until 1920 when it was closed and the pupils transferred to Bridgeboro where a new 4-room school had been completed in September 1907 at a cost of \$6,000.

The Chesterville School closed in 1907 and the pupils were transferred to the Bridgeboro building. Double sessions were just as unpopular in those days as in modern times. In September, 1917, pupils from Riverside Park and Cambridge who had been attending Riverside schools on a tuition basis, were transported to Bridgeboro. The double sessions were so unpopular that a four-room school was completed in 1918 in Cambridge for \$12,804.

Additions to the Bridgeboro School included two rooms in 1919; a stage and auditorium in 1937, and in 1940 the entire building was faced with brick.

Cambridge School was also enlarged through the years with additional rooms added, plus a cafeteria, stage, library and nurse's room.

Special Edition Marked New School Dedication

Dedication of Riverton's new \$66,800 school building on Elm ave., beginning in 1922, 4, 1935 was marked with a special 16 page school edition of the New Era that week.

At the dedication ceremony the board of education formally accepted the building from the contractor, Hafferty-Kennedy Co., of Philadelphia.

Dr. John Dennis Mahoney, head of the English department at West Philadelphia High School, was the principal speaker.

Cornerstone laying ceremonies for the building were held on Oct. 1, 1935 by the school faculty and student body. Papers placed in a copper box within the cornerstone included a list of the faculty, board of education, Town Meeting committee and several issues of the New Era.



RIVERTON'S FIRST big school building, erected in 1892 replacing smaller structure of 1865 vintage. Cost of the building was \$4400.

Riverton School Records Date 'Only' to 1865

Prior to 1865 no permanent records were kept by the school board so the early history of schooling in Riverton has faded into oblivion.

Riverton children first attended the original Palmyra school on Elm ave., beginning in 1822.

The first school in what is now Riverton, then known as School District 7, Cinnaminson township, cost \$800 when erected in 1865 at 4th and Howard sts. A one-room annex was added in 1889 at a cost of \$549.

A frame school, consisting of six rooms, was built in 1892 at a cost of \$4,100 and as the need for additional classroom space developed the school board purchased a small frame chapel in 1896 from the Catholic Church.

The chapel was enlarged and became the first Forebelen Kindergarten in Burlington County.

By 1909 enrollment had increased to 305 children so the board authorized an 11-room school with auditorium and manual training room constructed at a cost of \$38,000. When this building

was completed in 1910 the former chapel was moved several blocks and became the post office.

Four new classrooms and a larger auditorium were added to the 1910 building in 1933 with a \$23,800 PWA grant and \$63,000 contribution by the borough. At the same time the original building was completely renovated.

A new wing was added to Riverton School in 1955, financed by a \$125,000 bond issue. In 1962 the board of education utilized \$10,000 in State funds to purchase a house at 404 Howard st., now used for kindergarten classes.

AMBASSADOR TO ITALY LIVED IN RIVERTON

Lloyd C. Griscom, U. S. ambassador to Italy in 1899, once lived in Riverton. As a boy he grew up in the family home on the riverbank, later occupied by the Stevens and Michener families. He was credited with obtaining U. S. relief supplies for survivors of an earthquake in Italy.

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3 Cinnaminson Schools Consolidated in 1906

Originally there were three school buildings in Cinnaminson township after the separation of Riverton, Palmyra and Delran.

The schools were located at New Albany, Five Points and the present building on Riverton-Moorestown rd. In 1906 the New Albany and Five Points buildings were closed and pupils transported by horse drawn bus to the Cinnaminson School, erected in 1870.

In 1922 a new modern brick building was completed connecting to the old school by a covered hallway.

When the three schools were consolidated in 1906 the Five Points building was moved to a new location as a school for colored children. By 1943 two additions

were completed and the building contained five classrooms, a large auditorium, kitchen, lunchroom and office. The school has since been closed.

As its population increased Cinnaminson has been forced to spend approximately \$5 million in the past decade in new school construction.

Memorial School was built in 1956 adjacent to the original school on Moorestown-Riverton rd. followed by a \$500,000 addition in 1960.

The Junior-Senior High School was completed in 1962, financed by a \$1,744,000 bond issue followed by a \$965,000 addition in 1964.

Rush Elementary School, on Riverton rd., was completed in 1963 and was financed by a \$700,000 bond issue.



CINNAMINSON SCHOOLS as they appeared 25 years ago. Structure at left contained two rooms when erected in 1870, later a second story was added when schools were consolidated in 1906. Brick school at right was erected in 1922 and connected to original building by covered hallway.

Riverside Schools

Predate 20th Century

Riverside township's school system came into existence on Oct. 1, 1893 when the board of trustees of the 19th School District decided to build a 5-room brick school on Carroll st. for \$7,200. Prior to that date Riverside had been a part of Delran township and pupils attended classes in a building on Taylor st. Additions to the Carroll St. School, which originally housed nine grades, included four rooms in 1897, one room in 1904 and two in 1906. Four rooms were added in later years.

Now Riverside has three grade schools, plus the high school. The Washington St. School was built in 1914 and enlarged in 1926 when a four-room school for colored children was completed on Whitaker st.

Through the years high school students had been attending either Burlington or Palmyra. A feasibility study for a high school started in March, 1927 and two years later voters approved an expenditure of \$125,000 for a high school building. The cornerstone was laid March 29, 1930 and the first class graduated from Riverside High in 1931.

LEGION POST NAMED FOR ARGONNE HERO

James A. Bradley Post, American Legion, was chartered Oct. 29, 1919. Named after Sgt. Bradley, of Riverton, who was killed in action Oct. 30, 1918 in the Argonne campaign, the post included ex-servicemen from Riverton and Cinnaminson.

Original officers were Dr. Harry L. Rogers, commander; Walter C. Wright, vice commander; John F. Flynn, adjutant; William H. Baker, Jr., finance officer; Robert K. Jones, historian; Emerson Wolfeschmidt, chaplain; Edward Yerkes, insurance officer and Howard M. Rogers, employment officer.

After a few years the post allowed its charter to lapse and most of the members joined the Rodgers post in Palmyra.

RELIEF IN THOSE DAYS
In 1899, a family in West Palmyra was informed by the overseer of the poor that the members would have to cease their applications for relief orders or be sent to the poorhouse, whereupon the head of the house replied, "if that is the case we will have to go to work."

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Riverton Fire Co. Keeps Pace With New Era Growth

Riverton Fire Company, like the New Era, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Organized on March 26, 1890 the company was incorporated May 5 that year. Original officers included: president, J. C. S. Davis; vice president, W. S. Spackman; secretary, A. J. Borje; treasurer, Charles A. Wright; foreman, Louis Corney; board of directors, J. C. S. Davis, C. A. Wright, Odgen Mattis, W. S. Spackman, William M. Thomas, Edward H. Pancoast, A. J. Borje, J. S. Bloren, Charles C. Rishard.

A disastrous fire in Palmyra in the spring of 1886, had destroyed five homes and threatened the entire town, and aroused the townspeople of the sister towns of Riverton and Palmyra to action. Palmyra citizens formed their Independence Fire Company No. 1. In 1887, The Riverton Palmyra Water Company was begun the following year. And after Riverton too experienced a serious fire in January 1890, which destroyed two stores and two residences, the Riverton Fire Company was born.

Money was raised by public subscription to purchase a chemical wagon, 50 feet of hose, several ladders and a hose cart housed in a small shed on Main st. facing Fifth. In 1893 land was purchased on Howard st. near Fifth and the company moved into larger quarters. In 1895 a new hose carriage was purchased and the borough began to rent office space from the fire company, as it still does to this day.

In June 1897 an extension was built on the existing building, large enough to accommodate all equipment for the next 25 years.

In 1916, the company's first motorized equipment, a Maccar truck, was purchased by the bor-

ough. This was followed by a Packard runabout in 1917, converted into a chemical tank wagon.

On Jan. 14, 1922 land was purchased adjoining the existing property and the building was expanded to twice its former size. A large engine and apparatus room was on the lower floor, borough office and a large hall on the second floor, with police station and cells in the basement. The company had three fire engines when a 750 gallon American La-France pumper was delivered. In 1927, the Packard and Maccar trucks were traded on an American La-France combination chemical tank and pumper truck. Also that year the Ladies Auxiliary was organized and sanctioned by the company's board of directors.

These two engines took up more floor space and in 1930 building renovations were again made. Borough offices and hall were enlarged and police headquarters moved to the first floor. January, 1939, a much needed ladder truck was received and housed on July 4.

On July 4, 1950 the Borough of Riverton celebrated its centennial. For that occasion, the fire company located its original piece of fire-fighting equipment. It was borrowed for the parade and purchased later for \$1. It is now a treasured reminder of the company's beginnings. In 1951, an aluminum rescue boat was received through the generosity of a towns-woman. Fully equipped, it has served at many area drownings.

A new truck arrived in August 1953, and the pumper it replaces was purchased by East Riverton Fire Company. This truck was housed with public ceremonies on July 5, 1954. In 1957 the Riverton Fire Company purchased the Williams property, which extended their land to the corner of Fifth



RIVERTON FIRE COMPANY poses with its equipment about 1930. Contrast this picture with the company's modern home and apparatus today.

and Howard Streets. A building fund was started and the present modern company headquarters completed and dedicated on July 4, 1961.

In 1962, the 1927 pumper was traded on a new 750 gallon American La-France truck. On October 6, 1962 during a combined parade celebration with Palmyra Fire Company, who celebrated their 75th Anniversary, the truck was housed. This year 1965 marks Riverton Fire Company's 75th birthday, which will be celebrated on July 5, by adding a firemen's parade to the usual day's activities. Palmyra Fire Company is joining the celebration with the housing of their new 750 gallon Mack pumper.

Today's officers are: president, Paul T. Moorhouse; vice president, Ewing Carhart; secretary, Charles G. Reber; treasurer, C. Howard Verkey; chief, Peter S. Ewert; asst. chief, Rowland Gilpin; foreman, Charles J. Russell; asst. foreman, Kenneth Hughes. Board of directors, Edson J. Carhart,

William Hall, George Hughes, John H. Cooper, Richard Trotta, Douglas C. Tyler, James Reed, James Wagner, Emerson Wolfshmidt, Jr.

Spanish houses at Palmyra extension offered for sale at \$7,000 (August 12, 1926).

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Disastrous Fire Led To Palmyra Fire Co.

Formation of Palmyra's Independence Hook and Ladder Company on Aug. 8, 1887 followed by only three months a disastrous blaze that destroyed four homes in the vicinity of 5th st. and Cinnaminson ave. and threatened to wipe out the community.

Water from hand pumps in nearby homes and water soaked carpets were the only equipment the men of the community had to fight the blaze on that early Sunday morning in May. The William Penn Hook & Ladder Co., of Pavoia arrived in time to be of some help, but when two pieces of Burlington apparatus arrived on railroad flatcars at noon the fire was under control.

The company was formed at a meeting in George Hall's pool room on Broad st. and the first piece of apparatus, a hook and ladder truck, was housed Thanksgiving Day, 1887 after a street parade.

Bridge Opening Was Culmination of Long Dream by Rivertonian

Opening of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Aug. 15, 1929 marked the realization of a lifelong dream of Charles A. Wright, of Riverton. He was president of the bridge company and originator of the movement to build the \$4,500,000 span to connect the two states.

Construction, under an act of Congress approved Jan. 25, 1927, started on March 27, 1928.

Although the bridge was authorized to charge 40 cents for autos it never charged more than 35 cents. This was cut to 30¢ in 1927 and with commutation tickets the toll was 25¢.

The bridge is 2,313 feet long between bulkhead lines, and has a 1,298 ft. approach on the Tacony side and 1,642 feet for the Palmyra approach. The roadway is 38 ft. wide and the center of the main draw span is 64 ft. above mean high water.

During its first year of operation 1,251,838 vehicles crossed the span and by 1938 the total was 1,900,919. By comparison in 19,174,766 vehicles used the bridge in 1964.

When the bridge was acquired by the Burlington County Bridge Commission in October, 1948 the toll was immediately reduced to 25¢. Later this was cut to only 5¢.

Was Riverton Host To Jersey Devil?

The famed Jersey Devil, a combination demon and winged horse, has been reported seen in various parts of the state.

The Devil is reported to have made its only appearance in Riverton one dark Monday night in 1907. According to the New Era files a resident declared he saw it at 4th st. and Lippincott ave. He charged it with a large pocket knife but the creature vanished when he was almost within striking distance.

The observer described the Devil as looking something terrible, with awful eyes.

Chief Talacca Hunted Here

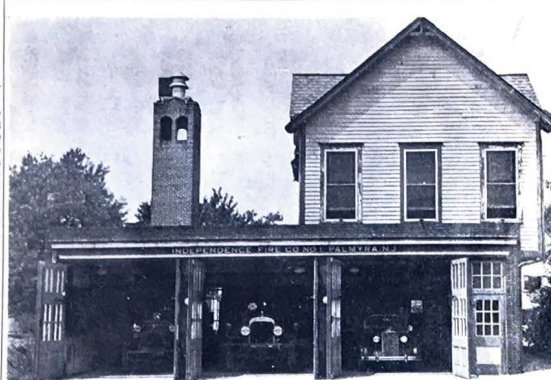
One of the earliest of all Cinnaminson residents was Chief Talacca of the Pennsauken Indians who hunted the Cinnaminson forests and fished in the waters long before the coming of the white man.

Three years later the company acquired a hose carriage.

The original Broad st. firehouse was located on ground purchased from Abraham Springer in 1890 following a period of leasing the site. A temporary railroad station became the second story of the old building which continued to serve the needs of the firemen until May 30, 1956. On that day the firemen moved into the former A&P store which had been altered extensively.

Besides its modern building Independence Fire Co. now operates five pieces of equipment including two pumpers each with 750 gallon capacity; a 65-ft. aerial ladder truck, rescue squad truck, fire police truck and two boats.

Original incorporators of the company were George W. Hall, Jacob F. Schnabel, John F. McMillin, Charles Smith, John Cooper, Charles Cooper, John H. Whitman, William F. Carter, Franklin Ryer, Jacob Lawson, Samuel Callan and William P. Rue.



FIRST PALMYRA FIREHOUSE as it appeared 30 years ago. Originally a one-story building, erected in 1887 the structure's floor, added later, had been a temporary railroad station. The firemen moved into their present, modern building May 30, 1956.

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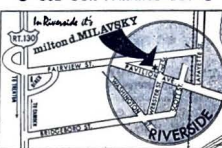
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Century-Old Riverton Yacht Club First On Delaware, 9th In U.S.

Riverton Yacht Club, organized 100 years ago this month, is the oldest on the Delaware River and the 9th oldest in the United States.

Sailboats on the river had been replaced as a means of transportation by steamboats and the Camden and Amboy Railroad. Bearing vivid memories of the beauty of sails on the Delaware, a group of men met at the home of Edward H. Ogden on July 1, 1865 to organize Riverton Yacht Club.

Casper W. Morris was elected commodore; Jacob G. Morris, vice commodore and Ogden, secretary-treasurer.

Swayed by patriotism following the Civil War the committee selecting the club flag adopted a burgee with 13 white stars on a blue field with red and white stripes above and below. Federal law has since prohibited the use of stars and stripes in burgee designs.

Club boats were first kept near the Main st. wharf built to permit steamboat service between Riverton and Philadelphia. When the clubhouse, which still stands today, was erected in 1880-81 it provided a waiting room for steamboat passengers.

Many of the Riverton YC organizers were the same group that chartered the sidewheeler "Wave" to introduce steamboat transportation between here and Philadelphia. The group built and operated other steamers in later years bearing the names Hancock, Barclay and Columbia.

The club's first sailing fleet, 16-ft. catboats, were raced by the Biddies. Five 26-ft. boats and two catboats competed in the annual regatta of 1888. In 1893, a new



RIVERTON YACHT CLUB as it appeared in 1909. It was built in 1880 at the end of the Riverton Iron Pier Co. wharf with provision that the club maintain a waiting room for steamboat passengers.

fleet of 15 mosquito boats appeared on the river. The regatta of 1904 introduced still another fleet, 26 footers, eight in number, patterned after J. H. Hillman's Plover brought to Riverton two years earlier. These were followed by the Hill One-Designer which were still seen on the river until the late 1930s, and the 32-ft. single mast L.L.'s, circa 1925-35.

None of the present day Lightnings, Stars, Comets, Dusters or Swifts were represented in the racing classes of the early days. Riverton YC skippers, sailing in the more modern craft have won international and national championships at least three times. The Star class, incidentally built in Riverton by the Lippincott Boat Works, were introduced in 1928.

Yacht Club members were among the founders of Riverton Country Club in 1906. The Yacht Club has fostered Sea Explorer Scout Ship No. 1 since 1944 and



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Cinnaminson Home Keeps Pace Since Founding 75 Years Ago

The Cinnaminson Home at 1410 Riverton Rd., was established 75 years ago as a summer home in the country for sick, poor children of Philadelphia. Since 1946 the home has been operating as a haven for elderly women.

Through the efforts of Dr. Frances S. Janney, then working with the children in the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, an organization meeting was held at the home of Dr. Joshua D. Janney, Westfield, Cinnaminson township, on May 25, 1890. The name selected was "Children's Summer Home of Cinnaminson".

Mary Emma S. Wood was the first president and Elizabeth S. Coale, secretary and treasurer.

A house was rented and furniture and equipment contributed by the board of managers and interested friends. During the summer, fresh vegetables, milk and provisions were donated by local farmers and by board members.

In less than six weeks from the first meeting, the house was opened with 14 children and one mother. The age limit was ten years, the length of stay, two weeks. Free transportation was given by the Upper Delaware River Transportation Co. on two boats, sailing from the foot of Chestnut st. Upon arrival at the Riverton wharf, they were transported to the home by stage.

In December, 1896 the board of managers was able to purchase the present house, with seven acres of ground, for \$5,000. The back wing was added and remodeling done at a cost of \$8,646.00.

The home was incorporated on Dec. 19, 1896. Associate membership was started in 1912.

The summer house was built in 1898, and over the years many additions and improvements were made -- a laundry and kindergarten room added, electric lights installed in 1910, then a furnace, as well as bedrooms, furnished in memoriam.

It was felt the scope of the work should be increased, and on June 6, 1914, the home was opened for the reception of women and children as an all-year-round convalescent home. To raise funds for the larger undertaking, "The Cinnaminson Home Cook Book" was published. The official name was changed in 1917 to "Cinnaminson Home".

Because of the unsettled conditions due to World War I, the home was closed in September, 1918, and reopened May 1, 1919. An effort was made to get more patients from the neighborhood and state.

Over the years there have been many interesting non-making affairs given for the benefit of the Home -- teas, fetes, donation day, plays, horse shows and gymkhana, musical concerts, exhibition tennis matches played by members.

Bad Day for Trolleys

July 12, 1907
Tuesday was a hoodoo for the trolleys. One car ran off the track at Delair and remained in the seclusion of the woods for the rest of the day.

Another tried to dive off the trestle at West Palmyra and came near enough to give all the passengers palpitation of the heart.

Finally, another came to grief when the temporary bridge over Cooper's creek gave away and dumped car and passengers into the water.

No one was injured in any of the mishaps.

of the Davis Cup team, and of course, the Cinnaminson Home Cook Book.

The war years brought their special difficulties. Rationing and point systems made buying supplies and unenviable duty, and more young mothers were taken into the home. However, by the end of 1945, a ruling by the State Department of Institutions and Agencies prohibited mothers with new babies from being admitted with other patients. And so, in 1946 it was decided to discontinue that service and continue as a service home for adults. Since 1948 the home has been striving to serve older women with the most need.

The Cinnaminson Home now in its 75th year is operating at full



CINNAMINSON HOME as it appeared in 1897. Miss Martha C. Biddle, member of the original board of managers, is in the foreground with dog.

capacity. The present board of managers hopes to enlarge the home in the near future.

Present officers include Ann Parent, president; Ann Sacks,

Helen Biddle, vice president;

Marie Moyer, recording secretary; Helen Smith, corresponding secretary and Lynn Pharo, treasurer.

Haines Family Still Operates Old Firm

Undoubtedly one of the oldest business firms in the area under continuous family ownership is that of C. H. Haines and Son, Inc., on Rt. 130, Cinnaminson, Buick and farm equipment dealers.

Collins H. Haines, the founder, worked as a clerk in Leeds Grocery before clerking for his father-in-law, Timothy Morton, in his Parry general store. Haines eventually took over the business.

About 1912 the firm became C. H. Haines and Son, consisting of the father and his son, T. Morton. Following the death of Collins Haines in 1924 the firm became incorporated, Morton Haines died in 1932 at the age of 84.

During the years the firm added farm implements and supplies and later automobiles. Howard P. Haines is now president and G. Arthur Haines, a nephew, is associated with him, representing the third and fourth generations.

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The DeCree Detective Agency established headquarters in Burlington County because of confidence in this area's future. We further resolve to practice a code of ethics which should see the day when our heirs/assignees may be on the receiving end of this kind of an accolade from The New Era. Meanwhile, we look forward to repeating our congratulations on your centennial anniversary.

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Many Organizations Had Vital Role in Early History of Tri-Boro Area

At the turn of the century, the Riverton area had numerous organizations that played an important role in the community and then passed into obscurity.

Riverton Improvement Association was organized in April, 1909 for the purpose of encouraging thorough council to improve all streets at the same time. The association reported to council that all streets could be graveled six inches deep in the center and four inches at the curb for \$30,000, but did not advise immediate action due to other pressing needs on the public purse, among them a new school.

Other projects undertaken by the group included a proposal that the railroad move its freight station to East Riverton to abate smoke and whistling as much as possible within the borough limits.

Walter H. Lippincott was the first president; J. Lawrence Lippincott, treasurer and Joseph B. Tyler, secretary.

RIVERTON BLUE ROCK CLUB
Organized Feb. 2, 1906 with John H. Reese as president, the Riverton Blue Rock Club held its first shoot on an open lot in East Riverton. The group erected its own clubhouse. In 1909 John Keating held the club record of breaking 98 out of a possible 100.

PALMYRA BICYCLE CLUB
The Palmyra Bicycle Club, organized in March, 1898 during the height of the bicycle popularity, boasted a membership of 100 including the town's leading citizens. I. E. Magurie was the first president.

Of a social nature, the club owned property valued at \$1200 in

1909 when a banquet followed the monthly meetings.

UNION LEAGUE

The Union League of Palmyra, a Republican club, was the only political club in existence between Trenton and Camden, when it organized following the November, 1892 election.

Considering the GOP in a state of demoralization because Grover Cleveland was elected president over Benjamin Harrison and George T. Werts defeated Republican John Kean for governor the Union League was formed to solidify the party in Palmyra and Riverton. The club never took part in local politics or recommended a ticket for office but was charged with seeing that such tickets were elected after being nominated.

Alfred J. Briggs was the original president and Frank W. Smith, secretary. George N. Wimer, onetime sheriff and deputy county clerk, was one of the original members.

RIVERTON ATHLETIC ASSN.
Charles L. Flanagan was elected president of the Riverton Athletic Association at an organization meeting March 1, 1906.

The group fielded a first class baseball team, mostly of paid players, but later turned to amateur status when they found the pros did not work together as a team. The amateur baseball team did so well both on the diamond and financially that the association also fostered football and basketball teams.

RIVERTON LYCEUM ASSN.
The Riverton Lyceum Association was organized April 6, 1896 after many persons holding admis-



RIVERTON POST OFFICE as it appeared when Odgen Mattus (inset) was postmaster. The office reached second class status in 1901 and handled 9,000 pieces of mail daily in 1909.

sion tickets were turned away from an entertainment in the schoolhouse.

Stephen Flanagan offered a building site if money could be raised to erect a large building for public entertainments, dances, and bazaars.

Funds were contributed and the building erected. New Era files of 1909 noted: "In this building the flower of Riverton society has danced, sung and been entertained for nearly a quarter of a century, and there is no indication that the pleasurable usefulness of the Lyceum is nearing an end."

Riverton Post Office Replaced Volunteer Carriers in 1871

Prior to the opening of the Riverton post office in 1871, the residents' mail was delivered to the Palmyra post office. It was necessary to go after the mail in those days or pay a volunteer carrier two cents for delivery.

The post office was originally located in the railroad station on Main st., then to the corner of Broad and Main, then to Coverthwaite's Drug Store, 304 Main st. Other Main st. locations included 520, then 528, the to 609, the building now occupied by the New Era and finally to its present location.

In 1909 the office boasted nine mails daily and was the only post office between Burlington and Camden open on Sunday.

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The Cinnaminson Township organization, as decided on January 1, 1909, was as follows: James E. Russell, chairman; Antone Beckenbach, treasurer; Arnold Beckenbach, solicitor.

The Board of Health was composed of James E. Russell, chairman; Fred Blackburn, inspector.

Joseph F. Yearly, was named president of the Palmyra-Riverton Lions Club in 1931.

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Rotary Club Grew Fast In Palmyra, Riverton

Palmyra-Riverton Rotary Club was founded in 1926 with a membership of 25 men. Charter night was held at the P.O.S. of A. Hall in Palmyra on Feb. 23, 1926. George Wenter of the sponsoring Camden Club presented a bell and gavel to Dr. Charles Mills, the first club president.

Luke Eberly, Harry Schwerling and Frank Shover are the only charter members remaining in the club. Clement B. Lewis entered in April and Joseph Seel in August, and by the end of the year there were 41 members. In October the club moved to the Porch Club.

J. Horace Finney assumed the presidency in 1927. Election of officers in 1928 created a stir, with multiple nominations being made from the floor. Out of the hassle, Frank Shover was elected president and Joseph Seel, secretary.

By 1929 the great depression got under way, and membership dropped to 36 men, and by 1933 the membership had its lowest point with only 24. Dean LeFavre kept spirits up with his work at the piano.

During the presidency of Richard D. Barclay in 1933-34, the club celebrated the inauguration of train service to Broad St. Station, Philadelphia.

In 1938-39 Clifton P. Mayfield took office as president and continued the drive for increased membership. The total at the end of the year was 33.

There being no oil for the Porch Club during the war years of 1942-45, Rotary moved to the Women's Club in Palmyra. An outstanding program of that year was an eyewitness account of the Pearl Harbor attack by Mrs. Marjorie C. Hamilton, wife of a Naval Officer stationed there. Club members served weekly as cloak room attendants at Fort Dix.

April 1946 saw the Rotary Club resuming its meetings at the Porch Club.

During 1950-51, with Dewees Howell as president, the student loan fund was adopted. The club installed benches on Broad St. bus stops in Riverton and Palmyra and furnished a dressing station for the Well Baby Clinic in Palmyra.

During Donald Patterson's year as president in 1952 a musical for the benefit of Zurlburg Hospital was held, and it was a huge success. This was the year that Robert G. Adams was elected district governor.

During the term of Maurice Joyce, 1954-55, a motor for the rescue boat was presented to the Palmyra Fire Company, and later an oxygen tent was presented to the Rescue Squad, during the term of Arthur W. Lewis.

During the year 1958-59, with J. K. Taylor as president, a second boat was given to the Palmyra Rescue Squad.

With the death of Joseph Seel during the year 1961-62, Henry Naisby was elected secretary. The same year the club contracted to sell the entire seating capacity of

CINNAMINSON '36 BUDGET

Cinnaminson township's municipal budget totaled \$29,872.76 for the year 1936. The amount to be raised by taxation for local purposes was \$2,500 with \$11,000 revenue anticipated from franchise taxes and \$10,047.76 appropriated from surplus revenue.

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Walter D. Lamon, defeated C. Nevin Buchholz and R. B. Gallaway for the Republican nomination for Mayor of Palmyra on May 19, 1931.

the Music Fair for one evening. This has been a club project for three successive years. All profits are donated to local charities and to the Rotary Foundation. Up to the present time the Club has donated over \$5,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation to support the program of sending college graduates to foreign universities.

Presently the membership has grown to 62 and meetings are conducted each Thursday night at the Riverton Porch Club, with the following officers: Lester H. Friday, president; John H. Thompson, 1st vice president; James R. McQuaide, 2nd vice president; J. K. Taylor, secretary; William V. Smith, assistant secretary; Charles O. Bentzley, treasurer and Edward H. Jessup, sergeant-at-arms.

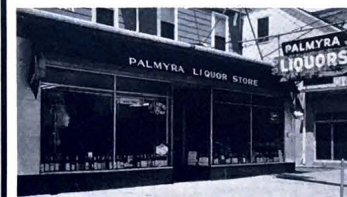


STEAMBOAT "Columbia" one of several that plied the Delaware between Trenton and Philadelphia is pictured taking on passengers and freight at the Riverton Yacht Club wharf during the late 1800s. Arrivals and departures of the side-wheelers usually drew a large crowd.

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Water Company In Eighth Decade

The Riverton and Palmyra Water Company was incorporated July 20, 1888, to supply water to the area that now comprises the boroughs of Riverton and Palmyra, and Cinnaminson township.

The original pumping station was built in 1889 and enlarged in 1892 and 1907. The station housed several water tube boilers and low pressure steam pumps. In 1934, upon abandonment of steam operation, the structure was converted to an office building.

In 1915, a small brick pumping station, Station 2, was erected on the riverbank and an electrically operated triples pump installed. This unit pumped directly from three driven wells into the distribution system.

In 1919, Station 3 was built on the riverbank west of Station 2. The building housed an electrically driven centrifugal pump which also pumped into the distribution system. Both stations have since been dismantled and replaced by the present main station, built in 1935. This station houses high service pumps and auxiliary pumping equipment.

A 400,000 gallon standpipe was erected on Highland ave., in 1897 and a second tank, with a capacity of 177,000 gallons, was built on the same lot in 1904. These storage tanks are still in service.

By 1921, the higher area east of Cleveland ave., had developed to the point where it became necessary to create a high pressure system, supplied from a booster station at the tank site on Highland ave. This station remains in use and houses two centrifugal pumping units.

To meet increasing demands in the high service area, the Pomona Road Station was constructed in Cinnaminson township in 1959. Initially, the station consisted of one drilled well, pumping directly into the system, and a 600,000 gallon elevated storage tank. A second well was constructed at the station in 1962. Additional wells were drilled in 1964 at the New Albany Road Station because of increasing demands in the area.

Presently, a two million gallon ground level reservoir and booster station are under construction at Taylors Lane as another step in providing for increasing demands on the water system.

The Riverton and Palmyra Water Company today provides water service to 4,500 customers throughout the Tri-Boro area, in addition to providing water for fire protection from 500 fire hydrants.

When the company organized in 1888, Edward H. Ogden was elected president; William M. Paul, vice president and Howard Parry, treasurer and secretary.

Today the firm's officers include K. B. Earnhardt, president; J. J. Garland and W. R. Cobb, vice presidents; H. H. Briggs, treasurer and asst. secretary; W. B. MacIndoe, secretary and J. A. Daley, Jr., comptroller.

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**Cinnaminson Chapter
Of Deborah Growing**

By MARY WHITESIDE

The Cinnaminson Chapter of Deborah Hospital began with an initial meeting at Hystown Inn, Pennsauken, in October 1961. The speaker, Mrs. Clara Franks, Deborah administrator, explained the work of Deborah in taking care of cancer, heart disease, lung cancer, and tubercular patients.

The hospital at Browns Mills has been besieged by demands for free heart surgery since the inception of its cardiac and pulmonary surgical service July 25, 1958. New fields of this nature have represented hope for the future for innumerable heart sufferers while the image of Deborah has altered by its enlarged function, its basic tenants remain the building block of solid support and belief in its potential.

Today through humanitarian dedication, a large addition is being erected to take care of different kinds of heart patients. The cost of this addition is 3.5 million dollars.

The Cinnaminson Chapter of Deborah is composed of dedicated women from the Tri-Boro area. These women raise money for Deborah in various ways such as cake sales, fashion shows, sales and theatre parties. To date it has donated more than \$3,585 to help mankind.



RIVERTON FREE LIBRARY has occupied these quarters on Main st. since 1900.

Visiting Nurses in Second Half Century of Service

The New Era was 22 years of age when the Visiting Nurse Committee of Riverton and Cinnaminson came into being. In the winter of 1912 the late Miss Martha McBiddle stayed at home, while her family went to Florida, to personally collect sufficient funds to finance the Visiting Nurse Committee for one year. She found a sponsor for it in the Porch Club of Riverton. Further support was given the organization in its second year, 1913-1914, by Riverton borough with a donation of \$100.

A nurse was hired in the fall of 1912, and in the first year she made 809 visits on foot through Riverton and Cinnaminson. The operating budget for that year was \$704.77, of which \$675.15 went for the nurse's salary.

RIVERTON LIBRARY GOES BACK TO 1896

Riverton Free Library has been serving booklovers from Riverton, Palmyra and Cinnaminson since 1896.

Originally located in the Episcopal Church parish house the library moved across the street when its present quarters were donated by the Edward Ogden family.

Operated by a non-profit association, the library is staffed by a director, Mrs. Quentin Ferguson and three librarians. Approximately 30,000 books are circulated by the library each year. In addition its six sets of encyclopedias, numerous atlases, dictionaries and other reference books are used constantly by tri-borough students.

Only one-fourth of the cost of maintaining the Riverton Library is supplied by governing bodies of the tri-boroughs. Bulk of the operating costs are covered by donations from about 700 families in the three towns, a small memorial fund plus an annual contribution from the Porch Club.

money saved and later saw that the coal was delivered.

The committee in that first year was Miss Martha McBiddle, chairman; Miss Elizabeth B. Campbell, Mrs. Charles Evans, Miss Cornelia S. Coale and Dr. Frances Janney-Stoddard.

Current officers of the organization are: president, Mrs. William B. Evald; vice president, Mrs. Robert B. Wilson; secretary, Mrs. Woodbourne MacCord; treasurer, Mrs. John Parry; asst. treasurer, Mrs. Charles Loney; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robert Brethauer.

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Turn Of Century Saw Riverton CC Started

Riverton Country Club had its beginning back in 1899 when Ezra Lippincott, an industrious and shrewd Rivertonian with a vivid imagination, envisioned wooded land east of the community transformed into a golf course surrounded by palatial homes.

Taking an option on 65 acres from Joseph Thomas he enlisted the help of Edward H. Ogden and Jim Coale, Riverton's first golfer. Some 20 citizens attended the organization meeting of the Riverton Country Club in Lippincott's home a short time later.

A stock company was formed, \$12,500 was raised through subscription of 1250 shares at \$10 per share for purchase of land and it was mortgaged for \$10,000 to build a nine-hole course and a club house. Construction started immediately and the course was ready for use in the spring of 1900.

A target date of April had been set, but someone stole the turf off one of the greens, delaying the opening until July when the sod was replaced. Jim Coale did such a fine job laying out the original course that three greens are still in use at their original location.

First officers of the club were Edward H. Ogden, president; John Frishmuth, vice president; James Coale, secretary; Weston Donaldson, treasurer. Membership the first year totaled 166, of which 109 were from Riverton.

Tri-Boro Units Joined To Sponsor Family Service Council

Incorporated in 1943 The Family Service Council of Riverton and Cinnaminson had its beginning on March 3, 1927 when a meeting was held by representatives of tri-boro churches and organizations to promote a general welfare organization through the Lions Club.

It was first known as the Welfare Association of Palmyra, Riverton and Cinnaminson. Officers in 1927 were George Wimer, president; Joseph Thomas, vice president; Mrs. Elwood Sawyer, secretary and Charles Evans, treasurer.

The organization was supported by private contributions until Oct. 1931 when it was decided to suspend activities with each community working out its own problems.

As a result on Oct. 29 that year the Community Welfare Association of Riverton and Cinnaminson organized, electing Mrs. Murray C. Boyer, chairman; Mrs. W. W. Chalmers, secretary; W. A. Hendrickson, treasurer and Mrs. Dorothy Cooper, social worker. This organization was supported by private contributions under a Cent-a-Day plan with all funds used to help needy families. The social worker's salary and expenses were paid from a fund created in memory of Miss Hannah M. Biddle. In 1932 the association was sponsored by the Porch Club and opened its first office in the club building in November. The following February the office was moved to borough council chambers and in Oct. 1936 moved to the old post office building on Main st.

Incorporation as The Family Service Council followed in 1943 when Mrs. William Parry was executive secretary.

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The fact that there were 129 poles on Riverton streets in 1900, with the possibility of more being erected, was greatly deplored.



RIVERTON COUNTRY CLUB as it appeared about 1900 all alone on the hilltop before it became surrounded by trees and homes of neighbors.



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FIRST pumping station of the Riverton-Palmyra Water Co., during the steam era about 1900. When the steam operation was abandoned in 1934 the structure was converted to an office building.

Deer Nurseries Brought Wide Fame To Local Area

The century old firm of Henry A. Deere, Inc., flower growers of world renown held an important place in the life of Riverton until it closed down in 1942. The site off Broad St. is now occupied by National Casein Co. of New Jersey.

Young Henry Deere established the business on Chestnut St., Philadelphia in 1838 and as the firm expanded moved to various locations in the city, eventually building an 8-story structure on Spring Garden St.

Nurseries were located along the Schuylkill River from 1839 to 1850 on the Woodland Cemetery site and the following 23 years on 35th St. near Haverford Ave. As the growth of the city prevented expanding the nurseries Deere purchased a 100 acre tract at Riverton about 1873 because of ideal soil conditions and accessibility to Philadelphia.

The six original greenhouses were found too small and soon Deere had more than 10 acres under glass. Additional buildings and greenhouses were constructed after Deere acquired the 125 acres comprising Riverton in 1910.

Long famed for its roses, the company was credited with developing many varieties still popular with gardeners today. Its rose gardens drew visitors from far points.

In fact Deere's flowering gardens were a thing of beauty from May to November. Some 200 acres under cultivation bloomed with a variety of flowers and shrubs.

Footpaths were provided for visitors and each variety was marked for identification, prompting a leading horticulturist to refer to these gardens as "Deere's Living Catalogue".

A display of water lilies also enhanced the beauty of the Deere grounds.

A steady decline in sales since 1938 in addition to increased production costs forced the company into receivership in July, 1942.



ROSE FESTIVAL, an annual event at the Henry A. Deere, Inc. nurseries at Riverton, attracted thousands of visitors as shown by this 1938 photo. The 300 acre nursery was once Riverton's largest industry.

Shad Fishing Once Picturesque Industry

Shad fishing was once a busy industry along the Delaware River in this area.

One of the picturesque features of Riverton prior to 1900 was the Faunce Shad Fishery which passed out of the picture about 1905 when the landing was purchased as a residential site.

The fishery was started about 1850 and remained in the Faunce family until the enterprise was discontinued. Hauls were made in

great nets, laid by boats and drawn ashore by a capstan, powered by a horse on the riverbank.

A 1909 edition of the New Era reports, "There is still shad fishing done at Riverton, but it is with smaller boats and nets, and lacks the picturesque features of the old fishery."

Cinnaminson B&L Organized in 1878

The Cinnaminson Building & Loan Association was founded in 1878 by a group of prominent Riverton residents whose sons and grandsons have served as directors in years past.

The association matured its first

series of 26-1/2 shares of stock in 1889 and has not failed to mature one series after another through the years.

By 1889 the association had 1796 shares and assets of \$134,888.25.

Officers for 1889 included Edward H. Ogden, pres., H. B. Lippincott, treas., Dr. H. B. Hall, secy.

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Need Sparked Origin Of Cinnaminson Bank

Origin of the Cinnaminson Bank & Trust Company dates back to Feb. 4, 1907 when a group of businessmen in Riverton and vicinity decided a bank was needed and opened for business in a room in Joseph M. Roberts' general store

with capital stock of \$25,000. Today capital stock amounts to \$640,000 while assets are approximately \$17 million.

Charles W. Nevin was the first president of the new bank. Dr. Alexander Marcy, Jr. and Joseph Morgan, vice presidents and E. L. Williams, cashier. Nevin died late the following year. Morgan moved up to the presidency and J. Lawrence Lippincott became vice president.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL PASSES 80th YEAR

History of Christ Episcopal Church, Palmyra dates back to Oct. 20, 1884 when a preliminary meeting for the organization of a mission parish was held in Wallace's Hall, Palmyra, by appointment of the Rt. Rev. John Scarborough, D. D.

The first meeting of the Sunday School of Christ Church, Palmyra, was opened by Rev. Dr. Weld of Riverton on Oct. 20. Miss Viola A. Pyne was appointed superintendent on May 8, 1885, the building which for many years had served the parish of Christ Church, Riverton, having been moved to Palmyra, was re-opened for worship by Bishop Scarborough. The old name was retained, as were also the ornaments, furniture and Communion vessels of the church.

Other clergy present included: the Rev. Drs. George M. Hills of Burlington and H. Hastings Weld of Riverton.

The Riverton Choir was present and sang the hymn "I love thy kingdom, Lord," as the clergy moved up the aisle.

The cornerstone of this building was laid at its original site, near the railroad, in Riverton (now occupied by Klippel's Bakery) on June 9, 1859. In 1871 the building was moved to a more central site in Riverton where the buildings of Christ Church, Riverton, now stand. The lot on Parry Ave., Palmyra, was given by W. F. Morgan, E. B. & B. Rogers of Allen-ton, moved the building both times.

The removal from Riverton began Dec. 10, 1884 and was completed January 20. In that 40 days there were 16 in which the work could be prosecuted.

The above information gleaned from the original accounts in the Parish Register is concluded with "may the itinerant building rest here, until a new and larger habitation for the Church is needed through additions to its 'living stones' and its spiritual growth."

The present rector of Christ Church is Rev. Vincent H. Strohsahl.

Besides these officers the original board of directors included Samuel F. Ringgold, George C. Frank, Samuel Slim, Edmund Holmes, Joseph M. Roberts, Collins H. Haines, Charles A. Wright and J. Otto Thilow.

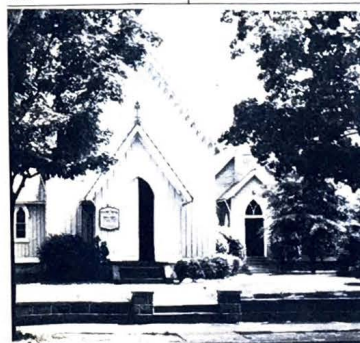
The bank moved into its own building on E. Main St., diagonally opposite the present Riverton main office in October, 1907. It was so successful that in two years it had 1500 depositors with \$250,000 on deposit. Deposits today exceed \$15 million.

CB&T, soon after its organization, took over the Riverton Savings Bank accounts. Originally organized as Cinnaminson National Bank, the institution adopted its present name in 1925. Continued growth compelled the bank to erect a larger building at Main and Harrison Sts. in 1927.

The bank opened a branch in the Harder Building, Palmyra in 1948 and moved into its own building at Highland and Morgan Ave., in February, 1960. Later that year the bank opened its second branch, a drive-in facility at Riverton Rd. and Rt. 130, Cinnaminson. The new colonial Cinnaminson building, opposite the drive-in, was occupied last November.

John C. Brogan, Jr., former executive vice president, became president in January, 1964, succeeding Howard B. Conover, who moved up to chairman of the board. Mr. Conover died March 3, 1964, ending 40 years service to the bank.

Memorials to soldiers of the World War were actively considered in Riverton during the early part of 1919. Included among the ideas advanced were the following: Fountain, sewage disposal plant (very unpopular), park, hospital, monument, athletic field, nurses' home, community house, athletic field, etc.



CHRIST CHURCH building at Parry Ave. near Cinnaminson Ave. was dedicated May 8, 1885. First erected in Riverton in 1859 at the present site of Klippel's Bakery, the church was moved to another location in Riverton in 1871. The building was again moved, this time to Palmyra, starting in December, 1884.



FIRST BANK building of Cinnaminson Bank & Trust Co. on Main St., Riverton, about 1919. Standing in front are the bank's first tellers, Herbert McKemmerly, Morris DeCoursey and Howard Conover. Building at left, formerly a post office and parish house, now houses the New Era office.

Tacony-Palmyra Ferry Launched in May, 1922

The Tacony-Palmyra Ferry opened for business May 1, 1922 with the New Jersey terminus at the end of Cinnaminson Ave., which had been made part of the state highway system to link the ferry line with the seashore.

Two boats were used initially, "The Palmyra" and the "South Jacksonville", a double-decker built in 1913 and renovated by the new owners. The boat accommodated four lines of cars abreast for a total of 36 vehicles and could carry 500 passengers on the upper deck.

The ferry boats were forced out of business by the opening of the Tacony-Palmyra bridge seven years later.

Ma Trout and Arthur Terrell were winners of a popularity contest at Palmyra High School in 1931.



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Riverton Fostered Congress of Mothers, Forerunner of State PT Association

Organization of the New Jersey State Congress of Mothers, forerunner of the Parent-Teacher Association, had its beginning in Riverton on Oct. 20, 1900. Mrs. E. C. Grice, of Riverton, who had been instrumental in forming the organization, was the first president.

The Riverton Mothers' Circle, of which the later PTA was an outgrowth, began as a section of the

MOTHERS COUNCIL PREDECESSOR OF CINNAMINSON PTA

Cinnaminson Mothers' Council, predecessor of the Cinnaminson PTA, was formed on March 23, 1906 at a meeting of mothers and teachers in Westfield Public School for the purpose of "forming an organization for mutual help in training and educating our children."

Mrs. Allen Deacon was chairman of that first meeting attended by 23 persons and Mrs. Charles Evans was elected president.

During those early days it was not unusual for the officers to make their rounds in horse and carriage gathering up members to take to the meetings.

In 1907 the group became affiliated with the State Congress and changed its name to Cinnaminson Mothers' Circle. Mrs. Benjamin Lippincott was elected president that year.

Later the organization was known as the Home and School Association before adopting the name Cinnaminson Parent-Teacher Association about 1917.

The group helped establish a school dental clinic; helped serve hot lunches to school children; contributed to establishment of a county library and to a normal school scholarship fund.

Porch Club in 1896. Mrs. Grice and Mrs. Howard R. Shinn were the organizers. Mrs. Shinn was named president at that time. The Circle became affiliated with the New Jersey State Congress of Mothers soon after its 1900 formation.

The group reorganized as the Riverton Parent-Teacher Association on May 17, 1917 with the following officers: Mrs. George H. Smith, president; L. R. Turner, first vice president; Mrs. Walter L. Bowen, recording secretary; Miss Harriet Park, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Louis Norris, treasurer.

Mrs. Bowen later became president of the New Jersey State Congress.

Rush on Gas Stoves

For two or three weeks not a day has passed but the River Shore Gas Company has sold at least one gas range, to say nothing of the constant orders for piping for illuminating purposes.

Wednesday of this week was a record breaker — eight stoves were ordered. (April 27, 1900).



FUNERAL CORTEGE for Riverton Police Chief William Quigley, veteran of 28 years service, who died suddenly Jan. 10, 1931. State troopers and police from Riverton School lined the curb to pay their respect.

Palmyra PTA Began On January 30, 1917

The Palmyra Parent-Teacher Association organized with 48 members on Jan. 30, 1917, elected William McConnell as president.

Under the presidency of Mrs. E. R. Becton, 1918-20 the PTA worked for improvement of the school lunch facilities resulting in opening of a new lunch room on Nov. 13, 1919.

Dreamed Up a Well

Many years ago Abraham Lipincott, having dug numerous wells on his farm without finding water, dreamed one day while taking an afternoon nap, that to dig at a certain point in his yard water would be found. He dug and found a never failing supply of water at 17 feet. (New Era, Christmas, 1909.)

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Covenant United New Among Area Churches

Covenant United Presbyterian Church, 2618 New Albany rd., Cinnaminson, is a comparative newcomer to the religious life of the area.

The church was started in July, 1960 when the Presbyterian of Monmouth sent into Cinnaminson the Rev. Robert Kerr, Jr. At that time there were no members of the church. He proceeded to call upon families within the community and by February, 1961 the church was organized as The Covenant United Presbyterian Church.

The original officers were the following: Robert Ross, William Good, Harry Gerhard, Eugene Klein, Mrs. Frank Beaumont, Mrs. Sandy Scheller, Mrs. Richard Messick, Howard Bintliff, Charles Maurer, Martin Warren, Ellwood Wurrier.

Present officers are: Robert Herber, Earle Wiedner, Len Nelson, Eugene Klein, Morris Schmoll, William Darragh, Robert Ewart, Clifford Towbert, John Lawson, Mrs. Frederick Rozzane, Mrs. Ralph Stillwell, Mrs. Donald Beitel.

The present membership of the church is 406. It has a Sunday School enrollment of 384. Its present building was erected in October, 1963. Plans call for a church school addition within the near future.

Temple Sinai Is One Of 'Babies' in Area

In August of 1961, a small group of Cinnaminson Jewish residents met to discuss the formation of a conservative congregation to satisfy the spiritual needs of the ever increasing number of Jewish families in the area. Within a few months a plot of ground was purchased and the ground ultimately deeded to the newly named congregation, Temple Sinai. A concerted membership drive netted a membership of 100 families.

In the spring of 1962, Temple Sinai began officially to function as a religious institution as temporary quarters were obtained for Friday night services. That spring also ushered in the organization of a Sisterhood and a Men's Club, whose activities provided financial necessities of Temple Sinai.

In September, 1962, Temple Sinai officially began Hebrew and Sunday school classes in temporary facilities. A Parent-Teachers Association was formed and is guiding the educational instructions along the lines of accreditation standards set forth by the Bureau of Jewish Education of the Federation of Camden County.

On April 24, 1963, the present building on New Albany rd., south of Route 130 was dedicated.

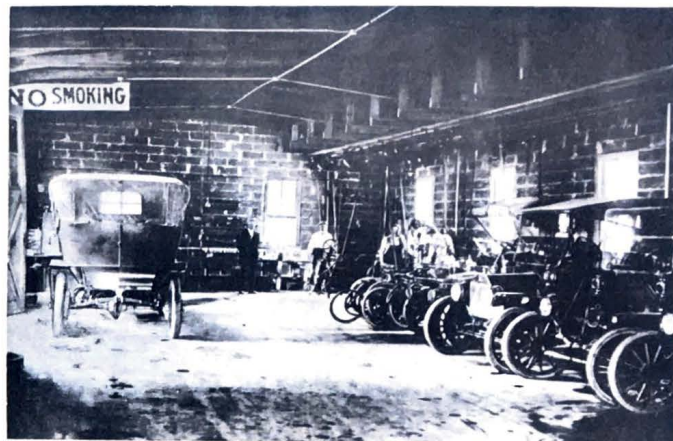
Now, almost about to begin its fourth year, Temple Sinai is a full fledged religious entity offering accredited Hebrew training and Sunday Schools, Sabbath and High Holy Days Services, organized youth activities, men's club and sisterhood groups, adult education, library facilities, and is the center of Jewish social activities.

TERRACE HILL

Robert F. Garwood and Mrs. S. L. West have had considerable grading and sodding done in front of their houses on East Main street, Riverton. Others along the line are to follow suit, which will make this part of the town very attractive. They have named that part of Main street Terrace Hill (April, 1900).

There were eighty-seven members of the 1931 Palmyra High School graduating class.

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Palmyra Moravian Followed 1457 Founding in Bohemia

By ALBERT H. FRANK

The Moravian Church, or Unitas Fratrum, is one of the oldest Protestant Churches, founded in Bohemia in 1457 by the followers of John Hus. The Unity enabled its members to maintain a living fellowship in Christ with the help of the Bible and hymns in their own tongue, a careful system of discipline and schools for the young.

The Moravian Church crossed the ocean in the middle 1700's and the settlement of Bethlehem, Pa. was founded by them in 1741. From this center the church spread throughout America.

The middle 19th century saw a great home mission program of the Moravian Church in America. One of the most active in this movement was Rev. Philip H. Gapp, who worked under the auspices of the Philadelphia Home Missionary Society in its annual report for 1852 Mr. Gapp wrote: "After my attention was drawn to Palmyra and

its neighborhood, I went there in September, 1852, for the first time...every other Sunday afternoon on a steamer and held meetings in their houses. In winter, when no steamer went, I went during the week on the railroad and held evening services." Rev. Gapp continued these meetings for 10 years, assisted by Reverends John Praeger and John F. Bayer.

The people soon saw that the farm house meetings were attracting so many that they had to look for a larger meeting place. A building committee was appointed consisting of George Frank, George Hintermeier, John Sperber and Rev. Gapp. Ground was purchased for a church building in 1860, half of which was set aside for a cemetery, and construction commenced in 1862. The building was not completed until the following year because of the Civil War. This building, costing \$1325.19, was consecrated May 17, 1863 by the St. Rev. Samuel Reiske. The congregation was formally organized on that day with 18 charter members.

The Rev. Gapp was drafted in August 1863 to serve in the Civil War, but the church paid \$300 to secure his release. He was ordained a Freshwater of the Moravian Church in May 1865 and in September married Anna Sperber, a member of the Palmyra congregation. He left in 1870 when he accepted the pastorate of the Egg Harbor Moravian Church.

The church grew slowly but steadily during the next 30 years. In 1870 at the close of Mr. Gapp's pastorate, there were 40 communicant members and in 1890 there were 55. A parsonage was erected in the 1890's and a separate board of trustees was established in 1888, consisting of George Frank, George Hintermeier, and John Sieble.

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The old church building proved too small and in 1902 a new building was erected. The cornerstone was laid on August 10, amidst a downpour of rain by the Rt. Rev. Edmund A. Oerter. The building was opened for worship on Nov. 23, and was paid for in April 1904 when the mortgage was burned.

The new and present church building was consecrated on May 29, 1904. The church bell was purchased and hung in March, 1905. The 50th anniversary of the congregation was observed in May 1913. One of the speakers for the occasion was Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Gapp, son of the founder of the congregation.

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ASBURY METHODIST Church as it stood on Rt. 130 from 1874 to 1963 when it was moved to Andover rd.

Westfield Friends Headed For 200th Anniversary

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endowment fund which started in 1794. Of the original committee members, both Samuel Shute and Samuel Lippincott bequeathed money to the school. The first effort to start a fund totaled 137 lbs. 15 shillings, equal to about \$689. Through the years, Friends have added to the endowment fund.

In evaluating Westfield, the trustees stand out as a symbol of the past and a link with the present and the future. The Copper Beeches are especially beautiful. These with the Norway Spruce, the Hemlocks and the other evergreens give a feeling of serenity and permanence. Many generations have enjoyed and admired them. According to the records, the trees on the north and east sides were planted by a group of young men who wished to replace those lost by fire when the Meeting House was burned in March, 1859. The date of the planting was April 13, 1861, the day that Sumter was fired upon.

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WESTFIELD FRIENDS Meeting House erected in 1859 to replace original structure destroyed by fire.

rooms and an auditorium were built onto the existing building. With the completion of the new Meeting House the pre-kindergarten group was located in the old Meeting House. Because of rising costs, Westfield Meeting has to assist in the maintenance of the school.

A few years ago an Annual Giving Campaign was started. It has proved to be of great help in maintaining the high standards of education. The results are most gratifying and the school committee deeply appreciates the cooperation and generosity of parents, alumni, students and friends.

This is only a brief summary but it would take documents of evidence to tell of the hours of work, study, dedication of teachers, loyalty of the committees and the devotion and assistance of the many people who have helped carry on through the 170 odd years of operation.

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Tradition

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St. Charles Borromeo Newcomer in Area's History

Sept. 28, 1961 marked the founding of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Cinna-minson. Prior to that date area Catholics attended mass and were educated in the parishes of Sacred Heart, Riverton, St. Peter's, Riverside, and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Moorestown.

Parts of these parishes became the new St. Charles Borromeo Parish, named after the patron saint of vocations in the hope that many vocations to the priesthood and the sisterhood would be forthcoming from the parish.

Rev. Francis V. McCusker was assigned as pastor and on Oct. 8, the first mass was held in the Cinna-minson School on Riverton rd. Trading stamps were collected to help Father McCusker furnish the rectory purchased at 2226 Riverton rd.

Ground was broken for the new church at Branch Pike and Purnell rd. Nov. 4, 1962. A massive fund-raising drive produced \$400,000 in pledges. Dedication and cornerstone laying ceremonies were held on Nov. 3, 1963 with Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael P. McCarriston, vicar general of the Trenton Diocese, presiding.

The new modern St. Charles

Borromeo building is a combination church, cafeteria and school 1964 staffed by Sisters of Mercy, with 16 classrooms. The school of Plainfield.

Borromeo building

Central Baptist Marks 80th Year in November

Central Baptist Church, of Riverton and Palmyra, known as the "friendly church with the chimneys" will celebrate its 80th anniversary in November.

The church organized on Nov. 4, 1885 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wilkinson, Riverton, under the guidance of Rev. S. C. Dare, Baptist missionary.

Worship services were first held in Riverton School with J. E. Sagebecker, a Crozier theological student, preaching for \$5 each Sunday.

In 1886 Joseph Morgan donated the east corner of Maple ave. and 5th st., Palmyra to the church. Construction was started on a new building where services were held in February, 1887. In July Rev. F. T. Firor was called as the first full-time pastor at a salary of \$706.

Despite financial difficulties during the early years the church was enlarged and remodeled for its 10th anniversary celebration. Ground was broken May 13, 1928 for a new church building costing \$89,000 and the old church was altered to provide Sunday School facilities. The new building was dedicated the week of March 17, 1929, a \$55,000 mortgage faced the congregation and the difficult Depression years lay ahead. The heavy debt was gradually reduced until the mortgage was burned on Nov. 21, 1948.

A \$25,000 parsonage was dedicated Feb. 14, 1954 when the former parsonage became the Sunday School annex.

The present pastor, Rev. Lloyd P. Frederick, came to the pulpit on Oct. 15, 1953 from Philadelphia. He is the 13th pastor to serve the church.



ORIGINAL Central Baptist Church, Maple ave., Palmyra, built in 1886. It was replaced with a more modern stone building in 1928.



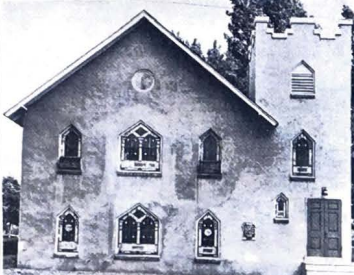
CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN Church and chapel as it appeared about 1900 prior to the corner of the present church at the corner of 4th and Lippincott ave., Riverton.



MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH dedicated in August, 1909 at Penn and 3rd sts., Riverton. Fire damaged the building about 30 years ago but it was soon rebuilt. The church was originally organized as the Mite Missionary Society in 1896.



SACRED HEART CHURCH, Riverton, dedicated July 6, 1879 by the Most Rev. M. A. Corrigan, archbishop of New York. Rev. Peter Jachetti was pastor at the time.



ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST Church erected in East Riverton in 1905 and rebuilt in 1921. Originally founded in 1869, the congregation first met in the home of Samuel Wade at Wrightsville. Later services were held in Morgan Hall and Joyce's Hall.

Local YMCA Formed In December, 1888

The YMCA of Palmyra and Riverton, forerunner of the Taylor Branch, YMCA, was launched at a meeting in Rudderow's Hall, Dec. 11, 1888. The first elected officers were D. A. MacCarroll, president; N. W. Wiseman, vice president and G. H. Wiggin, secretary.

The organization rented a small room for its activities and on March 11, 1889 appointed Roger McMullen, secretary, for four nights a week.

The YMCA purchased a building site in 1896, drew plans in October, 1900 and started construction in February, 1902.

The location association had its own secretary for many years and shortly after Secretary William E. Mount resigned in 1937 became affiliated with the Burlington County YMCA.

Palmyra Methodists Founded in 1853

Palmyra Methodist Church had its beginning on June 15, 1853 when the Methodist Episcopal congregation that had been meeting in private homes decided to construct a house of worship.

The first church building, later known as Society Hall, was dedicated in September, 1854 when there were only 12 homes in Palmyra. The congregation totaled 42.

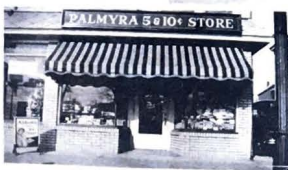
The present church at 5th st. and Morgan ave. was dedicated Sept. 3, 1893 while Rev. George H. Neal was pastor. An extensive addition to the church school was completed in 1914.

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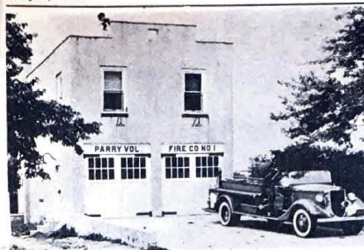
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PARRY VOLUNTEER Fire Company moved into this building in 1938. Organized in November, 1916 with 14 members the company built its first firehouse in the summer of 1917.

Covenant Lodge Launched By 18 Masons in 1887

In September 1887, steps were taken by residents of Palmyra and Riverton, to constitute a Masonic Lodge in Palmyra, later chartered as Covenant Lodge, No. 161, F. & A. M. of Palmyra.

The organizers included: Edward H. Pancoast, Thomas J. McGinley, Ogden H. Mattis, Louis Corner, George W. Brown, Joseph L. Thomas, William H. Faunce, Harrison B. Hall, Jacob D. Eisele, Joseph M. Roberts, John S. Scheidell, Joel Horner, Jr., William F. May, Charles E. Price, W. W. Austin, M. M. Reese, John A. Mack, and E. W. Stager.

Most of these were affiliated with Merchantville Lodge, No. 119, which had jurisdiction over Palmyra and Riverton at that time.

After many conferences, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for New Jersey granted a charter on Jan. 27, 1888. Plans were immediately made for an evening of constitution, and on Feb. 24, Most Worshipful Robert M. Moore, Grand Master of Masons, and other Grand Officers constituted Covenant Lodge and installed its elected and appointed officers for 1888, who were:

Edward H. Pancoast, worshipful master; Joseph M. Roberts, senior warden; Thomas J. McGinley, junior warden; John T. Scheidell, treasurer; Ogden H. Mattis, secretary; Joel Horner, Jr., senior deacon; Louis Corner, junior deacon; William F. May, senior master of ceremonies; George W. Brown, junior master of ceremonies; Charles E. Price, senior steward; Joseph L. Thomas, junior steward; William H. Faunce, chaplain; W. W. Austin, tyler; M. M. Reese, organist.

Throughout the years, the lodge has progressed, growing in both size and stature, and the present membership approaches 400.

For the first 60 years the lodge functioned as usual, holding regular and emergent communications in the P. O. S. of A. Hall, previously called Morgan's Hall, located at the corner of Cinnamin-

son ave. and Broad st. in Palmyra.

The past 15 years have brought many physical changes, one of the most important being the building of the present temple. On Dec. 3, 1948, James E. Brown presented a motion that a temple be constructed. A committee was appointed to consider various locations, and after selection by the lodge, the lot at Highland and Cleveland aves. was purchased from Mrs. William Purnell. Shortly after, the Tri-Boro Masonic Association was formed to raise funds for the construction, operation and maintenance of the temple. In the next few years, various amounts were accumulated through talent shows, sale of bricks and donations. Ground breaking ceremonies took place on Saturday, March 26, 1955.

Cornerstone laying ceremonies were held Aug. 11, 1956, with J. Herman Eschery, Grand Master of Masons, officiating. Following the ceremony, residents of the tri-boros were invited to tour the building.

The good fortunes of the lodge continued, and on Feb. 5, 1960, the mortgage on the temple was burned, with William Davies, Grand Master of Masons, and his staff, in attendance.

Covenant Lodge has progressed steadily over the past 77 years, with capable leadership guiding its way.

Its present officers for 1965 are: Frank W. Grassie, worshipful master; John A. Rodgers, senior warden; Francis R. Mitchell, junior warden; A. James Reeves, P.M., treasurer; Clifton L. Prickett, secretary; Russell E. Mitchell, senior deacon; Edward Y. Smith, Jr., junior deacon.

George H. Conover, Jr., senior master of ceremonies; Lewis H. Shelly, junior master of ceremonies; Thomas S. Campbell, senior steward; Robert A. Willingmyre, junior steward; Harold P. Davis, chaplain; Thomas S. Courteney, Jr., marshal; Hedley Williams tyler; Donald C. Exley, organist; and Clifton L. Prickett, historian.

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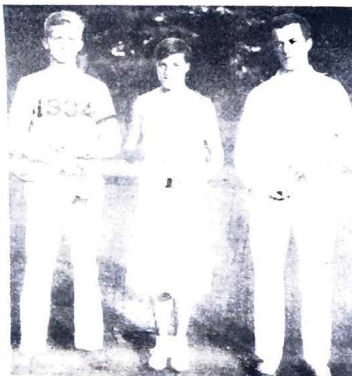
Old Time Sports



BASEBALL GREATS Russell "Lena" Blackburne, center, coach of the Philadelphia Athletics for many years, is flanked by Len Baker and Pat Steedle during an exhibition baseball game at Riverton in the early 1930s.



CHAMPIONSHIP Palmyra Field Club baseball team that won the Philadelphia League crown in 1910 and 1911. Left to right, front row, Ed King, Andy Pfaff, 2nd row, Jack Barry, Francis Durgin, George Boehme, Herb Kemmerle, unidentified; back row, Frank Durgin, Harvey Bell, Harry Kemmerle, Paul Keil, Frank Gerkins, Jack King.



1931 TENNIS CHAMPS—John Fuller, Ella Bussell and Vincent Hackett. 1. to r., are pictured after winning silver cups in a tennis tournament sponsored by Riverton merchants at Memorial Park, September, 1931.



RIVERTON BASEBALL CLUB in operation from 1930 to 1934. L. to r., back row, Schneider, Lockwitz, S. Gooter, I. Perkins, C. Terrill, B. G. Cook, manager, 2nd row, S. Botteger, J. Reeves, L. Sloan, H. Gowen, Jack Smith, front, L. Cole, B. Hutchinson, J. Broderson, J. Bartley and H. Hemphill.



DICK LIPPINCOTT Riverton golfer scored an upset when he won the South Jersey Amateur Golfers Tournament in a field of 100 contestants at Tavistock in August, 1931.

PAL Gridders Rack Up Distinguished Record

The Palmyra PAL football teams have won many championships and been undefeated in five seasons of their 10 year existence.

The first PAL grid squad was started in 1955 by Thomas Strank, borough hall custodian, with the help of Tom Lane, Osa Meekins, Russell Rivers and others. They sold pens, pencils and cigaret lighters to buy a franchise and outfit the team.

The first team never won a game in the 1955 season but they were undefeated the next year. The PALs now have two teams with 72 players — a 120 lb. team for boys 13 to 15 years old and a younger 100 lb. team started in 1961.

The 100 pounders won the 1962 and 1963 league championships. The 120 lb. squad has garnered seven league crowns and was undefeated and untied in 1956, 1959, 1959, 1960 and 1961. In the 1964 season they won 9 games and lost one.

The PALs have their own clubhouse in the old Palmyra firehouse. They are supported by a father's organization, a Mother's Auxiliary and since 1960 have had their own cheerleaders.



EARLY LADY GOLFERS who became champs in the early days of the Riverton Country Club. The team captured the only cup at the Philadelphia Inter-Club Matches that year. L. to r. Miss Elsie Biddle, Anna Frishmuth, Mary Frishmuth, Mrs. Benjamin Reath, and Miss Florence Ayers.



PALMYRA FIELD CLUB football team of 1909 included: Miller, 2nd row, Herb Kemmerle, Elias Morgan, Mar-Cliff Cooper, Ev Wiggins, George Durgin, Les Reeves and John Fry. Organized in 1903 the club also sponsored baseball and basketball teams. Date of its demise is not known.

Zurbrugg Memorial Has Served Area For Half Century

Zurbrugg Memorial Hospital, Riverside, has been serving the medical needs of riverfront residents for 50 years.

Zurbrugg came into being as a gift from an endowment by Theophilus J. Zurbrugg, the Swiss-born industrialist who established the famed watch case factory in Riverside, in gratitude to the community.

The hospital opened its doors on Feb. 12, 1915 in the former Zurbrugg residence at Taylor and Franklin sts.

Zurbrugg opened with 12 beds, five bassinets, a combination operating and delivery room, a medical staff of four local physicians, four consultants and two nurses. A new main hospital building



ZURBRUGG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL as it appeared at its opening Feb. 12, 1915 in the former home of Theophilus J. Zurbrugg.

was opened in 1935 and a dietary wing completed in 1962. Nurses were housed in the original hospital building until they moved into new quarters in 1937 and the old building was demolished.

Today Zurbrugg has 112 beds; medical staff of 47 and six consultants; 55 full-time and 20 part-time nurses, plus 61 other employees.

Mrs. Florence G. Wagner, administrator since 1937, came to Zurbrugg as a registered nurse in 1927.

The present Palmyra post office was opened on May 1, 1931.

Police Injured in 1922 Gun Battle

Palmyra Police Chief C. Morris Beck was shot through the shoulder and Policeman Joseph Rodgers seriously injured by four gunmen at 3 a.m. on Feb. 17, 1922. The officers, on an auto patrol, became suspicious of a car near Broad st. and Morgan ave. As they approached to investigate the officers were fired on without warning and were injured in the first volley.

Although injured, Chief Beck took Officer Rodgers to a physician immediately. Rodgers was shot through the lung and recovered after a long period in a hospital. He later became chief. Two of the gunmen were later apprehended, but were acquitted following a jury trial.

Bad Fire in 1919 Destroyed 2 Homes

The worst fire in Palmyra since 1886 occurred on Monday, Jan. 19, 1919 when three houses were entirely destroyed and three other buildings badly destroyed in a spectacular blaze that was fanned by high winds.

According to the New Era account of the fire, firemen from Riverside, Camden and Burlington assisted the Palmyra and Riverton companies in battling the flames.

The homes of Mrs. R. J. Stackhouse and Thomas McCrosson at 5th and Cinnaminson aye, and the Lewis Bowker residence on the opposite corner were a total loss. The home of J. P. Cline, 4th and Garfield, and two barns on Garfield ave. were badly damaged.

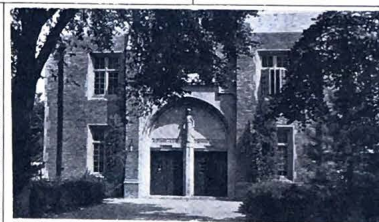
Local Populations

Year	CINNAMINSON	Population
1900	1,078
1910	1,266
1920	1,587
1930	2,227
1950	3,144
1960	8,802

Year	PALMYRA	Population
1900	2,300
1910	2,801
1920	3,834
1930	4,968
1950	5,802
1960	7,036

Year	RIVERTON	Population
1900	1,332
1910	1,748
1920	2,341
1930	2,483
1950	2,761
1960	3,324

The Palmyra pumper was purchased during the fall of 1923 at a cost of \$12,500.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL became a reality with dedication exercises on Sept. 13, 1931. The Linden ave., Riverton structure contained six classrooms, offices and auditorium at that time. Enrollment was 150. Cost of the original school and the convent was \$100,000.



CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, Riverton, began services in this building on Thomas ave. in 1914. Dedication services were held after the mortgage was paid off in 1919.

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