



UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Old Newspaper Treasures

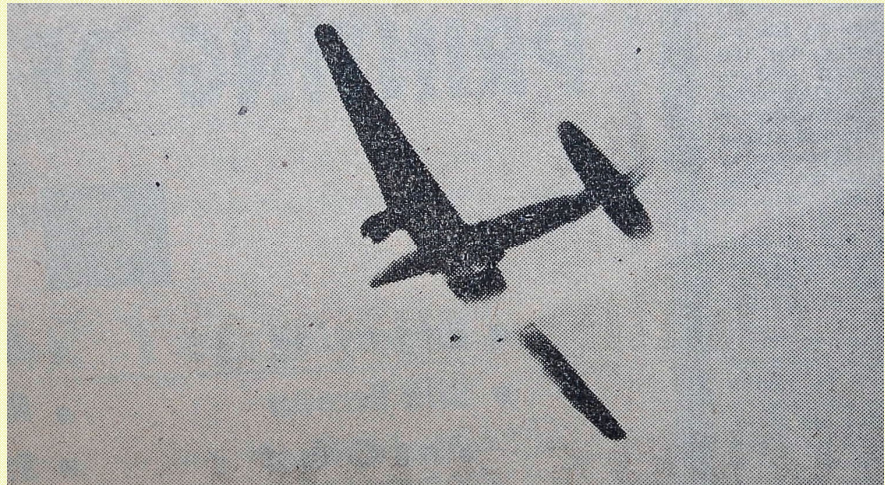
Recently we were presented with some newspapers of many years ago, including a 175 anniversary edition of the Elizabeth Daily Journal. The paper was folded, and the outer layers were yellowed with age and very delicate.

However, it contained a wealth of information on its pages, and the question was how to add that information into our computer. Scanning or photocopying might work, but would have involved too much folding of the fragile paper.

It was decided to spread each page flat on our desk and with a camera photograph each desired item of interest. In the slightly-darkened room the camera flash would provide the color-corrected shadow-less light needed for this project.

Using a tripod, the camera was placed above the desk, and each item was carefully positioned beneath it, and the exposure was made. After quite a number of shots were made, a cable was used to connect the camera to the computer and the shots were imported. The results were very satisfactory and the images can be cropped, copied, filed, or printed for future use.

At another session a copy stand was made available, and used in place of the tripod. Its use made the work easier, and many more copies were made.



Although admitting that there had been other news through the years, the Journal proclaimed that the story of the three airplane crashes in Elizabeth in 1951/52 was the biggest news in the paper since the Revolution. In 1954 its special edition included a complete report with pictures about the tragedies that took 119 lives and closed Newark Airport for several months.

Among the items copied was an account of the wedding in 1778 of Elisha Boudinot to "Caty" Smith, the daughter of William Peartree Smith.

The wedding took place in what is now known as the Belcher-Ogden Mansion, and among the guests were George Washington, Marquis de Lafayette, Alexander Hamilton, Gen. Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Aaron Burr, Rev. and Mrs. James Caldwell, and Gov. William Livingston.

There was also the story of the traveling school bell, that once hung in the schoolhouse

at North Broad Street and Salem Avenue.

When the school was torn down the bell was given to a fire company, and later to the Old Barracks in Trenton. It was returned to Elizabeth in 1916 and to the Women's Club of Carteret Arms. When that building was razed in 1941, the bell went to Battin High School, and from there in 1950 to the new Third-Westminster Church, where it hangs today, not far from its original site.

The advertising and prices were also very interesting.

Don't Miss the Great Sale of Beds and Bedding

<p>Get Suggestions or Orders by Easter</p> <p>Buy now, we advise the public from miles around to visit our second floor garment store. There you will find the latest in fashion, styles, colors, and prices. We have a complete stock of men's, women's, and children's clothing. We have a complete stock of men's, women's, and children's clothing. We have a complete stock of men's, women's, and children's clothing.</p>	<p>Applies to:</p> <p>Men's Women's Children's</p>	<p>Goerke-Kirch Co.</p> <p>100 Broad and West Jersey Streets—Telephone "Elizabeth 2100"</p>	<p>Save</p> <p>10% on all orders</p>	<p>Valid</p> <p>until April 1st</p>
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Try the Big Elizabeth Store for New Easter

With all offers and hints to establish a reputation for value giving on the eve of our first Easter here, we advise the public from miles around to visit our second floor garment store. There you will find the latest in fashion, styles, colors, and prices. We have a complete stock of men's, women's, and children's clothing. We have a complete stock of men's, women's, and children's clothing. We have a complete stock of men's, women's, and children's clothing.

SMART EASTER SUITS
At 14.95
Regular 20.00 Values

When browsing these beautiful suits as well as tailorable new suits, think well of the fact that every one of these garments are carefully selected from many different spring models, so as to insure superior value in every way, that embody the very latest fashions and combine styles in an extraordinary pleasing right before your eyes.

Beautiful Spring Suits at 26.00
Usual Value 35.00

Made of the latest styles in both men's and women's suits, each suit is different from the others; reproduction of the styles of many of our beautiful suits and every one of them is made with guaranteed good fabric.

Highest Class Tailored Suits
At 30.00, 32.50, 35.00 and 40.00

In a happy spirit of the latest Paris fashions of styles in every style, elegant, stylish, simple, fine, smart and black and white—produced by New York's best tailors; the entire collection of men's suits, styles, colors, and fabrics, both modern, smart and long sleeved, some are beautifully draped, others plain, from a selection of tailors, silk and wool.

Dainty Easter Dresses
Of Beautiful China Crepe
Beautiful creations which spring like an angel from the store. On the eve of Easter, it is worthy of note that they were carefully selected from every model and are: **15.00**

Exquisite Dresses of Rich Crepe de Chine and Crepe Meteor
A host of charming new and distinctive designs especially prepared for our present. The new spring dresses are all imported. The models are truly beautiful, showing all the new draped effects, elegant and **25.00**

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The new spring dresses are all imported. The models are truly beautiful, showing all the new draped effects, elegant and 25.00

Try Goerke-Kirch Company for Rich Easter Waists
You may travel a long distance and we doubt whether you will find a more charming or handsome collection of waists than this which gives you the most of your wardrobe. Whether you pay \$5 or \$15 or \$20, you have our guarantee because the way we will obtain more style and real

Sub Built in City Was Pioneer

The U. S. Navy's first submarine was built in the old Crescent shipyards at the foot of Franklin St., now the site of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation warehouse. Launched in November, 1896, with Mrs. Lee Gwyn Lawrence as the sponsor, the craft underwent its first dock test in February, 1898. Its first official run was conducted March 17, 1898, in waters off Sewaren.

The vessel was named the Holland, in honor of its inventor, John P. Holland, an Irish immigrant and former school teacher, who died in 1914. Although Holland had built other submersibles previously elsewhere, the submarine constructed here was generally regarded as the first practical vessel of its kind.

The Holland, forerunner of the Nation's undersea fleet, was fifty-three feet long, shaped in the form of a cigar and displaced seventy-four tons when submerged. It had only one tube from which to fire its three torpedoes.

Purchased by the Navy April 11, 1900, for \$150,000, it was taken on a 166-mile cruise and later was used for several years for testing and as a training vessel for Navy personnel. Finally stricken from the Navy list of ships in 1910, it was sold in 1915 to a Philadelphia junk firm for \$1,007.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Society will be September 11, 2016, at the Hanson House at 2: pm. This will be our annual picnic meeting, where any necessary business will be conducted as quickly as will be possible, including the presentation of a slate of officers for the annual election at the October 2, 2016 meeting, and then it is PARTY TIME!

The Society will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers and soda, and the members are asked to bring additional food of a picnic nature.

The picnic will be held, rain or shine, moving indoors if necessary, so come on out and enjoy a good time with friends and neighbors.

Annual Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the Executive Board was held on August 21, in the Hanson House where plans were made for the coming year of 2017. A slate of officers was prepared,

showing very little change from the present members. Details of the picnic were finalized, with a hope for good weather.

Pictures From Our Files

Here we have a "bird's eye view" of the Elizabeth waterfront of about 1880 as drawn by an artist. The view is what a high-flying bird might see if it were over Staten Island and looking west. Drawings of this type were quite popular before the invention of half-tone screening allowed printers to reproduce actual photographs in newspapers and books.



It is unknown how this view was conceived by the artist, but it is possible that he had access to an actual aerial photograph taken from a balloon. Tethered balloons were used in the Civil War by armies to see what the other army was doing, and it would have been possible to take a camera aloft, even though photography was in its infancy..

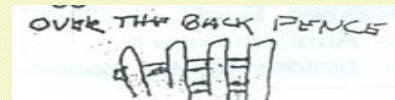
Without an aerial picture to work from, an artist would have to visit the area from the ground that he wished to draw and then use his imagination to draw that area as might be seen from above.

This drawing is amazingly

detailed, with the coal docks of the Central Railroad in the center. Nearby to the north are the many buildings of the Singer Company, and even the Newark Branch of the railroad.

In the foreground are a couple of paddle-wheeled steamboats, probably ferries to and from Manhattan. There are a couple of wind-driven sailboats moving in the water, and some larger ships at the coal docks. Near the left of the picture, at the water's edge, is the club-house of the Alcyon Boat Club, at the end of East Jersey Street. It was from this club house in 1889, that President

Benjamin Harrison departed, re-enacting the inaugural journey in 1789 of George Washington to New York City to be sworn in as the first President of the United States.



Our president, Charles Shallcross, did a great job manning our exhibit July 8 at the Alexander Hamilton Fair at the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth.

Our office work was interrupted recently when Barbara Sokol won the "Citizens' Lottery". She was awarded jury duty.