



Horse & Plow

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Clerk's Corner

The recent economic environment has created a great deal of concern for individuals and businesses in Salem County. The office of County Clerk has experienced a decrease in recordation of land documents as a result of the serious decline in property sales, mortgages and other business transactions.

However, the County Clerk's Office continues to provide Salem County government and the State of New Jersey with a substantial source of revenue each budget year. We are pleased to report that from 2000-2008, the County of Salem received \$7.55 million for budgetary use. For the same period, the State of New Jersey received \$7.4 million for budgetary use and \$2.2 million for PARIS funding.

In addition, we have initiated several special tributes for Veterans, Mothers, Fathers and Good Samaritan as well as the informative and interesting County Clerk webpage: www.salemcountyclerk.org. We invite you to check it out. Enjoy summer 2009!

Gilda T. Gill
Salem County Clerk

Goose Goslin: Hero of Salem

Salem has always had temperate summers, situated in South Jersey where the weather is usually warm in the summer without being too oppressive. The winters are equally mild. An occasional snow storm is a welcome change of pace, but shoveling out the car in the morning is not usually the habit of most residents.

Salem has had many summer activities including each of the municipalities "Days" where town members congregate and peruse the miscellaneous wares for sale.

Arts and Crafts and different pieces of Americana are just a few examples of the creativity of the people of Salem County.

Salem has also had its touch of sports fame as well. Hall of Fame outfielder Goose Goslin

was born and raised in Salem County.

Leon "Goose" Goslin was born in Salem City at the turn of the century. He played with the leagues in the area and left home at the age of 16 to play minor league ball in South Carolina.

Goose, as he was nicknamed because of his protruding nose and a tendency to flap his arms while running after a fly ball, was later tapped for service on the Washington Senators. He played his first major league season in 1921, second string toward the end of the season.

The following year, 1922, he was a starter for

the Senators. Two years later, the Senators were in the world series. It was front page news in Salem when the local Salem boy Goose Goslin, along with the Senators, brought home the victory. They had defeated the rival New York Giants in seven games.

Goose was all over the newspapers in the following years.

As one NY reporter wrote "It seems that the 'Goose' did not like John Fenwicke (sic) grabbing all the publicity for Salem, so he has stepped into the limelight to show



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FINNS POINT RANGE, PENNSVILLE NEW JERSEY

The Lighthouse

Soon after the 1638 landing of Finnish Colonists near the present site of Wilmington, small groups of settlers crossed over to the east bank of the Delaware River, where the land was thought to be more fertile, and established farms. One group selected land near the sweeping turn in the Delaware River, and this area remains known to this day as Finns Point. In 1875, \$55,000 was set apart for two pairs of range lights

to help vessels transition from the Delaware Bay into the Delaware River. The Port Penn Range, Located in Delaware would guide traffic along the shipping channel from Ship John Shoal to Reedy Island, while the Finns Point Range would help vessels continue up the river, passing between Reedy Island and Baker Shoal. The front light was located near the banks of the Delaware River and was displayed from



a frank dwelling that was one and one half stories high. The illuminating apparatus was manufactured by Barbier & Fenestre in Paris. A weight suspended from the lantern room, powered an eclipser that raised & lowered a cylindrical shade around the light to produce two seconds of light followed by one second of darkness.

Goose Goslin

the world what the present generation can do."

Dinners were held in his honor, and local merchants used his image to peddle everything from shoes to medicinal tonics.

Goose would play for the Senators for a total of 11 years. He wore a few jerseys throughout his career. After



a disappointing season his was traded to the St. Louis Browns, then back to the Senators two years later to bring the Senators back to the World Series. After one season Goose was getting too expensive and he was traded away again, this time to the Detroit Tigers. There he helped bring the team to two straight World Series appearances. Goose stayed with the Tigers for two more years and finally ended his career back with the Senators. Goose finally retired in 1939 to manage the Trenton Senators.

Goose holds the record for most career home runs at Yankee Stadium, with 32.

Goose was inducted into the hall of fame in 1968. Of the honor he said "I have been lucky, I want to thank God, who gave me the health and strength to compete with these great players. I will never forget this. I will take this to my grave."

Leon "Goose" Goslin, favorite son of Salem, died in 1970. He is interred in the Baptist Cemetery in Salem. In 1999, he ranked Number 89 on The Sporting News list of Baseball's Greatest Players, and was nominated as a finalist for the Major League Baseball All-Century Team.

Summer in the Nines

June 1899 — The paperclip is patented by Johan Vaaler, a Norwegian inventor.

July 1919 — Two-Cent Postage, first class mail price reduction

August 1919 — Salem County Memorial Hospital has dedication ceremonies.

August 1939 — \$2000 spent on expert surgery for Old Salem Oak.

August 1959 — Ground Broken for Pennsville Shopping Center

July 1959 — With the admission of Alaska as the 49th U.S. state earlier in the year, the 49-star flag of the United States debuts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

August 1959 — President Eisenhower signs an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th State of the union

August 7 1959 — Explorer 6 a small, spherical satellite designed to study trapped radiation of various energies, galactic cosmic rays, geomagnetism, radio propagation in the upper atmosphere, and the flux of micrometeorites, launches.

August 14 1959 — Explorer 6 transmitted the first pictures of Earth from orbit. With a camera designed for photographing the Earth's cloud cover.

Wrecked by Sparrow

-Salem Sunbeam 6/23/1911

In Asbury Park last Monday a man was injured, his horse tossed in the air and carriage wrecked when his rig was struck by an automobile. The autoist said a sparrow flying across the road striking him in the eye blinded him so he could not see the wagon. The accident shows the danger of allowing sparrows to fly so fast in the city limits.



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Postal Service sends mail via Missile

June 8 1959— The USS Barbero and United States Postal Service attempt the delivery of mail via Missile Mail. The first successful delivery of mail by a rocket in the United States was made on 23 February 1936, when two rockets that were launched from the New Jersey shore and landed on the New York Shore of Greenwood Lake, some 300 meters away. Upon witnessing the missile's landing, Summerfield stated, "This peacetime employment of a guided missile for the important and practical purpose of carrying mail, is the first known official use of missiles by any Post Office Department of any nation."