

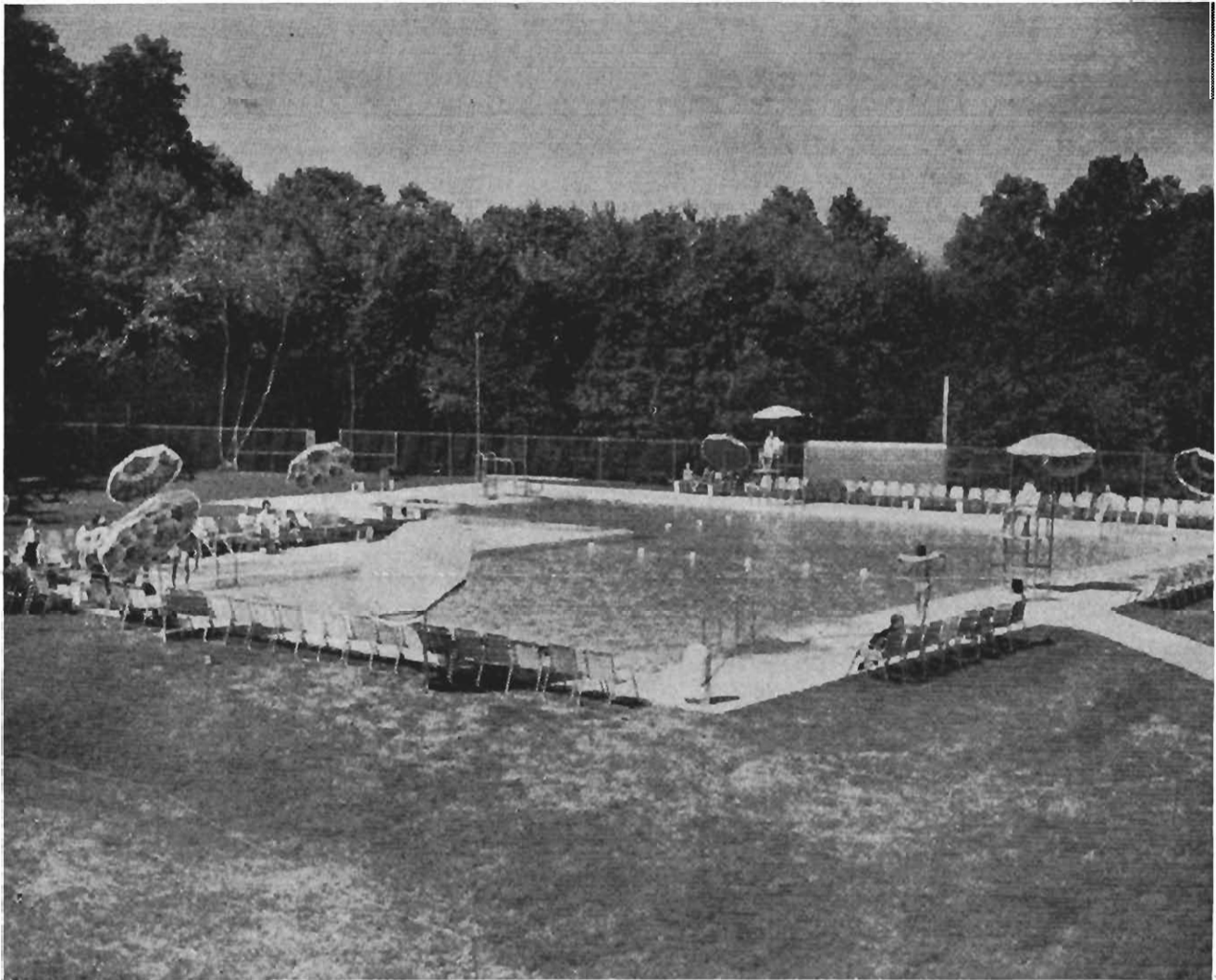
# THE BECA NEWS

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## COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL??



### Your Cooperation Can Make This Come True

Since the first discussion of a community swimming pool, some two months ago, a definite advancement has been made in the right direction to formulate a plan on how the Bossert Civic Association could organize and arrange for the construction of a community pool. A large amount of interest by the residents of Bossert was shown at the recent Civic Association meeting, June 2, 1960, at Peter Muschal School, with the forming of a Pool Committee of interested persons. Named on the committee were the following residents of Bossert: Marcus A. Gutterson, chairman; Mrs. K. Koelher, Thomas Mulcahy, Vince Szemis, LeRoy Church and Jack Van Arsdale.

The first committee meeting was called for June 3, where it was unanimously agreed that there was sufficient interest within the community to proceed with

the work of laying out the ground work for the community pool.

It was decided that the type pool needed to accommodate approximately 300 families would be the Standard Olympic Pool with an "L" shape. The size would be  $42\frac{1}{2}$  ft. by  $82\frac{1}{2}$  ft. with the "L" 30 ft. by 45 ft. There would also be a kiddie pool completely separate from the main pool, 15 ft. by 15 ft., completely fenced in.

Some reasons why this type of pool was chosen were:

- a. The diving area would be isolated from the regular pool for safety reasons.
- b. The total shallow area of the main pool is thus increased to cater to the children for the purposes of swimming.

The property to build the pool on would be requested from the Township Committee once the pool's legal and financial commitments are worked out. The land under discussion by the committee from

the Association is the land which was set aside by Bossert for the purpose of recreation. This property however has been turned over to the Township. This area, which is located on each side of the sewer filtering plant, is large enough for the swimming pool, picnic area, playground and we hope sometime in the near future a Community House.

This 10 acres of land was turned over to the Township because the Civic Association refused to take it over when it was offered to them a few years back. The reasons are many why the Association refused the property at the time and some of them are:

- a. The upkeep of the property.
- b. Taxes which would have to be paid.
- c. Insurance to cover against any sort of accident.

It is now hoped that the Township would decide in favor of deeding the requested property over to the Civic Association now that it is willing to assume

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**SWIMMING POOL**

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the task of improving the property and making it a better place for the Bossert Estates residents.

A second Civic Association Pool Committee met on June 10 and arrangements were started to find out the requirements needed to acquire a bank loan, LeRoy Church, chairman of the Financial Committee; Mrs. K. Koelher, chairman of the Pool Bids Committee, contacted pool builders for estimates on the construction of the pool that the committee selected. An operational committee was formed to organize the operational expenses with Jack Van Arsdale named chairman. Thomas Mulchay was named as By-Laws Committee head to arrange the rules and regulations of the pool.

A plan is being formed by the committee to sell the memberships to residents of Bossert, for \$50 per family for each year. The pool project is only going to be possible if the residents will back the interest that they have created. The work being done by the committee is being done with the idea that the financial arrangements will fit in with each family's budget or it would never have come this far. Each member of the committee is working with this in mind and also being aware that the reason why a pool has not worked before, is because of the amount of money, which was asked of each family to initially put up.

As we progress, with the plans, you will be kept informed and anyone desiring to voice an opinion is invited to do so.

**BECA Picnic**

The annual BECA picnic that is eagerly looked forward to by both children and adults will be held on September 18th at Gilder Field. Vincent Stolowski has been named chairman, and assisting him with the plans for the affair are George Hanuschik and Brad Casey. They are busy planning a wonderful day for the entire family. So circle the date on your calendar and be with us.

The committee is planning to have the tickets out and circulating during the month of August. More details will be given in another issue of the BECA News.

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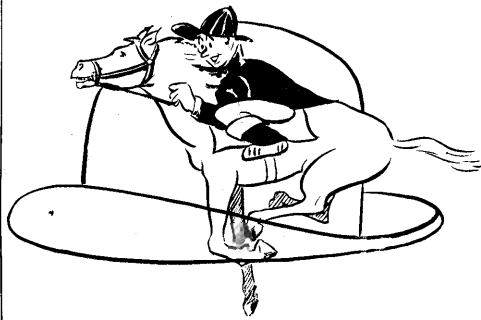
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This September the Burlington County Fire Association will conduct a Fire School. More details will be furnished at a later date. All members will have an opportunity to attend this very informative session. An increase in membership is hoped for, and anyone desiring to join can contact the president or even pick up an application from the men on the Sunday of the paper drive. The dues are \$3.00 a year and meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at the Mission Fire House at 8 p.m. During July and August there will be only one meeting each month. The dates are July 11th and August 1st.

Plans are being formulated whereby a list of contributors to the fund drive will be published. Only initials and amounts will be shown on the list.

Do try and make the next meetings and bring along a friend, won't you?

**Bossert Ladies Group**

The regular meeting of the Bossert Ladies was held in the Peter Muschal School on June 7th at 8:30 p.m. After a short business meeting the attraction of the evening was Mrs. Shirley Sender, of Bordentown Township.

Mrs. Sender kept the girls entertained with "Keep Talking," with audience participation. Nursery rhymes were passed out for the girls to read which kept everyone participating. To top the evening off Mrs. Sender taught the girls to do the "Cha Cha". With such a teacher as Mrs. Sender and her outstanding personality and versatility the girls were provided with an evening they'll never forget.

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## Community Baby Sitting Program

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### Basic Rules:

Here are basic rules to follow to prevent fire from destroying your home:

1. Never smoke in bed. You might fall asleep, drop your cigarette. Toxic gases from the fire that might result could render you unconscious before the heat awakened you.

2. Don't string electric extension cords around a room. Never run cords over nails where they will wear, causing short circuits, possible fire.

3. Do not use lighted matches to search dark closets. Use a flashlight.

4. In the bedroom, place portable heaters where they cannot be tipped easily, tripped over, or overturned. Never carry an oil heater while it is lighted. Set heaters level out of the line of traffic, and away from combustibles such as curtains, bedding, etc.

5. If you use a portable oil or gas heater, be sure there is fresh air in the room and turn it off before going to bed. Many people are suffocated every year because they use unvented oil or gas heaters in tightly-closed rooms.

Innumerable fires start or spread through fabric floor coverings or flammable flooring. The Construction Research Bureau national clearing house for building information reports that home builders always concerned with safety considerations have widely recommended asphalt tile and vinyl asbestos tile such as Kentile. It is highly fire resistant and has been known to retard flames for considerable periods, preventing rapid spread of fire from floor to floor.

Where fires have burned through wooden joists and sub floors over which Kentile was installed, the fire-resistant properties of the tile, including asbestos, kept flames from bursting through into the rooms above, thus allowing firemen time to extinguish the blaze with minimum damage.

In the case of asphalt tile floors, the carelessly dropped cigarette is not a threat. The cigarette will merely smolder and go out.

Remember, fire prevention is everybody's business—and not just the fire department's.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of hindsight, and the best way to achieve fire safety is to keep fires from happening.

Follow the basic rules of safety and your home is well on the way to being fire safe.

sitting problem." With what pride and joy did we welcome our youngsters into this world, and how quickly followed the problem of a necessity to leave them once in a while, and furthermore to leave them in competent hands. For us young mothers, whether we have one, or four, or even little ones, we have been forced too often into splitting the family into shifts for attending Sunday worship, or trailing Dad and the babies along to go shopping on a crowded Friday evening, or disconsolately turning down Lucy's invitation to play bridge on a weekday afternoon. Maybe we've had to give up the idea of going out to dinner with hubby on our anniversary or the chance to spend the day in New York with old friends, or even the more harrowing experience of simply not being able to get to Uncle Joe's funeral or visit Mary Jane in the hospital, all this for two basic reasons.

Primarily, even though we might have the \$5.00 for the baby sitter, we are still reluctant to go away and leave the children with an unfamiliar stranger, who in the event of an emergency might not prove to be reliable.

Secondly, there are the never ending financial aspects of the matter. Just recently one of our neighbors mentioned to me that she has a monthly baby sitting budget of \$25.00. It is needless to point out to what better advantages that \$25.00 could be used, if the baby sitting cost could be eliminated.

The Community Baby Sitting Program has therefore been hailed in many an area such as ours. It is simple and has numerous advantages. A group of interested families is formed. In order to get it started the mothers usually plan to meet at one house for an evening, to set the rules for the group. (Dads are welcome, too since they are expected to participate in the program.) The names of all the members are entered into a small notebook, and each member will take a turn at keeping the book for a month, during which time she will be responsible for making the necessary baby sitting arrangements. Every member of the group is entitled to a certain number of baby sitting hours, which must be repaid, with reasonable consideration of what is convenient to each individual.

This program could work here in Bostert. It would be a tremendous advantage to us all, broadening our scope, helping us to make friends with each other and above all relieving us of a costly and sometimes upsetting problem. Anyone interested in forming such a group, please call AX 8-1517. If we can get enough names we'll get started!

Until such time as a Community Baby Sitting Program can be set up, here are a few available names of interested baby sitters. They are to be contacted direct for any arrangements you care to make.

Barbara Koehler, 13 Shady Lane—AX 8-2788.

Mary Flynn, 34 Hinkle Drive—AX 8-2915.

All those wishing to have their names, addresses and telephone numbers published in the BECA News as being available for baby sitters please contact or leave a message at the editor's home.

## Guard Children Against Sunburn

Hot and humid days are here, it's time to beg'n that suntan, time to soak up fresh air and sunshine, but watch out! Danger lurks in that pleasantly warm summer sunshine. Don't get too much too fast. A severe case of sunburn is a dangerous illness, as dangerous as a bad burn from a fire. Don't let it happen to you or any of your children.

Bear in mind these facts:

1. The younger the child, the thinner the skin and the quicker he burns.

2. Blond people have less natural pigment in the skin than brunettes, therefore burn more quickly than darker skinned people.

3. On any day in the year the sun's rays are strongest in the middle of the day.

4. The strength of the sun's rays is strongest when the days are longest. Many people think that the hotter the day the quicker you get sunburned. This is not true. June 21 is the longest day in the year and this is the day the sun's rays are most vertical and burn the quickest. The sun's rays become more oblique as we move away from June 21 and on December 21 the sun's rays are their weakest. May sunshine has about the burning power of the July sun and August sun is no stronger than April sun.

### Take It Easy

This means that as the days warm up in May and you want to get out into the sunshine you are exposing yourself to sun that is almost at its strongest. Since skins are apt to be winter white in May you must be very careful of your first exposures.

If you have a blond baby under 1 year of age, don't give him sun baths between 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. from May 1 to August 1. Keep him in the shade during this time and let him get his sun early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

For an older child, begin with five-minute exposure and gradually increase the time in the sun. Insist on his being covered up after the five minutes. And time it with a watch, don't guess. Examine his skin four or five hours after exposure. If it is fairly pink and the pinkness fades in another four to five hours you can safely increase his exposure the next day. But if the pinkness persists don't increase the exposure time.

### Sun Lotions

Suntan lotions are useful after the limit of exposure has been reached. But even with lotions don't let a youngster stay in the bright sun more than the allotted time.

Usually about a week of short daily exposure will tan a skin enough so that there is little danger of burning.

The time of day and the time of year is, of course, the same for everyone, but you must judge your own child's ability to withstand sun, remembering that the younger and blonder your child the more careful you must be.



**What Is It?**

No, it is not a bomb shelter as many people believe, it is an astronomical observatory (DelVal Observatory) located at 13 Shady Lane, the home of Karl F. Koehler, amateur astronomer and Director of the Polaris Astronomical Society.

This structure is the culmination of many years of sparetime effort. It houses four instruments, a 10-inch f/5, a 6-inch f/9 and a 5-inch f/11 reflecting telescope and a 4-inch f/6 astrograph. The 10-inch is used principally for stellar observation and photography. The 6-inch is used for planetary and lunar observation. The 5-inch is specially constructed for solar observation. The 4-inch astrograph is intended for wide field photography and is presently used for a photographic survey of the local galaxy (Milky Way). This work is part of the program of the observing section of the Polaris Astronomical Society, whose members live in the Trenton and Bristol area.

Mr. Koehler has lectured to many Delaware Valley civic and Scout groups. Many of these groups visited the observatory for a closer look at the heavens.

Any group or individuals interested in astronomy are welcome to visit the observatory. However, because of the photographic program in progress at this time it is requested that all visits be made by appointment only. Call AX 8-2788 after 6 p.m. on weekdays and suitable arrangements can be made for your visit.

**A Note About the Garden**

We have information directly from the State Department of Agriculture, in Trenton, that the blight which attacked most of our honey locust trees, was caused by the Mimosa web worm. To eliminate this condition in the future, the following advice was given: At the very first sign of the worms or their webs, use a 50% DDT powder, made up into a proportionate solution of 2 lbs. dust to 100 gallons of water and spray trees in immediate area.

The lawn grubs which have been plaguing many of the neighborhood lawns are commonly known as June bug grubs and Japanese beetle grubs. The effective method for controlling this pest is a chlordane spray or dust. The treatment should grub proof lawns for about five years.

**Summer Hairdos Are Sleek, Simple**

Your hair length, this summer is a decision entirely up to you and not one dictated by fashion. It may be cut short, with a fairly sleek look, or it may be worn long enough to permit a quick change in hair styles.

Either way, it won't be as bouffant and bulky as in past seasons. The new look is smoother, closer to the head, with a

gentle wave reinforced by a good but invisible permanent.

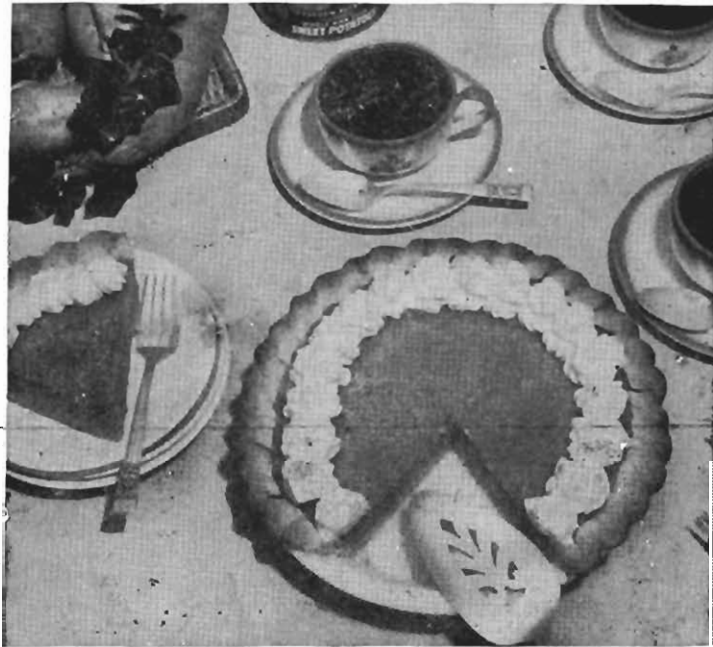
Though most hairdos suggest height in some way, it's not an exaggerated height.

Altogether, these simpler hair styles mean that summer driving, dancing or a day at the beach needn't turn you into the semblance of an unshorn French poodle. But once you've decided on a hair style, have an expert cut it and style it for you.

Most women like their hair shorter for summer. So have a good permanent, one that will hold the line in sun and surf.

**\* KITCHEN NOTES**

By MARIAN KEMP, Home Economist, Acme Markets



**SWEET POTATOES** are a vitamin bonus. One sweet potato, medium in size, contains about twice the recommended day's allowance of Vitamin A. Both fresh cooked and canned sweet potatoes furnish some Vitamin C, canned a little less. Both are much alike in iron and Vitamin A.

Some "Sweets," are moist, others dry. Those which are mealy or dry are usually called sweet potatoes. Those which are moist are technically miscalled yams. Yams are still considered a curiosity in this country and are entirely a different plant. Sweet potatoes which are moist when cooked are of two varieties, the "Jersey Orange" and the "Porto Rico."

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shells. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) about 30 minutes, or until lightly browned. Top with toasted coconut, if desired.

**SWEET POTATO PIE**

1½ cups sieved sweet potatoes  
¾ cup sugar  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon nutmeg  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
4 tablespoons melted butter  
3 eggs, beaten  
1½ cups milk

Combine in order given, pour into 9-inch pastry lined pie plate. Bake at 400°F. for 45 min. or until done when tested with knife.

**SWEET POTATOES WITH APPLES**

5 med. size potatoes, cooked  
2 med. size apples, peeled and cored  
¼ cup sugar  
¼ teaspoon salt  
6 tablespoons butter

Slice potatoes and apples, mix sugar and salt. Place alternate layers of sweet potatoes and apples in casserole, sprinkle each layer with sugar and salt mixture and dot with butter. Bake uncovered at 350° F. for one hour.

**Open Meeting**

An open meeting for all residents of Bossert Estates will be held by the Civic Association on the first Thursday in September. The meeting will be held in the Peter Muschal School; starting time 8:30 p.m. on September 1.

**Executive Meeting**

A Civic Association executive meeting will be held on Thursday, July 7th, at 8 p.m. The meeting will be at the home of Marcus A. Gutterson, 6 Forsgate Lane. All section representatives and committee chairmen are requested to attend.

**Entertainment Committee**

An entertainment committee has been formed recently with "Red" Ellis as chairman. Assisting him will be Gerry Briggs, Dot Butler, Ruth Palmer and Ed Gaynor.

The purpose of the entertainment committee is to provide social functions that will be enjoyed by everyone. The committee is busy making plans for a dance in the Fall.

Anyone having ideas that will help the committee in planning the coming affairs are asked to contact Red Ellis at AXminster 8-2271-W.



Dear Editor

In your August '59 issue of the Beca News, you invite us all to come forth with quote: 'a suggestion, idea or gripe.' I am taking the liberty now to air a little 'gripe' and will then pass on to a happier subject.

I like our comparatively new home. I like living in Bossert Estates, and of the few neighbors with whom I have become acquainted, I like all very much. It is therefore with anticipation that I look forward to receiving the Beca News, always with the hope that now that our community is completed and that we are all settled in, so to speak, our newspaper will contain just a little more for us all. However, the list of ads seems to get longer and the articles shorter, and even more sadly, the list of "Coming Events" for August were almost all dated June or July.

Now, I'm not looking for an opportunity to pour water on anyone's efforts or to find the splinter in someone's eye when there is undoubtedly a beam in my own. What I would like to say is that we all appear to be guilty of a lack of appreciation and the cooperation with the fine job you people as editors are trying to do for us. Since the Beca News is such an excellent means of communication for us busy housewives, the hard working men folk, the ardent do-it-yourselfers clan, the greenthumbs and above all, the pleasure seekers, I think a request for more articles of personal interest is timely. Although each week we may pick up the Bordentown Register and after reading much of the general area news, we can sift through Dorothy Nutter's column for a few social notes we still find ourselves a little starved for actual community news.

May I therefore turn this 'gripe' into a 'suggestion' and at the same time offer to contribute, such as is within my scope, possibly a few items of interest to all of us. If this is not out of line with the feeling of good will which you have attempted to propagate, please call me.

Very truly yours,

ALEXANDRA E. MULCAHY

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Any resident in Bossert Estates that feels he or she has a suggestion, idea and yes, even a gripe should feel free to write a letter to the editor. This letter will appear in the BECA News, and will also be read at the Civic Assn. meetings. Letters are always welcomed.

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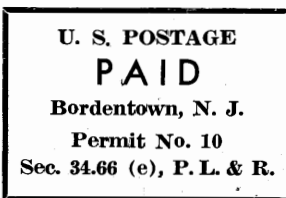
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