

Point Pleasant Historical Society
History Term Paper



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Our Meeting on May 13th will begin at 7:30PM

Our Guest Speaker is Peyton Dixon who will impersonate our former *President Theodore Roosevelt*. He comes to us from the Public Scholars Program of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

*Memorial Day
(or Decoration Day)*

Is a federal holiday in the United States for *remembering and honoring persons who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces*.

The holiday is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day was previously observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.

Memorial Day is the unofficial start of the summer vacation season in the United States, while Labor Day marks the end on the first Monday of September.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day, particularly to honor those who died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

Two other days celebrate those who serve or have served in the U.S. military: *Veterans Day*, which celebrates the service of *all* U.S. military veterans; and *Armed Forces Day*, a minor U.S. remembrance celebrated earlier May, specifically honoring those *currently serving* in the U.S. military.

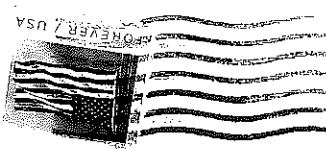
The practice of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers is an ancient custom. Soldiers' graves were decorated in the U.S. before and during the American Civil War.

In 1865, following President Abraham Lincoln's assassination, commemorations were widespread. The more than 600,000 soldiers of both sides who died in the Civil War meant that burial and memorialization took on new cultural significance. Under the leadership of women during the war, an increasingly formal practice of decorating graves had taken shape. In 1865, the federal government began creating national military cemeteries for the Union War dead.

*Though April Showers may
come your way, they bring
the flowers that bloom in*

May!





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Boy Scouting in the 1950s
By Tim Clayton



During my years as a Boy Scout in West Point Pleasant (Point Pleasant Borough), I had many joyful experiences, including my attendance at the 1953 Scout Jamboree in California. Without a doubt, the camping, and cooking over the fires was my favorite activity of all. Mr. Brown, our old Boy Scout Master, was an expert at feeding a bunch of cold and hungry kids. For the record, Scout Master Brown always had us assist him with the cooking. He just knew how to throw a bunch of simple food items together in order to make a bunch of Scouts happy. Whenever our troop camped out, each Scout was supposed to provide his own grub. However, we had a couple of boys that often turned out with very little food due to family finances. Knowing the situation, Scout Master Brown always had extra food with him. Our particular group of Scouts had fun combining everyone's food into one great-big common meal that we called "Mr. Brown's Surprise" (*I think Scout Master Brown came up with the common meal idea in order for the less fortunate boys to avoid embarrassment*). One time, we needed to cook up a lunch on an especially cold day. In order to warm up some cold and hungry bellies, Mr. Brown and his Scout cooking assistants combined about six or seven different kinds of soups into one big pot. I remember that combined hot mixture of soup to this day! The aforementioned soup, along with some French bread and butter, really "hit the spot" on that long-ago very cold day.

NIGHT CLUB BOAT RAIDED

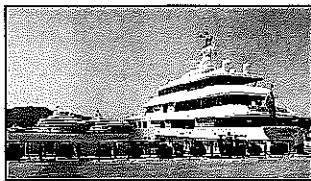
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POINT PLEASANT, N.J., July 21—While revelry aboard the night club show boat "*Club Royale*" was at its height here early today, five constables flourishing revolvers, raided a gambling salon in the hold of the craft. They confiscated roulette wheels, dice tables, faro layouts and dice cages and arrested four men. A score of women and their escorts were permitted to leave after establishing their identities.

The four men arrested were Bert Moss of Detroit, who lives at Kingsley Arms, Asbury Park, the alleged payoff man of the gambling rooms; George Arthur, an attendant, who have his home address as Duluth, Minn.; Dave Slade, Kingsley Hotel, Asbury Park, and Irving Bressler, general manager of the showboat, who is a hotel owner of Lakewood. Each was held in \$1000 bail.

The floating night club was formerly the houseboat Killarney, owned by the late Sir Thomas Lipton, and was the scene of many of his entertainments during his visits to this country.

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Trivia by
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back in the 1700's wealthy men wore wigs which were made of wool They could not wash them so they carved out a loaf of bread and put the wig in the shell. After baking for 30 minutes it would become big and fluffy.

Big Wigs
Tim Clayton