

SOME NEWS FROM OUR PAST

VILLAGE RECORD (West Chester), August 15, 1848

Dedication

The First Free Christian Chapel, of Chester County, Pa., situate on Mt. Olivet, in New London township, about 1 1/4 miles southwest of Kimbleville, near Mackey's mills, will be dedicated to the worship of God on Sabbath day, August 20th, 1848, at 10 o'clock, A.M. Rev. Charles Henry Plummer, will preach on the occasion. Other ministers will participate.

VILLAGE RECORD (West Chester), June 12, 1860

Kimbleville - Business recently called us to Kimbleville in the southern extremity of Chester county, in the midst of a most beautiful farming and grazing country, which is in the highest state of cultivation. Kimbleville rejoices in a first rate hotel, kept in the best manner by Mr. Pratt, three or four stores of different kinds, with blacksmith, wheelwright and carriage shops for the accommodation of the neighborhood. Mr. J. P. Neals, late of City Hotel of Wilmington, has located himself at this point and commenced the blacksmithing business. Mr. Geo. Kimble has a saddle and harness shop here, is erecting a modern style frame cottage, 28 x 20 feet two stories high, with a neat observatory on the top. It is to be finished in the best manner, and will be one of the most tasteful residences in Chester county.

DAILY LOCAL NEWS, September 28, 1881

Deserves a Notice - Our Kimbleville correspondent says that that village deserves honorable mention because of its

general observance of Monday last in respect to the deceased President. He states that John Phillips' hotel and all the stores were closed, and that draped flags were displayed at the hotel, also at the store of Dr. J. G. West. The town is strongly Democratic in politics, and it paid fitting tribute to the honored dead and just now party lines are not as apparent as they were last fall.

DAILY LOCAL NEWS, May 5, 1902

Yesterday the Delaware and Atlantic Telephone Company opened lines to Kimblesville and Strickersville, and those two towns with about thirty subscribers are now connected with West Chester for active service. The new line works very well and will prove a great accommodation to the citizens of that remote section of Chester county.

DAILY LOCAL NEWS, May 25, 1908

ELECTRIC LIGHT FOR KEMBLESVILLE

This evening electric light will be turned on in Kemblesville for the first time and the residents are much excited and interested over the prospect of their little village being turned thus into a metropolis of such importance and the advent of electric light in the midst heralds other things of the same nature to follow within a short time. The line from Tweed's Mill to Kemblesville has been completed and a large number of subscribers have been secured. From there the line will come to New London, West Grove, Lincoln and eventually Oxford. Not satisfied with one line the village intends going in for the best service which is obtained by competition and another company, the Big Elk, is arranging to build a line almost immediately from Cowantown, Md., where they have a dam on the Big Elk, which will cover exactly the same territory as the Chester county company. They admit that two companies are not exactly needed, but think the service will be better so.

OXFORD PRESS, July 29, 1915

At the latest count there were 10 automobiles owned in the village of Kemblesville, which would lead one to think we are "going some."

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DAILY LOCAL NEWS, December 20, 1923

According to advices from Kemblesville this forenoon a meeting call by the members of the Ku Klux Klan for that place last night following the refusal of the owners to rent a hall in West Grove, the meeting then being transferred resulted in some lively trouble in which a number of heads were beaten and several met injuries slightly. No weapons were used; although it is claimed a number were armed. . . . According to those in attendance the hall was crowded to the doors, six hundred at least being present, mostly Klan members from points from Wilmington, Del., to Coatesville. While the meeting was in progress a crowd of young men gathered about the entrance and frequently interrupted the speaker, Dr. J. H. Hawkins, of Atlanta, Ga., who had been introduced by a Wilmington organizer. Except for frequent cat-calls and hisses there was no trouble until Dr. Hawkins questioned the good citizenship of the Catholics, when real trouble commenced, when the crowd invaded the hall and everybody within reach became involved in a real Donnybrook Fair endurance contest. Fists and a few clubs only were used, but the party was dispersed. Then the speaker resumed and completed his exposition of the benefits of the Klan. When the meeting adjourned fresh trouble was started as the car containing the speakers and organizer started away, when many stones were thrown and the automobile battered, but the occupants escaped injury. It was the liveliest evening the little village has experienced in many years and there are many sore heads being cared for in other places as well today as a result of the battling.