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GETTING READY FOR FIRST FOOTBALL GAME

Scheduled for October 9.

A meeting of the foot ball candidates was held last Thursday evening. Prospects for the coming season were discussed and an interesting talk was given by Fletcher W. Stites.

Afterward the following officers were elected to serve during the coming season:

Manager, Raymond C. Jones.
Assistant Manager, James Foote.
Secretary and Treasurer, Earl F. Smith.

The list of candidates for the team, while not yet complete, includes the following:

Vernon Fleck, Bob Gilmore, Robert Hood, Walter and Clarence Humphries, Earl Dickie, Watson Owings, Warren Anderson, Edward Long, Bill Durbin, Lester Jefferies, Alan Kirk, John Lacey, Charles McCarter, Gene Davis, Gene Dunn, George Sheldon, George Markle, Robert Durbin, Harry Brown, John Fine, John Mowrer, Edward Scanlin, Bill Krug, John O'Dell, Bill Jefferies, J. Conley, L. Albany, Bob Patterson, Sherbondy, and possibly "Nig" Koons, of University of Pennsylvania fame.

The first game is scheduled for October 9th with the Grace A. C., who held Narberth to a 6-6 score last season.

WHO NEEDS THIS CHAIR?

A wheel chair belonging to the King's Daughters' Circle is now idle and can be secured as a loan to any worthy person by application to Mrs. Fred Derby or any member of the Circle.

MAKING PROGRESS IN CANVASS ON SCHOOL SITE QUESTION

The members of the School Welfare Association report decided progress in the canvass they are making to secure pledges from citizens to vote for a school loan that will specifically provide for a new, centrally located primary school.

The canvass has not been completed at the present writing, but from the lists already returned, the members say there is every reason to believe that the School Board will be furnished, within a short time, with sufficient evidence that a loan, based on the provisions of the petitions, would be approved by a majority of the voters of the borough, and the Board supplied with the necessary funds to improve and increase our present school facilities.

Rally Day Next Sunday Presbyterian Church

Reorganization of classes
and promotions in Sunday
School.

Assembly Call at morn-
ing worship.

Miss Helen McQuilkin
will address the Young Peo-
ple's Meeting.

Evening Rally with chorus
choir led by Prof. Melchior.

MEN'S CLUB PLANNING INTERESTING MEETINGS

Great activity is being displayed by the members of the Men's Club of the Presbyterian Church. The winter program of monthly entertainments is being worked out along new lines, and the Board of Officers hope to give the residents of Narberth a course of varied meetings this winter which will eclipse anything heretofore presented by the club.

According to the tentative program, meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month during the winter. This evening was selected because of the fact that a survey of the monthly calendar showed that the second Monday conflicted less with other stated meeting nights than any other. It will, therefore, be possible for the club to be of service to the greatest number of residents of our town.

Arrangements for the meeting on the second Monday in October—October 11—are being made at present by a committee composed of W. M. Wentz, W. Nickerson and A. C. Warner. Each meeting will have for its feature the presentation of some present-day "up-to-the-minute" topic. Musicales, recitals, illustrated lectures and talks will be given during the season.

The membership of the Men's Club now numbers upwards of twenty-five. Although it is an organization of the Presbyterian Church, the club is open to all residents of Narberth who are over the age of eighteen years.

NARBERTH FIRE COMPANY TO BE IN TWO CELEBRATIONS

The Narberth Fire Company is planning to take part in two coming celebrations.

This Saturday the members and the two automobile apparatus will be seen in the parade at Cynwyd before the County Commissioners of Lower Merion, and on October 7, at 11 A. M., they will take part in the big parade of the State Firemen's Association, in Philadelphia.

Chief Noel states that on both occasions Narberth will be amply protected. The horse-drawn apparatus has been put in good working order and will be ready for instant use and companies from nearby towns will respond to any Narberth alarms.

BASE BALL BANQUET PLANS ARE PROGRESSING.

Chairman Ray Jones and Secretary H. T. Miller, of the Citizens' Committee, which was organized to plan a testimonial banquet for our champion ball team, announce that plans are progressing rapidly, and that a definite date on which to hold the event will soon be selected.

The response to the trophy fund appeal has been prompt and most satisfactory, demonstrating that the work of our boys has been widely appreciated. If you haven't mailed your subscription, co-operate with the committee by doing so this very night—add your share to the fund without further delay.

Chairman Jones has appointed J. Robert McCoy, Arthur McClellan and Fred Rose on the Banquet and Souvenir Committee, and H. T. Miller and W. Arthur Cole as a committee to collect subscriptions.

Once more "Our Town" bids you to use the self-addressed, stamped envelope you have—and that you do it right quick, please!

WALZER NOMINATED ON ALL THREE TICKETS

There were only two contests in the Narberth primary election. Constable Fred Walzer, candidate for re-election won the nomination on all three tickets. He was opposed by George Sheldon. The vote was as follows:

	Rep.	Dem.	Wash.
Walzer	80	34	6
Sheldon	29	20	3

E. C. Stokes won a renomination on the Republican ticket against L. B. Southerland. The latter, however, won a place on the Democratic ticket.

Through Our Town Mr. Walzer wishes to thank his many friends who supported him so loyally.

GLEE CLUB IS PLANNING A BIG MINSTREL SHOW.

This Friday evening the Y. M. C. A. Glee Club will start rehearsals for the show to be given about the middle of November. The club has added to its list some exceptionally fine talent, including Fletcher W. Stites, who will appear as interlocutor in the first part



Reading from left to right—Earl F. Smith, secretary and treasurer; Frederick L. Rose, president; W. W. Dennis, musical director.

of the black-face minstrel. W. Arthur Cole and Charles Mirick will have the principal end positions this year. Another of the new members is Mr. Witherow, well known in Narberth for his fine basso singing. There will be a special scenic effect in the form of an elaborate stairway, illuminated with different colored electric lights. This stairway will be occupied by the younger boys of Narberth who have never appeared before. They will compose a zobo band.

The history of the Glee Club speaks for itself, and the coming entertainment promises to excel any of the previous performances.

One familiar face will be missed—Bill McCargo, our famous Jew comedian. Bill has moved to Texas with his family, and has already written to a member of the Glee Club asking that a program of the coming show be sent him.

IF-IF-IF-IF-IF-IF; OR: THAT LAST GAME

If it hadn't been for one inquisitive Drexel Hill rooter we might have used this very space for printing a new recipe for putting up tomatoes or some other equally cheerful news. But that one rooter just yelled right out—yes he did, the rude man:

"Wonder what Our Town will say about this?"

So in fairness to that rooter—much as it is against our wishes to refer to last Saturday, even in this veiled way—we are duty bound to make a statement, to wit:

One of the first principles of base ball is to hit the ball. Drexel Hill did and we didn't—and there you have the whole story.

Of course, if Flick Stites hadn't broken his wrist, and if Walter Humphries had made his homer earlier in the game, and if some of those long foul flies of Durbin's in the ninth had only been fair, and if Third Baseman Fahey, of Drexel Hill, hadn't surprised himself with that hair-raising stop of Walter Humphries' ground drive—

But what's the use? Drexel Hill won and they won fairly. Both contests were well worth seeing and our Narberth boys put up a good game in each instance.

It was a lot easier to enjoy our dinner after Walter Humphries made that home run in the ninth. He certainly ought to get an extra plate of ice cream at the banquet.

What? This is no time to say "wait till next year?" Why not? Look at the Phillies; that's what they've been saying ever since our fel- (Continued on Third Page)

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Live News of Coming Events at the Community Center—Date Bureau.

We have already started our "Date Bureau" or "Green Book." You may know the meaning of this term; but, in case you don't, here is the explanation: We have at the association a book in which we keep a record of all coming events, not only pertaining to the Y. M. C. A., but everything. We have asked the co-operation of all organizations and if we fail to get hearty co-operation, this enterprise, which should be a wonderful benefit to all, is a failure.

If you are planning for a social time at your home, call up the Y. M. C. A.—Narberth 694-W—and find out if there is any other social event scheduled for that night. If not, you are all right and we will make mention of your affair for that evening. Please don't overlook this. It may save you from a severe embarrassment some evening.

We do this to avoid a confliction of dates. Again let us emphasize, this movement can be a real asset in a community, but only with the hearty co-operation of all.

Gymnasium Renovated.

Our gymnasium has been thoroughly renovated, and is in A1 condition. The floor and sides have been scrubbed and oiled. The apparatus has been cleaned and looks like new. We extend you a cordial invitation to come in and look it over. You'll be surprised at the many improvements.

Business Men's Class.

Quite a number of our business men are already asking about the gymnasium class. Here is the all-important announcement—the first class of the season will be next Friday night at 8 o'clock, for business men. If you were in the class last winter, you need no further invitation. If you were not, bring an old pair of trousers and "sneakers"—and you'll write "engagement" over every Friday night till Christmas. Don't come o look on; come to get in the game.

Think!

Here's something to think about: Don't allow yourself to go back to that grumpy, grouchy stage of long facedness, indigestion and dyspepsia.

Don't go back to that anemic pale-faced condition with no blood to color your skin.

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Electric Sign.

The full amount for this sign has not yet been subscribed. Your subscription would be appreciated—help us get a sign that will spell "welcome" to the "stranger within our gates."

Appreciation of the Narberth Plan. Last week Secretary Hampton attended a Y. M. C. A. Conference of the Philadelphia employed officers. The following incident deserves mention under our notes.

The subject of "Volunteer Help" in the association was being discussed. Several of the secretaries had spoken of some special piece of "Volunteer Help" in their association, that had impressed them.

Finally, Secretary Hampton outlined the Board of Management plan that is now in practice, stating that these busy business men were voluntarily giving fifty-two nights a year and also a considerable amount of thought to the development of the association work. Furthermore, that this plan is not only a trial or sample, but a plan starting on its second year.

The secretaries did not seem to grasp the idea that busy business men were sacrificing so much of their time and thought. It seemed impossible.

General Secretary W. M. Wood spoke quite enthusiastically of the plan and emphasized the wonderful development of volunteer workers the plan afforded.

Are we, here in Narberth, appreciating the sacrifice that these men are making? Think it over!

HERE'S WHERE WE SEE A REAL GAME OF BALL

Champs vs. Old Timers.

We have made a big mistake, and we apologize. In fact, we've been making the same mistake ever since the beginning of the base ball season.

The regular Main Line League games—particularly those contests with the Dun team, and the last two Saturday's games with Drexel Hill, have been only make believe base ball.

The real game is coming this Saturday!

What's the dope? What, haven't you heard it? Well, say, you are some fan!

This Saturday afternoon at 3 P. M. Manager Walzer's players will meet the first team that represented Narberth in the national game.

Yes, sir, positively, C. Howard McCarter will forget all about the Board of Education, and will appear on the diamond at Narberth and Price avenues, and, backed by his hardy crew of pioneer ball tossers, will defy this 1915 bunch and show Bob Gilmore and "Tip" Turner and Gene Davis and all the rest of the Main Line champs how the game should really be played.

The Old Timers will line up about as follows:

C. Howard McCarter, pitcher.
Charles Humphreys, catcher.
David Stickney, shortstop.
William Henderson, third base.
Jack Scofield, left field.
West Megargee, center field.
Arthur McClellan, right field.
Charles Armstrong, first base.
William Humphreys, second base.
Howard and Charles Davis, utility fielders.

Flick Stites will umpire. It's going to be some game and unless the pioneers have lost all their skill and cunning they'll give the regulars a good run for their money.

But anyway you look at it there'll be plenty of fun. For instance, suppose Walter Humphreys takes a notion into his head to crack out another of his home runs, like he did last Saturday—what will Father Bill do or say? In other words, has a father any right to regulate his son's batting when they are playing on opposite sides? Or suppose Son Gene Davis starts joshing Father Howard Davis when the later is at bat?

Although it could not be verified up to the time of going to press, it is rumored that Manager McCarter has made the following statement:

"So they think they'll take their revenge on a lot of old men, eh? Well, we'll show 'em."

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NOW IS THE TIME TO PLANT SPRING BULBS

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brought into the light and heat for flowering. Keep the soil well moistened from time of planting, but avoid overmoistening, for if kept too wet the bulbs will decay.

Cultivation.
If planted in beds, the surface of the soil should be loosened after each rain and the bed kept free from weeds. In the late fall or early winter months, it is well to cover the beds with a light mulch of straw or leaves to prevent injury to the young roots from the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil. This mulch should be gradually removed in spring, as soon as growth appears above ground. The bulbs are quite hardy and are not injured by severe cold if the soil is well drained.

Lifting and Dividing.
Tulip and narcissus plants are perennial, and if given proper care and grown under suitable soil and climatic conditions will increase and multiply from year to year. The bulbs may remain in the ground two or three years, or until the clumps begin to crowd. After blossoming in the spring, from six to eight weeks should elapse to allow the foliage to die partially down, when the bulbs may be lifted with a spade or fork. Shake the soil from the roots and store the bulbs in a cool, shady place where they will ripen and cure. When the old leaves and roots are thoroughly dry they may be easily rubbed off and the clusters of bulbs divided. The bulbs may then be planted in the same manner as the original bulbs. In this way the stock may be increased in a few years.

Naturalizing the Narcissus.
The narcissus often becomes naturalized when planted in the sod or partial shade, where it will continue to grow, blossom and multiply for many years without further attention. Simply make a small hole in the soil five or six inches deep, insert the bulb pointed end up, press the soil over the top, and nature will do the rest. For naturalizing, avoid planting in rows or rigid geometrical figures. A good plan is to scatter the bulbs like seed and plant where they fall. This method of planting is extensively followed in the home grounds and parks of England and other countries in Europe. In portions of North Carolina, on large estates along the James River in Virginia, and in old gardens in New England narcissuses that were planted more than half a century ago are still growing vigorously and every spring produce beautiful displays of blossoms.

STATE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT CREATED.

By an act passed at the recent session of the Legislature, there has been created a Bureau of Employment in the Department of Labor and Industry, for the purpose of establishing labor exchanges, with a central office in Harrisburg, to render free services in the way of bringing employers and employes together and thus promoting the general welfare of the citizens of the State.

The bureau is under the control of a director, appointed by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, who must have executive ability and a scientific knowledge of the problems of employment, experience as an administrator, and the capacity to direct investigations and devise remedies for unemployment. The duties of the director, as provided in Section 6 of the act are to "bring into communication employers seeking employes and persons seeking employment; prescribe rules and regulations for the administration and operation of all public and private employment offices; investigate the circulation of information and statements regarding employment and labor conditions, for the purpose of preventing fraud and improper practices; ascertain the extent and causes of unemployment and the remedies therefor; devise and recommend (in the form of bills, or otherwise) means and methods for the prevention of unemployment and distress from involuntary idleness; and cooperate with any person or authority whatsoever in carrying out the full intent and purpose of this act."

The act then provides for the establishment of such district branch offices as the Commissioner may deem necessary, each office being under the control of a superintendent, who is required to have such experience, training, executive ability and general fitness as to qualify him for the position.

The general scope of the act and the extent to which the department is to keep in touch with local conditions throughout the State, is illustrated by Section 11, which provides that "The director may enter into an agreement with any county, city, borough, town, or township for the establishment and joint maintenance of local offices. All county, city, borough, town, or township executives shall report to the director, from time to time, the general conditions of employment, the demands of employers for employes, the demands of employes for employment, and the existence of industrial disputes, strikes and lockouts, in their respective districts, and shall cause to be posted any bulletins or notices of the bureau pertaining to the purposes of this act. Any county, city, borough, town or township may appoint the superintendent of the nearest district branch office to fill the office of superintendent of employment."

An important provision of the act is found in Section 12, which requires the Industrial Board of the Department of Labor and Industry to "investigate the feasibility of, and induce the State, counties, cities, boroughs, towns and townships to undertake, public improvements during the periods of unemployment," and to cooperate with any person or association for the accomplishment of this purpose.

It will be seen that the State will thus take an active hand not only in finding employment for the unemployed, but in creating the need for employes in times of depression and scarcity of work. The State in short, acts as a general Employment Bureau, and not only uses every effort to find work for the unemployed, but if work cannot be found, it meets the situation by attempting to create a necessity for more employes. In return for the service, no charge of any kind is made either to the employer or employe, and officials and employes connected with the bureau are strictly prohibited from accepting, directly or indirectly, any compensation whatever for services performed in their official capacity.

The act as a whole discloses the possibility of great usefulness to every community containing industries in which labor is employed. In carrying out its provisions, a system of State labor exchanges will be gradually developed, and a subordinate system of local free public employment offices can also be created in various communities to co-operate with the State exchanges. The success of the entire plan will depend to a great extent upon the activity of local executive officers. If they are interested in the relief of the unemployed and wish to contribute to the

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prosperity of their community, they have an opportunity to procure the assistance and co-operation of the State in the matter.

It is important to observe that another act was passed about the same time regulating the business of employment agencies, requiring a license from them, and prescribing certain rules and regulations, maximum fees, etc., governing their operation. This act prevents unscrupulous employment agents taking advantage of workmen. On the whole, it is believed that the general plan, when carried out, will have the effect of solving many problems of the unemployed, and thus adding to the general prosperity of our State.

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