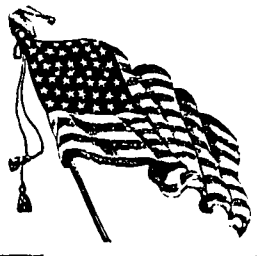




OUR TOWN



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PRICE TWO CENTS

NEWS OF INTEREST THAT WILL APPEAL TO ALL

Mr. A. V. Emmett Secured By Y. M. C. A. As Physical Director

There is perceptible a distinct upward trend of interest at the Narberth Y. M. C. A. and memberships are being renewed and new memberships received, in anticipation of the still higher pitch of activity into which the association is soon to be launched.

The Y. M. C. A. is a great Character Shop and in view of its tremendous influence upon the generation which is to dwell here and manage the town in years to come, the interest and enthusiastic support of every father and mother is urgently called for.

Much of this new interest centers around the entrance of Mr. A. V. Emmett, into the athletic life of the association this week. The Board of Directors have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Emmett, through the courtesy and hearty cooperation of the School Board and Mr. William T. Melchior, by which he will devote his spare time, viz: from 4.30 to 9.30 P. M., in organizing gymnasium activities for men, women, boys and girls.

The following schedule for gymnasium classes has been suggested by Mr. Emmett, physical instructor, and approved by the Athletic Committee.

- Monday, 4.30 to 5.30 P. M.—Boys' class, 12 to 16 years.
- Monday, 7.30 to 9.30 P. M.—Business men's class. Gym class starts at 8.15 P. M.
- Tuesday, 4.30 to 5.30 P. M.—Young girls' class.
- Tuesday, 7.30 to 9.30 P. M.—Women's class.
- Wednesday, 4.30 to 5.30 P. M.—Boys' class, 12 to 16 years.
- Wednesday, 7.30 to 9.30 P. M.—Boys' class over 16 years.
- Thursday, 4.30 to 5.30 P. M.—Boys' class, 9 to 12 years.
- Thursday, 7.30 to 9.30 P. M.—Business men's class.
- Friday, 4.30 to 5.30 P. M.—Boys' class, 12 to 16 years.
- Friday, 7.30 to 9.30 P. M.—Boys' class, over 16 years.
- Saturday, 9.30 to 11 P. M.—Boys' class, 9 to 12 years.
- Saturday afternoon: Reserved for special events.
- Saturday evening: Reserved for special events.

New memberships this week include one man, four boys and one girl.

A pleasant homey character has been given to the lobby evenings by the combination of a visitor from the Ladies' Auxiliary each evening and an open wood fire.

Much appreciated gifts of books and magazines have been received from Mrs. William Zentmayer, Mrs. E. D. Bolich and others.

The association is glad to take care of this literature and make it constantly available for the readers.

New and important volumes include: To Verdun from the Somme, Forty Years of It, Whitlock, The Immigrant Tide, Steiner, From Allen to Clitzen, Steiner, Confessions of a Convict, Hawthorne, Battle of the Somme

- Fiction: Col. Carter's Christmas, Captain Courtesy, The Chasm, Kalee's Shrine, Adventures of Lady Susan, The Counterpart, The Silver Cross
- Juvenile: The Young Voyagers, Phil Granger's Triumph

Thanks are extended to Mr. Harry S. Hopper and Mr. William Joyce for loads of wood, which will enable us to keep the Home Fires Burning for some time.

HOW THE WHOLESALER AND BANK WILL HELP

Their Part In The Narberth Plan

This is the third of a series of articles explaining in detail The Narberth Plan to meet the high cost of living and develop an efficient and economical method of purchasing food supplies for the residents of our borough.

In the two previous articles the Narberth plan was explained from the viewpoint of the consumer and the retailer. This week we shall take up the bank and the wholesaler. Thus the plan will be seen to unite the four factors that participate in the business involved in supplying the consumer with food.

Under the Narberth plan the consumer deals directly with the retailer, so far as the actual food is concerned; but so far as the financial transactions are concerned, the consumer's dealings are with the bank. The latter institution, in turn, in matters of finance, deals directly with the retailer, and, at times, with the wholesaler, or wholesalers, with whom the retailer does business. The wholesaler would necessarily enter into the transaction under any plan, but the introduction of the bank is a new feature in the food problem. Under the Narberth plan, the bank will play a part that will not only give stability to the whole arrangement, but will serve as a guarantor in every direction—that is, to the consumer, to the retailer and to the wholesaler.

The service which the bank can render the retailer will enable the retailer to put his business on a firmer and, in every way, better basis than it has ever been on; it will enable him to get better prices and a better quality of goods than he has ever been able to get; and it will bring about a condition that will win the respect and interest of the wholesaler that will result in marked benefits and advantages to the consumer.

(Editor's Note—Further announcement concerning the Narberth plan will be published in coming issues of Our Town. The enforced absence from Narberth of Mr. A. B. Ross, the father of the plan, who was called to the western part of the State, and the Christmas holidays necessitated some postponement of the complete details of the plan.)

United States War Saving Certificate stamps will be \$4.12 each during December, 1917, and January, 1918.

The price will increase one cent each month beginning with February, 1918.

Thrill Stamps are twenty-five cents each.

War Saving Certificates will mature in five years from date of issue.

Buy your War Saving Stamps at your local postoffice, or from special agents appointed by the postmaster.

Quota for Narberth to buy is \$50,400.

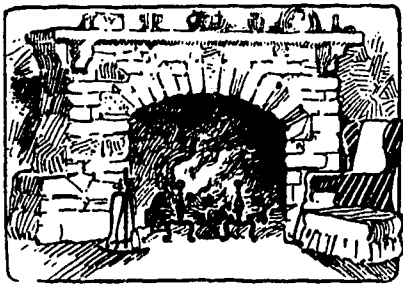
These stamps are redeemable any time at their value and interest.

O YOU HOOVER!

(This poem, without the author's name, is going the rounds of the employees of the government departments.)

My Tuesdays are meatless,
My Wednesdays are wheatless;
I am getting more eatless each day.
My home it is heatless,
My bed it is sheetless;
They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A.
The barrooms are treatless,
My coffee is sweetless;
Each day I get poorer and wiser.
My stockings are feetless,
My trousers are seatless;
My! how I do hate the Kaiser!

—Courtesy of Washington Star.



THE FIRESIDE

Betty Baxter's Gossip

Sleighting, skating and sledging.

Did you have a merry Christmas?

Of course you joined the Red Cross!

The public school is closed for the holiday season.

There were a number of attractive show windows in local stores.

Christmas music repeated in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday.

It looks like one of those old-fashioned winters the old folks tell us about.

Principal Melchior is spending the week at Johnstown attending the State Educational Association.

Candles burned until after one A. M. in several homes on Grayling avenue, evidently awaiting the carolers.

Play and Dance, "The Nautical Knot," December 29. Net proceeds for Red Cross. Admittance, 35 cents.

Parcel post business was considerably less this year than in former years. Christmas letter mail, however, was very heavy.

Mrs. L. B. Elliott, of New Haven, Conn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry A. Jacobs, of Elmwood avenue, and Wynnewood road.

Many a happy boy and girl, and many a satisfied parent as the result of Mr. Emmett's appearance in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A.

It is reported that the State has taken over Old York road, from city line to State road, at Westminster, Bucks county, and will free it. The price paid is said to be \$105,000.

Do you believe that the second coming of Christ is near? Come to the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning and hear what the Bible teaches about this.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Warner, of Dudley avenue, are entertaining Mrs. Warner's mother, Mrs. J. H. Pierson, of California, also Mrs. Warner's sister, Mrs. William H. Tom, Mr. Tom and their two children, of Toronto, Canada.

Take time to stop at the postoffice and get a Thrift Card or a Certificate. Your help will add to the effectiveness of our efforts to win the war. The boys "over there" stand to lose a limb or their sight or their life. We must save and sacrifice for them.

On December 11, General Allenby and his British troops took possession of Jerusalem. Come to the Presbyterian Church next Sunday night and learn of the significance of this event and also of what the pastor of the church saw during his visit to the sacred city.

Pennies, nickles and dimes do not earn anything while in the children's banks. They will earn interest if you buy savings stamps with them, and the small coins are in tremendous demand. The director of the Mint re-

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THE RED CROSS DANCE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
is not a Costume Dance. Do not fail to present your ticket for admission.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN NARBERTH

When the fair Portia entered her pleasure garden at Belmont, she confided to Nerissa:

"That light we see is burning in my hall.
How far that little candle throws his beams!
To shine a good deed in a naughty world."

Thus communed our village Jenkins with his inward self, as he strolled through the high and by-ways of Narberth on Christmas eve. The golden glow of countless candles lent a poetic charm to the silent streets, and each tiny spark of light sped its shaft of cheer far off, carrying a message of love to the dear boy who could not be home for Christmas.

This beautiful custom of lighting the windows with candles, so happily inaugurated in our town a few years ago, is fast growing in favor as shown by the increasing number of observers from year to year. Every avenue was well represented, the individual displays varying greatly in character, but all strikingly effective. Some residences, owing to their position, and to the pattern formed by their windows, were singularly beautiful as outlined in light. Among these were the homes of Messrs. Woodworth, Dickey, W. T. Harris, W. D. Smedley, Horner, Durbin, Barrie, Thompson Gara, Downes, Cole, Henry, Robert Snyder, Roy Clark, Henry, Melchior. There were many others, and each had its peculiar claim to notice, but our scribe felt that it was quite beyond his powers to do justice to all and must content himself by a general commendation of all who joined to make this year's illumination so pronounced a success.

SCOUT NEWS

The weekly meeting of the Boy Scouts, Troop No. 1, of Narberth, Pa., was held in the Y. M. C. A., Friday evening, December 21, 1917. It was opened by the Lord's Prayer, Salute to the Flag, the scout oath and law. Business was discussed and Leonard Sawyer, first class scout, of Swarthmore, Pa., who was present gave an account of the form of meeting and of the plans of the Swarthmore Troop.

We were honored also by having the presence of Mr. Nyce, the new secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who spoke a few words to us. Mr. Stickney, who is interested in the welfare of the Y. M. C. A., requested the scouts to gather greens to decorate the building.

Mr. Emmett, the physical director of the Narberth Public School, who was a scoutmaster in the West, has become interested in our troop and is willing to help Mr. Cole in the management of our troop if the boys will co-operate with him. He was unanimously agreed that the boys would stand by him in whatever he attempted.

The boys in order told the daily good turns they had performed.

The boys gave their reports about the phone books that they were to deliver.

The scout troop is to be divided into two divisions, the Juniors and Seniors. The scouts have been watched and they will be judged by merit. The decision made by the judges will be made known to the troop in a few weeks.

Tom Dalton was elected to lead next meeting.

K-2 M. D.

PLAY AND DANCE

Lay aside your cares and worries and come spend an evening with the breezy "Nautical Knot" Company. You'll laugh as never before. Come see our girl sailors and then ask yourselves who'll win the war. These girls can be sailors and earn money and donate to the Red Cross at the same time. The amount we can give depends upon you.

The date—December 29.
The price—35 cents.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN A ROUSING SUCCESS

Splendid Response From Narberth's Citizens

Narberth's Christmas gift to the cause of the Allies in their battle against Prussian militarism is a total enrollment of eleven hundred and twenty-five members in the Red Cross. This handsome total was reached as a result of the thorough and spirited campaign carried on during the past week by the patriotic and devoted women who are determined to do their utmost while our boys are upholding the cause of democracy on the fighting line and in the army cantonment. On Christmas eve practically every house in Narberth was able to exhibit a Red Cross service flag, and in some homes the individual membership tallied nearly a dozen.

The membership campaign in Narberth was directed by Mrs. Fletcher W. Stites, the local organizer, ably assisted by three team captains, Mrs. Romaine C. Hoffman, Mrs. Walter Dothard and Mrs. W. Arthur Cole.

The teams were: Mrs. Cole, captain—Mr. W. A. Cole, Mrs. Wm. Horner, Mr. Wm. Horner, Mr. Herbert Seymour, Miss Maizie Simpson, Miss Bertha Piggott, Miss Helen Gara, Miss Margaret Eyre, Miss Madeline McCoy.

Mrs. Dothard, captain—Miss Gertrude Wright, Miss Caryl Justice, Miss Fanny Loos, Miss Marjorie Jeffries, Miss Helen Jones, Mrs. John Roberts, Mrs. George Colesworthy, Mrs. Walter Shaw, Mrs. Wm. Winne, Mrs. Wm. Pugh, Jr., Mrs. E. C. Towne, Mrs. Paul R. Loos.

Mrs. Hoffman, captain—Miss Mary Peebles, Miss Ethel Plank, Miss Dorothy Graves, Mrs. James Foote, Mrs. Grant L. Ashmore, Mrs. Fred Lineaweaver, Mrs. Robert E. Pattison, Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. Harry Felton, Mrs. J. F. Hepler, Mrs. H. C. Fenno.

The plan for conducting the local campaign was worked out by Mr. H. C. Gara and was of great value to the teams in their work.

The Narberth section of the Red Cross is part of the Main Line Branch No. 1, the largest auxiliary of the Southeastern Chapter. The Main Line Branch now numbers nearly twelve thousand members.

All women who have joined the Red Cross during the present campaign are cordially invited to visit the local work room at the Y. M. C. A. Building and lend their aid to the practical work that is being done there.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AT NARBERTH POST OFFICE

Mrs. Allen Miller
Mrs. Mary Cope
Louis A. Cook

E. S. Haws,
Postmaster.

THE Y. M. C. A. LIBRARY

The library at the Association Room is being overhauled this week, and the books being put in the best shape possible for the use of the members. In this connection it is requested that all books now out be returned within the next few days so they may be included in new classifications.

JANUARY CALENDAR OF THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB

January 8, 2.30 P. M.—Program furnished by children of club members.
January 22, 2.30 P. M.—Domestic Science class at school house under Miss Fryer's supervision.

Play and Dance, "The Nautical Knot," December 29. Net proceeds for Red Cross. Admittance, 35 cents.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Two cents per word each insertion, cash in advance. No advertisement accepted unless cash accompanies copy.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1917

EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS
Fire 350.
Police 1256.

EDITORIAL

Trotty Veck says: "God made women beautiful and foolish. Beautiful so men would love them, and foolish, so they would love men."
Ain't it de troof?

Some of our most resolute resolvers will now proceed to make New Year resolutions. It does them no harm, and incidentally affords entertainment and amusement to their friends, as they watch the resolutions crumble and fade away into the limbo of forgetfulness.

We are glad to record the fact that the custom of illuminating Narberth homes on Christmas eve by placing lighted candles in the windows is growing rapidly. This is only one of the many suggestions for village improvement and adornment, coming from members of the Civic Association.

A number of members of the Civic Association have extended assurances to the Editor of Our Town that they will do all in their power to keep the paper going. They recognize the value of this little publication as a medium for keeping a record of current events, as well as for giving advance notice of coming events. There is nothing that takes its place, as circulars and other notices sent through the post office are often mislaid and forgotten. Our Town is a constant reminder, and frequent reference is made to it by all engaged in local activities.

We are glad to receive evidences of appreciation, which in several instances have been accompanied by substantial checks to help meet the deficit caused by the failure of individuals to pay the small subscription price. It is now proposed to issue bills regularly, and to stop sending the paper to those who do not remit. In this connection, we again appeal to our local merchants to help themselves by helping Our Town. The small cost of a regular advertisement will be many times repaid by the publicity given.

As the year draws to a close, the situation abroad still continues very critical. There is nothing to warrant the belief that this country can afford to relax in the slightest degree its preparations for a long and arduous

struggle. The suggestions of peace that emanate from Berlin are all based on the idea that the Central Powers are in position to dictate their own terms. Just so long as the autocratic idea prevails in those countries, and the "iron fist" and "shining sword" are threatened to punish the rest of mankind, so long must the war continue, until these arrogant and unscrupulous people are effectually suppressed.

Meanwhile, each one of us can do something to help the cause of universal liberty, by going the limit in giving of our substance and of our labor. Let there be no talk of discouragement, and meet every disloyal sentiment with a sharp rebuke. We have been too tolerant in the past; let us correct this mistake.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY MR. W. J. PEBBLES FROM HIS SON, SERGT. WM. LOXLEY PEBBLES U. S. AMBULANCE SERVICE IN FRANCE

Somewhere in France, Nov. 30, 1917.
My Dear Father and Mother:

Yesterday (Thanksgiving) your letter, one of five received in the morning, was one of the many things I was thankful for. Am glad my letters are getting through, only wish I could write more, for there is lots I could say that really would not hurt, however, the men higher up know best. Most of our men who were doctors have been removed to hospital work, and as we are with the French army, we are cut off from the Allentown boys to a certain extent.

I have had the la grippe for the last week, but feel pretty well to-day. Uncle Sam is doing all in his power to make us as comfortable as possible. Had a wonderful dinner yesterday, as much turkey as every man could eat; figs, dates, nuts, cigars and pumpkin pie something I could never eat before, but it tasted good to me now. Had church in the Y. M. C. A. in the morning, an entertainment in the evening, so you see life is not all work or hardship.

Don't look for the war to be over too soon, but pray that it will be for we are all praying the same every day. Many of our boys will have to die, but Germany will have to pay dear for every one.

Your box came last night, and I must thank you right now. The eats are fine, chocolate especially is a treat over here; very seldom see any at the front. You have no idea how hungry we get for it. One reason is because we get very little food that is sweetened and our body craves sugar.

Everything is very dear, eggs, ten cents a piece and butter one dollar a pound and very hard to get. Once in a while we buy some for our mess, but very seldom. The army allows us seventy cents a day per man and we manage to live very well on that. I priced fresh pork the other day and it was seventy-five cents a pound. Prices at home are high, but worse over here. When we got up this morning the ground was covered with snow, but it did not last long as it started to rain. A bishop from Paris came out Sunday and gave us communion and I thought of home and the many times we all had it together.

Must close now. Love to all from your loving son,

W. LOXLEY PEBBLES.

UNITED STATES MAILS

Arrive (Weekdays)

6.26 A. M.—From all points.
9.00 A. M.—Local West.
10.37 A. M.—From all points.
11.50 A. M.—From all points.
1.37 P. M.—From all points.
3.27 P. M.—Local West.
4.37 P. M.—From all points.
6.37 P. M.—Local West.

Depart

9.00 A. M.—For all points.
10.37 A. M.—For Local West.
1.17 P. M.—For all points.
1.37 P. M.—For Local West.
3.26 P. M.—For all points.
4.37 P. M.—For Local West.
6.37 P. M.—For all points.

Sunday

Arrive—7.02 A. M.
Depart—5.47 P. M.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

President—Chas. E. Kremer.
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T. B. Du Marias, Carden Warner and Chas. V. Noel.

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CUB'S WEEKLY LETTER

To the Editor of Our Town:

Just a few words if you please to the men and boys of Narberth. Attention! The Narberth Home Guard has been arranged and drills for one hour every Thursday evening at Elm Hall. Every male from 16 upwards is cordially invited to join. All you have to do, is to sign your name to a paper agreeing to be governed by the By-laws and be bossed by that efficient drillmaster, Doc. Hartley, and you're a member. Only one hour a week and you'll positively enjoy it. If you can carry a cane you can shoulder a gun. No uniforms. The physical exercises alone are worth coming out for and are the best thing in the world for the "tired business man."

Those of you subject to draft should be especially interested. One of our boys won a first lieutenantancy at Fort Oglethorpe and lays his success to his training in the N. H. G. Others who enlisted or were drawn found that the instruction they received at Elm Hall gave them a great advantage at the camp.

Don't be shy because you're a "rookie"—you'll have lots of company.

It is the patriotic duty of every man and boy in this town to interest himself in the local Guard, actively if at all possible. You know the song, "I Hear My Country Calling, But I'm Letting on I'm Deaf." How's your hearing? Remember now, Thursday evenings at 8.15.

Have you heard of the new theatrical firm, Caldwell and Harris? Klaw & Erlanger and the Shuberts are worried sick because in this new outfit they see a formidable rival. It is understood that the members of the firm will take part in each performance and if that is so they will create a sensation. Who wouldn't go miles to hear John Caldwell sing, or see Bill Harris dance a jig? They'll never strike the popular fancy though if they try to put across that old stuff "Ubuildem and I'llfillen."

It's a good thing Bill Cummer likes to see his name in print—says it advertises his business. It also gives Our Town good material. You know he changed his mind about going to Winnipeg on the fifteenth, but he is probably on his way as we go to press. The last time Bill saw his father was their first meeting in nineteen years. Dad didn't know his illustrious son and asked him who he was. "Your Willie," says Bill. "Nay, nay," says Dad. "My Willie never could have such a walrus moustache as you carry." And it took a long time to convince the old gentleman that Bill could grow that brush in nineteen years. That happened seven years ago. Bill hasn't changed much in that time—he certainly hasn't improved.

Lieut. Harris, of the Home Guards, who left some of his hair at San Juan says that the hero who enlists and goes to war has a fighting chance of coming back, but the hero who gets married on \$12 a week hasn't a chance in the world.

Doc Howard who runs "the brightest spot in Narberth" and runs it well is alleged to have said: "If you want to prove religion is only skin deep, start a dog fight across the street from a church and see where the crowd goes."

One of the most noisy visitors to

MOST heartily do we appreciate your more-than-generous patronage during the year about to close! Finer folks no store ever served! And most earnestly do we bespeak for all of you a New Year brimful of health, happiness and heart's-desire! Godspeed the plans we hold most dear!

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the Forum, Walter Cowan, rises to remark that "It's a great and patriotic idea to conserve food, t' my way of thinkin' conservation of conversation would be a move in the right direction."

Cub.

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

Thrills Audience and Enthuses Pupils

The third annual carol service of the Public Schools is recorded in the towns' history. This beautiful custom inaugurated three years ago, is truly a town affair. It is a meeting time for all lovers of the sweet old carols. The appreciative audience was larger than on the preceding years.

Promptly at eight o'clock the chorus of one hundred and fifty voices responded to the baton of Miss I. June Crass, the skilled music teacher of the schools; by eight forty-five it was all over, and happy parents and friends greeted the boys and girls and their leader. It required no imagination nor tact to congratulate Miss Crass upon her splendid work. From start to finish there was no flaw; pupils were on the alert to catch every direction of their leader; the inspiration in her face was reflected in the expression of the boys and girls; the leadership showed mastery.

But good as the technique may have been, that was a secondary thought in the minds of all the performers. They were enthused with the spirit of the time and place. Spirit and skill are the two requisites for good music; these were not lacking and hence success.

Not to be overlooked was the decoration of the auditorium by the Senior Class. The usual large tree stood on the platform; the pictures were dressed laurel and the doors and windows in the Christmas streamers that always cheer and warm.

Twelve months will again soon roll around and may they find a still larger audience assembled to hear same old carols.

"Christmas Dance," benefit of the Red Cross, Elm Hall, Friday, December 28, 1917. Myers' full orchestra.

HAVE YOU DECIDED

what you will do with the money given you for Christmas? How about buying War Savings Stamps? They pay four per cent. compound quarterly, and also help to win the War.

DOG ACT, 1917

The County Commissioners of Montgomery county, hereby direct the attention of owners and keepers of dogs, to the salient features of the said Dog Act, as follows:

1. Assessors no longer furnish license tags and collect licenses, but the same must be paid to the county treasurer at his office in the Court House at Norristown or to a duly qualified Justice of the Peace within the county.

2. Dog licenses must be paid annually and not later than January 15 of each year and expire January 15 of the following year, and have fixed for 1918 at \$1 each male or spayed female dog and \$2.50 for each unspayed female dog over six months old. Kennel licenses, \$5 for ten dogs or less and \$10 for more than ten dogs.

3. On payment of the license a metal tag will be furnished for each dog to be attached to a substantial collar and at all times kept on the dog licensed, which tag is not transferable to another dog.

4. Owners of dogs becoming six months old or acquired after January 15, shall forthwith procure a license for the same, the license required after July 15, being one-half the annual license.

5. It shall be the duty of any police officer or constable to forthwith kill any dog not bearing a proper license tag which is found running at large.

Roy A. Hatfield,
Harman Y. Bready,
Wm. Warner Harper,
County Commissioners.

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News of the Churches

MERION MEETING HOUSE.

Merion Meeting House is opened for worship every First-day at 11 A. M. Visitors are cordially welcome. A registry book is kept for visitors. All are asked to register their names.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

Early Mass on Sunday from April 1st to October 31st at 6.30 A. M. From November 1st to March 31st at 7 A. M. Late Mass, 9.30 A. M. throughout the year. Masses on holidays, 6.30 and 9.30 A. M. Weekdays at 8. Evening devotions and other services at regular times.

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Avery S. Demmy, Pastor
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Sunday services:
9.45 A. M.—Bible school. Classes for all. Everybody welcome.
11 A. M.—Morning worship. Illustrated sermon for children. Sermon for adults; subject, "What Have I Done?"
7 P. M.—Young people's meeting. Leader, Miss Cora Thomson.
7.45 P. M.—Evening worship; subject of sermon, "Enter in at the Strait Gate." The male quartette will sing.
Wednesday, December 26, 8 P. M.—Prayer and praise service. Leader, Dr. Charles A. McAlpine.
Thursday evening, December 27, 7.45 o'clock—Christmas festival. Rev. Clarence H. Woolston, D. D., pastor of East Baptist Church, Philadelphia, will be the entertainer. All members of Bible school and church should hear him; subject, object lecture.
Tuesday, January 1 1918, 8 A. M.—The annual prayer meeting in the Bible school room.

Church Notes

The Christmas services last Sunday were impressive and especially the evening service of "White Gifts," when the Bible school collections were for the Baptist Orphanage. The attendance was the largest since Mr. Demmy became pastor.

Do not forget the New Year's prayer service on January 1 at 8 A. M. for one hour. Come and start the year right.

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Sunday services:
9.45—Sunday school. Men's Bible Class in the auditorium, taught by Hon. F. W. Stites. Women's Class taught by Mrs. C. M. McCracken.
11.00—Morning worship. New Year's sermon by the pastor. Music by the choir.
7.00—Epworth League devotional meeting. Conducted for and by the young people.
7.45—Evening worship. As there will be no Watch Night service this year, this service will have several features of Watch Night. Sermon by the pastor preceded by song service of old-fashioned hymns. Special music by the organist and choir.

Pantomime and Tableau

The Sunday school Christmas entertainment will consist of a pantomime and tableaux called "The Good Samaritan." Twenty-six children and a reader will take part. The exercises will last one hour, beginning at 7.30 this Friday evening. Admission free to all. An offering will be taken.

First Sunday in January

On the first Sunday morning in January the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered by the pastor. Every member is urged to be present. New members are to be received.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister

Meetings for next Sunday:
10 A. M.—Sunday school. All departments.
11 A. M.—Public worship. Sermon on "The Signs of the Second Advent and What Shall We Do About It."
7 P. M.—Christian Endeavor meeting. Leader, Miss Edith Humphries.
7.45 P. M.—Evening worship. Sermon on "The Fall of Jerusalem."
Church Notes
Mr. Howard A. Banks has kindly consented to act as teacher of the Men's Bible Class. Mr. Banks is associate editor of the Sunday School

Times, a thorough Bible student and a Bible teacher of wide experience. It is an exceptional privilege to sit under his instruction. The class meets promptly every Sunday at 10 A. M. and all men not affiliated with other Bible classes are invited to be present. Some of the beautiful Christmas music which the quartette rendered last Sunday will be repeated at the morning and evening meetings next Sunday.

The ladies of the Missionary Society will hold a special missionary meeting in the church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Leader, Mrs. Margaret L. Cooper.

A MODEST SANTA CLAUS

Not a hundred miles from the intersection of Grayling and Windsor avenues dwells a regular feller. Every year he makes a practice of notifying the youngsters who swarm in the little streets near his down town office to come around on the day before Christmas for a gift. Needless to say, they come in droves, and each one receives a stocking about a yard long fairly bulging with toys and candy. This year he moved to an entirely new neighborhood just before Christmas, but lost no time in notifying some of the neighborhood kids to spread the news. Did it spread? This new neighborhood is of the early prolific variety, and on Monday morning a heterogeneous mob assembled, eagerly awaiting the distribution. A policeman appeared to inquire what the riot was about, but was soon quieted.

The benevolent Narberthite was by no means dismayed at the size of the gathering, but jumping into his car quickly brought several dozen additional of the coveted prizes all that the dealer had left, and nearly every child received one. The others were told to call Wednesday morning for theirs.

We do not want to spoil the pleasure of our big hearted friend by betraying his identity, but it is good to know and tell of such kindly deeds, done without "fuss and feathers." May he live to enjoy many Merry Christmases and Happy New Years!

THE FIRESIDE

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"Christmas dance" for the benefit of the Red Cross, Elm Hall, Friday evening, December 28, 1917. Remember this date. An opportunity to help the Red Cross Fund and spend an enjoyable evening. The Albert Myers' full orchestra, with Prof. Myers, himself, as director, will have charge of the music.

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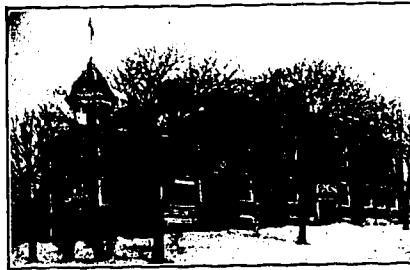
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SCHOOL NOTES



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Elementary School Exercises

The auditorium was packed on Friday morning with all available seats occupied and over a hundred standing. The exercises by the younger pupils, especially the "Tots" always bring a crowd.

Why everybody said "The best ever," the writer does not know, but probably it was due to the "punch" put into the program by the real punch put into the ceiling. The mystery was not solved until the end of the program when the principal rose to briefly say good-bye to the boys and girls. A first grader said to Mr. Melchior: "Who is up there that fell part way through?" "I don't know," was the truthful reply. "Well," said the youngster, "I bet it is Santa Claus." Whether it was or not, certainly the Santa spirit abounded. Everybody from babies to grandparents laughed at the jolly Christmas program. The boys and girls were the happier because they had brought piles of toys, groceries and goodies as an offering to the less fortunate. They and visitors, also, contributed \$7.20 in cash. These donations were sent to the city in the afternoon together with the huge Christmas tree all ready trimmed, for the big crowd of children that would gather around it at the settlement.

The numbers on the program were well selected and the rendition showed careful preparation. Certainly the school could be proud of its elementary faculty. Just who drilled President McCarter on his little speech of relief to the naughty no one knows. But it was full of the real thing, to say nothing of the power it had in turning the white, purple and red faces of a few, to the cheery glow of others. Boys, aren't you glad he was there?

After the exercises, the many friends visited the class rooms, where there were not only the usual Christmas decorations to see, but something far superior in quantity and quality to anything heretofore. By ten-thirty A. M. four hundred and eight pupils, nineteen teachers and over a hundred friends had gone to their homes, leaving behind them the scenes that to many of them are the very embodiment of their lives.

School opens Wednesday, January 2, 8.40 A. M.

"Beginners" will please report at the above time. All enrollments should be made not later than Friday morning. It is to the advantage of child and parent to register by the end of this week. Mr. Melchior or Miss Wetherill or Miss Schinbel.

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Local Board for Division No. 1, the draft board for Lower Merion and Cheltenham townships and Narberth borough, has practically completed its first quota of 397 men. Only a baker's dozen or so of men remain to be sent to camp, as their cases are cleared up.

The members of the board, Sheriff Louis A. Nagle, of Ogontz, the chairman; Captain James I. Donaghy, the secretary, and Dr. Romaine C. Hoffman, of Narberth, realize that some mistakes may have been made. This was inevitable in the hurry of making a very large draft in the short time allowed by the Government and in the confusion created by the first complicated regulations, which are soon to be superseded by much more carefully worked out rules.

In every case of possible injustice or error which was called to their attention, or which they themselves discovered, the present members of the board and Mr. John S. Clarke, the former secretary, made careful investigation and remedied the matter.

Accordingly the net result is that a fair and square draft has been made.

Here are the figures:

Total number of registrants	3214
Quota required	397
Called for examination	2200
Failed to appear for examination	178
Accepted on physical examination	990
Rejected on physical examination	801

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Certified to the District Board as "not exempted or discharged"	478
Ordered to report to camp	411
Failed to report	14
Rejected at Camp Meade as physically unfit	3
Exemptions given without physical examination	196
Pending	35
Claims filed	877
Claims allowed	757
Claims disallowed	120
Discharged by District Board on appeal from decision of the Local Board	8
Discharged by District Board on industrial or agricultural claim	45
Exemptions by the Local Board:	
Officer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	1
Minister of religion	2
Students of Divinity	93
Men in the army or navy, marine corps	131
German aliens	13
Other aliens	104
Discharges by Local Board:	
Persons employed in transmission of the mails	1
Persons employed in armory, arsenal or navy yard	2
Mariners	1
Married men with wife, or wife and children dependent	367
Men with dependent widowed mothers	28
Men with dependent parents, aged and infirm	8
Fathers of motherless children. Brothers of dependent children.	2
Conscientious objectors (taken for non-combatant service only)	2

There is one unusually interesting feature of the foregoing figures. That is the number, 178, of men who failed to report and submit to physical examination.

Possibly 50 per cent., or even more, of these so-called missing men are in the service of their country as volunteers. The law required them to establish their status before the draft board. Sworn statements of relatives, even, could not be accepted, in this connection, under the rules. The local boards had no choice in the matter. Some of these young men failed to comply with the law. Some of them presented credentials that could not be accepted.

It was then the distasteful duty of the board to report such individuals to the authorities as "missing men," as the law required. Under the coming drafts all men, whether in the army or not, are required to submit questionnaires. It is the earnest plea of the members of this board that the men themselves and their families will realize that the board has to handle 3214 cases and will do all in its power to assist every registrant to obtain justice, but the board asks that every person will reciprocate by assisting the board to clear up the cases of volunteers.

A great deal of criticism, of course, is leveled at all local boards. This local board wants to hear the criticisms. If you have any criticism of the manner in which the board con-

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ducts its affairs, or makes its decisions, it is your duty as a citizen not to discuss the matter in an uninformed way.

It is your duty to go to the board with your suggestions of criticisms. Furthermore the board requests all citizens to do so, and assures every person of a courteous, considerate hearing.

If the matter is something which can be remedied, it will be remedied. If you have information concerning any claim for exemption or discharge under the old draft, or for "deferred classification" under the new draft, it will be gratefully accepted.

But all actions of the boards must be based on "legal evidence." Information may be true, but it must be on record in accordance with the law before the local board can accept it.

Any confidential information, however, will be welcome, as it may enable the board of Government investigators to obtain the legal proof that may be required.

Every person should realize the importance of preventing a fraud or imposition in connection with the draft. If some man improperly goes free, or his call is deferred, it will hasten the call of your brother, your son, your chum or your sweetheart, or husband.

Among the 397 men sent to Camp Meade by the board there were sixty-three married men. Most of these failed to put in any claim for discharge. A few others were men who received commissions at Fort Oglethorpe Training Camp, who did not actually go to the camp in person, but for whom credit was given on the quota. The remainder were married men who did not support their wives.

A short time ago a man of this district who has a wife and five children was sent to Camp Meade, drafted. Uninformed persons who heard of this case were horrified and denounced the Local Board. Some persons who were not uninformed, but who knew all the facts, also denounced the local board. The board is not concerned with the second class, but again reminds those in the first group what an inquiry would have demonstrated to them.

The man in question has habitually neglected his family. When he was first held for military service he deliberately refused to make any claim for discharge on behalf of his family. On a previous occasion when he was called for military service, the local board was given information to show that the man's family was dependent upon him. He was taken out of line, forced to file a claim for discharge and produce the necessary affidavits, and was discharged.

At that time there was no Federal insurance law to give the family anything, and the board believed that the man would refuse to permit any allotment from his army pay.

On November 1 the insurance act went into effect. In such a case as this the army authorities force the soldier to give one-half of his pay. An allowance is also made from the insurance fund. In the case of a wife with five children the total allowance amounts to \$47.50 per month. Making the total amount this wife and five children will receive each month \$62.50 per month.

This is the reason a neglectful husband and father was taken by this local board, and any other married man who neglects his wife or chil-

dren in the same way will be similarly treated.

This does not mean that all married men sent to Camp Meade are domestic slackers. There are quite a few cases where a wife works to help out in buying a home, or in keeping it up, and here the need for an army has to take precedence.

A clearer understanding by the public of the provisions of the law and the regulations is needed and the local board requests all persons to study the new regulations as much as possible, especially in the newspapers. It is especially desirable that all persons realize that the local board under the draft just ended had nothing to do with industrial or agricultural discharges. Under the new draft the local board will obtain information on industrial and agricultural claims and make recommendations, but there its work will end. The District Board, in all cases, has made and will continue to make the decisions.

Finally this local board wishes to state that its records are open to every person who has a reasonable right to obtain information, subject to the provisions of the law that certain records must not be made public, notably reason for a physical discharge and certain information bearing on dependency.

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Nash, Robert J. Phone, 605.
Money for First and Second Mortgages.
ROOFING, ETC.
Gara-McGinley Co. Phone, 1258-W.
See display advertisement in this issue.
Miller, John A. 243 Iona ave. Phone, 661-J.
Shcp, 246 Haverford ave. Phone, 1226-J.
SCHOOLS, ETC.
Zentmayer's, The Misses.
Phone, Narberth 651-J.
SHOEMAKERS
Tarnel, Harry
246 Woodbine ave.
Good Wear Shoe Repair Shop.
Constantine, B. G. Y. M. C. A. Bldg.

The above department should be of the greatest use to the community, the list contains the name of every professional man, tradesman, mechanic, shopkeeper, etc., who does or can in any way serve his fellow-townsmen, and who is progressive enough to add name to list of Register. As it is difficult for those contributing their time and efforts to the production of "Our Town" to personally either know or interview all such, it would be most helpful if those not now found in the printed list would send in a memo of their names, address, phone numbers and businesses or professions for listing. This will cost as follows: 10 cents each issue for 2 lines; 5 cents for each additional line.

Play and Dance, "The Nautical Knot," December 29. Net proceeds for Red Cross. Admittance, 35 cents.