

MUST GO AFTER IT

They say things come
To those who wait,
But you gotta dig
If you want bait.

OUR TOWN

TRUE GREATNESS

Who to a friend his faults can freely
show,
And gladly praise the merit of a
foe.

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ELECTRIC TRAINS TO BEGIN RUNNING ABOUT MAY FIRST

What Has Been Accomplished and What Remains to Be Done

Electric trains will begin running on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Narberth and Broad Street station, and to and from the other local stations along the Main Line as far west as Paoli, in May next.

That is the expectation of the railroad company, contingent, of course, on the weather during the winter. The work of electrifying the road, and equipping the cars, is progressing rapidly. If the Storm King is especially severe on this territory during the coming months, the starting of the first electric train may be delayed.

Riding to and from the city we have all noted in a general way what was being done, but few of us have had any definite knowledge of what was being accomplished.

In the first place, the work now being done is for the electrification of the local service. Later the "through trains to the west" will travel by electricity as far as Paoli. No definite announcement has been made by the railroad as to when this change will be made. Until then, inbound and outbound trains for and from points west of Paoli, will use steam locomotives. The same motive power will be used on freight trains until the railroad company completes its arrangements for removing this kind of traffic from the suburban branch of the Main Line.

So that while we will still "have with us" the smoke and snorts from the Western trains and the freights, even after May next—for a while, at least—the electrification of the local service will be a big improvement and an important step in the right direction.

The approximate cost of installing electric service for the Main Line suburban trains will be \$3,500,000. The actual work was begun last April. The start was made between St. Davids and Wayne, and the engineers and workmen have traveled gradually east toward Broad Street station. The necessary poles and bridges between Overbrook and Paoli are completed; the pole foundations are finished as far east as West Philadelphia station, and the electrical bonding of the tracks completed for nearly the entire distance. The crosswires are in position from Overbrook to Paoli, and the transmission wires are now being strung.

The power will be supplied by the Philadelphia Electric Company from its central plant at Christian street and the Schuylkill river, through sub-power plants at West Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr and Paoli.

The work of equipping the cars is now being done at the railroad shops in Altoona. As the passenger coaches now in use in the suburban service were planned with the idea of their being converted into electric cars, it is a comparatively easy and inexpensive job to install motors and controllers and fit them for the new work.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Don't give your children, or those of anybody else, a rifle or any implement of torture for Christmas—or any other time. Discourage such gifts at all times. Rather give your boy a humane book, or a camera. This will teach him to spare a life and not take a life, and so avoid the suffering caused by shooting innocent animals and birds—very often, also, innocent human beings. Teach your children and those of other people to "Be Kind to Animals."

WE EXTEND HEARTY WELCOME TO

Mr. W. B. Leet and family, lately moved from Harrisburg, to 133 Merion avenue, which was leased from Mr. Godfrey.

Mr. H. G. Foote and family, who came from Germantown to 39 Montgomery avenue, rented from Mr. Harris.

Dr. H. A. Marx and family, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, have rented 107 Price avenue from Mr. Harris.

NARBERTH AT CIVIC SYMPOSIUM.

Narberth was well represented at the Symposium of Suburban Civic Endeavor held December 1st, at Ridley Park. The program included eight speeches on various problems presented by representatives of successful civic association of communities surrounding Philadelphia.

George M. Henry, president of the Narberth Civic Association, had for his topic "Why An Historical Pageant?" He divided his reasons into three divisions: first, that of financial benefit; second, that of advertising and publicity benefit, and third, that of social and civic benefit.

About two hundred men and women were present and the symposium was voted a complete success.

Among those who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Henry from Narberth were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Metzgar, J. B. Nesper, and H. C. Gara.

MAIN LINE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Narberth Opens Saturday Night With Overbrook.

Narberth plays its first game of basket ball of the present season with Overbrook in the Narberth Y. M. C. A. Gym, Saturday evening, December 12, at 8.15.

The team met for practice last night and the players showed a speed and accuracy in passing the ball rare for early season form. Among those turning out for practice were Durbin, of Haverford; Davis, of L. M. H. S.; Nevin, of Haverford, and E. Davis, of W. P. H. S.; Kriebel, of Narberth H. S.; Speakman, formerly of Central Manual; Hackett, of Narberth, and W. Humphreys, of Narberth.

Those promoting the local team feel sure that they are going to duplicate the success which crowned the efforts of the foot ball team, and earnestly solicit the support of local rooters and "ordinary spectators." In addition, it is the hope of the management to receive financial support sufficient to purchase uniforms for the players.

On the same evening, Ardmore will play the St. Paul team at Ardmore.

IS THERE A PRAYER CIRCLE IN YOUR BLOCK?**Or Those Narberth Prayer Circles.**

"Hello! Who is that?" "Billy Sunday campaign headquarters."

"I want to get some prayer placards for Narberth."

"All out of them. Had 5000 and they are all taken. Will have some more next week."

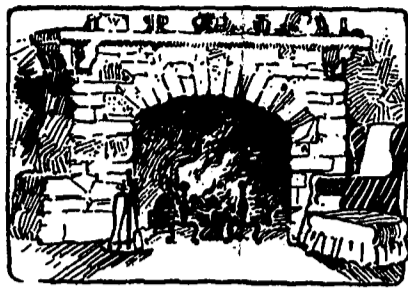
That meant that nearly five thousand homes in Philadelphia were holding cottage prayer meetings on Tuesdays and Fridays for a half hour in the evening. They are to prepare the way for Billy Sunday's coming on January 3.

Several of these meetings started last week in Narberth. The placards indicate the house and the time of meetings. It is the plan to have one of these prayer circles in every block in Narberth. A committee from the churches is in charge. It is entirely undenominational. Catholic, Protestants, Jews and even unbelievers have opened their homes for the meetings.

If any information about these circles is desired call up R. C. McQuilkin, 110 Woodside avenue, who is a member of the Sunday Campaign Committee.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain unclaimed in the Narberth post office: Miss Albertson, E. T. Aitken, Miss Marie H. Albertson, The Benedict Co., Mrs. N. B. Gardner, Miss Catherine Logan, Mrs. W. McGarree, Mrs. Paul Monaghan, Matthew Walton.



THE FIRESIDE

By Lady Narberth

Mrs. Dwight Chester, of Boston, is visiting Mrs. Robert G. Seymour, of Woodside avenue.

Mrs. Charles R. Jones, of South Narberth avenue, had as her guest last week Mrs. Emory Scott Land, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Land is the wife of Lieutenant Emory Scott Land, U. S. N., fleet constructor of the Atlantic Squadron, on the Flagship Wyoming, assistant to Admiral Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Noll Butler and family, of Essex avenue, have just returned from a two weeks' visit to Mr. Butler's mother, of Philadelphia.

The "Sewing" will meet with Mrs. M. Rochman Street, of West Montgomery avenue, Ardmore, Wednesday afternoon, December 16th.

The many friends of Marion Trotter will be glad to hear that she is rapidly recovering from her recent attack of tonsillitis.

Miss Caroline C. Lockhart, of Cody, Wyoming, spent the week-end with Miss Mabel Seymour, of Woodside avenue. Miss Lockhart is the author of "Mr. Smith," "The Lady Doc," and "The Full of the Moon," and was formerly a special correspondent of the "Bulletin," under the nom de plume of Suzette.

In last week's issue of OUR TOWN the name of Mrs. C. V. Noel was inadvertently omitted from among those actively working for the success of the fair of the Narberth Fire Company. Mrs. Noel had charge of the groceries table.

Friends of Mrs. O. J. Snyder will be glad to learn that she has returned to Narberth after spending several weeks in New England.

BANQUET FOR FOOT BALL TEAM.

Narberth ended its most successful season by a grand banquet held in the Y. M. C. A. Building on Saturday evening, December 5th. The table was tastefully arranged, at the head of the table being a foot ball with the inscription 13 to 7 painted on it, which indicated the score made by the Home team against Wayne on Thanksgiving morning, which decided the championship of the Main Line. One of the features of the menu was the ice cream in the form of a foot ball player with the ball tucked under his arm.

Speeches were made by Charlie Kerwood, manager of the Wayne team, who congratulated Narberth upon its victory. Mr. Kerwood also spoke of hoping to be able to play again next year with the same clean spirit in which the game was played this year. Mr. Robert Patterson spoke of the merit of the fellows, being of a fine gentlemanly sort. On motion it was moved that next year's team be composed of strictly home talent, which was the same as this year.

Manager Ward gave a report of the expenses for the past year, which on motion, was approved. Mr. Patterson was elected temporary chairman for the club which we are about to form for all kinds of sports and pleasure.

Those present were: Toastmaster Ward, Manager Chas. Kerwood, of Wayne; Robert Patterson, Vernon Fleck, Captain Eugene Davis, Watson Owings, Wm. Durbin, Assistant Manager O'Dell, Clarence Humphreys, Walter Humphreys, Harry Brown, Wm. Jefferies, Lester Jefferies, Geo. Markle, Geo. Mellon, Edw. Scanlin, George Smith, Walter Nevin, John Mowrer, Frank X. Shelley and Reporter Earl Smith.

Manner is a social asset unless it be too apologetic.

"His" mother, and my mother are of different clay.

DIRECTORS DECIDE TO CLOSE THE Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

Lack of Financial Support on Part of Citizens Reason Given**NARBERTH FIRE CO. FAIR.**

The bazaar held for the benefit of the Narberth Fire Company last Thursday, Friday and Saturday was quite successful, considering the rather light attendance. The net proceeds are expected to amount to over \$800—detailed report will appear in our next issue.

The bazaar was given with the expectation of securing sufficient funds to liquidate the remaining indebtedness of \$1700 on the automobile apparatus, and while this result has not been attained, the company is very grateful for the efforts made in its behalf.

The company requests "Our Town" to extend through its columns its sincere thanks and appreciation to all who helped to make the bazaar a success, especially to the ladies, who have given so largely of their time in preparation and to the donors, who responded so liberally.

The articles sold at the bazaar were very reasonably priced and those who attended and purchased received full value. It is only to be regretted that more of our residents did not avail themselves of the opportunity afforded.

A slight diversion Thursday afternoon was the chimney fire at the residence of Mr. J. Howard Jeffries on Narberth avenue. The company responded to the alarm quietly and extinguished the fire without disturbing those in attendance at the bazaar.

NARBERTH BOY FATALLY BURNED

Young John Townsend Dies in Bryn Mawr Hospital as Result of Accident at His Home.

John, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Townsend, of Conway avenue, was fatally burned last Saturday afternoon. The accident happened in the kitchen of the Townsend home, during the absence of the boy's parents, the only other occupant of the house being his elderly grandmother.

The child's clothing caught fire, presumably from a live coal which fell from the open door of the kitchen range. Frightened, the child ran into the back yard, where neighbors extinguished the flames with water, at the same time calling the assistance of Dr. Clarence Faires. A quick examination showed that the boy was very seriously burned and he was hurried to the Bryn Mawr Hospital, where, as the result of the inhalation of flame, he died, at midnight.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Townsend home, with Rev. Chris. G. Koppel officiating. Interment was made in Merion Cemetery.

The boy's father is well known to the residents of Narberth as the superintendent of the Y. M. C. A. building.

BAD VENTILATION OF TRAINS IS MENACING TO PASSENGERS.

A committee of experts declares that "more deaths are caused by improper ventilation of train coaches and waiting-rooms than by train accidents." This is so serious an indictment that cognizance should be taken, by State and National authorities, of the perils of illy-ventilated trains, particularly sleeping cars, which are said to be prolific breeders of deadly germs. So large a percentage of the American people travel, more or less, in the course of each year, it becomes of general moment to protect their lives against disease-infection, as well as against accident, while they are traveling. It should be possible and practicable to fumigate passenger and sleeping coaches frequently and to provide scientific ventilation that would conserve the health of passengers.—Pasadena Star.

Those of our people not familiar with the business affairs of the local Young Men's Christian Association were much surprised to learn that, at their regular meeting on Monday night of this week, the Board of Directors voted to close the doors of the association on January 1st, for the reason that indifference of our people to the welfare of the association and lack of any sustained financial support rendered such a course necessary. The directors have had an annual budget of approximately \$4,500 to provide for. Although numerous appeals have been made by means of personal solicitation and organized financial canvasses, the money subscribed for and contributed has fallen far short of this amount. The result has been a yearly deficit of from \$1,500 to \$2,000. A member of the board, in speaking of the matter, said:

"The Board of Directors reached the decision to close the association building on January 1st with extreme reluctance. I believe it is true that much actual good has been done and is being done now for the physical and moral advancement of the boys and girls of the community. Apart from this, the conveniences of the building and its equipment have been enjoyed by the older people of the town, and frequent meetings of a social and religious character are held in the building. It is true that some of the men and women of the community have contributed nobly to meet the financial needs of the association. Undoubtedly, those in charge of the association have made sacrifices, both in time and money, to advance its interests, but the response from the people of Narberth has not been general enough to meet the needs of the Y. M. C. A., and the burdens have, therefore, fallen on the backs of a comparatively few. The causes of this are rather hard to fathom. Ordinarily, our people are very keen in rallying to the support of the various borough activities. The Fire Company, the Building Association, the various athletic teams formed by our young men, are all given whole-hearted support, but it does seem as though the Y. M. C. A., with its fine building and splendid equipment, (certainly a borough asset), has failed to arouse any popular interest whatever. In deciding to close the doors of the association, the Board of Directors reluctantly admit a sense of personal defeat. The members of the board have worked conscientiously for the success of the association, but if the people have no interest in maintaining the association, it would be worse than business folly to carry it on with continued losses."

The closing of the association will cause regret to many who have used its facilities. It is also a grave question whether the borough can afford to permit one of its most prominent institutions to close for lack of support. This is a question which will doubtless be warmly discussed by members of the association who attend the annual meeting to be held at the Y. M. C. A. building on Monday night next, 14th inst. A large attendance of the members of the association, as well as its friends, is expected at that time.

It is understood that the closing of the association building will in no way affect that part of the building used for business purposes.

FOR CHILDREN.

Education as to physiologic needs and the cultivation of right food habits are most important for children. Simplicity, daintiness, perfect natural flavors, right combinations of food, served at the right temperature, without noise or confusion, giving time and opportunity for interchange of thought and cheerful conversation, makes the home table "a school of good manners and good food habits of which no parent can afford to deprive his children.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

WHAT HO THERE, NARBERTH!

A reasonable amount of self-gratulation may not be amiss under present favorable conditions, in response to the challenge as to what Narberth has to offer to strangers contemplating residence here, as well as comfort and satisfaction to those already settled in our thriving community.

Note first that the borough has an efficient council for its management, with a wide-awake and competent Burgess, keenly alive to its every requirement.

It has an efficient fire department, ready on the instant to extinguish little blazes or large ones, an exceedingly good conservator of property interests.

It has good schools, none better in any place of its size on the main line. It has active churches, alive to the religious needs and activities of its people.

It has good stores and plenty of them, each doing a lively business, and more are coming right along to meet the needs of the town.

It has hundreds of comfortable homes, the list being rapidly augmented.

It has a fine Civic Association, which has done good work already and is rapidly maturing plans for extensive betterments.

It has OUR TOWN, which every week speaks for itself—and for the town, in a way to make people sit up and take notice.

AND THERE IS MORE TO COME, IF YOU PLEASE!

THE WYNEWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

A large illustrated poster printed in two colors, has been issued by the Wynewood Civic Association. It sets forth the history, purpose, fulfillments and future of the association. Another feature of the poster shows two return postal cards, one being an application for membership in the association; the other provides an opportunity for suggestions to the association.

This is splendid publicity. The list of fulfillments by the Wynewood Civic Association might well be matched by our own and other similar associations.

THIS MAY MEAN YOU.

As a means of bringing the people of the borough together and promoting sociability, fire company fairs and bazaars, are affairs to be looked forward to with pleasure; but it should

not be necessary to have to raise money in this way. Because of the fire company we all enjoy a protection and a lower insurance rate than would be possible under any other circumstances.

It is a civic duty of every resident of Narberth to belong to the fire company. Not necessarily as a fire-fighting member but as a contributing member. We have one of the best equipments of apparatus to be found in any town of similar size and similarly situated, and a company of active members that has shown its efficiency on numerous occasions.

If every house in Narberth were represented among the list of members of the fire company the financial problem would be settled—and settled as it should be—every one bearing his share of the expense.

If you do not belong to the fire company you should join.

WHAT DO YOU SAY, FANS?

To the Editor of "Our Town:" I certainly hope the people of Narberth will get behind the Athletic Association and boost for a good team next summer. We cleaned up the Main Line last summer and we can do it again.

Your article last week hits the nail on the head. A good base ball team helps to make a town. There are enough people in this borough to support a good team and our base ball managers will give us such a team if the people will support it.

Come on you fans, let's hear what you got to say.

Yours truly,
First Base.

NEW BOOKS

A WONDERFUL CALENDAR.

J. B. Lippincott Company have just issued a calendar that will delight the children and all those older folk who still love the beautiful things of the imagination. Twelve pictures in colors on the twelve calendar sheets are from the fine illustrated edition of The Stories All Children Love series. These classic volumes have been chosen not only for their appeal to the child, but also for their value in evoking the child's powers of mind and character, as in the beautiful tales by George MacDonald, Hans Christian Andersen, and others that will hold the interest of children as long as childhood exists. The rarely sympathetic and beautiful illustrations chosen from these books are pictures that every child will want to own. They convey more than a hint of the noble books from which they are drawn, and are of a quality to appeal to the boy and girl of all ages. The calendar may be had for fourteen cents in stamps from the publishers, J. B. Lippincott Company, Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pa.

QUAINT OLD RHYMES.

Color allied to human and animal interest always makes a hit with little people. A particularly fine example of this happy combination is found in a book of Quaint Old Rhymes (Dodge), illustrated by the inimitable Colorist Frank Adams. The rhymes are charming, the paper soft and the pictures aglow with an originality and gems for kiddies, who invariably sense an especially good thing.

HOW TO WIN AT AUCTION.

Auction bridge has come to stay; most card players look upon it as the pastime supreme, indoors. "How to Win at Auction Bridge, Royal Spades and Nullo's," is a timely book whose office is to make clear those points that puzzle the novice. Edwyn Anthony knows his subjects and what is more to the point, teaches others the same mastery. Than his "How to Win at Auction" could be more understandable.—Geo. W. Jacobs Co.

BIG TIME AT LITTLE CHURCH ON THE HILL

The Little Church on the Hill had the time of its life last Tuesday evening. It was a revelation and an inspiration to all who attended the wonderful banquet, when forty-eight of the finest young men and the youngest old men in the village sat down to the table.

If it were possible, the minstrel show which was given a week before was outshone by the brilliancy and good fellowship of the talent. The wit and wisdom that flowed and the inspiration and happiness that prevailed was like the opening of the flood gates to paradise. There was an excellent supper served by the ladies which was a great treat. The talks by the men were a feast of reason and a flow of soul. Fletcher W. Stites, with his ready wit, was the toastmaster, par excellence. His stories were a treat; his "big brother" talk a grace in itself, like the grasp of the hand of the encouraging trainer of a successful team.

Rev. Henry Chalfant was on the firing line with his eloquent address for the young men to press forward and hit the line of non-church-going men and bring them in that we may do them good.

Dr. Sadler's talk, with his humorous stories and his earnest plea for the co-operation of the class, was an inspiration. He described the "Men's Bible Class" as the sum of inspiration and a fund of information—every man was a book. He also told of the good of the class, to the individual and the good of the individual to the class.

The Cream de la Cream was the talk of "Bob" McKenty, warden of the Eastern Penitentiary, who told of the inspiration that the gathering of these young men in this place was to him. He had heard young men who were incarcerated testify that the habit of going to Sunday School was a wonderful help to those who stuck to it. A boy or man need not be a "namby-pamby" boy if he went to Sunday School. His talk was good, helpful and inspiring.

Pastor Koppelt gave a talk which was like a benediction after a prayer. Like Moses with the children of Israel, he has led the church out of the wilderness of doubt, which had its crux in the meeting last Tuesday, December 1st—a day long to be remembered by the people of the Narberth Methodist Episcopal Church and the people of Narberth in general. We are to be congratulated on having him; we are proud of him, and greatly pleased with the talk straight from the shoulder which he gave the men and boys at the supper.

The skipper, who sticks to the ship when she comes near foundering, steering her past the rocks and shoals, was there to receive his long delayed reward and the laudation of the members and plaudits of the young men and old men (whoever that may mean), and of the ladies. C. E. Kreamer received a great ovation.

The evening's entertainment was provided by a committee composed of Messrs. Anderson and Clewell, assisted by the ladies. The president of the class, Robt. E. Patterson, welcomed the guests as they came and shook the hand of every man as they departed. The hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung as the "fitting end of a pleasant day"—and thus ended the first chapter.—See Clueque.

Nothing so surprises an egotist as a dissenting voice.

VISIT

THE
Little White Tea House & Shop
No. 2 Avon Road, Anthony Farms,
NARBERTH, PA.

LETTERS FROM CITIZENS OF NARBERTH.

Let Us Suspend Judgment.

Residents of Narberth, together with other suburban travelers to and from Philadelphia, are deeply concerned over the proposed increases in railroad fare charges. Much adverse criticism is heard not only among those who use the 100-trip tickets, which the "Pennsy" would withdraw after December 15, but also among regular daily commuters whose monthly and quarterly tickets would be advanced in price.

Broadly viewing the whole controversy, however, at the present time, prompts the suggestion that the judgment of the public should be suspended until the railroads have been given opportunity to present their reasons for the higher tariffs.

If the railroads are receiving insufficient revenue from the present suburban travel, they have a reasonable and just cause for the proposed changes. They must prove their case to be equitable. As they are under commission regulation, they cannot arbitrarily impose the extra burden on the public without advancing substantial proof that their action would be justifiable.

The Interstate Commerce Commission and the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission have wide powers under the circumstances, though the national body is restricted to interstate rates in its regulatory authority. In other words, the Interstate Commerce Commission would have no jurisdiction over the fare advances wholly within the State of Pennsylvania. This interstate traffic comes under the regulation of the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg. For this reason the complaints of the protesting commuters have been lodged with the local commission.

Through its counsel, the Pennsylvania Railroad tells the Public Service Commission, in the first onslaught by the indignant commuters in Philadelphia last week, that it seeks to adjust its passenger rates on what it believes to be a reasonable basis. The Commission has the power to investigate the railroad's books under the circumstances to determine whether or not the present fare charges are reasonable. This has not yet been done, nor have the railroads stated their case in detail. Meantime, suspension of judgment would be only fair.

The public also should recognize that vast and costly improvements have been made in the suburban train service in the last few years, both as regards more frequent trains and certainly more comfortable coaches. If these improvements, together with the electrification of the Main Line, now happily almost a reality, justify higher rates for the service, the public should be willing to pay for what it receives. Certainly no one can justly compare the trolley service to suburban places with the high-class Main Line conveniences of the "Pennsy," with its big steel coaches comfortably heated, adequately illuminated and with wide cushioned seats amply accommodating travelers. The public demands these conveniences from the railroads, but does not expect them of the trolley companies; so that those who would point to the cheaper rates by the latter should consider and compare and weigh in the balance of the controversy the superiority of the former service.

Once again, then, let us suspend judgment for the time being and await the result of the investigation.

Place of the Period.

"Father," asked eight-year-old Alice, returning home from school, "are you good at punctuation?"

"Yes," replied the father.

"Well, tell me, please, how would you punctuate 'The wind blew a five-dollar bill around the corner.'"

"Why, daughter, I would simply put a period at the end of the sentence."

"I wouldn't," said Alice mischievously. "I would make a dash after the five-dollar bill."

ON THE 8.14

And Elsewhere in Our Town

After a careful study of 9,672 newspapers during the last week, "we" are convinced that the proper—in fact the only proper—way to begin a column like this, at this particular season of the year, is to say:

11 More Days to Do Xmas Shopping. Of course, if you don't care whose toes you tread on, or whether any of the salespeople in the stores have a Merry Christmas, you can stretch that time to 12 days, by including Thursday the Twenty-fourth—the day before Christmas.

The work of the "spugs," in doing away with the giving of useless gifts, is one step in the right direction. Why not make it two steps in the same direction by finishing your Christmas shopping before the last day?

Speaking of Christmas suggests many things and persons, including the late Bob Burdette, who used to be pastor of one of the Bryn Mawr churches, the child's faith in Santa Claus, and the excited groups of boys and girls that may be seen in the department stores any of these days before Christmas, inquiring the way, or beseeching their mothers and fathers to hurry on, to where Santa himself may be found.

Burdette said many fine and funny things, but he never said anything better than his classic remark that "if he ever met the man who told him there wasn't any Santa Claus he'd knock him down."

With the approach of the Big Day we would do well to remember Bob Burdette's threat, and what is even more important, the thought that is back of it. We tell children a good many things that are positively harmful and deceitful compared with the Santa Claus story. And how about the effect, on the mind of the child, of some grown-up's display of temper or irritation over some trifling incident?

Good morning Sign! Beautiful weather we're having, isn't it. * * * Oh I'm very well, thank you; and how are all the little signs?

If you don't regard living in Narberth as a privilege, consider this poetic offering from our friend H. R. Edwards, of the City of Brotherly Love, who speaks with such feeling of a daily miracle which used to puzzle and harass "us" back in our own unregenerate days before we became civilized and joined the commuters' brigade:

The Six O'Clock Car.

You may talk of the wonders that startle the mind,
The marvels of genius and nature combined;
You may tell of the structures erected of old,
Volcanic eruptions and lava long cold.

You may speak of the Germans the Allies surprised;
Of how Mr. Villa, the patriot, flies.

You may talk of things local, the things we surmise,
What cash there was paid for the street car franchise.

You may speak of Kentucky's political feud,
Where men carry arms like savages crude.

All of these are the marvelous things of the day,
Which keep our poor brains in a state of dismay.

But there still is a wonder, more wonderful far;
That wonderful wonder—the Six O'Clock Car;

How when crowded so close that one's breath is squeezed thin,
One man will get out—and three can get in!

Steady now, all you local poets and poetesses. Don't crowd the lecturer. This is the first time the muse has invaded this column, and it should not be taken as an indication that the front door is wide open. If you will, please, walk right in and place your "poem" on the table and walk right out again. Don't embarrass me by compelling me to say "no, I can't use your beautiful poem"—right to your face. Give me a chance; I'm taking one. Chief Wingbone Junior.

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BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Emerson L. Swift, Pastor.
The musicale held last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Women's Mission Circle, at the home of Mr. William Smedley, was one of the very finest that has been given before a Narberth audience. Each selection was of unusually high merit. The participants were Miss Maude Wolf, Mrs. C. R. Jones, Mr. Robert H. Durbin, Mr. S. A. Rudolph, Mrs. W. A. Cole, local talent; and Miss Hazel Speirs, and Mr. Charles Page, Ardmore. The ladies are to be congratulated for having brought together such a high grade of excellence. We hope we shall hear the same performers in other programs this season.

The Women's Mission Circle will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 15, at the home of Mrs. James T. Houston, 201 Elm Terrace. The subject of the study will be "The Child in the Midst." Ten minutes will be devoted to current events.

Unusually pleasant Christmas exercises are being prepared by a special committee and the regular committee of arrangements of the Bible School. On Sunday afternoon of the 20th the beautiful "White Gift Service" will be presented, and the Christmas festival for the school will be observed the following Tuesday evening with a cantata and other features.

The Men's Class is exhibiting considerable enterprise in its efforts to increase the membership and interest in Bible study. A hearty welcome awaits all men in the Men's Class each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Subject of the sermon next Sunday morning is "Preparation of the 300;" for the evening, "Influence of the Book." This is the second of a series on the Bible.

The Young People's meeting will be held in the evening at 7 o'clock. Subject, "Gems From My Reading," Prov. 2:1-12. Leader Mr. H. C. Keim.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. John Van Ness, Pastor.
To-morrow night, Friday, December 11th, the entire congregation will celebrate a "Wonderful Birthday Party," under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. A most interesting program is being arranged under the direction of the president, Mrs. Nickerson. Miss Wilson, of our public schools, has been drilling the chorus of ladies. A company of young men and maidens will also participate. Refreshments will be served. All are invited.

Sunday, December 13th, the Bible School meets at 10 A. M. Mr. R. L. Beaty, superintendent. All departments, from the Beginners to the Adult Bible Classes. Public worship at 11 A. M. with sermon by the pastor on "The White Life." At 7 P. M., the meeting of the Junior Congregation; leader, Miss Adah Durbin. At 8 P. M. meeting in the interests of the Billy Sunday campaign with address by Mr. Robert C. McQuillan. This promises to be an unusually interesting and helpful meeting.

Monday, December 14th, the monthly business meeting of the Men's Club at 7:30 o'clock, followed by an address on evangelism by Mr. J. H. Jefferis, of Wayne, Pa. Mr. Jefferis is a member of the Presbyterian National Committee on Evangelism and will bring to us a soul-stirring message. All men are invited.

A new Girls' Club has been organized, largely through the inspiration of Mrs. Kennedy Duff, for work along social and philanthropic lines. They call themselves the "Mary-Marthas." They meet on the third Friday of each month in one of their homes, spending the first half of the evening in their club work, and the last half in a social way. They are under the supervision of Mrs. George W. Colesworthy and have started with great enthusiasm. The following are the officers: President, Miss Helen Duff; vice-president, Miss Augusta Witherow; secretary, Miss Madeleine McCoy; treasurer, Miss Edith Humphreys.

The Junior Congregation are planning to present on New Year's eve, a cantata entitled, "The Holidays' Grand Review."

A thorough canvass of the community is being made by the enthusiastic men of the Bible Class for new members. Seven teams are already at work and more will be added later. They are assisted by students from the University of Pennsylvania. Every man not otherwise affiliated is invited and urged to join this class.

A number of cottage prayer meet-

ings are being arranged for Tuesday and Friday evenings in the interests of the Billy Sunday Campaign.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Chris. G. Koppel, Pastor.

9.45 A. M.—Sunday School Assembly.
11.00 A. M.—Worship and sermon.
6.45 P. M.—Epworth League for young people.

7.45 P. M.—Worship and sermon. Subject, "Hell;" the fifth of "The Angel's Story," sermon series. Hearty singing. A warm and cordial welcome to friends and visitors.

A reception for the members who have united with the church during the present pastorate will be given this Friday evening by the Ladies' Aid Society. Representatives of the official societies of the church will receive at eight o'clock. A social hour with music and refreshments will follow in the lecture room. All members and friends of the congregation are cordially invited to be present.

Last Sunday thirteen new members were received into church membership. Of these, seven were received by letter and a class of six young men and women were admitted into full membership. A total of thirty-eight new members have been received in four months.

The membership of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been doubled by the addition of sixteen new members. This organization, of which Mrs. Harry M. Chalfont is president, is worthy of encouragement.

An old-fashioned Methodist Watch Night service will be held in the church New Year's eve.

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Lenten and other evening devotions, 8 o'clock.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.

Rev. Andrew T. Burke, Rector.
Sunday services
8 A. M.—The Holy Communion.
9.45 A. M.—The Sunday school.
11 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4 P. M.—Evening prayer.
There will be a second celebration of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 11 o'clock.
The Thanksgiving Day service will be at 11 o'clock.

MAIN LINE CHORAL PROGRAM.

The first concert of the Main Line Choral is to be given on December 11, in the Lower Merion High School Auditorium, Ardmore. A delightful Christmas program has been arranged, with Miss Agnes Reifsnnyder, contralto, Mrs. Abraham Crosley, soprano, and Mr. Noah H. Swayne, basso, as soloists.

The following program will be given to-morrow night:
Part 1.

1. (a) Silent Night.....Arr. Becker
Main Line Choral.
- (b) The Mariner's Christmas,
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Mrs. Crosley and Women's Chorus.
2. Songs—(a) Go Lovely Rose (Waller) Carpenter
(b) The Worldly Hope (Omar Khayam) Lehmann
(c) The Recessional (Kipling)
De Koven

Mr. Swayne.
3. (a) Winter Song Bullard
(b) Fair Shines the Moon To-night
Verdi

Men's Chorus.
4. Songs—(a) Der Tod und das Madchen.
(b) Wohnin Schubert
(c) Song of the Chimes Worrell
(d) The Last Leaf Homer
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