

A town to be progressive
must sense its limitations,
then broaden them

OUR TOWN

No worth-while town ma-
terially benefited by the
braying of brass bands

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HISTORY OF THE NARBERTH FIRE COMPANY

The old alarm whistle of the Narberth Park Association was blown on a night in the fall of 1896, and answered to a fire in the Narberth Presbyterian Church, a frame structure, situated at the same location now occupied by it. The church was a total loss, and the homes in the immediate vicinity were in danger. Sparks fell on the roofs of houses on Greyling avenue and ignited them. Before help came in the shape of the Merion Fire Company, of Ardmore (in those days it did take some time for assistance to arrive), the people of Narberth had tried to extinguish the sparks by throwing mud at them. Thanks to some of the very good baseball players then in our midst, the flames were kept down. One of the roofs on the Greyling avenue houses, however, did get beyond the control of the "mud-throwers" and no ladders being available, a board was finally put out of a window and a man stood on the board, while on the inside, to keep the balance, two or three men sat on the board. Buckets of water were then passed out and in that way the blaze was extinguished.

It was on this night that the life of the Narberth Fire Company really commenced, a few citizens getting together on the scene of conflagration, pledging subscriptions for the organizing of a fire department.

In the spring of the year of 1897, a large tent was erected on the plot of ground at Essex and Haverford avenues, where an entertainment was given and the Narberth Fire Company organized.

In the fall of 1897, the charter for the Narberth Fire Company was received from Harrisburg, naming the following gentlemen as Charter Members: E. A. M. L'Etang, F. H. Prescott, S. J. Baker, C. A. S. McClellan, J. K. Ketcham, W. H. Russell, A. P. Redifer, Wm. L. Owens, W. G. Smick, A. H. Faber, C. Howard McCarter, J. B. Caldwell, Richard H. Wallace, J. Mullineaux, Jr., H. K. High, Chas. E. Kreamer, M. S. Moore, F. H. Harjes, P. L. Jones, Carden Warner, T. B. Belfield, J. M. March, F. A. Bender, G. B. Haines, Geo. W. Yardley, Geo. Goodman, S. R. McDowell, A. H. Muller, James Reed, Carl Mintzer, R. Thomas, H. S. Atwood, Theo. Harsch, J. B. Clothier, W. A. Staunton, A. E. Clothier, J. G. Bucher.

The first chief engineer of the Narberth Fire Company was Geo. O. Goodman (an ex-member of the Merion Fire Company of Ardmore), who devoted a lot of time to the necessary work of organizing the fire department.

Some of the first active members, of whom some are still active members and in our midst were: T. B. duMarais, W. L. Trotter, Geo. Cleiss, F. S. Key, C. A. S. McClellan, A. R. Miller, T. C. Trotter, Jr., A. P. Redifer, R. H. Harjes, Jr.

The first apparatus to be purchased was the hook and ladder truck, which is still in active service. This truck was equipped with a hand pump and a reel capable of carrying about 200 feet of fire hose. In those days, Narberth could not boast of having fire plugs, and water for fire fighting purposes had to be taken from wells, ponds, streams, etc. When the fire plugs were installed in Narberth the pump and reel were removed from the truck, making the apparatus so much lighter for the horses.

The first gala day for the Narberth Fire Company was the arrival of the truck. The program consisted of parade, speeches and refreshments.

The early history of the Narberth Fire Company meant in plain words very hard work for all-connected with it. One of the great obstacles to be overcome was the finding of a suitable stable for the apparatus. When

the apparatus first arrived it was stored at the stable of Mr. M. S. Moore, on Haverford avenue (now occupied by Mr. Loos). At that time Mr. J. B. Clothier had a very fine pair of coach horses stabled in the rear of the truck and for a short time, the serious trouble of securing horses in time of fire was overcome. At the first alarm of fire, however, the members and also the horses were so excited that part of the stable door was taken along, when the truck was taken out.

From Mr. Moore's stable the apparatus was removed to a stable on the property now occupied by Mr. Norman Jefferies, on Narberth avenue. Here the truck was a grand roosting place for chickens and it kept the active members very busy to keep it clean and in shape for service. On one visit by the active members for the purpose of cleaning the apparatus an end to the roosting was made by Mr. T. B. duMarais, who administered a good beating to the father of that particular tribe of chickens and thus ended our chicken trouble.

The truck was then moved to the stable on the property at Haverford and Dudley avenues.

At about this time the new and present building of the Narberth Presbyterian Church was completed and the fire company bought from the Presbyterian Church the wooden structure in which church services were held during the building of the new House of Worship. This wooden structure was moved on rollers from Windsor and Greyling avenues, through the kindness of Mr. Theo. Harsch (one of the many of the old and faithful workers for the fire company), to Haverford and Narberth avenues, where the building is still standing, and is now being used by Mr. C. P. Cook, as a storage place for lime, cement, etc. This little structure was the first real home of the fire company. In back of the apparatus chairs were placed and it was there that the meetings of the company were held. The company at that time could not afford to keep the house heated all the time, and it therefore was necessary to take fire extinguishers, etc., to some place to prevent them from freezing. For this we could rely on a good and faithful worker of the company, F. S. Key and family, whose home was at Haverford and Narberth avenues (now occupied by Mr. Markle), and which are used as a sort of an annex.

The next move of the fire company was the purchase of the chemical engine which apparatus has truly served its purpose and is still in the active service of the company today. When this chemical engine arrived in Narberth, the company was pleased to have only half of the present structure on Forest avenue, ready to receive it. The house then consisted of the engine room downstairs and a hall and small ante-room upstairs. This part of the present fire house was nearly all paid for by voluntary subscriptions.

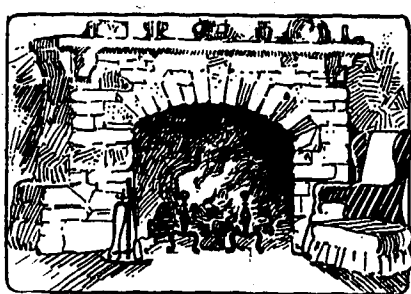
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Directors Formally Authorize Purchase of Park Property

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Civic Association, held Friday evening, formal action was taken authorizing the purchase of property for the park development as per recommendations of the Park Committee, published in our last issue. This looks like business.

Unclaimed Letters

Mr. Richard E. Williams, Robert K. Smith, Mr. John McGovern, John A. Ritter, Miss Abbie Lamb.



THE FIRESIDE

By Lady Narberth

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Blackall entertained Dr. and Mrs. Romaine C. Hoffman at dinner Thursday, October 5.

The Beta Chapter of the Chi Pi Sorority will give a play and dance on Saturday evening, November 28th. The title of the play is "Tommy's Wife." Those taking part are: Miss Mary Row and, Miss Helen Jones, Miss Linda Kirk, Mr. Stanley Kirk, Miss Bertha Harsch, Miss Kathryn McDowell, Mr. George Rose, Mr. Maurice DuMarais.

Miss Ethel Ridge and Mr. Roy Ridge announce that they are prepared to give instruction in the modern dances.

Mrs. Edgar S. Taylor entertained the Narberth five hundred Wednesday evening. Mr. Mullen winning the first prize for the gentlemen, Mrs. Clagnorn first for the ladies; Mrs. Mullen second and Mr. Southerland second. The house was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums.

Mrs. John Ketcham, of Haverford, entertained at cards at her home on Saturday afternoon, November 7th.

The Wednesday afternoon sewing club will meet at the home of Mrs. John Ketcham on November 18th.

The Chi Pi Sorority will hold an auction sale at the home of Miss Hulda Jefferies for charitable purposes, Saturday, November 14th.

Mr. Wm. D. Smedley has the contract to build a new home for Mr. H. A. Jacobs at the northeast corner of Elmwood and Wynnewood avenues, part of the ground recently used for the production of the pageant. It is the intention of Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Hillegas who jointly own this plot to employ the services of a landscape architect to supervise its development. Mr. Hillegas intends building a home for himself on another part of the grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Starra and their children have returned from Atlantic City to their home on Chestnut avenue.

The moving picture entertainment given by the Bell Telephone Company under the auspices of the M. A. S. Club of the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening was a great success.

Do not forget the minstrel show to be given by the boys of the Methodist Sunday School in Lam Hall on Saturday evening, November 21st. As the cast consists mostly of local talent, and the boys are working hard to make it a great success, it should receive your hearty support.

The young men's minstrel show will entertain their patrons with a first-class program on November 21, 1914. We will have accompanying our show a ten-piece orchestra, with the noted little pianist, Miss Belle Snow.

Prof. Bill Dennis, Hass Warren, Bill Cartledge, Walter Lupton, Harold Speakman, Warren Anderson, Edward Andrews, William McCargo, Watson Ouring, Bill Jefferies, Walter Nevim, George Brill, Edwood Smedley, Frank Shelley, Eugene Davis, Samuel McDowell, Newit Compton, Earl Smith, Vernon Fleck, George Fleck, Harold White, Harry Brown, Frank Clift, Jr., Frit Clmerson, Martin Cummer, Robert Mueller, Erwin Ward, Edward Seaman. Get your tickets early.

The Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting on Saturday night, all members of the board being present.

The question of guarding the milk supply on account of the disease now among some of the cattle was taken up, and also the sanitary condition of our public schools, and these ordered to be looked into.

The general sanitary condition of the borough is excellent.

The members of the board answering to roll call were: President, Mr. C. E. Kremer; Mr. Perry Redifer, Secretary; Mr. W. S. McClellan, Health Officer; Mr. Chas. Noel, Mr. T. B. DuMarais, Dr. Clarence T. Faries

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Y. M. C. A. Optimism.

Considerable excitement occurred last Friday morning when, for some time, it seemed as though the local Y. M. C. A. Building might be a victim of fire.

Our Men's Game Room, including two bowling alleys and three pool tables were damaged seriously. We are thankful to say that the damage will be practically covered by insurance. We are confronted with many questions, including, "What is the estimate of the damage?" and "When will the game room be open for business?" Owing to the fact that all this has to be taken care of by the Insurance Company, we can report nothing definite. However, an estimate that will cover the damage to the building and fixtures may be placed between \$200 and \$2500. Our bowling alleys will have to be thoroughly gone over, and two, or possibly three new pool tables, including new cues and bowling balls. Unfortunately the fire weakened some of the beams under the gymnasium floor and the insurance people will not permit us to use the "gym" until that is fixed.

When the rooms will be opened for business cannot be definitely answered. If the insurance people do their part promptly, things ought to be in shape by the middle of December, and in full swing by Christmas.

Nevertheless we are optimistic and feel that everything in the present state of affairs will be for the best.

We will hold all gymnasium classes at the Ardmore Building until our "Gym" is perfectly safe. Those interested in pool and bowling are cordially invited to use the Ardmore tables and alleys, and matches will be arranged.

Now is the opportune time to place special emphasis on other features of our work. We will commence some educational work which will be under the supervision of competent leaders. Would you be interested in an Orchestra, a Reading Club, a Salesmanship Course? If so, just drop in and talk things over.

(The Three Questions).

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We need not explain this title. Every resident of Narberth knows what we mean. This is the week for our Membership Campaign. About 25 or 30 of our active business men have been divided into teams of two men each, and will visit every home in Narberth. We are out for members, and with such an active year's work ahead of us, we will have something that will interest every resident of Narberth. We are here to fill a community need.

Big Sunday Men's Meeting.

A meeting of unusual interest to men will be held next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, at the Palace Theatre, Ardmore. The fact that makes this a meeting of such great importance, is that Prof. F. H. Green, of West Chester Normal School, will be the speaker. His subject will be, "Our Choices." If you have heard Prof. Green, we need say nothing more; if you haven't, ask some one who has, or come yourself, and we assure you it will be one of the Best Men's Meetings you have ever attended.

The Main Line Choral.

Under the general supervision of the Y. M. C. A., this organization is starting its second year. Miss Anne McDonough, who is director of the Peoples' Choral Society, of Philadelphia, is also director of this organization. She is a most efficient leader, and is having fine success. This society is filling a need in this community, and it is a great opportunity for those interested in choral work.

Narberth is not as active as some other towns along the Main Line in this organization. Several are going now, but quite a number should go. It meets every Tuesday night, at the Ardmore Building. For further information call either Y. M. C. A.

What Next?

New Addition to Narberth Scenery.

Any person who has traveled between Philadelphia and New York via the Pennsylvania Railroad, even though but once, will doubtless recall the difficulty which he had in obtaining an uninterrupted view of the landscape, owing to the fact that practically the entire distance is an endless chain of sign boards. You recall this, do you not? Try as you will you simply cannot escape the persistent obtrusion of these tiresome signs on your range of vision. You look out at one side of the car and just as you have caught a glimpse of a particularly attractive piece of landscape the whole thing is blotted out by a board which informs you that you will eventually buy a certain brand of typewriter. Now you may have no use whatever for any kind of a typewriter, so you look in another direction in the hope of catching a glimpse of another restful bit of landscape, only to find your view obstructed by even a larger sign informing you that certain pills are good for your liver. After you repeat this experience a number of times and find the bill boards growing more numerous each passing mile, you conclude some things are worse than others and give up in disgust, and begin to read the latest war news, congratulating yourself on the fact that you live on the Main Line where such nuisances are not tolerated, and especially in Narberth, where—but wait! The first thing that greets your vision at the station upon your arrival home, is one of those obnoxious signs again which in this particular instance calls attention to Mitchell's seeds, and you immediately want to know why such an outrage must be endured, and mentally vow you will grow potatoes in your lawn rather than purchase grass or flower seed from a firm so hide-bound by commercialism as to ruthlessly trample on your aesthetic feelings.

We must say we sympathize and agree with you, and will say further we think this is an outrage to our community, and shows a lamentable lack of business judgment on the part of the firm that desires to secure, not only our patronage, but the patronage of other residents along the Main Line. It also shows a wretched lack of public spirit on the part of a property owner who, for the sake of a few dollars, will permit it to be used for such purposes.

We cannot help wondering how long it will be before the Main Line, now that a start is made, will rival the New York division in its varied and attractive (?) bill board scenery.

GEO. M. HENRY.

Postal Savings

The growth of postal savings in the United States has been steady and healthy and the system has filled an important gap between the tin-can depository and the factory paymaster. On July 1, when affairs were running smoothly here and abroad and the transmission of money across the Atlantic was safe and expeditious, there was approximately \$43,000,000 of postal savings standing to the credit of about 388,000 depositors. Since then over \$10,000,000 of deposits have been added and the number of depositors has increased enormously. This unprecedented gain is the more striking when it is considered that the net gain in the last three months is larger than the gain for the entire fiscal year 1914. Scores of offices have done more postal-savings business since the war has been going on than was done by them during the previous existence of the service. The increases are confined to no special localities, but have been felt in every nook and corner of the country. New York City alone made a gain in September of more than a million, while Brooklyn showed a relatively big increase. Chicago reported a larger gain in the past three months than for the previous twelve months. More than 7000 new accounts were opened during the period, bringing the number of depositors in that city up to over 21,000. A number of the very largest banks in the country, which have heretofore declined to qualify as depositories for postal-savings funds, are now among the eager applicants for them.

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What a Worth-While Citizen Writes of "Our Town"

"Please mark me as a subscriber to your bright, snappy publication—the only local newspaper we have ever had that is worth while.

"I enclose one dollar for the year, and you may start me from the No. 1 issue."

So many kind words are being said about "Our Town," that, once more, sincere thanks is expressed. Such appreciation incites to better and higher aims and should help materially in efforts being made for the uplift of our Borough.

Business Men to Help

A great membership campaign is being conducted in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. Business men have banded themselves into a large committee, which, in turn, is divided into teams of two. The town is to be canvassed by them for new members.

A splendid building and fine equipment, of which any borough might be proud is all our own, and these men will tell about it and give an opportunity to help sustain our organization, which is solely for community use, and has possibilities of great power for good.

The interest and enthusiasm that they are showing should become universal in our town, and the building and equipment of the Y. M. C. A. used to its limits.

The Junior Campaign, two weeks ago, was wonderfully successful, because the boys who went out were in earnest. They went in groups of ten, and in a short while secured one hundred and thirteen new members. What a splendid work for the boys of our town!

The Steady Subscriber

How dear to our heart is the steady subscriber,
Who pays in advance of the birth of each year,
Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly,
And casts round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says "Stop it; I can not afford it,
I'm getting more magazines now than I read."
But always says, "Send it; our people all like it—
In fact we all think it a help and a need."

How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum;
How it makes our pulse throb; how it makes our hearts dance!
We outwardly thank him; we inwardly bless him—
The steady subscriber who pays in advance.—The Lamp.

Custom of the Wedding-Cake

By Beatrice M. Parker.

The custom of cutting the wedding-cake in the presence of guests is as old as the hills, so to speak. It used to be said that if there was no wedding-cake there would be no future happiness. In Scotland, especially, this was believed, and among the poorest classes the wedding-cake was the only article of food furnished at the wedding.

We find old accounts that say wedding-cakes were common at Greek marriage feasts at least three centuries before the Christian era. The cake-cutting also is an old custom, and it is interesting to see to what uses this was put. In Ireland, for example, it has been the custom for years for the priest to cut the cake into small pieces; each guest took a piece and left in its place a small bit of change to go toward giving the priest his fee.

In the making of the cake, the present-day Greeks believe, so we are told, that the bride and bridegroom should be taught a lesson. The ingredients are first measured out and then placed in a huge mixing-trough. At one end is a big saddle on which sits a boy, girded with a handsome sword; at the other end is a little girl; her hands must be the first ones to touch the dough before it is kneaded. Then the real cooks step in and finish the work as experts only can. This odd ceremony, dating from centuries ago, is an indication that the bride should always take an active interest in household affairs, and that the groom should ever stand ready to guard and protect the home, even if he must don the sword and ride out into the night to do so.—Home and School.

Foot Ball

Ritner Club defeated Narberth by the score of 19-0. The feature of the game was the forward passing by Jeffries, of the home team, which enabled Narberth to bring the ball up to the 12-yard line, only to lose it on downs. Lungren, Ritner's star right end, was unfortunate in having his ankle broken during the second quarter. The ankle was examined by Narberth's coach, "Doc" Town. This is Narberth's first defeat on the home ground. A fairly good crowd witnessed the contest, and it is hoped we will have "MORE" next week. Line-up:

Narberth.	Ritner.
B. Jeffries.....Left end.....McArdle	C. Humphrey.....Left tackle.....Herratty
Hudson.....Left guard.....Graham	Brown.....Centre.....Woolley
Markle.....Right guard.....Nardon	Owings.....Right tackle.....Ryan
W. Humphrey.....Right end.....Lungren	Dickey.....Quarter-back.....Divine
Kerrigan.....Left half-back.....Toland	L. Jeffries.....Right half-back.....Boyle
Davis.....Full-back.....Byrne	

Subs—Derby, Quinn, Narberth; Caulhane, Drew, Ritner.
Referee—Simpson, Haverford. Umpire—Shellenburg, Ursinus. Lineman—Ward, C. H. S. Timekeeper—Smith, Narberth. Time of quarters—10 minutes.

A man who will willingly neglect his body, or abuse it by lack of care or by pernicious practices, is likely to become diseased, not only in body, but in soul as well.

The adulteration of foodstuffs is by no means a new thing. It is, in fact, as old as history itself. The annals of Greece, Rome, Egypt, Chaldea, and Assyria all reveal the fact that away back in those early times men were addicted to the practice of adulteration.

ON THE 8.14

And Elsewhere in Our Town.

Here's a Narberth story that deserves to go right along side of that famous anecdote of the late Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, which relates how the celebrated Philadelphia nerve specialist—

What? You knew Dr. Mitchell wrote "Hugh Wynne" and "The Red City," and you thought he was a professional author, and nothing more! Well, take heart, neighbor, there are others—many others.

However, this is what happened to the Doctor-author. In his later years he suffered more or less from nervous trouble and once while in Germany he called on a famous nerve specialist to see if the Teuton could help him. After he had been thoroughly examined, this is what Dr. Mitchell heard the German specialist say: "My friend, there is only one man in the world who can help you; that's Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia!"

And this is what happened to one of our citizens last Friday. I know it happened because I sat directly back of him in the trolley. Friday, you will remember, was the day of the fire at the Y. M. C. A. building. But our friend is one of the champion sound sleepers of the borough, especially between 5 and 7 A. M., and on this particular morning he not only failed to hear the fire bell, but it so happened that he arrived at the station at about 13:4 minutes past 8. It also happened that he sat beside a stranger on the train and did not, therefore, learn of the fire during the ride to Broad Street Station. But on a Chestnut street car he bumped into a friend who is a photographer on one of the Philadelphia evening papers. The following is a stenographic report of the conversation, the letter "C" standing for citizen of Narberth and the letter "P" for the photographer:

C—"Out on an early assignment today, eh? Anything special doing?"

P—"Fire story; pretty mean blaze, too, but the light inside the building was so bad I couldn't make much of a picture."

C—"Where 'bouts? Here in the central part of the city?"

P—"No, OUT IN NARBERTH!"

C—"Out in N-A-R-B-E-R-T-H! That sounds interesting! You know I live in Narberth and pay \$3.00 a year to belong to the fire company. Would you mind telling me something about this fire; then I can save at least one cent out of the \$3.00?"

(Ten minutes later as the photographer is preparing to leave the trolley)

P—"By the way, Joe, did you know there was an election last Tuesday and that the Athletics lost the World's Series?"

And now, as George Ade would say: Moral—A Wise Guy does a Little Mixing with the Boys On the Platform and Knows what's going on in Our Town.

By the way, my belligerent friend Mac is on the rampage again, but as usual he is more or less justified. He says: "I believe in advertising, and I believe in signs—advertising and otherwise—in the right place. I also believe in beautiful lawns and fine flower gardens. But it doesn't look like good business to me, nor does it seem consistent, for a concern that caters to the lawn and flower-loving residents of a suburban town for their trade, to advertise in a way that offends these same suburban customers. What do you think about it, Chief?"

So we, in turn, ask you, fellow gardeners and civic (or perhaps I should say "Borough-Priders"). What do you think about? Take a look tomorrow morning; then ask your neighbor. See what he thinks.

I don't think the advertising manager will "call me" if I say a few words of praise about a well-known furniture manufacturer; even mention his name. I'm sure he won't, because the furniture man I have in mind is not only dead, and therefore entirely out of the realm of possible advertisers, but he's been dead quite a few years. I refer to the late William Morris.

Morris was a great believer in things being beautiful as well as useful, and what's more, he lived up to his beliefs even in his business. Therefore I believe William Morris would delight in those new street signs at the corner of Shirlev Road and Haverford Avenue.

It will pay you to stroll over that way and see those signs. They were designed by Walter I. Dothard, and they follow the Morris line of reasoning to a T—they serve a useful purpose and they are good to look at.

Which leads us to say that "art for art's sake" doesn't make much of a hit with "us," but that we'll "O. K." ART FOR PEOPLE'S SAKE every time it comes up to our desk.

CHIEF WINGEBONE, JUNIOR.

The Goddess of Gauds

Today not only is one handsome gown of ceremony required of a woman who is swimming socially, or one who wishes to be known as a model of "sartorial perfection," but a dozen equally handsome frocks, with accessories in keeping, each suitable in fabric and cut to its occasion and to the taste of figure of the wearer. More gorgeous must she be at after-dark functions than Sheba of old—she must twinkle and glitter and gleam, though not too obviously. She must no longer rustle stiffly, as was the vogue five years ago; her gowns must be softly rich, her laces must be real and supplemented by superb embroideries over cloth-of-gold, or silver; these embroideries enriched in turn by jewels, sometimes "mock," oftener real. And over all is thrown a veil of chiffon that adds to the mystery, softens the shimmer, and notably increases the expense. Thus she expresses herself through her gown. Briefly, she is dress-mad. The chronicles of fifties have much to say of women's wit and charm; comparatively little of their frills and furbelows; nothing of barbaric splendors. Verily, all normal women wish to look well—to wear good-looking clothes that are well cut, and worthy of ten thousand eagle eyes; but few are there among worth-while dames or demoiselles who would feel elated at being cited as a "Fashion Doll" or a "Clothes Tree." If the gold, silver, and jewel craze in dress-fabrics continues, contented minds in drawing-rooms or office will be at a premium. Only trillionaires can stand the metallic pressure of superfine raiment. Few wealthy moderns have the courage to be "original" in dress, unless in extravagance or in cut; yet, scattered like dew-drops upon a parched earth, we occasionally find serene-eyed young wives and mothers, with whom dress is not an obsession. When prices soar, such women prefer one yester-year's frock for ceremonial occasions, aye, even sans glitter, to the family stomach yearning for accustomed strength-giving food. One solemn fact must now be faced, to wit: that there are women galore whose barbaric adornments are stolen in part from the "house-money," and who say me "Nay." The credulity of husbands on this score is matched only by the fond belief of wives regarding their husband's "meagre" lunches, down-town, so perhaps this even up matters maritally.

MINNA THOMAS ANTRIM.

My Auto 'Tis of Thee

My auto 'tis of thee,
Short cut to poverty,
Of thee I chant.
I blew a pile of dough,
On you two years ago
Now you refuse to go,
Or won't or can't.
Through town and country-side,
You were my joy and pride,
Oh, happy day.
I loved thy gaudy hue,
Thy nice white tires so new,
But now you're down and out for true
In every way.
To thee, old rattlebox,
Came many bumps and knocks,
For thee I grieve.
Badly thy top is torn,
Frayed are thy seats and worn,
The whooping cough affects thy horn,
I do believe.
Thy perfume smells the breeze,
While good folks choke and wheeze.
As we pass by,
I paid for thee a price,
'Twould buy a mansion nice,
Now everybody's yelling "ice,"
I wonder why?
Thy motor has the grip,
Thy spark-plug has the pip,
And woe is thine.
I, too, have suffered chills,
Ague and kindred ills,
Endeavoring to pay my bills,
Since thou wert mine.
Gone is my bank-roll now,
No more 'twould choke a cow,
As once before.
Yet if I had the mon,
So help me honest John,
I'd buy a car again,
And speed some more.

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"A Store for Particu'ar People"
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NEW BOOKS

Have You Read These?
Browser

The Son of Timeus.

The restoration of Blind Bartimeus is the inspiring theme of Dr. C. R. Blackall's new book, "The Son of Timeus." With great sympathetic and dramatic skill the glorious miracle is related.

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(HARPERS).

Peter Piper.

Have you read "Peter Piper," Doris Egerton Jones' novel? If not, hasten lest you miss a good thing. Peter's a fine girl—girl is right word, though she comes rather a crupper at first, she rides straight to cover at last. The novel has been eagerly snapped up for dramatic production, and will be "put on" without delay, which is about the best proof that though nothing lasts forever in the same form, a corking good story like "Peter Piper" is bound to be dramatized or filmed for the joy of the many.

(GEO. W. JACOBS).

Good Form for All Occasions.

No one eats with a shovel or says "Yes, ma'am" these days, yet there are millions who have lacked sponsors in good manners who would like to know exactly how to behave upon given occasions and above all what not to do to hal-mark him or herself a novice. To their rescue has come Florence Howe Hall, in a little book entitled "Good Form for all Occasions."

There is next to nothing omitted. The book is vividly illuminating. For youngster or oldster it offers not only the correct way, but goes as far as the correct dress, and the food suitable to offer a guest after the theatre or at week-ends. Full of points, all authoritative. (HARPERS).

George M. Henry's New Book.

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Mr. Henry's new reference manual relating to evidence in Pennsylvania cases sets forth with characteristic clarity much that is lacking in other more ambitious text-books. This work will be of great assistance especially to trade lawyers in many instances where statutory enactments have made material changes as in the case of Pennsylvania. Its avowed object is practicability, to which end the following subjects are treated: Admissibility in general or relevancy, admission, book entries, character, confessions, custom and usage, depositions, documentary evidence, exhibits, hearsay, judicial notice, opinions, parol evidence, presumptions, privilege, communications, trial matters, pertaining to, and witnesses.

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CHURCH NEWS

All Saints' Church
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The 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 as second celebration of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 11 o'clock.

The Evangel Baptist Church.
Emerson L. Swift, Pastor.

The twenty-third anniversary of the Bible School will be observed Tuesday evening, November 17th. The speaker will be Rev. J. Milnor Wilbur, D. D. This event has always drawn a large and appreciative audience. Two new classes were formed last Sunday, another will be started soon.
Dr. H. W. Kirby, medical missionary at Sadya, Assam, will speak at the missionary prayer meeting Wednesday evening, November 18th. The public is invited to hear this interesting and instructive speaker.

The rummage sale in which the Bible school is interested will be held Wednesday, November 18th. It is under the able supervision of Mrs. J. W. Shinn. Any article will be gladly received at the church not later than Monday.

The Ushers' Association will be entertained at the home of Mr. H. S. Hopper, Monday evening, November 16th. The speaker will be Mr. Earnest L. Tustin, Esq., Recorder of Deeds of Philadelphia, who will speak on "Every Day Service."

The Woman's Mission Circle will meet next Tuesday afternoon. This is the annual thank offering meeting. It always calls out a large number.

Subject of the sermon next Sunday morning is "The Lord's Requirement." Evening, "A Nation's Downfall."

The Young People's Society will meet next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Subject, "The Meaning and Measure of Life," 2 Cor. 5: 11-18.

Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. Chris. G. Koppel, Pastor

9.45—Sunday school. Bible classes for men and women.

11—Worship and sermon.
6.45—Epworth League. Conducted especially for young people.

7.45—Worship and sermon. The pastor will preach the first of a series of sermons on "An Angel's Story." Subject, "What Do We Know About Angels?"

Singing of merit by a large chorus choir, morning and evening.

A notable service was held last Sunday evening when members of the Masonic fraternity were the guests of the church. The Masons, fifty-three in number, occupied front seats. Despite threatening weather the church was crowded. The singing of the large chorus choir was especially commendable.

A new record was established in the Sunday school Sunday when 108 were present. Seven more new scholars were received in the intermediate and adult departments.

The young, yet enterprising men's Bible class, is growing in numbers and interest. Though but two weeks old the attendance of 18 on Sunday is encouraging. We will be glad to welcome any man who does not attend Sunday school.

The Angel's Story.

While we know very little about angels, we know all about us. One of them tells a very interesting story, in six chapters, concerning man's creation, fall, redemption, judgment and rewards.

The first chapter tells about angels as ministering spirits before man's creation, and how they will close the books when man's race is run. It speaks of their number, intelligence, and employment, concluding with the part they are now playing in the modern world.

Then follows the fall of the angels and the origin of evil angels. The Devil is the name given the leader. His personality recognized, he challenges the Creator. The chapter closes with the description of the battle between God and Satan, with the control of man as the stake.

Man being in the Devil's power, the need of a Saviour is manifested and the angel tells how angels came to introduce Him. The Sacred mystery of His birth is explained and the question is raised as to the possibility of Christ's sinless human nature. The fulfillment of the Divine mission is prophesied.

Hell, as prepared for the Devil and his angels, is the subject of the fourth chapter. The angel tells about the certainty of Hell and what kind of a place it is.

Then follows the story of Heaven. It is described as the place prepared for the saved. The angel's story of the people met there is very vivid.

The last chapter deals with the part angels will have in the separation. Ac-

cusing and defending angels stand before the throne, concluding with the final triumph.

These chapters will be preached as a continued story of the Bible each Sunday evening in the Narberth Methodist Episcopal Church, by the Rev. Chris G. Koppel.

The first of the series, "The Angels," will begin next Sunday evening, November 15th.

Men's Class.

The unique way the men of the Methodist Church take to advertise makes one think that "it pays to advertise," as a visit to the class will show.

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They invite you if you are not a member of any other Bible class, to come and meet with them. The age limit is not confined to the Oslter age nor to those who are too young for congeniality. If you are twenty-one years of age you are admitted on age and as welcome as the birds in May.

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. John Van Ness Pastor

Next Sunday, November 15th, 10 A. M., Bible school, all departments; men's Bible class, led by Mr. B. J. Myers; mixed Bible class led by the pastor. 11 A. M., public worship. Topic of the sermon, "The Disciples' Passion." In connection with this meeting there will be the installation of Mr. Robert L. Beatty as ruling elder, and Mr. John S. Ketcham and Mr. Adam H. Wilson as deacons. 7 P. M., Junior congregation, in charge of the Missionary Committee, Miss Agnes M. Rose, chairman. 8 P. M., public worship. The pastor, will preach from the text "And Peter."

Plans are under way for the immediate enlargement of the primary room. This has been made imperative by the increased enrollment of the little ones this fall. There were eighty present in this department last Sunday morning. The work is under the efficient management of Mrs. E. S. Haws and Mrs. R. L. Beatty, who are assisted by a faithful staff of primary teachers.

The Presbytery of Philadelphia North meets this week in the Hermon Church, of Frankford. Elders Peebles and Beatty have been elected commissions from this church. Our pastor, Mr. Van Ness, has been honored by being chosen Moderator of this Presbytery for this present year.

St. Margaret's Church

Sundays: Early Mass, May to September, inclusive, 6.30 A. M.; early Mass, October to April, inclusive, 7.00 A. M.; late Mass, 9.30 A. M.

Masses on holidays: 6.30 and 8.30 A. M.; Masses on weekdays, 8.00 A. M. Lenten and other evening devotions, 8 o'clock.

Tennis

The annual tournament of the Narberth Tennis Association was the most successful of any ever held by them and was capably managed by the committee, W. Cowin, chairman; Kanaga and Kirkpatrick. The result of some of the matches was a surprise, upsetting the usual dope, such as the defeats of Cowin by Bentz, and Bentz by Staples in the singles; also the defeat of Cowin and Kirkpatrick by Towne and Humphreys in the doubles.

The hardest fought match of the tournament was the final of the ladies' doubles, it requiring five sets to decide.

Men's singles, preliminary round: G. English defeated E. L. Kanaga, 6-3, 9-7; A. C. Staples defeated O. Humphreys, 8-6, 6-2; J. B. Esenwein won by default from C. Mc Carter; W. P. Bentz defeated W. S. McClellan, 6-4, 8-6; W. Cowin defeated C. F. Glanz, 6-1, 6-2; R. Towne defeated J. R. Jones, 10-8, 6-4; S. Kitchell defeated L. B. Southerland, 6-0, 6-1; J. A. Snyder defeated L. McLure, 6-0, 6-1; R. E. Pattison defeated A. P. Redifer, 6-0, 6-2.

First round—W. J. Kirkpatrick defeated F. S. Walker, 6-1, 6-3; C. Humphreys defeated G. English, 9-7, 6-3; A. C. Staples defeated J. B. Esenwein, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; Bentz defeated Cowin, 6-2, 6-3; Towne defeated Kitchell, 6-0, 2-6, 7-5; Snyder defeated Pattison, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; F. G. Warner defeated M. R. Jahnke, 6-1, 6-0; F. M. Justice defeated J. S. Ketcham, 6-1, 6-0.

Second round—Kirkpatrick defeated C. Humphreys, 6-1, 6-4; Staples defeated Bentz, 3-6, 6-4, 9-7; Snyder defeated Towne, 6-1, 9-7; Warner defeated Justice, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Semi-Finals—Kirkpatrick defeated Staples, 8-6, 6-4; Warner defeated Snyder, 6-4, 6-3.

Final—Warner defeated Kirkpatrick, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-1.

Men's Doubles, preliminary round—J. B. Esenwein and A. C. Staples defeated R. D. Hall and O. Humphreys, 6-4, 6-2; W. J. Kirkpatrick and W. Cowin defeated W. S. McClellan and R. E. Pattison, 6-1, 7-5; J. A. Snyder and W. P. Bentz defeated G. English and S. English, 6-2, 6-1; F. M. Justice and F. G. Warner defeated J. S. Ketcham and C. F. Glanz, 6-0, 6-1.

First round—C. Humphreys and R. Towne defeated L. McLure and J. R. Jones, 6-4, 6-4; Kirkpatrick and Cowin defeated Esenwein and Staples, 6-4, 7-5; Snyder and Bentz defeated Justice and Warner, 6-4, 6-2; S. Kitchell and E. L. Kanaga defeated M. R. Jahnke and H. M. Remington, 6-3, 6-2.

Semi-Finals—Humphreys and Towne defeated Kirkpatrick and Cowin, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; Snyder and Bentz defeated Kitchell and Kanaga, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1.

Final—Snyder and Bentz defeated Humphreys and Towne, 6-2, 6-4, 4-5, 6-0.

Mixed doubles—Irwin and W. J. Kirkpatrick defeated Miss C. Justice and F. M. Justice, 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kanaga defeated Miss L. Jacoby and F. G. Warner, 9-7, 6-3.

Semi-Finals—Miss C. Irwin and W. J. Kirkpatrick defeated Mr. and Mrs. W. R. D. Hall, 6-1, 6-4; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kanaga defeated Miss E. Humphreys and C. McCarter, 6-4, 6-2.

Final—Miss C. Irwin and W. J. Kirkpatrick defeated Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kanaga, 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Ladies' Singles—Miss C. Irwin defeated Miss L. Jacoby, 6-1, 6-3; Mrs. E. L. Kanaga defeated Miss E. Humphreys, 6-8, 6-4, 6-2; Miss C. Justice defeated Miss C. Irwin, 6-3, 6-3.

Final—Miss C. Justice defeated Mrs. E. L. Kanaga, 6-0, 6-3, 6-1.

Ladies' Doubles—Miss C. Justice and Miss C. Irwin defeated Miss E. Humphreys and Miss H. Duff, 6-4, 7-5; Mrs. E. L. Kanaga and Miss L. Jacoby defeated Mrs. Bond and Miss L. Kirk, 6-3, 6-2.

Final—Miss C. Justice and Miss C. Irwin defeated Miss E. L. Kanaga and Miss L. Jacoby, 6-4, 7-9, 3-6, 6-3.

Consolations, Men's Singles, first round—Jones defeated Humphreys, 6-2, 6-2; W. S. McClellan won from F. D. Walker by default; Redifer defeated Southerland, 11-9, 6-1.

Second round—Glanz defeated Ketcham, 6-1, 6-2; Jones defeated McClellan, 6-3, 8-6; Redifer defeated Jahnke, 6-3, 6-4; Kanaga defeated McLure, 6-1, 5-7, 7-5.

Semi-Finals—Jones defeated Glanz, 6-2, 6-3; Kanaga defeated Redifer, 6-2, 6-0.

Final—Jones defeated Kanaga, 6-3, 6-3, 6-0, 6-4.

Men's consolation doubles won by W. R. D. Hall and O. Humphreys.

Ladies' consolation singles—Miss E. Humphreys defeated Miss L. Jacoby, 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Ladies' consolation doubles won by Miss E. Humphreys and Miss H. Duff.

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By the way, now that we have public and church bulletin boards, why should it be necessary or permissible to have posters and notices of various kinds nailed to trees, telephone poles and other objects in all parts of the borough? This is not only an eyesore, but a positive violation of law, punishable by a fine of from five to twenty dollars. The enforcement of this law would help give our town a more tidy appearance.

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Personalities

To indulge in personalities is evidence of a narrow mind or a Pharisaeic disposition. It is very easy to injure a person by holding him up to a sort of public examination or a direct censure. The late Dr. John Hall has left on record some good advice in this direction, which it would be well to keep in mind and to practice on all occasions, to the greatest pleasure and profit of all concerned:

"Keep clear of personalities in conversation. Talk of things, objects, thoughts. The smallest minds occupy themselves with persons. Do not needlessly report ill of others. As far as possible, dwell on the good side of human beings. There are family boards where a constant process of depreciation, assigning motives, and cutting up character goes forward. One who is healthy does not wish to dine at a dissecting-table. There is evil enough in man, God knows. But it is not the mission of every young man and woman to detail and report it all. Keep the atmosphere as pure as possible and fragrant with gentleness and charity."—Home and School.

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"It's the pace! It's the pace!" was remarked a few days ago, in explanation of a prominent man's suicide.

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What is the remedy—or, at least, where is a refuge? How may our harried lives find help?

One hard-driven editor gave terse and colloquial answer when, asked why he went to Church every Sunday morning, he said: "I'd go crazy if I did not."

This phrase tells us much as a treatise on psychology. Every one of us needs a refuge from the world and its thronging cares, in the words of George Herbert.

every man and woman of us should

"By all means use some times to be alone. Salute thyself! See what thy soul doth wear."

It is not enough to be alone on the golf course or in the woods. We need, for our soul's peace and plenishing, apartness from the everyday things, but we equally need nearness to God.

In God's house on God's day, amid people seeking God, we should sit open-souled to the voices of another world.

Worship of the highest and meditation upon the things that are beyond time steadies the storm-tossed ship of the soul.

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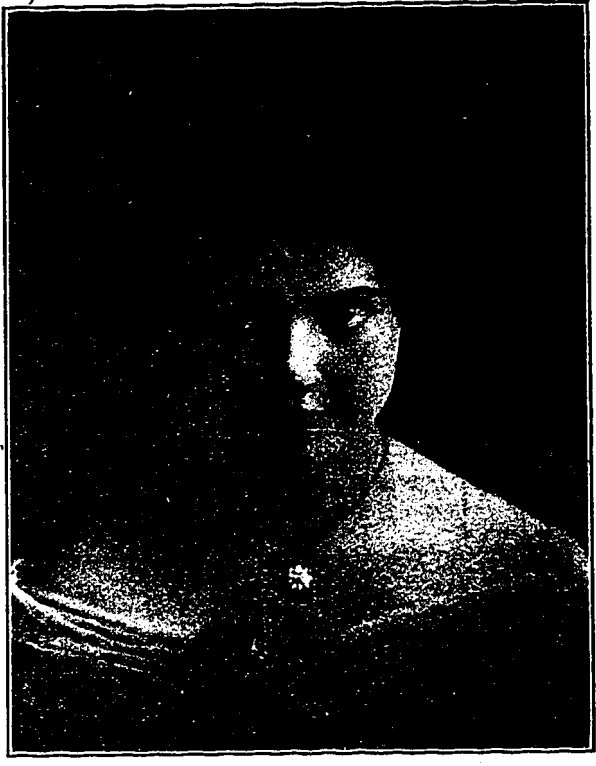
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