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OUR TOWN

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EXTRA! ALL ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS VISITOR

Iceland, December 24 (via Siasconset Wireless Station and Long Distance Telephone from New York to the Editor of "Our Town.")—Old Col. K. Kringle left here this afternoon headed for Narberth, Pa., his pack loaded with an assortment of gifts for the officials and other well known citizens of that well known suburb.

Just before he climbed into his well known sleigh, and just before he jingled the bells on his equally well known and popular reindeers, he granted your correspondent an exclusive interview.

"Colonel Kringle," I said, "OUR TOWN goes to press this afternoon, and it will be impossible for us to get the detailed news of your visit, in this week's issue, if we wait until tonight. Do you care to make a short statement covering the purpose of your visit to Narberth this evening, so that our folks may know of your varied activities without calling at every house and prying into what some folks may regard as private affairs?"

"With all my heart, my good fellow, with all my heart," shouted the Colonel. "Suppose you jump in and ride a part of the way with me, and I'll tell you as we drive along."

So in I jumped. Colonel Kringle shook the reins and jingled the bells and went through all that "Now Dasher, now Dancer," business, just as the story books have it. The next instant we were sailing along through the air, far above the house tops.

"Come, now, Colonel," I said, when we were fairly under way. "Let's hear about Narberth."

"Oh, yes, oh, yes," replied my jovial companion, adding, after a moment's thought, "I've got so many little boys and girls in Narberth to look after that I had quite forgotten you, for the moment. I was just sorting things out, in my mind, you know; separating the children from the grownups, and wondering whether I'd go into the town from the Montgomery avenue side or try Wynnewood avenue."

At this moment Colonel Kringle took the reins in one hand, and with the other hand pushed back his fur hat: much after the manner of ordinary folks, and began scratching his head and thinking. Presently he turned and looked at me, his face wreathed in smiles.

"First of all, I'm going to stop at Squire McClellan's house," he began. "The Squire's been very busy lately, checking up on autoists that forgot to blow their horns as they rounded the curve at Wynnewood road and the railroad. I've got a nice little car for the Squire to ride in himself. Then, if the autoists go too fast for the Squire or your police force to get the license numbers, they can jump in the Squire's car and catch the culprits."

I hated to interrupt the old man, but my time was getting short. I peered down over the side of the sleigh and discovered that we were approaching Labrador.

"Pardon me, Colonel," I said, "but would you mind giving me the remainder of the story in a few short, terse paragraphs?"

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'Long About Christmas Time

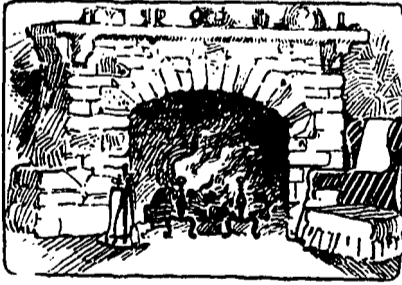
MY FRIEND:

I've been thinking of you
And wondering, too,
What I might do,
With Christmas in view,
To prove it true
That I'm thinking of you.

No token I bring you of silver or gold,
No song do I sing you of brave days of old;
But this good word of cheer
I would speak were you near:
"Hello, there, old comrade! Merry Christmas, I say,
And many returns of the bright festive day."

And then you could see how glad I would be
That you, too, were thinking--just thinking of me

HARRY M. CHALFANT



THE FIRESIDE

By Lady Narberth

Mr. Geo. Wurst left for Orlando, Florida, on Tuesday, the 14th, where he will join his wife and children who went down early in December. Mr. Wurst owns extensive orange groves in Florida and usually spends his winters there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, of Chestnut avenue, will entertain a family party on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goodall, the Misses MacKeag and Mr. and Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick will be their guests.

—Mrs. Tristan du Marias was one of the many efficient women who helped to make the Fire Company fair such a success.

Mrs. H. C. Gara, the Misses Gara and Mrs. Eleanor Smith entertained the Ladies' Aid on Wednesday afternoon at the Little White Tea House on Avon road, Anthwyn Farms, Narberth. This new venture in our midst seems to be very popular for small affairs.

Mrs. R. G. Seymour, Miss Mabel

Howard Seymour and Mr. Herbert Seymour temporarily closed their home on Woodside avenue last Saturday and will pass the winter at the home of Mrs. Seymour's sister, Mrs. Herbert Linsley, 1407 Pine street, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Koppel and daughter, Essex avenue, have gone to visit Mrs. Koppel's parents in New York State. Rev. Chris Koppel will join his family later.

Mrs. B. G. Simpson, of Scranton, Pa., is among those returning home for the holidays. She is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lindsey, Woodside avenue. Mr. Simpson will be in Narberth Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson Muschamp, Woodside avenue, will be guests of Mrs. Muschamp's father on Christmas Day.

—Miss Marjorie Chase is home from Buena Vista College for the holidays. The Chases are temporarily making their home with Mrs. Kern, Essex avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hamilton, with their son, Kenneth, have leased the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Berg Esenwein, Woodside avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Esenwein will pass the winter in Philadelphia.

Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Horner will entertain fifteen relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. A. Jacobs, Elmwood avenue, who has been suffering as a result of a most threatening infection, is now well on the way to recovery, blood poisoning having been prevented by quick action.

Mrs. O. L. Hampton, who has been confined to her home with a sprained ankle is somewhat improved.

Did you hear the carol singers? Horace Smedley and Leon Barton are home for the holidays from Syracuse, N. Y. College.

Miss Sarah C. Harris and William P. Harris are spending Christmas and the week-end following with relatives at Williamsport, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. James Houstin and family, Elm Terrace, are visiting Mr. Houstin's father in Orange, N. J.

Miss Bertha Brill, Narberth avenue, who has been ill for a short time is now convalescent.

Philip Justice, who was among the unfortunate number to contract typhoid while studying at Lehigh College, has been home a couple of weeks while convalescing. He will return after the holidays.

Mrs. F. H. Leland, formerly of Narberth, but now of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., has become a regular subscriber to Our Town. There are probably many others who still wish to keep alive their interest in Narberth, even though they have moved to distant points. Our Town is the logical source of information for one-time residents. If you would like to have the paper sent free to some of your friends for a few issues, send us their names and addresses.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Mrs. Sarah Robinson, Mr. G. A. Schneebell, Miss Cella Fraser.

MR. LOOS PLEADS FOR AN ALL-YEAR XMAS

It seems strange that so little advance has been made by social scientists towards a solution of the great problems of humanity, that would result in better conditions for the great masses of people. This is in sharp contrast to the wonderful achievements in all other realms of thought. Marvelous improvements have been attained in all of the physical sciences, especially in the domain of chemistry and electricity, civil and mechanical engineering, aeronautics, etc. In the industrial world, wonders have been accomplished in economy of administration and production, by scientific organization and management. In military and naval science such perfection has been attained in offense and defense that we now look with wonder on the spectacle of European nations practically deadlocked in a struggle yielding no great advantage to any one power.

Since the days of Plato's "Republic" down through the ages, a long line of thinkers have attacked the problems of the social and industrial regeneration of mankind, with very little practical result as yet. Sir Thomas More, in his Utopia, Comte, Fourier, Robert Dale Owen, Herbert Spencer, Karl Marx, Henry George, Edward Bellamy, and hundreds of others, have all proposed solutions, only to have them brushed aside as the visionary dreams of impractical idealists. The world at large has evidently not considered the subject worth while. Social reform either does not appeal to the practical minds of financiers, scientists and statesmen, or is regarded with disfavor as revolutionary and inimical to established institutions.

There are those who believe life would lose all of its picturesqueness if it were not for the struggle against adverse conditions caused by our present social disorder. They argue that all the greatest of the earth have been developed by the very fact that they had to fight against want, misery and sorrow.

It does seem, however, as though this fair world should afford enough for all; that food enough could be produced so that none need be hungry, and everybody properly clothed and sheltered. The same genius that has made such wonderful progress in production and distribution, could surely devise a plan whereby all might find work, food and shelter. A world congress for the economical administration of the world, with delegates from every nation, could solve the problem, if it would—not by making a Fool's Paradise for the lazy and incompetent—but by giving everybody an opportunity to do his best, under decent conditions of living, which surely would not stifle talent and genius.

So we come to another Christmas, with practically the same unequal distribution of the world's goods, as obtained on that first Christmas morn in Bethlehem. But there is, at least, this difference—the spirit of Christ has so leavened the world with charity that the lives of millions are made happier and more endurable.—A. J. Loos.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

CHRISTMAS.

A "Merry Christmas" to all Narberth. May the spirit of unity and peace continue to prevail in our borough. As we are blessed, so may we bless others, not forgetting the true Christmas spirit of self-forgetfulness. When the many trees are bright with gifts and tinsel, and the merry voices of children fill the air, may we remember the One in whose name we celebrate.

THE 99% AVENUE OF NARBERTH.

Shortly after "Our Town" was started on its mission to serve this community as a medium of regular communication between the many local organizations and the residents of the borough who compose them, between the merchants and their patrons and for the exchange of thought on all local problems, H. A. Jacobs proposed that a complete and systematic canvass be made for subscriptions to this weekly paper conducted by unpaid, volunteer (or "commandered") workers.

He had in mind that nearly every one of our citizens would wish to support the efforts put forth in their interest through this experiment in co-operative journalism; but, that, as is so often the case, they would keep putting off and putting off sending in their subscriptions until some one would personally call on them for their money.

When presenting his suggestion to the managers of "Our Town," he said: "If you, as a group, can give up several evenings a week to organize and conduct this paper regularly for a long term, I can surely afford to give a few hours for two or three evenings in one week and solicit a subscription from every house on the avenue on which I live—and I think I can get one from every house on the street."

Now, his voluntary co-operation was exactly for what the management had hoped from every earnest, interested person. And the spirit of his proposal "listened good" to his auditors; but they were doubtful—very doubtful—about the "every one on the avenue" part. To have received the support of 50% of those living on any given avenue would have made glad the hearts of the workers behind "Our Town."

However, the managers of "Our Town" took Mr. Jacobs at his word and authorized him to "go to it." He did!

He visited every house on Elmwood avenue and got a subscription from every one visited—except just one.

Elmwood avenue is, therefore, the 99% Avenue of Narberth.

This kind of support proves highly developed civic interest and a willingness to back that interest by personal work and nominal financial support. "Our Town" thanks Mr. Jacobs and those of Elmwood avenue who so loyally supported him.

Mr. Jacobs reported that nearly every one visited said that they had intended to send in their subscription, but had delayed for one reason or another.

Is every other avenue in the borough going to allow the Elmwood avenue record to go unchallenged? Which avenue will make a 100% record? Let's hear from volunteers!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WANTED—A NEW POST OFFICE.

To the Editor of Our Town:
In line with the comments in the recent issue of Our Town, on the facilities at our post office, and some recent comments about the Pennsylvania Railroad and its train service, I want to say that if our people want better facilities at their post office and a nicer looking station at the railroad, they have to patronize their home post office and their home railroad station more than they do.

Take, for instance, the railroad station: It is the custom of the Pennsylvania Railroad to credit to a station the sale of tickets, mileage books, etc., at that station, as an indication of the amount of business done at that point—an indication of what consideration the station is entitled to. Consequently, every time our town's people buy their tickets, mileage books, etc., at Broad Street Station they are taking off one shingle from Narberth Station.

If greater facilities and more conveniences are wanted at Narberth post office, the patrons of that post office should make it a point to buy as many stamps as possible at that particular office.

If you are in doubt about the accuracy of this, consult the postmaster or the station.—A. E. Wohlert.

Editor Our Town:

I wonder whether among the many good things you are doing for Narberth, through your valuable paper, you could not start a movement for a new post office building. More room is sadly needed to accommodate the people, and as you generally get what you go after, won't you try for better post office facilities? I am—Harry S. Hopper.

Editor Our Town:

Do we need a new post office building? Most emphatically yes. The present quarters have become too cramped to adequately serve the community. The government ought to realize the extensive growth of the borough since the site was chosen, and afford a suffering public some relief. I marvel at the patience of our people. When a city train arrives in the evening, it is difficult to extricate one's self from the jam in this little two by four room. The place is a most undignified home for Uncle Sam to do business in for a people who are accustomed to up-to-date equipment. I hope there will be no delay in the move that must necessarily be made.—Emerson L. Swift.

Editor "Our Town," Narberth, Pa.:

Dear Sir:—I was very much interested in your article in this week's issue of your snappy paper, regarding the postal facilities in Narberth. If there is one crying need in our borough it is for a better post office. There is no fault to be found with our service as far as those in charge are concerned, but they are greatly handicapped by the lack of room.

As you are probably aware, there is very little sentiment in our Uncle Samuel's composition and the first question that the postal authorities ask when the subject of improvements is mentioned is, "How much business do you do in Narberth?" and it is up to every man and woman in Our Town, who has its best interests at heart, to increase the receipts, so that when this important question comes up they will be warranted in insisting that the needed improvements should be made.

Nothing else except the sales of stamps, stamped envelopes, etc., is taken into consideration. Even sales of stamps in large quantities to be used elsewhere are not included in the actual business done.

It is estimated that a very large percentage of the correspondence of our homes is mailed in Philadelphia. Now it is up to all of us to buy our stamps at home, but of course no fault can be found if you have the mistaken idea that mail is hastened by mailing it in Philadelphia. Therefore buy your stamps in Narberth and carry the stamped letters in your pockets for a week or two or until your wife finds them if you prefer, but boost Our Town by patronizing the home post office.

Sincerely yours,
FRED'K L. ROSE.

OUR POST OFFICE AND THE CHRISTMAS RUSH.

To the Editor of Our Town:
Had not the Post Office Department better place an order with the home town blacksmith for a few steel hoops to help bind our little post office together during the Christmas rush?

It certainly is filled almost to the bursting point with normal business. What will happen when we begin to carry parcel post bundles in and out and how will Postmaster Haws and his helpers find room in which to work when this extra business has to be stored inside the two partitions that now force the box renters to huddle in a corner like sheep to wait their turn to get at their boxes?—W. Arthur Cole.

To the Editor of Our Town:

Narberth needs a new post office for many reasons. One of the principal reasons is that under the present system of delivery a member of each family must enter the office to obtain their mail. Therefore, we should have a modern building, properly ventilated with a sufficient quantity of sunlight to reach every nook and corner, as germs which may be brought into the post office either by the people or the mail, lurk in dark corners ready to be inhaled and start their work, while fresh air and sunlight would render many inactive. Yours truly—Romaine C. Hoffman.

Editor of Our Town:

I am very glad to know an effort is being made to have a new post office in Narberth. The present office is too small and not in keeping with a live and hustling borough like Narberth, which demands everything up to date. All honor to the Civic Association. May the good work go on until we have an office in keeping with the town. Very truly yours—W. C. Poor.

More Letters Next Week.

A WORTH-WHILE CHRISTMAS.

The Boys' Sunday School class conducted by Fletcher Stites is enjoying what to most of them is an unusual way of observing Christmas. Their leader obtained the names and addresses of several worthy families in dire need from the Society for Organizing Charity, and the boys are to personally investigate their needs and find ways and means of fulfilling them. The boys are enthusiastic over the prospects of doing really worthwhile things this Christmas, and will undoubtedly gain a new vision of the meaning of "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

Surely, this is an example many more of us could follow, not only to the benefit of the beneficiaries of our interest, but to the profit of our own souls.

Be a spug—do something real for suffering humanity! There are more opportunities to-day than ever before.

MEETING OF Y. M. C. A.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held on Monday night next, 28th inst., at the Association building, at 8 P. M. At this time the special committee appointed at the meeting held a few days ago will submit its report for the consideration of the association members. It is understood that a comprehensive plan has been prepared, looking toward the successful operation of the building and its equipment. All the members of the association are urged to attend the meeting on Monday night.

If you are entertaining friends, or are starting on a journey, or if you know some newsy items for "Lady Narberth," send them to Our Town. They will be much appreciated.

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EXTRA! ALL ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS VISITOR.

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"Not at all, not at all," he replied good naturedly. "And write fast, because I'm going to let you down at the next wireless station. Are you ready?"

I nodded and began writing:
"Chief Noel—a package of mysterious powders, one of which, if sprinkled before the door of any residence, will put the occupant in a state of walking-hypnotism, which will cause said occupant to walk directly to the fire house and plank down a \$3 bill and say 'enroll me as a member; I'm not much of a fire fighter, but I appreciate the work of the fire company.'

"Postmaster Haws—a fine new post office and an autograph letter from President Wilson, authorizing special largain days in 2-cent stamps.

"President Henry, of the Civic Association—a patent for a new kind of ticket punch, which will work only every other time, and a letter from Governor-elect Brumbaugh, saying that he will force the State Legislature to pass a law compelling the P. R. R. to equip its conductors with those new punches until the fares are reduced.

"Flick Stites—a letter from Eddie Collins saying that all that talk about him being sold to the Chicago Federals was a mistake, and that he is going to quit professional base ball and move out to Narberth and join a real team."

"Well, here we are," said the Colonel, breaking away from his narrative.

Before I could answer the old fellow pulled a rope ladder from under the seat, and making sure that one end was fast to the sleigh, dropped the other end over the side.

"Hurry, now," he added, shaking my hand vigorously. "Hurry down this ladder and when you get to the bottom rung, jump. It's only a little way to the earth, and off there to your right you'll find the wireless station."

A few minutes later I had jumped, and sure enough, there was the wireless station, just as Colonel Kringle had said it would be. Which proves to me, at least, that this wonderful old man is just as wonderful as I have always been led to believe he was.

(Signed) Richard Rarding Havis.

NARBERTH DEFEATS ST. PAUL.

Narberth defeated St. Paul in a Main Line League contest by the one-sided score of 48 to 8. L. Davis and W. Durbin were easily the stars of the game, L. Davis caging 10 field goals, 4 of them bordering on the sensational. Durbin, with 7 field goals, was his nearest rival for scoring honors. Gene Davis, with 3 field goals and 11 assists, figured largely in the defeat of St. Paul. The home team easily outclassed the visitors as the score designates, their teamwork being almost perfect.

NARBERTH.

	Goals	Fouls	Assts.
E. Davis	3	0	11
W. Durbin	7	3	0
L. Davis	10	5	2
V. Fleck	0	0	4
W. Nevin	0	0	3

ST. PAUL.

	Goals	Fouls	Assts.
F. Hirsch	1	0	0
F. Smith	0	3	0
W. Parsons	0	0	1
W. Smith	1	0	0
M. Parsons	0	0	1

Referee—Dr. Hoffman. Timekeeper—E. Dickie. Time of halves—20 minutes. Narberth substitutes—H. Speakman, M. Kriebel, W. Humphries. Narberth and Ardmore Tied for 1st Place.

The coming game between Narberth and Ardmore, which will decide first place in the league will be played on Narberth's floor, Saturday evening, December 26. As both teams are evenly matched a hotly contested game is expected.

We have heard of some people who say they could live on music. Then it must be on note meal.

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ON THE 8.14

And Elsewhere in Our Town

Two very earnest and very modern young men sat in the front seat of the smoker the other morning, discussing what one of them characterized as "this Santa Claus business." It was evident that he had "no time for such nonsense."

"Why," said the other with equal indignation, "my little boy believes in Santa Claus as truly as he believes in his breakfast. I suppose you can't do anything about it, but it doesn't seem to me to be the right thing to bring children up like that."

Yes, it was a shock; we hadn't supposed there were any just like that in Narberth. But now that we know that there are at least two, and possibly a few more, we have decided to use most of our space this week in reprinting what many people regard as the best answer that has ever been made to the Anti-Santa Claus Agitation. It is from the editorial page of the New York Sun, and was originally published many years ago.

To old Sun readers like our neighbor, Henry Rose, this Christmas editorial is by no means new. But if you've never read it, NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME.

Is There a Santa Claus?

We take pleasure in answering at once, and thus prominently, the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor:
"I am eight years old.
"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

"VIRGINIA O. HANLON.
"115 West 95th Street."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen, and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauties and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Chief Wingebone Junior.

The villain always gets his on the stage. In real life he gets ours.

News of the Churches

NARBERTH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Chris. G. Koppel, Pastor.

Christmas Sunday, December 27. 10.30 A. M.—Christmas Service by the Sunday School.

Carols, "Star of the King".....School Christmas Bells.....Primary Children "Cello Solo".....Mr. L. Wayne Army A Christmas Story..... Pastor Music in charge of Mrs. L. Wayne Army, Director.

Community Christmas Service, 7.45 P. M.

Watch-Night Service.

Thursday, Dec. 31, 1914, at 9.30. "Dreaming City".....Choir Prayer.

Review of the Old Year. Material Progress.. Fletcher W. Stites Religious Achievements,

Rev. Harry M. Chalfant Outlook for the New Year. What can I do for the Sunday School in the New Year?

Charles W. Kreamer What will Prayer mean to me in the New Year?

Mrs. Robert E. Pattison Hymn No. 478, "O Holy Saviour, Friend Unseen" Something from my Bible for the New Year,

W. W. Akers, A. Souder, Roy Griffith. Something from my Hymnal for the New Year,

Lillian Compton, Wade Howenstine. Jean Chalfant, Miriam Ward.

What shall I do with the Sins and Mistakes of the Old Year?

Rev. Chris G. Koppel, Pastor Solo, "The Mistakes of My Life Have Been Many".....Mr. David D. Stickney What can I do for the Church in the New Year?

Dr. Francis W. Sadler Hymn No. 571, "Another Year is Dawning"

The Silent Hour—Remembrance and Prospect.

All bowed in silence, thinking of those who have gone home during the old year, followed with prayer for those who shall go during the New Year.

Hymn No. 612, "Jerusalem, the Golden."

A few Minutes of Social Christian Fellowship.

Love Feast, in charge of the pastor and Stewards.

Hymn No. 312, "O Happy Day That Fixed My Choice" Consecration Service.

Hymn No. 335, "I thirst, Thou wounded Lamb of God. To wash me in Thy cleansing blood." Doxology and Benediction.

No address or paper to exceed five minutes.

Everybody cordially invited. Come and spend in joyful service the last hours of the Old Year in God's house and thus make ready for the New Year.

Refreshments served at the close of the service.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. John Van Ness, Pastor.

This church extends to the community the season's greetings. Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ. The Presbyterian Church reverently worships Him as the Son of God and Saviour of mankind.

A praise service will be held in the church Christmas morning at nine o'clock. All are invited.

Sunday, December 27th, 10 A. M. Sabbath School, all departments. Two Bible classes. The attendance last Sabbath was the largest in the history of the school.

1 A. M. Public worship. Some of the music of last Sabbath will be repeated by the quartette.

4 P. M. Communicants' Class for those about to unite with the church.

7 P. M. Union Young People's Meeting in the Methodist Church; leader, Mr. R. C. McQuilkin.

7.45 P. M. Union Meeting in the Methodist Church with sermon by Rev. E. L. Swift.

New Year's eve—Watch Meeting, beginning at 8.30, with the rendition of Fillmore's New Year cantata by the entire membership of the junior congregation. This will be followed by music, readings, a social hour and a closing devotional service. Full notice will be given next week.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Emerson L. Swift, Pastor.

The services last Sunday will long be remembered by those who attended as of vital importance in the spiritual activity of the church. Rarely does there come such a notable result from the celebration of Christ's advent in Bethlehem. But the "White Gift Service" in the afternoon seemed to be the type of service that was demanded to claim the interest of all and win a result that was more than of mere passing attention. The church was full, the decorations were characteristically beautiful, the illustrative story of the birth of Christ by Mr. A. A. Chalker was helpful, the music was excellent and the gifts of self, service and substance were impressively presented. The whole scheme reflects great credit on all who had charge of the arrangements.

The Bible School is doing a solid work. It invites people of all ages to join with it in Bible study. The men's and women's classes are growing. We say to the men, "Meet me at the church next Sunday at 10 o'clock in the left hand corner."

Subject of the sermon next Sunday morning is, "Time and Its Meaning." The evening services at 7 and 7.45 will be in union with the Presbyterians and Methodists at the church of the latter. Rev. E. L. Swift will speak on "The Prodigal's Return."

The Christmas festival of the Bible School will be celebrated at the church Tuesday evening, December 29, with a cantata by the young people. The public is cordially invited.

The prayer and praise service next Wednesday evening ought to call out a large number. The subject is, "What Wilt Thou Have Me To Do?" Acts 9: 6.

Our customary New Year's service which has always been well attended by thoughtful worshipers will be held again this year at 8 A. M. Friday morning. People can leave in time for the 9 o'clock train for the city. A general invitation is extended to the people of the community to meet with us.

The neighborhood prayer meetings which have become so great a success will be held in various blocks of the borough Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8 to 8.30 o'clock next week.

ST. MARGARET'S R. C. CHURCH.

Rev. R. F. Cowley, Rector.

The hours for the masses on Christmas morning will be as follows: Early mass at 6 o'clock. Second mass at 7 o'clock. Late mass at 9 o'clock.

The following is the program of music for the High Mass at 9 o'clock: Asperges, Gregorian, Mass, Saint La Salle. Offertory, Adeste Fideles. Recessional, Tyroese Christmas, Stille Nacht (Silent Night, Sacred Night).

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.

RE-HEARING GRANTED IN RATE CASE.

A formal notice has been received by Mr. Henry, as attorney for the Narberth Civic Association, to the effect that a re-hearing in the suburban passenger fare case will be held at Harrisburg on Friday, January 8, 1915, at 10 A. M.

While Narberth has fared well under the new schedule, the advance in the new 100-trip ticket being only ninety cents, towns farther away from the city have been less fortunate by reason of the readjustment of schedules on a mileage basis.

The contention now is that since the Interstate Commerce Commission has permitted an increase in freight rates no increase in suburban passenger rates is necessary.

Mr. Henry on Monday attended a meeting of the Central Committee in Philadelphia, where plans were discussed for further carrying on the fight.

THOUGHTS FOR SAFETY DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

We are again approaching the Christmas Holidays when naught but happiness and good cheer should prevail. Let us make it so, by caution and the avoidance of carelessness in the handling of Christmas tree decorations. Flimsy decorations should never be used. They have been the cause of much sadness and many deaths. Let us try to make our borough the banner borough in freedom from distressing casualties, caused by thoughtless carelessness. Be happy and use care not to mar this happiness.

Many entertainments will be given in homes, schools, churches, bazaars, and stores. Remember that light, inflammable decorations make easy fires. Avoid their use. Decorations of no kind should be used near gas jets. An air current may cause a disastrous fire.

Where possible, electricity should be used for lighting trees and for decorative purposes and the wiring should be done by a competent electrician.

If trees are to be lighted, other than by electricity, see that children do not light or relight the candles. Frequently clothing is set afire by permitting this. Avoid the possibility. The tree will also burn when dry. Better no lights than to run the risk.

Paper, cotton, or other decorations of a flimsy material should not be used. Use metallic tinsel or unflammable material, and see that trees are securely fastened, so that children cannot pull the tree over when reaching for things.

If presents are distributed from the tree, either at home or at a public entertainment, care should be taken in handling them to avoid the possibility of a fire.

Avoid mechanical toys that require alcohol or gasoline or other dangerous oil to operate them.

Never permit cotton to be used beneath trees, to give the appearance of snow. If the appearance of snow is desired, for any purpose, use mineral wool or asbestos. It will not burn and gives a better effect than cotton.

Matches should never be left within the reach of children. Keep them in metal boxes and out of reach.

Don't let smokers throw lighted cigars, cigarettes, or matches about in a careless manner.

Be constantly on the watch for anything that might cause fire. Have merriment, and plenty of it, but avoid mourning by the avoidance of carelessness.

Strive to prevent casualties, but be prepared for an emergency by having placed conveniently fire extinguishers or buckets filled with water.

Teach the children to be careful; show them the danger of fire. Drill them at home; nothing appeals to children more than drilling and when once they are made to realize the benefit of knowing how to protect themselves in case of fire, it will enable them to better care for themselves in time of danger.—Chas. V. Noel, Assistant State Fire Marshal.

Young men are fitter to invent than to judge; fitter for execution than for counsel.—Bacon.

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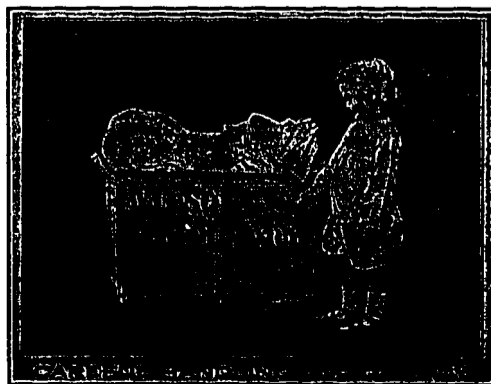
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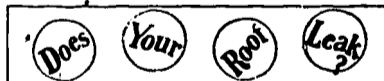
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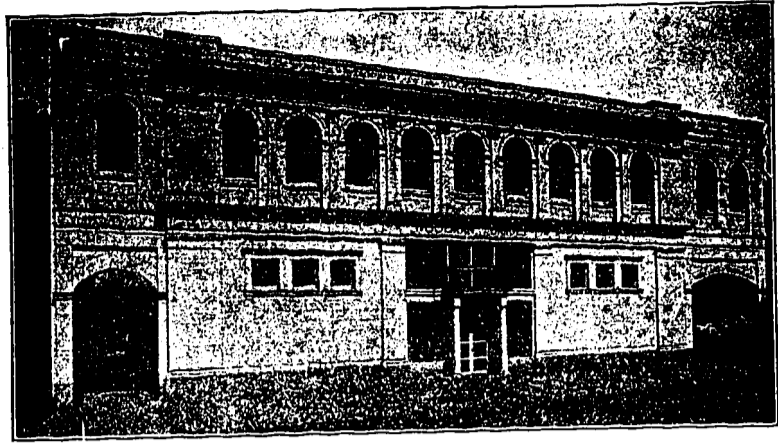
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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Y. M. C. A. is Not Closed, Editor.

Y. M. C. A. Game Room Equipment Entirely New.

The game room of the Narberth Y. M. C. A., recently gutted by fire, is being rapidly put into first-class condition.

The bowling alleys are being planned and finished with a new "loop the loop" return in place of the old style return, the new return avoiding the danger of a bowler on either alley interfering with a bowler delivering his ball. New balls and new pins are also being installed.

The new pool tables—three in number—will be the latest and best. They are especially attractive in design, having the new square base legs. New cues, new balls and new miscellaneous equipment accompany the new tables.

When fully equipped, the W. M. C. A. will have the finest game room on the Main Line, one that may be compared favorably with those of some of the large clubs in town that men pay \$25 to \$100 a year for the privilege of using.

Why not use the Y. M. C. A. in which to spend an off hour or two, save your railroad fare in town and help to support an institution that is the coming social and civic center of our home town?

When that "good fellow" comes out to take dinner with you, bring him to the Y. M. C. A. to roll a game on the alleys or shoot him some pocket billiards. You save the time and the expense of the trip in town, have fellowship in refined surroundings, and, incidentally, help a good work to go on and to prosper.

The woodwork of the room has been refinished in light-colored paint which increases the attractiveness of the place, and the new concrete floor makes for safety and cleanliness.

The Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co. are refinishing the alleys, the new tables and miscellaneous equipment, and should receive the thanks of the patrons of the game room because of liberal concessions to the Y. M. C. A. on high-grade equipment.

A local bowling league is being formed, the teams to represent the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches, the Fire Company, the Civic Association and the Athletic Association.

Watch for the announcing of the opening night of the game room and be on hand. A surprise is in store for you.—Robert G. Savill, Chairman Athletic Committee.

BASKET BALL.

Narberth High School, 14: Swarthmore H. S., 34. Defeated, but not disgraced. The Narberth High School team was defeated by the strong Swarthmore team in a very exciting game. The Swarthmore boys, who are coached by Mr. Hinman, a former Narberth H. S. coach, outweighed the Narberth boys by twenty pounds a man. When the two teams lined up at the opening of the game, an overwhelming defeat was expected; but the Narberth boys showed the fighting spirit that put Narberth on the map in athletics. The individual star of the game was Yarnall, of the visitors. He caged nine field goals, some being from all angles of the floor. The bright stars for Narberth, were the all around playing of "Bill" Winne, and the foul shooting of "Snead" Smith. The line-up:

Narberth H. S. Swarthmore H. S.
 Winne forward..... Yarnall
 McCarter forward..... West
 Downes center..... Gatchell
 Odell guard..... Lungren
 Smith guard..... Wood
 Field goals—Narberth: Winne, 1; McCarter, 1; Downes, 1. Swarthmore: Yarnall, 9; West, 3; Gatchell, 2; Lungren, 1; Wood, 1. Foul goals—For Narberth: Smith, 8; for Swarthmore: Yarnall, 2. Referee—Davis, of West Philadelphia High School. Scorer—Durbin, of Haverford. Timekeeper—Davis, L. M. H. S. Umpire—F. Winne, of Haverford.

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TWO NEW BASKET BALL TEAMS.

The members of Mr. Poor's Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church held a meeting at the residence of their teacher, 106 Forrest Avenue, on Friday evening and organized two basket ball teams. Will Durbin was chosen captain of the first team and their members are:

Guards—Chester Smith, Walter T. Nevin.
 Center—Norman Kriebel.
 Forwards—C. O. Humphrey, Will Durbin.

The second team will be chosen from the other members of the class which are as follows: Kenneth Hamilton, Donald Kirk, Robert Mueller, John Sloan, Walter Cowan, Quincy Yowell, J. F. Bolick, C. K. Humphrey, Alan Rose, Will Hackett, Will Harris, F. Foster, Stewart Cowan, F. M. Winne, Leslie Smith, Perry Redifer, Carrie Barr.

After the business meeting the class spent a very pleasant social hour.

This class is regularly organized, having a full complement of officers and committees and meets regularly once a month. It is in a very flourishing condition and always on the lookout for new members. A cordial invitation is extended to every young man in the town, who is not connected with any other school, to join the class and enjoy an hour every Sunday morning in studying the Bible, learning about our Blessed Saviour and our duty to each other.

If a visitor in the town, the same cordial invitation is extended to them. Let every young man in the town identify himself with some church and Sunday school and so help to make our town the banner town in the county for Church and Sunday school attendance and the Blessed Master service.

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We invite all men everywhere—and never more heartily and urgently than at this glad Christmas season—to come to Church to hear the Story of the Divine Love expressed in terms of life.
 To repeat that Story,—with all its blessed ministry of a Father drawn near to his other children in the person of his Well-Beloved Son,—of a Christ who understands us, and who loves us unto the death—of a hope for all men through the Christmas Christ—nothing less than this is the business, the ambition, the very objective of the Church.
 Every one of these week-by-week advertisements is but a feeble effort to express the unutterable invitation of Christmas.
 Come to Church next Sunday, and adore the Christ whom we worship, love and serve.
 Christmas can best be kept in Church.
 As the Wise-Men of old brought gifts to the Babe, so do you bring the offering of your heart to the altar of that same King.
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