

STATE EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES WRITE TO MR. McCARTER REGARDING NARBERTH SCHOOL SITUATION

Important Letter Deals With Facts And Shows Careful Study of The Present Conditions

To the Editor of Our Town:
Having been privileged to read the subjoined letter from Mr. J. George Becht, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, to Mr. J. Howard McCarter, president of our local board, I have obtained permission to give it publicity in the columns of "Our Town," as it concerns matters of vital interest to this community.

"Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
"State Board of Education
"Harrisburg

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"April 18, 1916.

"Mr. C. Howard McCarter, President,
"Board of School Directors,
"Narberth, Pennsylvania.

"Dear Mr. McCarter:

"In compliance with a request of some members of your Board of Education, two members of the staff of the State Board of Education were asked to make an investigation of the school conditions of Narberth and their relations to the selection of a site for a proposed new school building or addition to the old building.

"At the suggestion of the State Board of Education, Mr. H. C. Richards and Mr. M. I. Kast, men who have had wide experience in school house construction and who have been in a position to study school conditions, were detailed to secure all the information they could by a personal visit to Narberth and to make to the State Board of Education such recommendations as in their judgment the conditions as they found warranted.

"I beg to say at the outset that in their conclusions there was a difference of opinion and the following report is based on a study of the presentation of facts and a consideration of the judgments rendered by the men who made the investigation. These matters were carefully considered by three members of the State Board of Education and, while the board has no desire, whatever to obtrude its opinion, it is not unwilling to frankly express its judgment of the situation based upon the information and upon such possibilities as may reasonably be concluded from the facts and conditions as they have been able to learn them.

"The question of 'site' of the public school building is always one of vital importance in any community, especially in this true in the case of suburban districts and the smaller communities where one or two buildings serve to accommodate the school population.

"Several determining factors enter into the selection of the location for the school building:

"The site selected should be elevated above the surrounding premises. If this is not possible, then the ground should have a natural grade away from the building.

"It should be dry and removed as far as possible from any section in which water collects and is allowed to become stagnant.

"The close proximity of the site to a steam or electric railroad is objectionable and the school building should be so situated that the least possible number of children are forced to cross such railroads in going to and returning from school.

"The character of the neighborhood should be taken into careful consideration. This item of consideration, however, does not enter into the Narberth situation to any appreciable extent, for the reason that all sections of this particular community appear to be of the same high standard of excellence.

"The chief factor, however, in determining the selection of the site for the school building, the one which is of equal, if not of greater importance than any other feature that has been or could be mentioned, is that the school building should be so situated that its location will be fair and just to the majority of the school population in the question of the distance the children must travel to reach the building, and, of course, in order to meet this most important condition, the site should be as nearly central to the school population as it exists, consideration being given to

the possible future growth of the community.

"The determination of the centre of the present school population may be readily and definitely established, but the question of the extent and direction of future growth is generally a debatable one, upon which local authorities in the majority of cases fail to agree, and even when a person is in full possession of the facts, the decision reached is more or less speculative. Therefore, the question of the direction and extent of the future growth of a community is probably one that ought to be left to the local authorities to determine. It cannot escape our notice, however, that the apparent developments seem to be lying largely to the north side of the railroad tracks. The improvement to the south, upon the same presumption, seems to be much slower and that the population will not increase nearly so rapidly as upon the north side. From the figures at hand, it seems that about 82 of the 393 pupils come from the south side of the town and the pupil farthest removed from the present location is about eight blocks.

"Assuming that the question of a central location is fundamental in selecting a site, the one factor appearing against the selection of a central site is in the case where a community is already in possession of a school building suitable for school purposes, placed on grounds set aside for school purposes, and owned by the community. In this connection the question of economy enters and forms a factor as against the adoption of a central location.

"The present school building in Narberth is situated on the highest grounds within the limits of the community at the end of the borough. There is at present no free transportation furnished by the school board. The children from the opposite ends of the borough are compelled to walk the entire distance to and from their homes to the school. This would probably be a hardship during inclement weather to a large number of children or else would impose an extra expense upon the parents in providing transportation for their children. This objection might be overcome by having the board provide proper transportation for the children coming from the extreme points. We are not prepared to say how serious this phase of the question is. Some of the citizens hold this as the greatest objection to an addition to the present building. Generally speaking, the site ought to be near the centre of school population and easily accessible for the greatest number of children. Yet this one factor does not outweigh all other considerations. A large area of good healthful soil, away from distracting influences, will add materially to the health, comfort and welfare of the pupils. These advantages will more than compensate for the possible inconvenience that some pupils may experience in walking an additional distance.

"In considering this problem, we are compelled to accept the fact that at present there is a school building, that sufficient adjoining ground is owned by the community upon which to erect a new building to properly house the present school population and thereby relieve the present congested conditions and care for the future growth for a term of three or four years.

"Two solutions of the problem present themselves and upon these two solutions there appears to be a decided difference of opinion:

"1. Erect a new school building upon the present school premises at the end of the borough large enough to accommodate the present grade pupils and provide for future growth of three or four years, and at the end
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NARBERTH WINS LAST PRACTICE GAME

Defeat Brookdale, 4-1—Durbin All-around Star

In the last exhibition game before the league opening, Narberth defeated Brookdale 4 to 1 in seven innings. Bowen and Durbin holding visitors to two hits. The game was called at the end of the seventh inning on account of the cold, which might upset the work already accomplished in the pre-season games.

The opponents were at the mercy of the Narberth twirlers at all times, and only collected two hits, both being made off of Bowen's delivery. Both twirlers had plenty of stuff, and struck out eleven of the Brookdalers, while McDonald also had eleven strike outs to his credit. Durbin struck out six men straight, while McDonald also struck out six men straight.

Brookdale scored their first run in the fourth inning on a single, an error and a couple of bases on balls, while Narberth scored their first run of the game in the second inning on a single by Humphries and two consecutive errors. Narberth scored again in third inning on three consecutive singles by Durbin, Koons and Barker. Narberth scored again in the fifth inning on singles by Durbin and Koons and Ensinger's sacrifice fly. The home boys scored their final run in the sixth inning on singles by E. Davis and McClelland, an error and a passed ball.

Durbin led the attack at bat with three hits, with Koons having two hits, while the leading fielders were Durbin once more and Koons behind the bat.

The stage is all set for the opening of the Main Line League season at Narberth, when the R. G. Dun & Co. team will be the opponents.

The score:

NARBERTH.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Durbin, 3b., p.	2	3	1	1	0
Koons, c.	0	2	13	0	1
Barker, cf.	0	1	0	0	0
Ensinger, rf.	0	0	0	0	1
Humphries, 2b.	1	1	0	1	0
E. Davis, 1b.	1	1	6	0	0
McClelland, ss.	0	1	0	1	0
Gilmore, lf.	0	0	1	0	0
Walzer, 3b.	0	0	0	0	0
Davis.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	9	21	3	2

BROOKDALE.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Maginn, cf.	0	0	0	0	0
Leckie, ss.	0	0	0	0	0
Lingg, 2b.	0	0	1	1	0
Burger, c.	1	1	11	0	2
Gross, 1b.	0	1	3	0	0
McDonald, p.	0	0	1	1	1
Eckert, lf.	0	0	0	0	0
Page, 1b.	0	0	1	1	0
Fleck, rf.	0	0	1	0	1
Total	1	2	18	3	4

Brookdale	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Narberth	0	1	1	0	1	1	x-4

Stolen bases—Koons, Durbin, Barker, E. Davis. Sacrifice hits—Ensinger. Struck out—By Bowen, 5; Durbin, 6; McDonald, 11. Bases on Balls—Bowen, 2; McDonald, 1. Passed balls—Off Koons, 1; Burger, 1. Double plays—McDonald to Page. Umpire—Schellenberger.

COMMUNITY NIGHT
Thursday, April 27th
Y. M. C. A.
Don't Miss This
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

MEN'S MEETING
Sunday, April 30th
3.30 P. M.

ARCADE THEATRE
Speaker
Dr. F. H. Green
State Normal School, West Chester,
Pennsylvania
Subject
"Sacred Spots"
A Most Popular Speaker to Men
Don't Miss Hearing Him

Main Line League Opens Next Saturday

Narberth Champions Open Up Against R. G. Dun & Co., Coffee Pot Park, 3.30 P. M.

Mr. Harry S. Hopper, President of the Y. M. C. A. Will Toss Out the First Ball.

Manager Walzer has about rounded up his team for the opening of the Main Line Season, which takes place next Saturday.

The usual functions of a baseball opening at the various leagues will also be conspicuous at this league opening.

The grounds will all be in shape by next week, and everything promises to be in first-class order. The back stop has been repaired, which will afford much more safety behind than has heretofore been.

The Narberth boys will appear in new uniforms, and the same will appear in Davis' window about the middle of the week. Be sure and look them over.

The league promises to be considerably stronger this year than last, and with such an attraction as the Dun & Co. team, a record-breaking crowd is expected.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE Y. M. C. A., NARBERTH

On October 19th, 1915, the first Board of Managers retired, leaving the second board to take up the work where they left off. We felt so encouraged at the condition of the club when we assumed the responsibility, but to-day we feel even more so, as there is every reason to believe that the Women's Club of Narberth is stronger and in better condition than ever before.

It is thoroughly established now and only needs the conscientious support of the people in the town to make it one of the finest clubs along the Main Line.

Last year there seemed to be a disposition on the part of many of our members to have some definite object in view in coming out on Tuesdays, many busy housewives feeling that while it was pleasant, it was a waste of time simply meeting for a social chat and a cup of tea.

About that time a solution to this problem presented itself in that very worthy and charitable work, sewing for the suffering and wounded soldiers in Europe. It met with the approbation of a great majority of the club, and during the winter the meetings have been most enthusiastic. A great many new members were added after the sewing started. The money to provide these sewing materials having come from voluntary donations both in and out of the club. Over one hundred dollars (\$100) being raised for this purpose from the moving picture benefit by Mrs. Carroll Downes, in which she was ably assisted by the ladies of the club.

About five thousand articles have been sent from our club to Europe. We have had twenty-three teas and entertained four hundred and eighty-three people, making an average attendance of twenty-one at each meeting. We cannot help but be optimistic with such figures before us. Our paid members up to date are fifty-four, and still more coming in.

When the present board came in office, we had in the club treasury eight dollars and forty cents. To-day we have one hundred and four dollars and thirty-two cents. In the treasury for athletics last year, one hundred and four dollars and fifty-nine cents. To-day, it is ninety-three dollars and thirty-nine cents.

Our Community Nights, under the supervision of Mrs. F. W. Stites, have been most successful. We have had three, and entertained four hundred and thirty people, averaging one hundred and forty-three per evening. The last Community Night of the season will be Thursday, April 27th.

On account of so much sickness in Narberth this winter, and so much going on, it did not seem feasible at any time to give any form of entertainment to raise money, so at a meeting of the Board of Managers, it was decided that each of the seven raise ten dollars in any way they desired, which sum they would share with the Y. M. C. A. To-day we are handing over to them half of the money accumulated, which amounts to thirty-one dollars and sixty-three cents.

We are sure you all have great cause for rejoicing that the Women's Community Club of Narberth has prospered so well; it has such a good start now; all it needs to keep it going and growing is the hearty co-operation of all the members. When you hear any one mention the Community Club, do not "knock" it, say a good word for it, it might mean a new member, and it certainly will mean a fine, prosperous club, one our town will be proud of.

Help the managers by your presence at the meetings, and your encouraging words, not criticism.

We are fortunate in having for our leader next term one who is very capable and proficient in such work, having taken active interest in clubs before—Mrs. W. M. Cameron, our financial manager, Mrs. William Curtis Pollock, Jr.; library manager, Miss Fanny Loos; house manager, Mrs. I. S. Hepler; social manager, Mrs. C. P. Fowler; membership manager, Mrs. Harry Hartley, and athletic manager, Mrs. E. Hurth.

With such live wires on the board we look for nothing else but success, but they cannot do it all; it will rest with each individual member to do her part.

The club will close shortly for the summer, but in the fall we hope all will come back with renewed interest; don't let any other town get ahead of Narberth with their club; let ours head the list.

We would ask each one here to-day to make up her mind that she will do her part to make our club such that we will all be proud and say, "I am a member of the Women's Club of Narberth."

(Mrs. C. T.) A. M. Moore,
Chairman.

PARENTS

Those who are wondering if their children are making the most of their time in school, those who have difficulty in assisting their children with home-work either through lack of time or on account of the changes in the modern system, those who are anxious to make the school work and home-work harmonize and to make both pleasant and interesting to the young folks will profit by a call from Mr. Walter J. Meyer.

He is able to explain the situation in a clear and simple manner. Just drop him a card for an appointment. P. O. Box 590, Narberth Post Office.—(Adv.)

COMMUNITY CLUB.

Every member of the Women's Community Club is urged to be on hand at the tea next Tuesday afternoon, the second of May, at 3 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1916

EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS
Fire 350.
Police 1250.

EDITORIALS.

The Editor announces that the article in the last issue of Our Town headed "Ushers' Association Dance a Big Success," was given to the printer as follows, "Ushers' Association Banquet a Big Success."

How the mistake happened he does not know, nor does the printer.

However, he hopes that no one took the meaning wrongly, for mistakes will happen now and then, and they usually happen just when and where they shouldn't.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

There is no contest at primary elections between parties. Often voters get the idea that at a primary there is some contest between Democrats and Republicans or some other party organization. This is not the case. At primary elections the Republicans vote for their candidates, the Democrats vote for theirs, Progressives, Socialists, etc., do likewise. May 18th will be the next primary election day in Pennsylvania. Any contest that may exist must be between members of the same party. Primary elections are especially important because that is where the candidates are selected to be voted for at the regular elections following. The primary election this spring is particularly important, because it is the first time the voters of Pennsylvania have had the opportunity to express their choice for a candidate for President of the United States. This fact alone should be sufficient to inspire every voter who is interested in the affairs of his country to go to the primary election. Aside from this important duty there is a National Committeeman to be selected for each party, candidates selected for the National Congress, for the State Senate, House of Representatives, State Treasurer, Auditor General, etc.

NEWSPAPER IS TOWN'S WEATHERVANE.

A reader has handed us the following editorial clipped from one of the papers he reads with the suggestion that it ought to be printed here. We agree with him and here it is:

"Show me some copies of the paper published in your town and I will tell you some facts about it and your people."

The man who said that was an active business man, who was considering an expensive proposition. The information he wanted was all in issues of a weekly newspaper.

He wanted to know about the stocks of goods carried by the merchants, to judge of their business capacity by the style and amount of advertising they employed—the paper would show him.

He wanted to know something of the social activities of the town, which the paper would show him.

He wanted to know something about the pursuits of the people in the town and the condition of the surrounding country. The paper would show him.

He would scan those papers carefully and would be able to give the information as he had stated.

He would judge the business prospects from the advertising columns; the prospective selling possibilities by the local happenings, the tastes and intelligence of the people by the reading matter the paper gives its readers, and whether they were a progressive and alert or an easy-going and comparatively inactive sort.

Your paper tells the story fully to the active, observant business man, who never saw your town or its people.

If the town merchants are not all represented in its columns it would spell "Little business," and a bad knock for the town. If the local columns showed a scarcity of news and little of the social life it would spell in glaring letters "Nothing doing." If there was a lack of high class, up-to-date reading matter on the liveliest topics of the community interests what would it spell for him?

The investigation would end and the town would be passed over as not worth considering.

So then, the weekly paper 52 times a year is showing the people who do not reside in the town just how to judge it as a business and social center. You can help your town and its merchants by educating them to do their part, but you must publish a real up-to-date newspaper.

In another column of this issue we publish an interesting letter from a State educational authority on the local school question, with comments by a resident. We note that the School Board is quoted as desiring a decided expression on the question of location of the proposed new building. There are some citizens who believe that our voters have twice very decidedly expressed an opinion adverse to locating it on the hill, on the present grounds.

We do not quite agree with this view, because, on the former occasions when this question came up for a vote, there were two issues presented, namely, location, and purchase of a playground. As a consequence, many who would have voted for the loan by itself, and location on the present site, voted "no," because they opposed the playground. Others, not opposed to the playground, voted against the location on the present site.

Enough time has been lost by this confusion of issues. We should have an opportunity to vote separately on these entirely distinct questions. Increased school accommodations are of paramount importance, and must first be considered, and the question of location in connection therewith, must be settled by itself.

Many citizens heartily favor the playground, and others honestly oppose it from economical or other reasons. This issue should be presented separately, and decided upon on its merits. If an informal ballot is prepared for our citizens, we trust this situation will be met squarely. Otherwise, we face another fiasco.

Interested.

BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS COMING

Greatest Show on Earth Will Positively Exhibit in This Vicinity.

At last the welcome news has been announced that the youngsters and oldsters of this vicinity will have an opportunity to visit the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth. This great circus will be within easy traveling distance when it exhibits in Philadelphia, week of May 1, 1916.

This year Barnum & Bailey announce an all new novelty circus, composed of more foreign acts than ever before. An important feature is the new, Oriental spectacular pageant, "Persia, or the Pageant of The Thousand and One Nights." In this gorgeous display more than 1350 persons participate. The Oriental music incidental to the production is rendered by 350 musicians, and 3500 costumes are worn in the various actions of the pageant.

The circus program will be one of unusual novelty and variety. More than 480 arenic artists will appear in the various acrobatic, aerial and riding numbers, and an army of fifty of the funniest clowns on earth will keep the audience convulsed with laughter. Among the new acts to be offered for the first time this season are four great troupes of Chinese artists, presenting a complete Chinese circus, replete with thrilling aerial and acrobatic feats. The famous Hanneford Family, champion riders of Europe, are another new importation, as is

also Signor Bagonghi, Italy's famous dwarf equestrian. More than twenty trained animal acts will be included in the program, headed by Pallenberg's two marvelous troupes of trained bears.

The Barnum & Bailey Circus is larger this season than ever before and require 89 cars to transport it. It carries 1400 persons, 745 horses and a greatly enlarged menagerie of 108 cages and 41 elephants.

POST OFFICE NOTES.

Anyone desiring double postal cards can secure them at the post office.

Patrons of the post office are urged to have all their mail directed to their box numbers.

Haws.

MORE ABOUT DR. POHLMAN

The men of Narberth are invited to a meeting of the Presbyterian Men's Club to be held Friday evening, April 28, to be addressed by Dr. Pohlman.

We feel at liberty to urge you to come and hear this man because of his clever and unique way of presenting Christian truths to his hearers.

A little about the man himself: After graduating from Johns Hopkins at Baltimore as a medical missionary, Dr. Pohlman entered the field in Liberia. His work there was very successful, but was brought to a premature end on account of the fever so prevalent in that region. This compelled him to return to his own climate to regain health. He then accepted the pastorate of the Temple Lutheran Church in West Philadelphia, at which church he has been extremely successful and fruitful. His congregation, which was merely a handful, has grown to nearly fifteen hundred persons. During the Sunday campaign, his activities were very numerous and the scope of his work is worthy of great praise. Dr. Pohlman's strong point is his interest in men. It is in this point that we want to interest you; being well read on the general topics of the day, it is not uncommon for him to include in his talks some pointers for the everyday life of men.

The Men's Club feel that they have secured a speaker who will appeal to the men of our town and heartily invite you to their meeting.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 28.

COMMUNITY NIGHT.

Don't forget to be on hand on Thursday night, April 27th, at the club room in the Y. M. C. A. Building. It is going to be a good one, and every person in Narberth is especially invited to be there.

BUSINESS AND SOCIAL MEETING.

The monthly business and social meeting of the Bible class of the Methodist Church was held on Tuesday evening, 18th inst., at the home of Mr. N. E. Smedley. That the meeting was one of pleasure and profit goes without saying.

The interest of those present in the transaction of business looking to the welfare of the class, and the comfort of its members, did not prevent them from giving attention to the pathetic case of a young boy in destitute circumstances, which was presented by J. Howard Smedley. The ready response made in the shape of substantial offerings for the relief of the boy, indicated the true Christian spirit.

The hearty expressions of thanks extended to the host and his good wife gave evidence to them that their cordial efforts to entertain the class had been appreciated.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

Under new management, Tuesday, May 2. Photoplays de luxe—first time on the Main Line the Stinagree serial picture, consisting of twelve episodes of two parts each to be shown every Friday night. Universal moving picture. Tickets accepted obtained from merchants, thus offering free amusement.

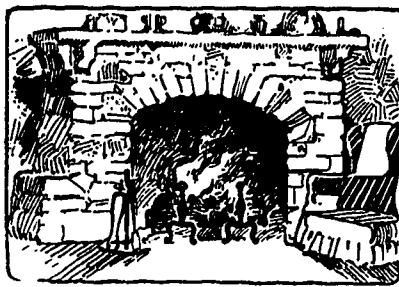
Few words relative to first week's program.

Exhibiting nights every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

POST OFFICE NOTES.

Stamps are on sale of every denomination from one cent to fifteen cents, except eleven and fourteen; also a plentiful supply of postal cards, wrapped envelopes and newspaper wrappers.

Prices of stamped envelopes:
25 1c envelopes.....\$.25
100 1c envelopes..... 1.10
25 2c envelopes..... .53
100 2c envelopes..... 2.10



THE FIRESIDE

Betty Baxter's Gossip.

Miss Virginia Downes is spending the Easter holidays with relatives in Dover, Delaware.

Friends of Mr. John Wallace will be glad to hear that he has recovered sufficiently to be removed from the hospital to his sister's home in Baltimore.

You cannot afford to miss the last community night given by the retiring board of managers of the Community Club.

Mrs. Miller Burkhardt, of 100 Maple avenue, entertained at luncheon on Wednesday 19th inst. Her guests were Mrs. Frank L. Thomson, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. William Cowperthwaite, Mrs. Benjamin Neall, Mrs. John R. Davies, Mrs. Dr. Cowperthwaite, Mrs. James Dallas, of Tioga, and Mrs. John J. Caine, of Germantown.

Miss Riddle Street, of 100 Maple avenue, has returned from New Britain, Pa., where she has been visiting friends.

Everybody is going! Where? Why to the community night at the Y. M. C. A. Building, on Thursday evening, April 27th, at 8 o'clock.

Come to the community night reception in the Women's Club room in the Y. M. C. A. Building, Thursday evening, April 27th. This is for the men as well as the ladies, so we will look for you all there.

The funeral of Americus M. Redifer took place on Friday, April 21st, from the home of his brother, A. Perry Redifer, of Essex avenue. Mr. Redifer had been an invalid for several years. He was sixty-five years of age.

Mrs. A. L. Jacoby and daughters, of Iona avenue, entertained at luncheon on Monday the following ladies: Mrs. Carden Warner, Mrs. P. Redifer, Mrs. R. H. Wallace, Mrs. W. B. Smith, Miss Ethel Wallace, Miss L. Wallace and Miss Bertha Redifer.

Professor F. B. Hills, of Delaware College, was a week-end guest at the home of W. B. Smith, of Windsor avenue.

BOY SCOUT NEWS.

Two scouts have passed their first-class tests and many others are preparing to pass it. The two first-class scouts are Paul Braden and Herbert Krell.

Mr. Braden, Paul Braden and Herbert Krell hiked to Valley Forge on the 21st. They started at 8 o'clock and got back at 6.15 after a 36-mile hike. They visited the headquarters and other places of interest in the park.

Those who offer bargains get rich quicker than those who seek them.

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of that time, or whenever compelled by future needs, to build another school located centrally. The new building on the present site would also make for better high school accommodations.

"2. The alternate proposition is to purchase a new site centrally located to present school population and as nearly central to future growth as can be established; upon this site erect a building of the proper size to relieve present conditions and to take care of future growth.

"The arguments in favor of the first proposition are:

"That the cost of a new site will be eliminated, though this is somewhat minimized by the further consideration that it may only be a question of a few years when the community will be confronted with the expense of a new building on a new site.

"There may also be advanced the argument that by building on the present site, the school activities come under one control. This seems to be a very important consideration. There is a marked tendency everywhere throughout the country to eliminate the smaller units of buildings and merge the administration of schools under larger units of control. This in general is considered good school policy.

"The second proposition, viz: the erection of a new building on a site

The foregoing letter speaks for itself. It demonstrates the careful thought that has been given to the Narberth school situation by the State educational authorities. The arguments for the two plans proposed for meeting our present urgent needs are carefully weighed, and the conclusion is, that our interests will be best served by locating a new school building on the present site, and providing transportation when necessary for children requiring it.

I understand the board has been waiting for some expression of opinion on the subject by the State authorities. Unfortunately, however, this does not bring us any nearer a solution, there being still a decided difference of opinion among our residents on the question of site. The board is confronted by some very practical difficulties in making application for a loan to be voted upon. The application must specially state the proposed location of the building, and its cost. Before making application for the loan, it would be very desirable to obtain as definite an idea as possible of the wishes of the majority of parents, as to the location of the proposed addition. I am informed that the board is considering the advisability of asking for an informal expression by those interested, both men and women, on this subject. This could be done by preparing an informal ballot, to be filled out and deposited in a place designated by the board, or sent by mail. These ballots could be distributed with the regular issue of "Our Town," or be attached to one of its regular issues as a coupon, to be filled out, detached and deposited in a ballot box, or mailed to the board.

Such an expression of opinion would be of great assistance to the board in preparing its application to the Courts for permission to issue bonds for the school loan. If I understand their position correctly, they are perfectly willing to carry out the wishes of the majority on the question of location. While they favor the present site, in which view they are supported by the State authorities, I am convinced they will base their application for a loan on whatever location may be decisively chosen by an informal ballot, such as indicated above.

AUGUSTUS J. LOOS.

News of the Churches

MERION MEETING HOUSE.

Merion Meeting House is opened for worship every First-day at 10.30 A. M. Visitors are cordially welcome. Beginning fifth month, the time of meeting will be changed to 11 o'clock. A registry book is kept for visitors. All are asked to register their names. Clarence Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, expects to be with us first day (Sunday), the 30th.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

Early Mass on Sunday from April 1st to October 31st at 6.30 A. M. From November 1st to March 31st at 7 A. M. Late Mass, 9.30 A. M. throughout the year. Masses on holydays, 6.30 and 8.30 A. M. Weekdays at 8. Evening devotions and other services at regular times.

ALL SAINTS' P. E. CHURCH.

Rev. Andrew S. Burke, Rector. The services at All Saints' P. E. Church, Montgomery and Wynnewood avenues for next Sunday, are as follows: 8.00 A. M.—Holy Community. 9.45 A. M.—Sunday School. 11.00 A. M.—Morning prayer and sermon. 3.00 P. M.—Confirmation instruction. 4.00 P. M.—Evening prayer. The services at All Saints' were better attended on Easter than ever before in the history of the church. The quartet choir under the direction of Mr. J. Phillips Rowland, rendered a most excellent musical program especially appropriate for Easter day. The Confirmation Instruction Class will resume on next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Those interested in confirmation, be on hand on Sunday, the 30th inst. The Rev. Andrew S. Burke will return and have charge of all the services next Sunday. Do not forget the Sunday School at 9.45 next Sunday morning. We want every scholar to be present, and if possible, bring a friend. The church busses leave Wynnewood and Narberth stations on Sunday mornings at 10.40.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

Emerson L. Swift, Pastor. Sunday, 9.30 A. M. Prayer service for the teachers and friends of the Bible School. 9.45 A. M. Bible School. The regular work will be resumed with vigor. 11.00 A. M. Morning worship. Subject of the sermon by the pastor, "What Lack I Yet?" 7.00 P. M. Union young people's service in our church. Members from the three young people's societies will speak. 7.45 P. M. Union service. Rev. C. G. Koppel will be the speaker. The prayer and praise service of the church will be held Wednesday evening this week at 8 o'clock. Subject, "The Beatitude of Faith." Ju. 20: 24-29. Remember Monday evening, May 1. A good time is awaiting you. Come prepared to play old-fashioned games. The social is for everyone connected with the church and congregation, and for members of the Sunday school above the primary department. The second general meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society will be held at the church Friday afternoon, May 5. The Teachers' Association will meet in the evening. The Easter service of the Bible School last Sunday afternoon eclipsed anything ever undertaken in its special services. The processional, promptly at 2.30, with the display of new banners, was a marked feature of the occasion. For several weeks there has been considerable interest in the preparation of the individual class for this event. What a revelation met the eyes of everyone present as they viewed them in line, and later as the superintendent, Mr. H. S. Hopper, receiving them from the hands of two members of each class in the presentation, arranged them on the platform. We believe it is no exaggeration to state that the collection is equal to the finest of any school in any town or city. They will be displayed every Sunday and carried on all similar occasions. The entire service maintained a particularly high grade of excellence. The little tots were at their best, the songs and recitations were especially

well rendered. The address by Dr. Guy C. Lawson on "The Scar and Its Healing," was listened to with rapt attention by both the younger and the older people present. The attendance was the largest recorded. The beautiful floral decorations lent a harmonious touch to the glad Easter fact that "Christ is risen." The event will remain a milestone in the progress of the school.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. C. G. Koppel, Pastor. Miss Wentz, organist. Miss Prescott, leader. Sunday services: 9.45. Sunday school. Classes for all ages. 11.00. Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor. Selections by the chorus choir. 7.00. Union Young People's meeting in the Baptist Church. Leader supplied by the Presbyterian Society. 7.45. Union church service in the Baptist Church. Sermon by Mr. Koppel. The churches unite in extending a cordial welcome to all. **Easter Week.** Joyous Easter services with fine musical programs attracted congregations that filled the church both morning and evening. The musical program prepared by Miss Prescott and the chorus choir with Miss Wentz at the organ was an important feature of the services and splendidly rendered. The decorations were particularly impressive. The chancel was a veritable bower of Easter lilies, with a background of palms. Eight new members were received, three by letter, two by profession of faith, and three into preparatory membership. Two infants received baptism at the morning service and two adults on Good Friday.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister. The meetings next Sunday are as follows: 10 A. M. Sabbath school. All departments. 11 A. M. Public worship. Sermon by the pastor on the Third Commandment. 7 P. M. Union young people's meeting in the Baptist Church, led by a representative of the Presbyterian Society. 8 P. M. Union meeting, Baptist Church. Rev. C. G. Koppel will preach. **Church Notes.** The annual congregational meeting is held Wednesday night of this week. The Sunday school teachers will hold their monthly meeting in the church on Thursday evening. The Men's Club will meet on Friday evening when an address will be delivered by Rev. A. Pohlman, a popular and eloquent Lutheran clergyman of Philadelphia. All men invited. The Girls' Club (the Mary Martha's) will meet next Friday evening at the home of Edith Humphreys. The fragrance of the beautiful Easter services will tarry with us for a long while. The attendance during the entire day was most encouraging, and especially at the morning worship, when 237 were present. The music by the quartette in the morning and by the large chorus in the evening was dignified, pleasing and worshipful, and was greatly appreciated by all. The decorations were beautiful, and the large number of palms, ferns and Easter blooms was most tastefully arranged. These were distributed later to the sick and "shut ins" of the congregation.

NARBERTH MAILS.

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School motto:

Without halting, without rest, Lifting better up to best. The Easter exercises held on Thursday morning were enjoyed by all. The program under the direction of Miss Melchior was unusually entertaining.

We were glad to see Director Coggeshall present at the opening exercises on Tuesday morning.

The girls' basket ball season ended successfully. This year's team was probably the most brilliant in the history of the high school. We feel that the girls are to be congratulated, having won thirteen games out of twenty.

Three tennis matches have been arranged by the manager of the girls' tennis team, Hilda Smedley, for the spring season. They are with Darby, Swarthmore and Woodbury. The other matches scheduled will be played in September.

The Senior Class will leave for Washington next week, May 3, and will return on the 6th.

The Senior play will be given in Assembly Hall on May 12, at 8.15 P. M. The cast of characters consists of Hilda Smedley, Augusta Witherow, Marion Haws, Madeline McCoy, Agnes Rose, Estelle Cohic, Charles McCarter and Carroll Downes, assisted by Frank Winne and Fanny Brown. The play is under the supervision of Maizie Simpson. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the class. Candy will be sold between acts. Mr. Robert McCracken will preside at the piano. Tickets, 35 cents and 50 cents; children under ten years, 25 cents. Come and bring the children. See the fascinating Fanny Brown! See the human dog fight!

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Y. M. C. A. NEWS

TWO BIG FEATURES THIS WEEK.

Men's Meeting.

Reserve Sunday afternoon, April 30—our next big meeting for men. We are very fortunate in having secured as our speaker for this meeting Dr. F. H. Green, of West Chester State Normal School. His subject will be "Sacred Spots." Dr. Green is always a popular speaker with men and those who have heard him will not fail to hear him this time. To those who have not heard him we want to say this: You can't afford to miss this opportunity of hearing one of the most popular speakers of the day. Don't forget the date, Sunday, 3.30, April 30. The place, Arcade Theatre, and the speaker, Dr. F. H. Green.

Community Night.

Thursday, April 27. It is not necessary for us to enlarge on this announcement. This feature is always a most attractive one to the community. It appeals to all Narberthites, whether new or old. Come and get acquainted. Don't forget the date.

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