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# OUR TOWN

Cheerfulness is what greases the axles of the world; some people go through life creaking.

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## 'CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME IN NARBERTH'

In any plan for the betterment of Narberth it will not be amiss to pluck a leaf from the experience of other localities, more particularly those which by sounding a distinctive note have acquired fame far beyond their own borders.

Easter Sunday to many suggests a vision of the boardwalk at Atlantic City. Mention of New Orleans brings the Mardi Gras to mind. Montreal has its ice carnival and regular readers of advertisements will not be at a loss when asked the character of the beverage "that made Milwaukee famous."

Is it possible for Narberth to utter a distinctive note that, within a few years, would make it a springtime magnet for lovers of beauty, attracting them from every direction to witness an annual miracle of loveliness? This question if put to me will receive an emphatic affirmative.

The magic wand which would transform Narberth into the most sought community on either the main or branch lines is that welcome oriental immigrant, the Japanese cherry tree of the pink double flowering variety. Plant it in profusion and a year hence the borough will be one beautiful bloom that will furnish a sight-seeing carnival that floral lovers would travel far to feast their eyes on.

By profuse planting and to achieve the requisite distinctive effect I mean that every bit of ground enclosing a Narberth residence should exhibit some of these fairy land trees so that the month of May would be known for miles around as cherry blossom time in Narberth.

The idea is not an original one. Like the tree itself it is transplanted from Japan where worship of the bizarre and beautiful in nature is a cult. In that country, cherry blossom time is a national festival and holiday participated in by all classes.

No American community appears to have perceived the opportunity offered by the Japanese cherry for a general and effective planting. It is only in comparatively recent years that specimens were imported by the United States government with the knowledge that the beauty and hardy adaptability of the newcomer would certainly assure it both welcome and popularity.

The blossom of this particular variety, which must not be confused with the Japanese weeping cherry is double and large and closely resembles the popular Dorothy Perkins rose than which, however, it is even larger and decidedly more attractive. This should enable you to form some idea of the picture presented by a Japanese cherry tree ten to fifteen feet high when it is in full bloom. Also, keep in mind, foliage of the tree comes before the blossom.

The Japanese cherry tree is hardy and easily transplanted. Specimens put in within the next few weeks will blossom next spring. Trees properly transplanted within the next few days should blossom in May.

The Japanese cherry has the additional recommendation of being comparatively inexpensive. Ordered in quantities the price would be so surprisingly low that I fear it might lower the standing of the tree in the estimation of those who hold that nothing cheap can be good. Any thought of this kind, however, will be dissipated when the tree bursts into bloom.

I have a few Japanese cherries in my garden and if this letter should awaken any interest in the subject among garden lovers I trust that they will feel at liberty to come in for a closer view when the trees are in blossom, which should be early in May.

Mrs. Norman Jefferies.

If fifty or more orders are placed through the Civic Association for Japanese cherry trees in the next two weeks, a prominent landscape gardener has offered to sell and deliver trees of the double pink variety 3 to 6 feet high for \$1.50 each, or some trees 6 to 8 feet high for \$1.85 each. All

## HIND-PAWS CIRCUS COMING SOON

Remember the Date, Friday Evening, April 23.

The Wm. J. Herman Institute of Physical Training, Keith Building, Philadelphia, has very kindly offered with his compliments to the management of the Hind-Paws Circus, a big professional act from the Keith Circuit. Prof. Herman will also provide a three round boxing bout, bringing together two topnotchers in the manly art of self-defense.

### Great Russian Magician.

Count Hisnobski, the great Russian magician, will positively appear in connection with Hind-Paws Circus at the Y. M. C. A. Narberth, Friday night, April 23. The Count has been brought to this country at great expense and is now disguised as an ordinary citizen of Narberth. This is being done in order to keep the Russians from demanding him for military service. Count Hisnobski will positively appear and perform the wonderful feats of magic that have won for him the praise of the crown heads of the world. The Count will hold a public reception after the circus, Friday night, April 23, and explain how Russian Caviar sandwiches are made. Bring your own bread.

### The Great Fat One.

Hind-Paws Circus, featuring the fattest person on the Main Line: weighs three pounds less than a horse. Wonderful feats of strength, lifts great weights, breaks bars, born in Marblehead, Mass., one of the features of the Great Hind-Paws Circus, exhibiting in the Y. M. C. A. Narberth, Friday night, April 23, 1915.

### Jitneys.

The Jitney Busses will be at your service the night of the circus. The first time in Narberth. The management of the Great Hind-Paws Circus will dispense with the noon day parade. Funny clowns, lots of them.

## CITY PAPERS ENDORSE NARBERTH'S FLY ELIMINATION CAMPAIGN.

"Safety First" Means "Kill the First Fly."

The Evening Telegraph of March 23rd contains a strong editorial on the early eradication phase of fly extermination; while the Public Ledger of March 14th commented favorably on the campaign Narberth has inaugurated. These newspaper notices are not going to do the fly any good. In fact, this sort of free advertising is decidedly harmful—to the fly. The newspaper in this way helps boom our "year-round home town," put the fear of the fly into many indifferent hearts, and when rolled into proper dimensions does practical execution as a "swatter."

The Telegraph editorial ends with the excellent slogan for early spring of "Safety first" means "kill the first fly." The complete editorial follows:

### Kill the Fly Now.

The hand that swats the fly to-day rids the coming summer of a million pests. Do your summer swatting early.

Smother that weak sentiment which looks upon the first fly as a welcome sign of gentle spring. More importantly it is a sign of typhoid fever, tuberculosis, diarrhoea and dysentery.

The fly that drones against the kitchen window to-day will litter the neighborhood with filth-distributing insects unless you crush it immediately.

If you value the life of the infant next door, the health of your own family and the cleanliness of the food you eat, make the spring welkin ring with the wholesome sound of your swatter.

"Safety first" means "kill the first fly."

E. A. Sterling,

Chairman Committee on Fly and Mosquito Extermination.

Local option is not a life-saver for any party. It is getting bigger than all the parties, and the sooner the blind managers open their eyes the better.

orders must be placed through Mrs. Norman Jefferies.

Editor.

## REASONS FOR HAVING A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Public libraries have without delay become an essential part of a public education system and are as clearly useful as the public schools. They are not only classed with schools, but have generally become influential adjuncts of the public schools. The number of readers is rapidly increasing and the character of the books is constantly improving.

Not infrequently the objection is heard that the public libraries are opening the doors to light and useless books; that reading can be, and often is, carried to a vicious and enervating excess, and therefore that the libraries' influence is doubtful and on the whole not good. This argument does not need elaborate exposure.

The main purpose of the library is to counteract and check the circulation and influence of the empty and not infrequently vicious books that are so rife. A visit to any news-stand will disclose a world of low and demoralizing "penny dreadfuls" and other trash. These are bought by boys and girls because they want to read and can nowhere else obtain reading material. This deluge of worthless periodicals and books can be counteracted only by gratuitous supplies from the public library.

Whether these counteracting books be fiction or not, they may be pure and harmless, and often of intellectual merit and moral excellence. The question is not whether people shall read fiction—for read it they will—but whether they are to have good fiction instead of worthless and harmful trash.

The tendency to read inferior books can soon be checked by a good library. If the attention of the children in school is directed to good books, and the free library contains such books, there will be no thought of the news-stand as the place for finding reading matter.

The economical reason for establishing free public libraries is the fact that public officers and public taxation manage and support them efficiently and make them available to the largest number of readers. By means of a free library there is the best utilization of effort and of resources at a small cost to individuals.

While a private library may greatly delight and improve the owner and his immediate circle of friends, it is a luxury to which he and they only can resort.

A library charging a fee may bring comfort to a respectable board of directors by ministering to a small and financially independent circle of book-takers, by its freedom from the rush of numerous and eager readers, and by strict conformity to the notions and vagaries of the managers. But such a library never realizes the highest utility. The greater part of the books lie untouched upon the shelves, and compared with the free library it is a lame and impotent affair.

The books of a public library actively pervade the community; they reach and are influential with very large numbers and the utility of the common possession—books—is multiplied without limit. Before several of our towns lies the question of opening to all what is now limited to those who pay a fee. This is not merely a limitation—it is practically a prohibition.

Whether right or wrong, human beings as at present constituted will not frequent in large numbers libraries that charge a fee. The spirit of the age and the tendency of liberal communities are entirely in favor of furnishing this means of education and amusement without charge. Certainly towns which can maintain by taxation, paupers, parks, highways and schools have no reasonable ground for denying free reading to their inhabitants.

These towns spend vast sums of money in providing education, and yet omit the small extra expenditure which would enable young men and women to continue their education.

The experience of Library Commissions of various states has amply demonstrated that libraries and literature are sought for and appreciated quite as much by rural communities as by the larger towns, and not infrequently the appreciation is apparently keener, because of the absence of interests and amusements other than those provided by the library. There is now no real reason why every part of this State

may not enjoy the advantages and pleasures of book distribution, for concentration of effort in the small towns elsewhere has provided efficient attractive and economical libraries, and could as well do so here.

## Y. M. C. A. COMMUNITY CENTER CHATTER.

Borrowing books from the new public library has become popular during the last two weeks. One boy has borrowed and read a book a day during Easter vacation. A man took out two books on business and a couple score others have taken interest in the newest thing at the Community Center. Watch for the "six big sellers" that are coming!

A girl from Haverford has joined the girls' basket ball enthusiasts who hold forth in the gym on Wednesday nights. When a girl so appreciates our facilities to journey down here from Haverford, seems as if our own girls should wake up in greater numbers. You don't need an engraved invitation—see Miss Marjorie Jefferies and join in the fun!

The new Narberth Band fills the building with sounds of real music, and it's only been at its work two weeks. It promises well for the coming summer Saturday afternoons in Narberth's new park. Go to it, boys!

Some one has suggested to the House Manager that a few wall clocks are needed. Any one got a few stored away that will fulfill this need? Send them in! This is a co-operative institution, you know!

The new wall safe donated by Mr. W. C. Poor has attracted a great deal of favorable comment. It adequately supplies a long-felt need in the office. Mr. Harry Brown volunteered his time and skill in installing the vault. Truly, this is co-operative effort of the highest type!

The Board of Directors met last Monday night for their monthly conference. Mr. Seaver, chairman of the Board of Managers, besides his monthly report, read a resume of the quarter. It showed great progress and is printed in full in another column of this issue.

Henry Rose and Jesse Harris, of the Finance Committee, have about completed a card index system which is a very thorough directory of who's who in Narberth.

Robert Savill, manager of the games and athletics department, has a live corps of assistants. The game room is alive!

Have you looked into the gym on Thursday night to see the business men growing young through directed play? They have great sport and derive physical benefit from the games they play. Then they indulge in an invigorating shower bath, a brisk rub-down and go home to sleep as on no other night. They feel ALIVE next day, too. You're eligible if you're under 90. Come in!

## AMENITIES.

We do not know whether this bit is old or new, or whence came the clipping. But whatever the conditions may be, it seems to us well worth while reprinting. It concerns two companion poems in respect to the aristocracy of Harvard and the democracy of Yale. Dr. Samuel C. Bushnell read this poem at the dinner of the Harvard Alumni of Waterbury:

I come from good old Boston,  
The home of the bean and the cod,  
Where Cabots speak only to Lowells,  
And the Lowells speak only to God.

Dean Jones, of Yale, countered with these verses:

Here's to the town of New Haven,  
The home of the truth and the light,  
Where God speaks to Jones  
In the very same tones

That he uses with Hadley and Dwight.

The Bookman.

## UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain unclaimed in the Narberth post office:

Mrs. Bertha A. Souder, Edwin Spence, Mr. John Schrack, Mrs. Charles H. Warthman, Mrs. W. Brown, Clarence Presberry.

Edward S. Hawes, P. M.

## FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE Y. M. C. A. COMMUNITY CENTRE

Modern business efficiency principles applied to the management of the local Y. M. C. A. seem to have brought success. Certainly the ten or eleven weeks which have elapsed since the new machinery has been in operation have been the most promising in the history of the institution. It is rather too early, of course, to guarantee the permanency of this satisfactory state of affairs, but it has been shown conclusively that the Y. M. C. A. can be made the means of accomplishing what it was intended for and more, too, if a few men can always be found to give a little time and thought to the work. It should not be difficult to find such men at any time.

### To Those Not in Sympathy in the Past

Now, just a few words to those whose sympathies have not in the past been with the organization. The town may have been too small for so ambitious an undertaking as the erection and proper support of the building at Forrest and Haverford. It may be true that it was a "White Elephant"—but these objections do not apply to-day. The fact is, Narberth is now big enough to require and use a building even larger than the one she may consider herself fortunate in possessing. Your co-operation is therefore cordially invited.

### The Building as a Community Asset

The citizens of "The Year-Round Home Town" have an asset in that building and its equipment which many a town of twice its size and wealth might envy. Viewed from the angle of its effect on real estate values, it is doubly an asset. Looks good to the stranger and makes a lasting impression on him. He realizes that he is in a live town; but what if the Y. M. C. A. had closed its doors as was threatened a few months ago? Dead one, huh?

### Building Serves Many Interests

The idea is to make the building a sort of a town rendezvous, community center, hang-out, meeting place, or anything you want to name it, so long as it may be considered a general headquarters where our citizens may meet often or occasionally and get acquainted. Hardly a day goes by now that there isn't some kind of a social or business gathering there. The Narberth Civic Association base ball club, Park Development Committee, Woman's Community Club, Main Line League, Narberth Band, Glee Club, Community Bible Class and various church clubs are just a few of the organizations that use the building, as the directors freely offer all the use of it. The pool tables and bowling alleys are patronized to full capacity. There are women's and girls' gymnasium classes at scheduled hours and a girls' basket ball team. Business men have a limbering up session every Thursday evening; indulging in volley ball, indoor base ball and any old thing to keep the kinks out of their no longer boyish muscles.

### As a Place For Relaxation

Some mighty good entertainments in the way of thrilling basket ball games, musicales, etc., have taken place once or twice weekly all through the winter. We wonder how many of us that went all the way to the city to see a show wouldn't have been better satisfied and gotten more real pleasure out of one of these games than they got by going to town. Perhaps you didn't know about it, but that's because you don't read the signs that are tacked on the bulletin boards or the articles that are printed in "Our Town."

### A Good Public Library

An excellent library which has been growing fast is at the disposal of everyone in Narberth. Come in and look it over. You may be agreeably surprised. You can borrow a book for the asking at no expense.

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**EDITORIAL NOTES**

**"CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME IN NARBERTH."**

The article by Mrs. Norman Jefferies having this heading and found in another column of this issue of "Our Town" is the happiest suggestion that has come to our attention since we began seeking for distinctive ways in which to improve Narberth. It has the added value of coming from one who loves beautiful things—trees and flowers and gardens especially—and is born out of extensive practical experience. Because of this, we should take heed quickly and begin a campaign to put the suggestion of Mrs. Jefferies into tangible form, so that in the not distant future invitations will go out to the country round about to "Come to see Narberth in Cherry Blossom Time." Thanks, Mrs. Jefferies! Get busy, good Narberthites!

**A CREED FOR OUR TOWN.**

Adapted from Fred Eastman.

I believe in Narberth.  
I believe in its past—in the men and women who have lived before me, whose toil made the land productive, whose common sense laid out a good road system, whose foresight founded our school, whose devotion built our churches, whose love raised up children to serve God and their country.  
I believe in its present—in the men and women and children about me whose working together in courage and perseverance has wrought results of which I am proud: a public school well equipped and efficient, a library where the treasures of past and present await to enrich me, a Community Building where friendship and music and thought inspire me. I believe in the spirit of good will and neighborliness that brought these things to pass.  
I believe in its future—in the men and women who will come after me. I believe that what has been done is only the beginning of a greater work that will be done, that the next generation will be better and nobler than this, that out of our hopes and labors now will grow a community democratic, prosperous and strong, an honor to America and to God.

**THIRD INSTALLMENT  
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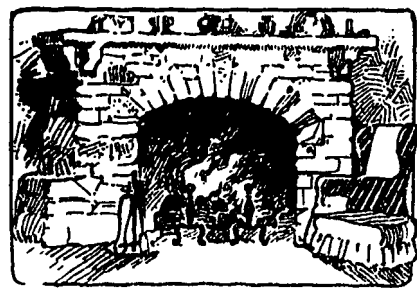
Narberth Free Public Library, Y. M. C. A. Community Center.

OPEN EVERY WEEKDAY AND  
EVENING

- 498—Water Babies, Chas. Kingsley
- 499—Rebecca Mary, Annie Hamilton Donnell
- 500—A Question of Faith, L. Dougall
- 501—The Two Vanrevels, Batho Tarkington
- 502—Bird Studies With a Camera, Frank M. Chapman
- 503—
- 504—Jack of all Trades, D. C. Beard
- 505—Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates, Mary Mapes Dodge
- 506—
- 507—The Prince and Pauper, Mark Twain
- 508—The Midshipman, Marmaduke Merry, W. H. G. Kingston
- 509—The Silver Cross, S. R. Keightley
- 510—On the Irrawaddy, G. A. Henry
- 511—Under Drake's Flag, G. A. Henty
- 512—The Lion of St. Mark, G. A. Henty
- 513—The Genial Idiot, Jno. Kendrick Bangs
- 514—For Name and Fame, G. A. Henty
- 515—Wrecked on a Coral Island, Edwin J. Houston
- 516—American Boys' Book of Sport, D. C. Beard
- 517—The Transfiguration of Miss Philura, Florence Morse Kingsley
- 518—An Island Cabin, Arthur Henry
- 519—Sense and Sensibility, Jane Austen
- 520—Elder Conklin, Frank Harris
- 521—Good Americans, Mrs. Burton Harrison
- 522—Flip and Found at Blazing Star, Bret Harte
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- 526—The Man Without a Country, Edward Everett Hale
- 527—The Light That Failed, Rudyard Kipling
- 528—The Last of the Flat Boats, Geo. Cary Eggleston
- 529—The Felmeres, Sarah Barnwell Elliott
- 530—Jackanapes, Juliana Horatia Ewing
- 531—With Cortez in Mexico, C. Falkenhorst
- 532—Concerning Isabel Carnaby, Ellen T. Fowler
- 533—Dearest, Mrs. Forrester
- 534—Janice Meredith, Paul Leicester Ford
- 535—Facing Death, G. A. Henty
- 536—Wolf Head, E. Galliat
- 537—The Guardian Angel, Oliver W. Holmes
- 538—In Times of Peril, G. A. Henty
- 539—The Young Supercargo, Wm. Drysdale
- 540—The Prophet of Berkeley Square, Robt. Hichens
- 541—Bonnie Prince Charlie, G. A. Henty
- 542—Charles O'Malley, Chas. Lever
- 543—Afraja, Theo. Mudge
- 544—The Belt of Seven Totems, Kirk Munroe
- 545—Utopia, Sir Thomas More
- 546—Napoleon and Blucher, L. Muhlbach
- 547—The Bravest of the Brave, G. A. Henty
- 548—Guerndale, F. J. Simpson
- 549—The O'erturn o' Botany Bay, Alethela

- 550—Seven Kings of the Seven Hills, Mrs. C. H. B. Laing
- 551—Heroes of the Seven Hills, Mrs. C. H. B. Laing
- 552—Uncle Tom's Cabin, Harriett Beecher Stowe
- 553—Amos Judd, J. A. Mitchell
- 554—The Old Gentleman of the Black Stock, Thos. Nelson Page
- 555—The World's Painters, Deristhe L. Hoyt
- 556—The Sunday School Teacher, H. M. Hamill
- 557—The Boy Geologist, E. J. Houston
- 559—Lord Arlington Bankrupt, Marie Manning
- 559—The Betrothal of Elypholate, Helen R. Martin
- 560—The Column, Chas. Marriott
- 561—The Little Green God, Caroline Atwater Mason
- 562—A Lily of France, Caroline Atwater Mason
- 563—The Death of the Gods, Dmitri Merejkowski
- 564—Miss Cherry Blossom of Tokyo, John Luther Long
- 565—Silver Threads, Harriet B. McKeever
- 566—Cranford, Mrs. Gaskell
- 567—Power Lot, Sarah P. McLean Greene
- 568—The Silence of Dean Maitland, Maxwell Gray
- 569—In His Name, Edward Everett Hale
- 570—Gabriel Tolliver, Joel Chandler Harris
- 571—Wild Animals I Have Known, Ernest Seton Thompson
- 572—The Second Generation, Jas. Weber Linn
- 573—Mr. Pratt, Jos. C. Lincoln
- 574—A Pretty Tory, Jeanie Gould Lincoln
- 575—The White Shield, Caroline Atwater Mason
- 576—Etidiorpha, John Uri Lloyd
- 577—Autobiography of Benj. Franklin, Miss Mulock
- 578—The Little Lame Prince, Egerton R. Young
- 579—My Dogs in the Northland, Laura E. Richards
- 580—Mrs. Tree's Will, Alice Hegan Rice
- 581—Mr. Opp, Laura E. Richards
- 582—Captain January, Caroline Atwater Mason
- 583—The White Shired, Marshall Saunders
- 584—Beautiful Joe, Francis Lynde
- 585—The Master of Appleby, S. Wier Mitchell
- 586—Constance Trescot, Theo. Roosevelt
- 587—Hero Tales from American History, Lloyd Osbourne
- 588—The Tin Diskers, W. F. Gibbons
- 589—Those Black Diamond Men, G. A. Henty
- 590—With Kitchener in the Soudan, S. Wier Mitchell
- 591—A Venture in 1777, Stanley Portal Hyatt
- 592—The Little Brown Brother, Frank T. Lee
- 593—Bible Study Popularized, J. Henry Shorthouse
- 594—John Inglesant, Mrs. Alfred Sidgwick
- 595—The Thousand Eugenics, Wm. de Morgan
- 596—Joseph Vance, Boston W. Smith
- 597—Uncle Boston's Spicy Breezes, and Mrs. Aleshine, Frank R. Stockton
- 598—The Casting Away of Mrs. Lecks, Chas. G. D. Roberts
- 599—The Forge in the Forest, W. M. Flinders Petrie
- 600—Following the Ball, Alice Hegan Rice
- 601—Ten Years' Digging in Egypt, A. Neely Hall
- 602—Captain June, Wm. Drysdale
- 603—The Boy Craftsman, W. M. Thayer
- 604—The Beach Patrol, Sarah E. Morrison
- 605—From Log Cabin to White House, Stanley E. Weyman
- 606—Chilhowee Boys in Harness, Everett T. Tomlinson
- 607—The Long Night, My Sister Kate, Jules Verne
- 608—The Fruit of the Desert, Elma A. Travis
- 609—My Sister Kate, Josephine Dodge Daskam
- 610—Five Weeks in a Balloon, Josiah Allen's Wife
- 611—The Cobbler, Archibald Williams
- 612—Sister's Vocation, Edw. Stratemeyer
- 613—Samantha at the St. Louis Exposition, Wm. H. G. Kingston
- 614—Romance of Modern Exploration, Jonathan Swift
- 615—The Young Explorers of the Amazon, Jonathan Swift
- 616—Swiss Family Robinson, Jonathan Swift
- 617—Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift

- 618—Tour of the World in 80 Days, Jules Verne
- 619—The Beautiful Mrs. Moulton, Nathaniel Stephenson
- 620—The Heart of Rome, F. Marion Crawford
- 621—Sonny, Ruth McEnery Stuart
- 622—The Monksglade Mystery, Headon Hill
- 623—The Mediator, Edw. A. Steiner
- 624—The Lady or the Tiger, Frank R. Stockton
- 625—Around the World in the Sloop Spray, Capt. Joshua Slocum
- 626—Spindle and Plough, Mrs. Henry Dudruey
- 627—
- 628—Autobiography of the Earth, H. W. Hutchinson
- 629—The Fast Mail, Wm. Drysdale
- 630—Christie's Old Organ, O. F. Walton
- 631—The Master Christian, Marie Corelli
- 632—The History of David Grieve, Mrs. Humphrey Ward
- 633—The Golden Crocodile, F. Mortimer Trimmer
- 634—Dory Mates, Kirk Munroe
- 635—Phillip, Wm. Makepiece Thackeray
- 636—Robt. Elsmere, Mrs. Humphrey Ward
- 637—
- 638—Eleanor Dayton, Nathaniel Stephenson
- 639—The Bible in Modern Light, J. W. Conley
- 640—The Mill on the Floss, George Eliot
- 641—Alan Ransford, Ellen Douglas de Land
- 642—The Sin of Joost Avelingh, Maarten Maartens
- 643—The Burnt Offering, Mrs. Everand Cotes
- 644—The Pedagogical Bible School, Samuel B. Hazlett
- 645—How to Conduct a Sunday School, Marion Lawrence
- 646—Romantic Castles and Palaces, Esther Singleton
- 647—Marmion, Sir Walter Scott
- 648—Studies in the Life of St. Paul, Arthur Goodwin Leacock
- 649—The Gilded Age, Mark Twain
- 650—Boots and Saddles, Elizabeth B. Custer
- 651—Making a Newspaper, John L. Given
- 652—Lewis Carroll, Belle Moses
- 653—Through Man to God, Geo. A. Gordon
- 654—Short History of the English People, John Richard Green
- 655—Worth, Agnes and Egerton Castle
- 656—A Tale of Lonely Parish, F. Marion Crawford
- 657—Beverly, Mansfield Tracy Walworth
- 658—Rosemary in Search of a Father, C. N. and A. M. Williamson
- 659—A Little Colonial Dame, Agnes Carr Sage
- 660—Life of Wm. McKinley, Edward Stratemeyer
- 661—The Long Road, John Oxenham
- 662—Three Men in a Boat, Jerome K. Jerome
- 663—The Flag on the Hill Top, Mary Tracy Earle
- 664—The Illustrious Prince, E. Phillips Oppenheim
- 665—Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, A. Conan Doyle
- 666—True to the Old Flag, G. A. Henty
- 667—The Oregon Trail, Francis Parkman
- 668—The Burglar's Daughter, Margaret Penrose
- 669—Sue Orcutt, Charlotte M. Valle
- 670—Aunt Abby's Neighbors, Annie Trumbull Slosson
- 671—The Prince of the House of David, J. H. Ingraham
- 672—The Cat of Bubastes, G. A. Henty
- 673—Canoe Mates, Kirk Munroe
- 674—Rudder Grange, Frank R. Stockton
- 675—Many Inventions, Rudyard Kipling
- 676—The Village Champion, W. O. Stoddard
- 677—Frontier Stories, Cy Warman
- 678—Bog, Myrtle and Seat, S. R. Crockett
- 679—Annals of the Parish, John Galt
- 680—History of the United States, Edward Eggleston
- 681—The Sketch Book, Washington Irving
- 682—Old Narragansett, Alice Morse Earle
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- 684—Stories of Great Americans, Edward Eggleston
- 685—Ideas From Nature, Wm. Elder
- 686—Essays, Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 687—The Fall of Man, Frederic W. Farrar



**THE FIRESIDE**

By Lady Narberth

Carroll Downes, Jr., who has been confined to his home on Woodside avenue, is recovering slowly from an attack of bronchial pneumonia. Miss Majorie Chase is home from Southern Seminary, Buena Vista, Va., and has as her guest Miss Gladys Munroe, of Cohoes, N. Y. Last dance of Narberth Assembly to be held in Elm Hall on Friday evening, April 16. Committee in charge Messrs. Dold, Green, Henderson.

**SCHOOLS ENJOY EASTER VACATION AND A SONG RECITAL.**

The public schools of Narberth closed Wednesday afternoon for a short Easter vacation. The schools opened for regular work Tuesday morning, April 6.

On Thursday morning the pupils gathered in the auditorium at the High School building to take part in an Easter program. The story of Christ and the Easter season was told by Principal Melchior, supplemented by the entire student body giving an Easter song recital, which was a delight.

Miss Wilson directed admirably. The entire school gave several part songs with credit to themselves and their leader. The coloring and tone quality was exceptionally fine. Prof. Melchior and Miss Wilson sang several duets which were much enjoyed. Miss Madeline McCoy and Miss Agnes Rose were at the piano and did credit to the high school department.

Not too much can be said of the excellent singing of the little tots from the second and third grades, they acted like little "grown ups" and deserve much praise.

Alexander Bishop gave an Easter recitation and Miss Melchior, a member of the faculty, gave an Easter reading: they were both much enjoyed.

Mr. Downes and Mr. Mulleanex, members of the Board of Education, and Mr. Henman, former member of the high school faculty, addressed the students, expressing their delight with the exercises.

Prof. Melchior and the faculty were much gratified to see so many of the parents present at the exercises. The principal extended an invitation to those present to not only attend exercises of this sort, which are held from time to time at the school, but to visit the schools often and get in touch with the educational activities of the community. He assured them that everything was being done by the Board of Education and the teaching force to give them a first-class school system, and they should co-operate with the officials and teachers to make the work more successful.

**HOT LUNCH AT SCHOOL.**

At a meeting of the Board of Education Wednesday, March 31, it was decided to instal the "hot lunch" plan in the public schools of Narberth.

This means that as soon as the equipment can be installed the boys and girls can have the benefit of hot lunches at the noon hour if they so desire.

The School Board is to be congratulated on this progressive move. The leaders in school thought advocate such a step and our schools are certainly in the front rank in deciding to adopt this plan. "Our Town" will contain a more complete description of this new feature of our schools in its next issue.

**GOOD CITIZENSHIP**

"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live in it so that his place will be proud of him. Be honest, but hate no one; overturn a man's wrong-doing, but do not overturn him unless it must be done in overturning the wrong. Stand with anybody that stands right. Stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."—Abraham Lincoln.

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**News of the Churches**

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister.  
The celebration of the glad Easter Day in this church was one long to be remembered. The floral decorations were beautiful; the music, of an exceptionally high class, was rendered by a large chorus of trained voices under the direction of Miss Helen M. Willson, presenter, and Mr. L. W. Nickerson, organist; the sermons by the pastor were on the resurrection theme, and the large audiences at both services entered reverently into the spirit of the day.

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock there will be a public reception of the new members, and the observance of the Sacraments of Baptism and of the Lord's Supper. The usual preparatory meeting will be held on Wednesday evening of this week.

Next Sunday the Sabbath school will meet at 10 A. M. All departments, graded lessons, two Bible classes. Everyone welcome.

At 7 P. M. the meeting of the Junior Congregation will be led by Miss Helen McQuilkin. At 8 P. M. the subject of the sermon will be "Reconciliation."

On next Monday evening the Men's Club will hold their regular monthly meeting in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. The meeting will be in charge of the Athletic Committee of the club and promises to be most unique. The Ladies' Aid Society will furnish refreshments.

**MERION MEETING HOUSE.**

Montgomery Avenue and Meeting House Lane.  
Merion Meeting House is opened for worship every First-day at 10.30 A. M. Visitors are cordially welcome.

**EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Emerson L. Swift, Pastor.  
The services of Easter Sunday were full of blessing and inspiration. At the evening service nine new converts followed their Lord in the beautiful ordinance of baptism.  
The services of next Sunday will be especially worshipful. Bible study at 9.45. Mrs. Ada Turner Kuntz, a Philadelphia teacher of music, will sing at the Bible school session and at the regular services. Morning worship at 11.00; subject of the sermon, "Adoption." Young People's service at 7.00; subject, "Preparing for the Future Life," Col. 3:1-4. Miss Cora B. Thomson has charge of the appointment of leaders for April. Evening worship at 7.45; subject, "The Freedom of Salvation."  
The first annual banquet of the church will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Community Room, April 19, at 6.30 P. M., under the auspices of the Ushers' Association.

**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.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

Rev. Chris. G. Koppel, Pastor.  
9.45, Sunday School assembly; classes for men and women; 11.00, public worship; sermon by the pastor. 6.45, Young People's service. 7.45, public worship; sermon by the pastor. Mid-week service Wednesday, 8 P. M. Strangers and friends cordially invited to all services.  
During the past Conference year the pastor reported that the church and Sunday School had contributed more than \$500 for benevolences and charities. This money was distributed to various parts of the world.

**ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH NOTICE**

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

A bill in the Legislature providing for "a catalogue of the insects of Pennsylvania" might include those persons in Philadelphia who are fighting rapid transit.

**NARBERTH Y. M. C. A. COMMUNITY CENTER.**

**Managers' Report to Board of Directors, April 1, 1915.**

Total attendance for March...4,874  
Average day attendance for March ..... 80  
Average night attendance for March .....103  
Largest day attendance .....136  
Largest night attendance .....306  
New members—regular ..... 5  
New members—Boys' 10c a week plan ..... 4  
Renewals ..... 1

**Financial Committee** (under management of Mr. Henry Rose.) A permanent and responsible committee is being formed to govern our financial policy, and the immediate work before us is to make certain that our finances are right to carry us through the summer months. At least \$1000 should be raised now for the late summer and early fall, and this campaign will be started at once.

**Library, Reading Room and Boys' Game Room Committee** (under Mr. A. C. Gara.) In the Boys' Game Room the indoor croquet table has been abandoned on account of misuse and abuse. The room is closed temporarily and will be given over immediately to the Junior Athletic Club for use as a club room, under Mr. Hampton's supervision. This leaves us practically without a Boys' Game Room and we will not introduce the feature again until we have been convinced that games would be properly used if we established it.

Regarding the Reading Room and Library, most of the reading now done about the building is done in the lobby, as the second floor front "Library" room is not at present fitted for the purpose, being used by the borough school. Mr. Muschamp, through "Our Town," has succeeded in stirring up a live interest in the Library, so that more than 600 new or used books have been sent to our building, or promised. In the meantime most of the books in the old library have been transferred to the portable book racks in the lobby—re-numbered and catalogued. Two sections of the catalogue have already been published in "Our Town," and the third or last section will be printed in issue of April 8th. The type matter for the entire list is being reserved, to be used to print a complete catalogue, and will cost the association only for press work and paper, the composition having been paid for by "Our Town" and not charged to us. A "record" index is being prepared by number, which will probably be augmented by a "title and author" index. Mr. Hampton reports a fairly active use of the library so far, with prospects of its larger use, when the catalogue is completed and ready for distribution.

In Religious Work, the Saxe Community Bible Study Class, which is meeting every Thursday night for a ten weeks' period, is the principal effort along this line. The gathering is well sustained with an approximate weekly attendance of a half hundred or more, and Narberth is fortunate in having in its citizenship a man so well qualified and thoroughly orthodox as Mr. McQuilkin, to lead these studies, which at present cover the book of Acts. Mr. Hampton's Boys' Bible Study Class meets at the homes of the members, and flourishes in membership, attendance and interest.

**House Committee** (under management of Mr. W. Arthur Cole.) The committee is still working for a more attractive interior. Plans will be taken up immediately for the renovation of our front yard and suggestions regarding the same would be welcomed. Mr. W. C. Poor has donated a very attractive and useful wall safe that is a valuable improvement to our office equipment.

**Social Committee** (under management of Mr. W. S. Horner.) Our March social on Community Night consisted of entertainment supplied by our Boys' Glee Club. Refreshments were served, the attendance was good and the entertainment enjoyable.

**Membership Committee** (under management of Mr. Fletcher Stites.) Campaign for membership will start this week and cover sixty days' work. The committee counts on bringing in between \$200 and \$300. The larger benefit that we expect to derive from this special campaign is the added interest that will naturally result from 40 or 50 new members.

**Gymnasium Committee** (under management of Mr. Robert Savill.)  
Gross receipts for month of March .....\$149.64  
Expenditures:  
Pin Boys .....\$14.32  
Lights ..... 9.00  
Total ..... 23.32

Net receipts for month of March .....\$126.32  
Favorable consideration has been given by the managers on the question of enlarging our downstairs game room, by taking in the room that is now used for storage, in front of the boiler room, and either putting in shuffleboards or an extra pool or billiard table.

The boys' gymnasium classes have been well attended on Saturday morning. The interest shown we feel warrants our expenditure for physical director during the rest of the season. It is our plan to secure more efficient direction and management with the opening of the fall season if our financial and membership campaigns are successful within the next sixty days.

The Basket Ball Association has successfully closed their season and their work is looked upon with pride by the management. The funds are being turned over for base ball and outdoor athletics, and we hope the summer months will be equally successful.

**Summary of Work of the First Quarter**

What has been accomplished. Our accomplishment over this first quarter has been in putting the building in shape for the use of various community interests, and our gratification lies in the fact that they have availed themselves of these privileges.

The Board of Managers have been faithful in their individual work. The reading of our Daily Record will show that no manager has failed in his duty for a single night—either being in attendance himself, or supplying one of his assistants, so that the building has been under actual supervision in accord with the original plans.

Our discouragement is in the fact that we have failed to arouse the interest and co-operation of the people who should naturally be most interested. Unless we can have the full interest of our Board of twenty-one Directors to the extent of a full meeting one night a month, and unless we can devise some means of arousing the interest of co-operation of the fathers of the boys whom we are striving to help and entertain, the chances of our success are exceedingly small. The attitude of the fathers of these boys is that they will allow the boys the privilege of using this building, but as far as any encouragement in the work or financial backing is concerned, it is very apparent that they prefer to sit on the shore and see us row against the current.

We have plans on foot, not only for summer work, but for fall work in all branches, and there is little doubt but that we can make the building a success and make the work of the Y. M. C. A. a success, if we can by some means secure the co-operation and favorable interest of these men who, up to the present time, are rather against our work than with us, as manifested by indifference. Our energetic campaign referred to in the above report is intended to put on record, either for or against, every man in the community, and on the results hinges our success or failure.

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**FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW.**

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**A Word to Fathers**

No one that's working for the permanent welfare of the Y. M. C. A. seeks any reward outside of the self-satisfaction of knowing that he is doing something for the advancement and comfort of all the people of his home town. Funny part of it is that most of the men who are giving their time, thought and cash to the work have no boys or girls of their own. Very few fathers take any active interest in the Y. M. C. A., probably not realizing that their duty isn't all done when they merely invest in membership cards for the youngsters. Come, pop, and buy a card for yourself! The non-fathers are doing just that and more, too, for your kids' good, thereby setting you a good example—besides you may find that the Y. M. C. A. has something to offer you and the Mrs. You'll at least find some good books to read.

**Every Household in Narberth Should be Represented**

Naturally, this article can't end without some mention of money being brought in. Through the generosity of several citizens, of whom the borough may well be proud, the Y. M. C. A. is assured of liberal financial assistance without which the low membership fees would be inadequate to support the project. Too heavy a burden should not be thrust upon these gentlemen, however, and every family in Narberth should be represented in the Y. M. C. A. by at least one card, reading either "Contributing," "Full," or "Limited" membership.

**Come in—Get Acquainted**

But whether you subscribe or not, it is hoped that you will feel perfectly free to call and look over the plant and get acquainted. The scheme is to make the building and everything in it a general community affair. Why not co-operate with us?

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Many persons go for months and even for years without any serious thought to religion. Then, of a sudden, in the hour of calamity, the mind turns naturally to God.

When the dread hour of sorrow strikes then we would have the reader remember that the Church stands ready to fulfill her ministry of comfort and instruction. While this use of the Church is belated, it is still proper.

When need arises, the Church and her ministers will be found prepared to be of service.

In sickness or in death, in the calamities of character that are

worse than either, and in every other extremity of the human soul, the servants of the Gospel await the call of the needy.

There is a minister of Christ near at hand who would count it a privilege to counsel with you, to comfort you, to pray with you, to talk with you about the eternal realities.

The Church yearns to assure men that she wants to be helpful in every possible way. Like her Master, she is in our midst, "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Her ministers would kneel at every deathbed and stand by every grave, speaking the Gospel of Life.

Even more eagerly do they desire to serve the people through the years of youth and health, so that the comfort of Christ would be no strange word when recalled homeward in the hour of extreme need.

Why wait for the hour of trial to bring the blessed ministry and fellowship of the Church?

We respectfully invite the reader to go to service tomorrow, not proudly, or critically, or seeking slight and defects, but as a sincere worshiper of God in His house.

### OUR INVITATION!

To all who mourn and need comfort—to all who are weary and need rest—to all who are friendless and want friendship—to all who are homeless and want sheltering love—to all who pray and to all who do not, but ought—to all who sin and need a Saviour and to whosoever will—this church opens wide the door and makes free a place and in the name of Jesus, the Lord, says "WELCOME!"—A. Dallas, Tex., Church.

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