

WYNNEWOOD AVENUE TO BE REBUILT AND MADE INTO A CONCRETE ROAD

State Highway Department Comes to the Aid of Our Borough—Narberth to Have the Finest and Most Durable Road That Can Be Built—Messrs. Stites and Hall and Commissioner Cunningham Render Citizens a Great Service.

The Wynnewood Avenue problem has been solved—and solved right!

A concrete road is to be built from Rockland Avenue to the tunnel under the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, a distance of 1,800 feet.

The preliminary work has been started and it is expected that the roadway will be finished before cold winter weather sets in.

Narberth will start the New Year with head erect and shoulders thrown back, and its citizens will be able to say to everyone: "Yes, I live in Narberth and our new roadway on Wynnewood Avenue is one of the finest in the world."

The cost of building the concrete road on Wynnewood Avenue will be approximately \$5200.00, to be divided evenly between the Borough of Narberth and the State of Pennsylvania.

PRAISE INSTEAD OF MALEDICTIONS.

From what has been perhaps the worst roadway within the Philadelphia suburban district, Wynnewood Avenue is to be made into the finest; not only that, but a roadway that will last. In the future when the names of Narberth and Wynnewood Avenue are linked together, it will be in terms of the highest praise instead of curses and maledictions. This is no exaggeration, as can be testified to by any resident who has stood along Wynnewood Avenue for five minutes and listened to the mingled bumps of the automobiles and the comments of the riders.

Wynnewood Avenue has given Narberth a black eye with thousands of people, but all that is to be changed. When the town of Narberth is mentioned a pleased expression, instead of scowls, will come to their faces, and they will say: "Yes, indeed, I know Narberth; they used to have the rottenest road in this part of the State; now they have the finest." And before many months are past the old roadway will have been forgotten and the new one will stand as a model for every community.

STITES, HALL AND CUNNINGHAM.

Credit for the successful solution of the Wynnewood Avenue problem is due primarily to three men: Fletcher W. Stites, solicitor for the borough council; W. R. D. Hall, statistician in the State Highway Department at Harrisburg, and a resident of Narberth, and State Highway Commissioner Robert J. Cunningham.

To put the "reverse English" on Mr. Gibbon, the well-known author of the famous History of Rome, this article might be very well entitled "The Fall and Rise of Wynnewood Avenue." The stretch of roadway from Rockland Avenue to the tunnel under the railroad has been an ideal experiment station for big automobiles, and particularly heavy trucks, to demonstrate that these machines can play havoc

with the ordinary roadway. The turn between Wynnewood Avenue and the tunnel is so sharp that the heavy travel developed in the last year or two has succeeded in literally tearing the roadway to pieces. This and the further fact that Wynnewood Avenue is the main no-toll line from Philadelphia out to the Main Line district and the West, has drawn a tremendous amount of traffic. The result—Wynnewood Avenue became a series of bumps, holes, ruts and clouds of flying dust intermingled with a continuous stream of highly uncomplimentary comment about Narberth, its people, its roads and everything else connected with the borough.

Residents began making complaints to council and the subject was taken up in the columns of Our Town. About the same time the borough council made application to the State Highway Department for assistance. Solicitor Stites made a trip to Harrisburg and filed the borough's application. But other communities in Montgomery County had filed similar applications and the indications were at that time that Narberth would have to wait its turn, which was by no means satisfactory, because it meant a probable delay and an indefinite continuation of the intolerable condition of the road.

About that time Our Town published an interview with Mr. Hall, who detailed the whole question of State aid for highways. In his statement Mr. Hall declared as a resident of Narberth he was particularly interested in Wynnewood Avenue, and that he would be only too glad to do everything in his power to help in the matter.

Mr. Stites immediately got in touch with Mr. Hall with the result that State Highway Commissioner Cunningham agreed to see Mr. Stites in Harrisburg and discuss the whole Wynnewood Road problem. As the result of that meeting, Mr. Stites, having pleaded the case of Narberth very completely and effectively, Commissioner Cunningham announced that the State would pay half the cost of building a concrete road. The whole matter was then submitted to our borough council, and that body unanimously agreed to accept Commissioner Cunningham's plan.

PRELIMINARY SURVEYS MADE.

Engineers from the State Highway Department have already gone over Wynnewood Avenue and made preliminary surveys and estimates. As soon as possible a complete survey will be made, estimates prepared and the formal agreement between the State and the borough submitted by the Highway Department to the borough council for formal signature. Immediately after receipt at Harrisburg of the signed agreement, actual work will be started.

A concrete roadway on Wynnewood Avenue will be one of the most constructive and far-seeing projects inaugurated in Narberth or any other Philadel-

phia suburban community in many a year. Engineers are practically unanimous in declaring that for such a roadway as Wynnewood Avenue with its sharp tangent at the curve, concrete is the only material to use.

In the May 13th issue Our Town stated: "Cement, for instance, is a permanent binder and would hold on that high grade curve and practically eliminate the bugaboo of the high maintenance cost that clings to macadamized roads when used by automobiles. It would be a waste of money to put down a macadamized road on the particular stretch from Woodside Avenue to the tunnel.

"What is needed in this particular spot is a roadbed that is proof against sun, rain, time and wear—that means a mudless, dustless, everlasting and ideal road; a road upon which horses do not slip and fall, and on which motor cars do not skid; a road which, as an investment, is cheaper than a common dirt road. That road is a well-built concrete road, which may be laid nearly as cheap—in many cases cheaper—than the best macadamized, and which practically eliminates maintenance cost."

ENGINEERS ENDORSE CONCRETE.

Since Mr. Stites' visit to Harrisburg, Commissioner Cunningham and Chief Engineer William D. Uhler have made a careful study of Wynnewood Avenue and are agreed that a concrete road is the only form of roadway construction suited to Wynnewood Avenue and its heavy traffic.

In accepting the plan of the State Highway Department the borough council has shown genuine economic wisdom. Under the plan the concrete roadway will cost about \$5200.00. Half this sum, or \$2600.00, will be paid by the Borough of Narberth. So permanent is a concrete road that the maintenance charges, so experts say, will not exceed an annual outlay of more than \$50.00 or \$60.00—perhaps less.

On the other hand almost any other roadway that might have been constructed would have cost from \$2500.00 to \$3000.00. The maintenance charges on such constructions would from the very nature of the topography of the road be excessive. The borough would be compelled to expend anywhere from \$300.00 to \$500.00 to keep the road in repair, and even then we would never be free from facing the possibility of another dose of Wynnewood Avenue as it is.

Again, in this connection let us quote from the May 13th issue of Our Town: "The average maintenance cost of the macadamized road in Lower Merion Township for 1911 was \$592.00 per mile per year—higher than the average cost in the entire State of New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Delaware—or in the entire area of England or France. The cost of maintenance of concrete roads in Wayne County, Michigan, per mile of 16 foot concrete road was \$28.43."

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EDITORIAL NOTES

"THE LAST CALL"

OUR TOWN will gladly print any news item about any subject that is of interest to Narberth folks, but in order to meet the printing schedule, all "copy"—manuscripts—must reach the editors by 6 P. M. Monday each week.

WYNNEWOOD AVENUE.

Narberth should count itself fortunate in being the beneficiary of the concurrent action on the part of our Borough Council and the State Highway Department in regards to Wynnewood avenue.

The decision of the State highway engineers that a concrete roadbed is the proper solution of this particular highway problem confirms the position taken by "Our Town" in an editorial in the issue of date May 13.

That Narberth is to have a concrete road should fill each citizen with pride in his home town, since concrete roads have come to symbolize progressiveness, farsightedness, prosperity—vision. There will come a time—and it's not far away, either—when money will no longer be wasted on other types of road (unless a material now unknown may prove better still). And the reason lies in the fact of the permanence of concrete.

There will be no need of a continual large outlay for maintenance if the concrete road on Wynnewood avenue is properly built.

A comparison of definite maintenance charges on various types of concrete roadbeds may be interesting.

Seven thousand one hundred square yards of Hassam Road built in 1906, at Spencer, Mass., had no repairs to 1909, when experiments were made with bituminous covering. Total cost of repairs, 1910, 1911 and 1912—\$30.00, or 1½ mills per square yard per year (all of this money was expended on the covering). Corresponding total cost for maintenance per mile per year for 16-foot road, \$13.92.

Fifty-one miles, 478,700 square yards, built 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, at Wayne County, Mich., had a total cost of maintenance, including engineering, inspecting and depreciation of machinery, of \$1450; or approximately 3-10 of one cent per square yard for 3 years; corresponding total cost of maintenance per mile for 16-foot road, \$28.43.

Mr. Edward Hines, Road Commissioner of Wayne County, speaking of a two-mile stretch of bituminous macadam on Grand River Road, near Detroit, says:

"If someone had offered to build this road absolutely without one penny's cost to Wayne County, stipulating only that we should maintain it in a fairly average condition, at the end of eight years we should have been money ahead by rejecting the offer and building it of concrete under our present specifications."

The combined maintenance and repair cost of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and New York, on roads other than concrete, for eight years, 1905 to 1912, was \$608 as a total average per mile.

"Our Town" congratulates council and all who assisted them in the consummation of this splendid effort to introduce real economy in the matter of building suburban trunk roads.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS ABOUT TAX REVISION SUGGESTIONS.

Apropos of the recent discussion concerning tax assessments the following extract from Section 4 of the Act of May 15, 1841, P. L. 394, may be of interest:

"It shall be the duty of the several assessors and assistant assessors, to assess, rate and value all objects of taxation, whether for State, city, district, ward, township or borough purposes, according to the actual value thereof, and at such rates and prices for which the same would separately bona fide sell; and on return of such assessment or valuation into the office of the county commissioners, after the same shall have been carefully examined and corrected, it shall be lawful for said commissioners, if they believe any property or thing made taxable has been assessed and valued below its actual value, to raise the same to the actual value thereof, or if the same has been assessed and valued above its actual value, to reduce the same thereto: Provided, That in no case the said commissioners shall impose a different rate percentum on different townships in their county, but the same shall be equal throughout, and all rates shall be levied on the assessments as returned and corrected."

The oath of office of the assessor of taxes requires that he should "justly and honestly, to the best of your judgment, assess and value every separate lot, piece or tract of land with the improvements thereon and all personal property made taxable by the laws of this Commonwealth within your district at the rate or price which you shall, after due examination and consideration, believe the same will sell for, if sold singly and separately at a bona fide sale, after full public notice."

Under the above provisions of the law, the measure of valuation for assessment is the actual value of the property as limited and defined by market value or the sum which the property would bring if offered at public sale. While the courts in construing this act have not insisted upon a literal compliance by keeping assessed valuations up to the market value of the property, the rule is that there should be a uniform standard observed throughout the county in order that each property owner should bear his just share of the burden.

It will be noted that the section of the act of 1841, above quoted, contains no provision as to the method by which the tax assessor shall arrive at his opinion as to the market value of the property. Presumably, even though he may be a real estate expert, he is not required to act entirely upon his own opinion without confirming it by inquiry of others familiar with values or by such other data as he may be able to obtain; for market value is not a matter of individual opinion, but of the consensus of opinion of various members of the public who have knowledge of the values of property in the neighborhood and the prices at which said properties sell. Therefore, the act plainly contemplates that the assessor may inquire, or perhaps should inquire, as to general values of property selling prices, etc., and so long as the value which he actually fixes is based upon his conclusion resulting from a consideration of the information obtained, it would seem to be immaterial where or how he obtained his information. Appointing a committee to assist in gathering such information is a different matter from appointing a committee to actually fix valuation by a method of their own, and appropriating a large amount of public funds to meet the expenses of such committee, as was attempted to be done by the city of Philadelphia when it tried to adopt what is known as the "Somers System" in assessing taxes.

The fact that the Legislature contemplated inquiry by the assessor from others who are familiar with real estate values would seem to be further indicated by Section 13 of the Act of July 22, 1842, P. L. 445, providing that: "The Board of Revision in each county shall, on receiving the returns of the assessors, proceed to examine and inquire whether the same have been made in conformity with the laws of this Commonwealth, and whether all property to be valued for taxation for State and county purposes has been valued at a sum or price

The Purchase of a Home

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not less than the same would bring after full public notice, at a public sale, supposing each separate lot or piece or tract of land, with improvements, or the personal property of each individual, company or corporation only were to be sold. They shall receive and consider the written communication of any taxable inhabitant of the county relative to any property which such taxable inhabitant shall believe to have been reduced too low, and on the day appointed for determining whether any property has been reduced too low, or reduce the same if too high, they shall proceed to raise the price or valuation of any property which they shall believe to have been reduced too low; and if they cannot, on the day appointed, revise, raise and equalize the valuation of all property which they shall believe to have been reduced too low, they may adjourn from day to day, until the whole of such valuation shall have been revised, raised and equalized."

THE DAHLIA KING MAKES GOOD.

The Dahlia King has made good. We shall continue to count him among our friends, and send him the paper every week.

He called on one of the editors the other night and presented him with a fine bouquet of dahlia blooms. Thanks "King" come again—"you're as welcome as the flowers in spring"—or fall for that matter.

BUILDING ASSOCIATION TO OPEN NEW SERIES

The Narberth Building & Loan Association will open its twentieth series of shares on Thursday evening of the present week, when its officers and directors meet at the fire house. The splendid success of this institution is a matter of great satisfaction to those in charge of the association, as well as to all of our citizens. The assets are now in excess of \$200,000 and at the end of eight years the net profits have risen to more than \$33,000.

It will be surprising to many to know that on each meeting night about \$5000 in cash is paid into the treasury of the association by those who are interested in adding to their savings and in the purchase of homes. These moneys are invested by the directors in gilt-edged mortgages and it is safe to say that the local association can show as fine a list of loans as is boasted by any association in this section of the country. Those of our people who may be interested in the purchase of a home by an easy and sure method would do well to consult with any of the following officers and directors: J. Howard Wilson, president; William D. Smedley, vice-president; William B. Godfrey, treasurer; Thomas C. Trotter, Jr., secretary; Fletcher W. Stites, solicitor. Directors—Charles S. Caldwell, Kennedy Duff, John S. Eberbach, H. C. Fritsch, William B. Kraft, C. Howard McCarter, Charles S. Powell, A. Perry Redifer, Carden Warner.

NARBERTH NIMRODS—HAVE YOU TAKEN OUT YOUR GUNNING LICENSE?

The hunting season is on—in County Treasurer Keely's office, in Norristown. With the opening of the consignment of 7750 hunters' licenses and accompanying blanks, the beginning of this month, a number of this county's residents have laid early plans for their search for game and have paid the necessary dollar to the State for the privilege.

This year's tags, which all hunters must wear upon their sleeves when prowling about the woods and fields are a brilliant red and are more easily distinguishable at a distance than those of last season's pale color. More than 8000 applications were filed and blanks issued at the Treasurer's office last year. About 200 more tags were sold by County Treasurer Keely last year than the year before.

The restriction that hunters are not allowed to sell game is being impressed upon the applicants this year by its appearance on the application and license blank along with other regulations enforced by the State. The county number, with the hunter's license number, appears on the tag with the year 1915, and the words "Pennsylvania Hunter's License Tag" printed along the edge.

WHO SAID TAXES? WHY BEN FRANKLIN, AND LISTEN TO HIM

Concerning the Narberth Tax Revision Plan, one of our friends, said: "Here, read this," and he handed us a volume containing the following excerpt from "The Way to Wealth," in Poor Richard's Almanack:

"Courteous reader, I have heard that nothing gives an author so great pleasure as to find his works respectfully quoted by others. Judge, then, how much I must have been gratified by an incident I am going to relate to you. I stopped my horse lately where a great number of people were collected at an auction of merchants' goods. The hour of the sale not being come, they were conversing on the badness of the times; and one of the company called to a plain, clean old man with white locks: 'Pray, Father Abraham, what think you of the times? Will not these heavy taxes quite ruin the country? How shall we ever be able to pay them? What would you advise us to?' Father Abraham stood up and replied, 'If you would have my advice, I will give it you in short; for 'A word to the wise is enough,' as Poor Richard says.' They joined in desiring him to speak his mind, and gathering round him, he proceeded as follows: "'Friends,' said he, 'the taxes are indeed very heavy, and if those laid on by the government were the only ones we had to pay, we might more easily discharge them; but we have many others, and much more grievous to some of us. We are taxed twice as much by our idleness, three times as much by our pride, and four times as much by our folly; and from these taxes the commissioners cannot ease or deliver us by allowing an abatement. However, let us hearken to good advice, and something may be done for us: "God helps them that help themselves," as Poor Richard says."

PARCELS POST RECEIPTS.

Beginning September 1 a receipt is to be given for all parcels post packages mailed, on payment of one cent in addition to the regular postage charges. The purpose of the receipt is to provide senders of fourth class parcels, when desired, with a record evidencing their mailing the parcel. The issuance of this receipt does not in any way insure the parcel against loss while in the mails, and no receipt is obtained from the addresses upon delivery. Patrons who desire either of the latter facilities must have their parcels insured.

A new schedule of Parcels Post Insurance Rates will also take effect on September 1, charges for which will be as follows: Insurance up to \$5.00, three cents; \$5.00 to \$25.00, five cents; \$25.00 to \$50.00, ten cents; \$50.00 to \$100.00, twenty-five cents. All parcels of value should be insured against loss or destruction while in the mails.

Edward S. Haws, Postmaster.

BOROUGH IS MAKING SEVERAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS

A number of street improvements are being made by the borough. The work on Merion avenue, between Narberth and Woodside avenues, has been completed. The new part of Elmwood avenue, connecting the Wynnewood avenue bridge with Elmwood, at Maple, is in the course of construction. Sewers are being built in Hampden avenue, Windsor avenue to Woodbine avenue.

NOTHING VERY SERIOUS.

Hy Geer Unnecessarily Alarmed by a Midnight Noise.

About two o'clock last night Mr. and Mrs. Hy Geer were awakened by a mysterious noise.

"Listen!" said Hy, and they sat up in the dark.

"Somebody's breaking into the garage," Mrs. Geer whispered.

"I'll go and see," answered Hy.

In dressing gown and slippers he stole out of the house and across the lawn.

The garage doors were locked. There were no sign of anything wrong. He returned to the house and reported.

"I wonder what it could have been," said Mrs. Geer. "I'm sure I heard something."

"So did I," said Hy; "but the car's all right."

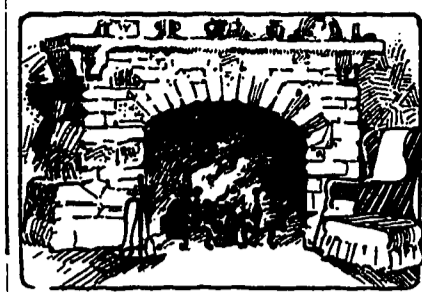
They were almost asleep when suddenly Mrs. Geer roused with a start.

"Perhaps it isn't the car at all," said she. "Perhaps it's baby."

"By George, I never thought of him!" replied Mr. Geer.

They found that their six-month-old baby had fallen out of his crib.—

Newark News.



THE FIRESIDE

By Lady Narberth

Samuel Stull and family have returned to Philadelphia after spending the summer in Narberth.

Dr. Harry Huntley has leased the property at 108 Forrest avenue, where he will soon open an office for the practice of dentistry. Dr. Huntley is an old resident of Narberth and has many friends and well wishers.

Clarence B. Kelly, of the United Electric Construction Co., of Philadelphia, has just purchased, through Caldwell & Co., one of Mr. Fred Warner's attractive new houses on Dudley avenue, and will move in shortly.

Edwin Anderson has returned from Ocean City, N. J.

Mr. Leet and family, of Merion avenue, are moving to Pittsburgh. Mr. Leet is connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad and has just been transferred from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.

Mrs. L. Hensler and Miss Alice Nidecker, of Woodside avenue, are enjoying a trip to Lake George and Lake Champlain.

One of our bright local youngsters, Miss Ava Mulholland, was honored by being invited to render her solo dance at the "Cinderella Carnival," held at the Marlborough Palace, Asbury Park, on the 25th. The dance made a big hit judging from newspaper reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Wisse and daughter, Mary Emily, of Iona avenue, are spending their vacation at Norfolk, Va.

Last Thursday evening a lawn party was given in honor of Miss Agnes Small, at her home, 102 Dudley avenue. The lawn was beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns. Among those present were Misses Florence and Sophie Miesen, Alice O'Neil, Ida Agnew, Elizabeth Maguire, Rhea and Marion Fairweather, Ruth Lowrey, Madeline Truesens and Violet Carnel; Messrs. Bud Thoroughgood, James, Charles and Edward Agnew, Edward Ensinger, David Odell, Eugene Dunn, Maurice Sheehan, Joe Murray, Robert and Edward Maguire and Edward McAteer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Cox, of 118 Chestnut avenue, have returned from Boston.

Mrs. James P. Rowbotham is spending a few days in Reading, Pa.

Mr. George W. Braden and family have returned from Silver Bay on Lake George, New York, where Mr. Braden has been in charge of the Y. M. C. A. summer school.

Mr. I. A. Miller, of Dudley avenue, has returned from a trip to Niagara Falls and the New England States.

W. H. Carmint and family, of Woodside avenue, have returned from their vacation.

Mrs. Edward S. Haws and Miss Ruth Ely Haws are spending the week at Ocean City.

Miss Ruth Lowrey is spending her vacation at Elizabeth, N. J., as the guest of Mrs. Horace Bevan.

Mrs. George H. Gifford has gone to Ocean City for a week.

Prof. William T. Melchior, principal of the Narberth Schools, and Mrs. Melchior, have returned to Narberth after an extended vacation. The many friends of Prof. Melchior will be glad to know that he has enjoyed a pleasant summer and returns prepared to take up the school work with enthusiasm and his accustomed energy.

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News of the Churches

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

Emerson L. Swift, Pastor.
Bible study next Sunday, September 5, at 9.45. Service of worship at 11.00; and 7.45 preaching by the pastor.
Union prayer meeting service Wednesday evening, September 1, in the Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock, Mr. H. M. Hanks, leader.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"The Little Church on the Hill"

Rev. C. G. Koppel, Pastor.
9.45—Sunday School. Bible study classes for men and women.
11.00—Public worship. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
7.45—Regular evening service conducted in the church. Sermon by the pastor.
The Epworth League will begin services and conduct a big rally of all the young people Sunday evening next, September 12, at 6.45.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. John Van Ness, Pastor
The pastor is expected to be present next Sunday and the usual meetings will be held as follows:
10.00 A. M.—Bible school. All departments. All welcome.
11.00 A. M.—Public worship. The pastor will preach on the theme, "The Unwelcome Guest."
8 P. M.—Evening worship. Sermon theme: "A Forward Look."
It is hoped that there will be a large attendance on this first Sunday of the fall term.

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.
Prof. C. B. Cochran, of West Chester, will speak on the subject, "What is Quakerism," on September 5, at the regular meeting.

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 holidays, 6.30 and 8.30 A. M. Weekdays at 8. Evening devotions and other services at regular times.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS.

The services at All Saints' P. E. Church, Montgomery avenue and Wynnewood Road, for next Sunday are as follows:
8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Morning prayer and sermon.
The Rev. R. B. Burke will officiate at all the services during the absence of the rector.
All visitors, as well as the residents of Narberth and vicinity, are cordially invited to attend any of the services.

THANKS.

The last Union Twilight service of the 1915 season, was held Sunday evening, and those who have been in charge of these meetings, wish to take this occasion—through the columns of Our Town—to thank all who contributed to the success of the gatherings.

The singing this year has been worthy of unusual praise because so many young people participated, particularly the Y. M. C. A. Glee Club.

MUCH NEEDED

IMPROVEMENT MADE

A greatly needed improvement has been made by the Street Department of our borough at corner of Essex and Haverford avenues. An inlet has been constructed which seems capable of taking care of the great quantities of water on Haverford avenue during heavy rains. Heretofore the water would flow north on Essex to Windsor, then west to Dudley and south on Dudley to Haverford again, usually taking the street surfacing along. This is an improvement that will be appreciated.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Miss Marguerite Wolf, Mrs. Ellen Brown, Mr. J. Connolly, Mr. John Fraiser, Beatrice Frisby, Mrs. Kruenwald, Miss Mabel Rahlert, Miss Helen Longacre, Mrs. Channing Simon, Mr. William Irwin (care of Mr. J. Williams.)
Edward S. Haws, P. M.

NARBERTH SUFFERS ITS FOURTH DEFEAT

Narberth lost its fourth game of the season Saturday, to the Paoli team. The game was played at Paoli through showers and on a wet field which accounted for the erratic plays. However, the game was replete with a number of fine plays and opportune hitting which held the intense interest of the rooters to the close.

Narberth touched up Magill hard and Manager Hanley took up the pitching burden. The visitors held a five-run lead in the sixth inning when Paoli came up strong, Hanley being safe on an error, Graffius and Stiefel hitting safe, counting their manager. Brown walked, filling the bases when Shank tripled to deep center, making the score 6 to 5.

Narberth went two runs to the good in their half of the seventh, but Paoli was not to be denied and Magill opened with a neat single, LeRoy also being safe when they failed to get Magill at third after stealing second. Speed Supplee set the rooters in an uproar when he drove the ball to right for four sacks, tying the score. Kingston followed with a double, stole third and counted at the rubber, with what eventually proved to be the deciding run, on a wild pitch.

Magill, who had been playing first, again took up the twirling, showing strong as a comeback, fanning the side in the eighth inning, and making easy outs in the ninth. LeRoy and Supplee, with Manager Walzer and Humphries excelled in the fielding.

The score:

PAOLI MEN'S CLUB.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
LeRoy, 3b.	1	0	4	0	0
Supplee, 2b.	1	1	3	2	0
Hanley, 1b.	1	0	3	0	0
Graffius, cf.	2	1	0	0	0
St'fel, rf.	1	1	0	0	0
Brown, ss.	1	0	4	0	2
D'line, lf.	0	0	1	0	0
Shank, lf.	0	1	0	0	0
Pawling, c.	0	0	12	4	2
Magill, p.	1	2	0	2	2
Kingston, ss.	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	9	7	27	8	6

NARBERTH.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Humphries, 2b.	2	2	3	2	0
Ensinger, rf.	1	2	0	0	0
Walzer, 3b.	1	2	2	1	1
Barker, cf.	0	1	1	1	0
Davis, 1b.	1	1	8	0	0
Albany, lf.	1	1	1	1	0
Davis, ss.	0	0	1	0	0
Rawley, p.	1	0	8	2	1
Hood, p.	1	1	0	4	0
J'fers, rf.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	10	24	11	2

Paoli M. C.	0	0	0	1	0	4	4	0	x	—9
Narberth	0	1	0	2	3	2	0	0	—8	

Two-base hits—Kingston, Barker, Albany. Three-base hits—Shank, Humphries. Home run—Supplee. Sacrifice hit—Barker. Stolen bases—Graffius, 3; Brown, 2; Pawling, Magill, Kingston, Walzer, Rawley, LeRoy. Left on bases—Paoli, 4; Narberth, 9. Hit by pitched ball—Magill, Ensinger, 2. Struck out—By Magill, 14; Hood, 6; Albany, 1; Hanley, 0. Bases on balls—Off Magill, 5; Haney, 2; Hood, 4; Albany, 1. Wild pitch—Hood, Magill, Hanley. Passed ball—Pawling, 2; Rawley. Umpire—Kirk. Scorer—Compton. Time of game—2 hours.

PICK-UPS.

Several of our players have been taking a much deserved vacation.
Now let's brace up and finish the season with three straight victories.

The Narberth-Paoli contest was the only league game played last Saturday. The Wayne-Overbrook and the Dun-Gulph Mills games were both postponed on account of the bad weather.

Three games over the week-end—one Saturday and two on Labor Day. Monday's morning game will be the last game on the home grounds.

LADY NARBERTH.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Nidecker are enjoying the visit of their son Arnold, who is taking a several weeks' rest cure after a serious operation at the German Hospital in Philadelphia.

James Artman and family have returned to their Narberth home on Wynnewood avenue from North Water Gap.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Narberth	17	4	.809
Overbrook	11	8	.578
Dun & Co.	11	8	.578
Wayne	8	12	.400
Paoli	7	13	.350
Gulph Mills	5	14	.262

SCHEDULE OF GAMES FOR SATURDAY AND LABOR DAY

Saturday.

Overbrook at Narberth.
Gulph Mills at Wayne.
Dun & Co. at Paoli.

Labor Day—Morning.

Wayne at Narberth.
Dun & Co. at Overbrook.
Gulph Mills at Paoli.

Labor Day—Afternoon.

Narberth at Paoli.
Dun & Co. at Wayne.
Gulph Mills at Overbrook.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

BOYS' BASE BALL TEAM WINS TWO FROM ARDMORE

The first game, which was played on the Ardmore Playgrounds, was a slam bang affair, the score being 20 to 15, with our boys on the long end. "Dutch" Cummer was given rather poor support, but seemed always to be there when a strike-out was needed. Bill Humphries played a snappy game on short, having eight assists and three put-outs with one lone error. Bill should follow his brother, Walt's footsteps some day to base ball fame.

The sensation of the game was the catching of little Eddie Nolan, who held "Dutch's" shoots like a big leaguer. Eddie not only caught a good game, but he made two hits, walked three times and showed unusual brilliancy on the bases. This lad some day shall represent Narberth, but on a larger scale than these present games.

The second game was played in Narberth and was won by the one-sided score of 20 to 2. Quinzy Yowell was the individual star of the game, not a hit being registered until the eighth inning when he loosened up and two scratch singles were made off him. Quinzy also aided in the hitting, having a home run and a single to his credit. Sweeny Long, who covered third, played a fast game, making several difficult stops and throws. He also aided in the hitting with two scorching singles to left. John Dickie covered second in very good style. He played both games, receiving several difficult chances without an error.

These games are the first two of a series of five, the remaining three to be played in the near future. The base balls are provided through the kindness of Fred Walzer, manager of the Narberth Main Line League champions. These youngsters, who now represent Narberth in this little series, shall, in all probabilities represent Narberth in a greater project some day: so why not have a glance at the names of our future athletes. Those who have taken part are as follows: Quinzy Yowell, George Cummer, Edward Nolan, Frank Kramer, John Dickie, Millard Dickie, Fred Dickie, Wm. Humphries, Clarence Long, Bob Ward, John Maguire, Edward Odell, John Funk, James Humphries, Micky Burns, Sterling Kreable.

Tennis.

Our Boys' Tennis Tournament has not progressed far enough to give any results in this issue.

Annual Corn Roast.

This notice is of particular interest to the young men: On Friday evening, September 10, our annual "Corn Roast," will be held. Full details will be given in next week's issue.

Bowling.

Prospects are better than ever for a good active winter on our bowling alleys. You are interested, certainly—why not come in, now, and get some practice, before the crowd gets started? Familiar faces are already seen on our alleys. Why don't you drop in and get acquainted?

The Y. M. C. A. will be the headquarters for all kinds of activity this winter.

Rev. Loyal Y. Graham and family, pastor of Narberth Presbyterian Church, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Ketcham, of Haverford avenue.

E. C. Hunter and family have returned from their summer vacation.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT STARTS THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Unless the weather man takes a special whack at our borough the twelfth annual tournament of the Narberth Tennis Association, will start this Saturday afternoon, at two o'clock, on the courts at Essex and Elmwood avenues.

A number of members, in addition to those listed in last week's issue of Our Town, have entered and more are expected to "file their papers" with Chairman Cowin, of the Tournament Committee, before the closing hour—6 P. M. Friday, September 3.

Who's Who Among Other Tournament Winners.

The Narberth Tennis Association was formed in the fall of 1903 by the consolidation of the Narberth Tennis Club, the Southfield Club and the Presbyterian Church Club, together with players from several private courts.

In the spring of 1904 this association had built three courts on the south side of the railroad beyond the old water tower. There they remained for eight years, when the grounds were required for building and the association was particularly fortunate in getting its present location.

The first tournament was held in the fall of 1904. There were thirteen players entered in the singles, which were won by Rev. J. Milnor Wilbur. Six teams competed in the doubles, which were played in Round Robin style and were won by J. M. Wilbur and W. Cowin.

Unfortunately the tournament records for the next two years are lost.

F. M. Justice was the champion of 1906 and successfully defended his title in the fall of 1907. That year there were ten contestants in the singles, and five teams in doubles.

Rev. L. Y. Graham and S. T. Reiff, double champions of 1906, also retained their laurels in 1907.

The 1908 tournament, with fourteen in the singles, was won by F. G. Warner. The doubles with only five entered were won by F. M. Justice and W. Cowin.

F. G. Warner successfully defended the championship in 1909, 1910 and 1911 when there were entered respectively, eighteen, sixteen and twenty-one players.

Graham and Reiff won again in doubles in 1909, but were defeated in 1910 by F. M. Justice and F. G. Warner, who also won in 1911 and 1912.

Beginning with 1912 the champions have played through each tournament. That year with sixteen entered the singles were won by Chas. Nevin. In 1913 F. G. Warner won again over a field of twenty-one, and the doubles, with eight teams entered, were won by W. P. Bentz and J. A. Snyder.

Last year F. G. Warner again won the singles, and W. P. Bentz and J. A. Snyder again captured the doubles.

CHELLENHAM GAMES OFF; MAY PLAY DREXEL HILL

The proposed championship series of ball games between Narberth, winner of the Main Line League, and Cheltenham, winner of the Suburban League, is off. Manager Walzer cancelled the games early this week when he learned that Cheltenham was scheduled to play a series of championship games with its rival—Wissinoming. It was suggested by Cheltenham that the winner of this series play Narberth. But that would have put the Narberth games off until October, which Manager Walzer thought was too late in the season.

But this unexpected turn of events does not mean that Narberth fans will be deprived of a post-season series. The officers of the local team are planning to meet the crack Drexel Hill team in a series of three or five games. A meeting to arrange this series will be held this week.

DEATH OF EDWIN JAMES.

Edwin James, of 221 Price avenue, passed from this life last Wednesday morning. He had been a resident of the Borough of Narberth for the last twelve years.

For more than twenty-five years Mr. James was associated with the firm of Paul Brothers, wholesale shoe dealers of Philadelphia, and until two years ago led an active life.

As a member of the Society of Friends he was a regular attendant at the Old Merion Meeting House until compelled to absent himself because of failing health.

At the funeral services held Friday evening there were gathered many of his friends both from Narberth and Philadelphia. He is survived by a widow, a sister and two brothers.

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NARBERTH MAN TELLS OF TRIP THROUGH BERKSHIRES.

When our fellow townsman, William G. Casner, started on his vacation, a few weeks ago, we asked him to take his pen in hand, when the opportunity offered, and tell us what he was seeing and doing. The result is the following interesting letter, graphic in its description of the Berkshires and delightfully interesting in its keen appreciation of human nature—past and present:

The Start.

The Berkshire Hills are unique in the variety of interests and attractions one may find, whether you go on "shanks mare," ride in the railroad car, use the trolley or luxuriate in an automobile. You may bring your hobnail boots, an old suit and a knapsack and enjoy the delights of a hike with its most intimate interests in nature and beauty, or bring out all your glad clothes, dancing pumps and fine ballroom dresses and manners and enjoy all that society has to offer. If you are a geologist, the earth will give up her secrets abundantly; if you are an artist, pictures are before you awaiting their transfer to canvas; if an historian, the many events of the Revolution are to be reviewed; if a man of letters, Longfellow, Holmes, Hawthorne and Josh Billings will speak to you from the past, and if you are just an ordinary man, you will receive a soul full of simple, quiet rest and joy which will be recalled long after your tour through these hills.

The Berkshires begin at Canaan, Conn., near the New York State line, and you follow the windings of the beautiful, fast flowing Housatonic River, through a region which is more akin to the lake country of England than to any location in the United States, and linked with associations in the early life of our country throughout their entire length, which gives them a peculiar interest. As their valleys are from eight hundred to one thousand feet above sea level their charm is something you never associate with any other region.

Six miles above Canaan you reach the pleasant village of Sheffield, with the Taconic Mountains on the west. Having passed Mount Everett, here the hills rise from the wide intervals as we travel on, and from time to time we see ravines in the sides of the high hills where winding roads lead to the upland villages and tempt you to wander afoot through their inviting vistas.

Curious Tombstones.

Sheffield was purchased from Konkepot and his Indians in 1724 for 460 pounds sterling, 30 quarts of rum and three barrels of cider. Its one street is typical of New England. A grand row of elms and maples on either side form a complete arch, shading the roadway in front of the old, neat houses, with the white meeting house and the inn.

Great Barrington is next reached, a shopping place for a great area, with about 10,000 population, up-to-date stores and a park-like trimness about its streets. With crowding memories of the past we pause at the ancient burying ground, and finding tombstones dated 1745, try to visualize the past, when the jingle of the irreverent lines:

"I know it is a sin
For me to sit and grin
At him here.
But the old three-cornered hat,
The breeches and all that,
Are so queer,"

break the spell, and we move into town, past the Henderson House, where General Burgoyne stopped as a prisoner in 1777, and where, in 1821, William Cullen Bryant was married. It was in this town that he resided for a time and acted as town clerk.

But the base ball game, which would do credit to the Main Line League, brings us back to the present, and as we "stretch" in the seventh inning to look from the grand stand in this beautiful meadow, up and down this lovely valley, we rest our eyes on the fine country seat of Mr. William Walker and recall the wonderful Italian garden there; then turn north and get a glimpse of the \$1,000,000 house of Mrs. Mark Hopkins in the style of a French chateau, with its garden walls

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NARBERTH MAN TELLS OF TRIP THROUGH BERKSHIRES

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like those of an ancient fortress directly opposite the big inn, where we can use all our fine clothes, dance until we are tired, and "rock and knock" to our heart's content. The past and present jostle each other, the antique shop and the "Butterfly" Tea Room both claim our attention, while the beautiful new library, reminding us of our own Independence Hall, invites us within its quiet walls.

Leaving Great Barrington behind with regret, we reach Monument Mountain, with its rugged, rocky heights, celebrated in Indian legend and the theme of Bryant's poem, and nearby the cotton mills, where the tourist's wife stops off to get some bargains in bedspreads at half retail prices. Then we come to the Stockbridge alley, where the Housatonic River bends and turns in great bows, giving a most picturesque landscape to the old abode of "Housatonic Indians," afterwards known as the "Stockbridge" tribe. It was here that John Sargeant, the young missionary, found them in 1734, when he came to turn them to Christianity. He made "good" Indians of them. They sent their children to the common schools, entered all the white man's activities, and in time were entrusted with official positions in the community. In 1751 Jonathan Edwards came to Stockbridge to assist in converting the Red Men. Aaron Burr, who was Edwards' grandson, lived part of his boyhood here. In late years the Rev. David D. Field cared for the spiritual needs of the community and reared his famous sons—Supreme Court Justice Stephen Field, David Dudley Field, Henry M. Field and Cyrus W. Field.

Stockbridge and Beyond.

The village of Stockbridge is one of those charming New England places, on either side of a great wide, park-like street, with the usual avenue of elms which meet overhead, and an air of quiet refinement.

On our way to Lee we keep in sight of the beautiful lake, the Stockbridge Bowl, a mile or more in length, the vista carrying us back to the lakes of Scotland, the edges fringed with woodland and numberless estates of people who make their summer homes here.

As we move on we pass the Tyringham Valley, and are strongly tempted to explore the lovely three-mile meadow and follow one of the roads to the old Shaker colony at Farnside, or the other, past the summer home of the late Richard Watson Gilder, editor of the Century Magazine.

Lee is a good-sized village, named

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after General Charles Lee, of Revolutionary fame. The hillsides come down, as in so many of these villages, to the main street of the town, and town and country mingle together.

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The village has its fine hotels, which have their "season" in September and October, and, of course, the chief interest lies in the social life. The magnificent estates are the points of interest. Mile after mile, up hill and down dale, we pass the woods and formal gardens with beautiful statuary increasing the charm, and the splash and ripple of fountains making music with the birds.

On the way to Pittsfield we pass the road to October Mountain, where is located the estate of the late William C. Whitney, its 14,000 acres, at one time, stocked with moose, buffalo and deer.

And now the meadows of the Housatonic widen and rise, and when we attain an altitude of 1100 feet Pittsfield is reached—a busy city of at least 40,000 inhabitants. Here they point out the home of Oliver Wendell Holmes, and the town has many interests for the summer tourists.

As the hills lead us on the beauty of the landscape continues. We note the road that leads to Lanesboro Village, where "Josh Billings" was born. Then we pass the spot where "The Great Cheshire Cheese," weighing 1235 pounds, was made, and shipped as a present to President Jefferson in 1801. Again a road attracts us, this one leading to the home of a Quaker, who became the parent of the woman's suffrage leader, Susan B. Anthony, and where she was born.

Mount Graylock, 3505 feet high, the highest point in Massachusetts, claims our attention, and just before we reach North Adams we see the entrance to Hoosac Tunnel—four and three-quarters miles long.

Williamstown, the seat of Williams College, is soon reached, and its location in a great bowl, with its air of quiet, intellectual life, impresses the traveler at once. The Perpendicular Gothic Tower of its beautiful chapel is unsurpassed by any similar structure in our country.

The Berkshires end at Bennington, Vermont. Here one of the important battles of the Revolution was fought, and a glorious panorama may be had from the monument which commemorates the event. Beyond the hills the Green Mountains begin.

Our hope is that some time we may be able to go through these hills in the late September days, when the gorgeous colors of the fall are in their vivid beauty, but we took train this time for Burlington, Vt., thence by steamer to Plattsburg and train through the mountains of eastern New York, and are enjoying new scenes about Lake Placid; but all that is another story.

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