

**Do You Know About
"The Six-and-Six Plan?"**

OUR TOWN

**Big Base Ball Doings
Saturday and Monday**

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NARBERTH, PA., THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1915

PRICE TWO CENTS

MAYOR BLANKENBURG WILL BE HERE TO HELP BREAK GROUND FOR "NARBROOK"

Postponed Ceremonies To Be Held on Saturday

The ceremonies attending the breaking of ground for NARBROOK—postponed from last Saturday on account of the severe storm, will be held this coming Saturday afternoon. The exercises will be conducted on Windsor avenue, about midway between Conway and Wynnewood avenues, at a point that will mark the entrance to the park and model community center.

Mayor Blankenburg, of Philadelphia, will be present and speak. Official representatives of a number of suburban civic associations will also attend and make short talks.

A feature of the program added since last week is the new NARBERTH BAND, which will make its first public appearance at this celebration. Leader Brooks has been training and rehearsing his men for several months, and promises some good musical numbers.

The Narberth school children will also take part, marching in a body from the school to the grounds, singing as they come. Residents and merchants will decorate their homes and places of business. It will be another red letter day for The Year 'Round Home Town.

The Program.

The exercises will begin at 3.30 P. M. A. J. Loos, chairman of The Park Development Committee of The Civic Association will be the master of ceremonies. The program follows: Introductory remarks by Chairman Loos.

Brief explanation of the Park Project by George M. Henry president of The Civic Association.

Short addresses by E. J. Berlet, president of The Ridley Park Civic Association, and George R. Sullivan, president of The Lower Merion Township Commissioners, and secretary of The Suburban Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Address by Mayor Blankenburg. Breaking ground for NARBROOK, by Mr. Henry, as Burgess of the borough, assisted by Mayor Blankenburg.

In addition to the out-of-town speakers there will be a number of other guests from neighboring suburbs who are interested in this park project.

All residents and merchants are requested to decorate with flags and bunting—jointly for the park celebration and Memorial Day.

Everyone is welcome to the ceremonies.

What is NARBROOK?

A brief but complete account of this unique development was published in a recent issue of THE EVENING LEDGER. It is reprinted here because we believe it will be of interest to all residents of the borough:

This newest project, like the Pageant, was originated and fostered by The Narberth Civic Association. It has been made possible by the cooperative efforts of a number of Narberth's most influential citizens and a few residents of other towns who, having learned of the plan, readily agreed to lend their support and assistance.

In addition to the residences, all of

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SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES ON FRIDAY.

1 P. M.—A Memorial program in the school auditorium, consisting of singing and selections by the school and a short address. Veterans especially invited.

2.15 P. M.—Field sports, consisting of two parts, callsthenic work and various physical exercises by children of all the grades and a series of field sports.

The girls of the School Athletic Association will conduct a lawn fete while the field events are in progress.

The exercises in the auditorium and the field sports are entirely free. Parents and friends of the pupils invited. Silver cups, medals and other prizes are to be distributed to the successful contestants.

FLOWER SHOW TO BE GREAT SUCCESS

Much Enthusiasm Manifested

Saturday, June 5th, the big day for flower lovers is only ten days distant. In the afternoon and evening of that day Narberth's first flower show will be staged in the Y. M. C. A. building, and present indications point to a complete success. The number of exhibitors is sure to be large for the reason that the classes of exhibits will be sufficiently numerous to give an opportunity for every flower lover to offer something in which he takes a grower's pride. It is predicted that the modest garden, possessing but a small number of plants, will score the greatest success. An inquiry into the records of flower shows given in suburban communities in the neighborhood of Philadelphia bears out the statement that prizes have been most often secured by those who felt that their exhibits were almost too small to be entered. Therefore, everyone interested in flowers and gardens is urged to enter into the competition.

Special Prizes.

A complete list of classes of flowers and the prizes to be given will be published in next week's issue of "Our Town," together with complete instructions for presenting and arranging the flowers to be shown. A special feature will be the children's class in wild flowers. A \$5 gold piece will be given as a prize for the best and most attractive vase or basket of wild flowers shown by children under 16 years of age. Another interesting class will be shown as the Suffrage Class, and a prize will be offered in this class for the best exhibit of yellow flowers.

In general it may be said that exhibitors in cutting their blooms for the show should give preference to the flowers which have the longest stems and largest blooms. Those who intend to exhibit blooms of peonies should stake their plants without delay. After the plants are in bloom the flowers are often ruined by being beaten into the ground by sudden heavy rainfalls. The precaution of staking at this time will forestall such a result.

The committee in charge expects to have a large supply of vases on hand, but exhibitors are urged to bring their own vases as far as possible, as it is felt that a more artistic and beautiful arrangement will thus be secured.

TRAPSHOOTING CLUB FOR NARBERTHITES.

The writer had a bit of experience in the field just across the border of Narberth in the first meet of the Gun Club, or, as many prefer to call it, the Trapshooting Club. There were only four members present, and consequently the pigeons, although they were clay, flew so fast that a good many got away. Those present were R. Johnston, A. Brown, W. Johnston and Chas. Verna.

Folks who have a gun and would like to try the sport right in their own town please communicate with R. Johnston or Chas. Verna before the next meet, which will be held on Saturday, June 12.

If you would like to enjoy the pleasure afforded and the many benefits derived from this clean sport, polish up your guns and come along.

Chas. Verna.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

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

Harry Connolly, Mrs. Annie Jones, Mrs. Louise J. Johnston, Mrs. John Wesley Jones, Karl Lindgren.
Edward S. Haws, Postmaster.

MAIN LINE LEAGUE

Schedule of Games

Saturday

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

Monday Morning

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

Monday Afternoon

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

Standing of the Teams

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Narberth	2	1	.666
Wayne	2	1	.666
Overbrook	2	1	.666
R. G. Dun & Co.	2	1	.666
Gulph Mills	1	2	.333
Paoli	0	3	.000

THREE BALL GAMES FOR THE WEEK-END

Big Contest Saturday

If you like baseball—and good ball at that—you're in the right town this summer.

Big game this Saturday and two more good contests coming on Monday—Decoration Day.

All three games on our home grounds. Turn out, fans, and cheer the boys on. They're giving us real baseball.

Saturday we play Wayne.
Monday A. M. we play Gulph Mills.
Monday P. M. we play Paoli.
You couldn't beat that if Connie Mack was your uncle and he'd pass you in the gate.

Going to Saturday's game? Everybody's on tip-toe. Four teams tied for first place—Narberth, Wayne, Overbrook and Dun & Co. Somebody's going to slip down the list and local rooters say it won't be Narberth.

Three games within three days!
If you're a fan here's your chance to see some real ball playing. Be on hand Saturday and on Monday—for one of the games at least, and give the boys a glad hand.

BASE BALL PICKUPS.

The game last Saturday between Narberth and Paoli was canceled owing to rain. The Narberth team, traveling in automobiles belonging to some of the chief rooters, had journeyed as far as Ithan when the rain began to fall, and turned around and beat it back again.

No games were played in the Main Line League Saturday on account of the rain. Therefore, under a league rule, all contests listed for that date are automatically dropped from the schedule. If one game had been played it would have been necessary for the four remaining teams to play off the postponed games at the end of the season.

Next Saturday Narberth plays the Wayne Club on the home grounds.

Beginning next Saturday, Narberth will have the services of Bill Durbin, Haverford's noted third baseman and leading hitter; Edward Ensinger, another of Haverford's noted players, and John Fine, captain of the Haverford School nine and first baseman. The above three will make a worthy asset to Narberth's team.

Eddie Ensinger is slated to twirl the morning game on Decoration Day for the Boroughites, and we hope a large crowd of rooters will be present to welcome him on his initial appearance of the season. Manager Walzer is hoping to "cop" three games on the above dates.

NARBERTH SCHOOL AUTHORITIES ADOPT THE "SIX-SIX" PLAN

Approved by Nation's Leading Educators

FACTS ABOUT STATE AID FOR WYN'D ROAD

Narberth's Application Late

An interesting and important statement bearing on the question of repairing Wynnewood road—particularly in relation to financial aid that may be obtained from the State, has been secured by Our Town from W. R. D. Hall, one of our citizens, who is statistician in State Highway Department at Harrisburg. Knowing that Mr. Hall was thoroughly familiar with the whole question of State-aid as well as the general conditions existing in the highway situation throughout the State, we asked him for a statement on the matter. From the following interview it is apparent that if Council is depending solely on having the State assist in re-building Wynnewood road the chances for improvement of this thoroughfare are remote.

Mr. Hall said:
"I cannot prophesy what chances Narberth has for action on her applications but it is certain that nothing can be done on them in the immediate future. The operation of State-aid is as follows: A county, township or borough, any one of them or any two or three of them, may apply to the State Highway Department for aid in the construction of a highway. The highway is built by the State Engineers and the cost is borne by the applying party or parties and the State, the share of the Commonwealth being one-half of the cost of a highway 16 feet wide. The other half of the cost is borne by the applying parties.

"The Legislature which has just adjourned was hard pressed to find sufficient revenues for the necessary appropriations in the State during the next two years. As a result of the insufficient revenues it was necessary to 'cut the coat according to the cloth,' as Governor Brumbaugh so aptly expresses it. Therefore the amount appropriated to the State Highway Department for the next two years is \$8,400,000. Of this sum \$1,500,000 or \$750,000 a year goes to

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BOROUGH BUSINESS.

Notes of Proceedings of Narberth Council.

An adjourned meeting of Council was called to order by President Narigan at 8.10 P. M., May 17, the following members being present: Messrs. Henderson, Humphreys, Redifer, Smedley, Stokes and Narigan. Messrs. Loos, Henry, Shand and Artman, representing the Narberth Civic Association, Garden Association, and Park Development Committee were present to discuss the matter of sewers for the new park.

The information presented was not definite, and the matter was referred to a joint committee for further consideration.

A letter was received and read from "Our Town," asking Council for a copy of the proceedings of their body for publication. Mr. Henderson moved (seconded by Mr. Humphreys and carried) that the clerk be instructed to notify "Our Town" of all proceedings of Council.

Mr. Stokes moved (seconded by Mr. Smedley and carried) that the residents on the north side of the railroad be notified through "Our Town" to put out ashes on every other Monday and all residents on the south side of the railroad be notified through "Our Town" to put out ashes on Tuesday of every other week, commencing May 31, 1915.

Mr. Humphreys moved (seconded by Mr. Henderson and carried) that Council adjourn. Adjourned at 11.15 P. M.

Charles V. Noel, Clerk.

The schools of Narberth are undergoing a change in curricula that promises to place Narberth in the front line among progressive schools. The Six-and-Six Plan of organization has been strongly endorsed by the State Department of Education and by Commissioner Claxton, of the Federal Educational Department.

Before a school system decides to adopt any new method, the gains and losses should be very carefully weighed. Do the gains overbalance the losses?

Can the advantages be attained, and are they worth the effort of reorganization? Are they based upon fundamental principles? Will they be of permanent value?

The ground of one's faith should be established before any trial is made and then the effort will be worth while.

Thorough Survey Made Before Plan Was Put Into Effect.

Principal Melchior has faith. He has made a study of the system for over two years. He believed when he came to Narberth that our schools would profit by this system; but, realizing the danger of too many radical changes, he has refrained from doing so. Meanwhile, the entire existing system has been studied by him and he is now convinced that the change can be made to advantage. His plans, as submitted to, and adopted by the School Board, have been fully approved by the State Department of Education. Prof. Koch, of Harrisburg, State High School Inspector, says: "I am in favor of the six-six plan, and believe it could be very easily worked out in Narberth."

Principal Melchior has spent a great deal of time in conference with members of the State Board, working on the plans.

Plan Often Lessens Expense.

The adoption of this plan involves no additional cost whatever. In fact, where the system is working, expense has lessened. Experience of the last few years very forcefully indicates that the six-and-six system of organization will surely improve to a greater or less extent, depending upon the judgment and enthusiasm of the introduction, the results in any school.

What is the Six-and-Six Plan?

The six-and-six plan is a division of the educational system at present generally consisting of eight years of elementary and four years of secondary work into six years of elementary and six years of secondary work.

As early as 1893, the Committee of Ten advocated the extension of some secondary subjects down into the elementary school and departmental work in the upper grades. In 1905, the National Education Association appointed a committee on a six-year course of study for high schools. In 1909, twenty-two cities in twelve states had adopted the six-six plan. Recent figures are not available; but it is safe to say that the schools operating on the six-and-six plan (or some phase of it) now number several hundred in practically every state in the Union. As a result, a better day is coming for both child and teacher.

Advantages of Six-Year Plan.

The advantages of such reorganization of the elementary school course are to provide subjects of study more suited to the ability and interests of the public; to give those who go no further than the grammar school a more practical education than is secured under the present plan; to

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THE KELLY LECTURE.

On Friday evening, at the Narberth Y. M. C. A., Congressman M. Clyde Kelly will speak on the topic, "Shall The People Rule?" This is the last of a series of fifteen lectures he has given under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon League. On the following Monday, he begins at Lancaster, a two weeks' tour for the W. C. T. U. From June 16 to September 15, he is under contract to deliver 8 lectures a week through the Central West under the auspices of one of the country's leading Chautauquas.

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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.

NARBROOK. SOUNDS GOOD, HEY?

A few have clipped the trees!

Noticed the garden that is being made near the station?

Papers around the station are not so numerous as they have been. Thanks! Let's all do our little part to keep the station absolutely free from these unsightly earmarks of carelessness and thoughtlessness.

DID YOU FOLLOW MR. REDIFER'S ADVICE?

Councilman Redifer's advice to householders to trim the low branches of their sidewalk trees was heeded by many of the borough's residents. But there are still a number of conspicuous instances of tree branches that are a menace to pedestrians. The heavy rain Saturday afternoon made walking on some avenues absolutely dangerous.

Get busy folks and chop off or cut off those low hanging branches. It won't take five minutes; the trees won't be damaged, and walking will be a lot safer for your own family and every one else's family.

"As father used to say"—"being sorry" after you've "accidentally" pulled the trigger or poked somebody with an umbrella end won't undo the damage you've done. Trim your trees to-day and you won't have to be sorry later on.

THE "SIX-SIX PLAN" ADOPTED IN NARBERTH'S SCHOOLS.

This week "Our Town" presents (in another column) an outline of the "six-six plan," recently adopted by our School Board—new to Narberth, but tried and proven in many other towns and cities in progressive states throughout the country.

"Our Town" believes this progressive step on the part of the School Board means more toward the solving of Narberth's knotty educational problems than any other thing recently put forth by them or others—unless it is the complete co-operation of the mothers which Principal Melchior has secured.

It has for some time been an established fact among educators that the period of adolescence is actually about two years under that formerly accepted as the turning point.

The six-six plan reduces the elementary period of instruction by two years and adds two years to the secondary period, utilizing them in the development of an educational system that promises to give the pupil

Plain Talk From Our Own Folks

UNNECESSARY SUNDAY WORK IN NARBERTH.

Editor of Our Town.
"Girard," in the "Public Ledger" of last Saturday, reminded his readers that within the memory of the heads of all Narberth families, working on Sunday was a crime punishable by a fine of five dollars for each offense.

It is fortunate for many Narberthites that the laws are changed from time to time, else "Our Town" in chronicling the news of the week would have the unpleasant duty of printing a list of names of persons who had been brought before the courts and fined.

It has been frequently stated that Narberth is the haven for "newly-weds and the town of homes." This is not a bad reputation, yet it would seem that not a few of the residents think Sunday is the day on which to make a flower bed, or garden, screen windows or paint the porch rockers or even the house, repair party fences, trim trees and hedges, clean chicken coops, plant trees and shrubbery and even in haymaking time to mow grass, plow fields and plant them. These and numerous other activities can be observed in Narberth on almost any Sunday during the summer.

And why?
Is there the feeling that once beyond the confines of the city one is not prohibited from doing all sorts of unnecessary work on Sunday?

The homeseekers from the cities who are unable, doubtless, to get away at any other time, virtually "flock" to Narberth on a bright clear Sunday, when the real estate men have their busiest day of the week.

But, even though of necessity one is compelled to look for a comfortable home on Sunday, it does not carry with it the privilege of continuing to desecrate the Sabbath after such a home has been located.

The amount of unnecessary work being done in Narberth on Sunday is abominable, and if one is morally not compelled to stop it, Council would do well to pass an ordinance or establish a Saturday evening curfew which would put a ban on the practice.

One of Your Readers.

THE NARBERTH BAND.

Editors "Our Town":
Other towns in our State are encouraging the formation of bands, and I feel that we should encourage the present efforts being put forth in Narberth. Our band is making progress and deserves our patience and support. I send clippings from several suburban papers on this subject:

From Lansdowne, Pa.
"A local band is an appreciable feature in any community and deserves the encouragement and support of all. This is the more emphasized by the fact that the musicians generally belong to the busiest class, men who devote their spare evenings to a noble art. It may be said that they do it for their own enjoyment, but they certainly also do it for their advancement and in the hope that their efforts will find appreciation."
From Tyrone, Pa.

"Once in a while we hear some fellow carelessly say, 'What good is a band in a town, anyway?' Let us say that a good up-to-date band is one of the most useful things a town or community can possess. It is one of the best advertisements a town can have. A good band has marked the location on the map for many a town. Emerson says something about the world making a beaten path. Well, a good band will make all the roads leading to the town beaten paths, even though the town's other attractions be not numerous. The promoters of business and municipal enterprises always have the satisfaction of knowing that

the best possible training along lines which tend, at any given period of his educational career, to make him most efficient, considering his years and strength.

Incidentally, "Our Town" believes this new plan offers a logical reason for the granting of the wishes of a large number of our citizens (represented by the School Welfare Association) for a new building centrally located.

Scholars taking the curriculum of the first period of six years could be housed in the new central building and those pursuing their studies in the second period of six years could be comfortably taken care of in the present building.

their civic demonstrations from time to time will be successful because they have a first class band to lead the way and attract the crowd. The churches are provided with orchestras and special musical members on anniversary and jubilee occasions. The social functions of a community are more satisfactory and decidedly more pleasant because musicians equal to any occasion are just close by. A band composed of able players—like many bands in the state—is a tower of strength to any town or section of country. It cultivates the public ear to a high class of music, and does it right at your own door, too. Every enterprising citizen will boost the band of his town wherever he goes."
E. S. Haws.

THE NARBERTH KICKER.

Editors "Our Town": The other night as I was walking from the station to my home, I noticed that there were many low hanging tree branches directly over the sidewalk. Inwardly I was calling some of my fellow-citizens "lazy, careless," etc., and was having a generally fine time all by myself, when all of a sudden a twig caught my straw hat and dropped it in the gutter. When I looked up, I found that I was in front of my own door. If anybody doesn't see two points in this story, I cordially invite him around to the house some evening—I have a beautiful axe.

In my search for trouble, I don't have to go far—who does? But you readers should be interested in this growth; namely, the prevalence of poison ivy in many exposed spots in Narberth. There seems to be a big crop of this dangerous weed this season. I have noticed it along fences and hedges and at the roots of trees, always where it is within easy reach of little children. Of course, we all ought to do our share in destroying it, but we are only human and will probably wait until the baby comes home with a rash on its face and hands before we decide to do anything. This may be the business of the property owners to look after, but I am in hopes that the health department of our local government will give the matter attention.

Oh, Listen to Our Band.

How many of us Narberthians know and appreciate the fact that there is a Narberth Band? I heard of it and then decided to hear it. Well, to be frank, it was something awful. But that was several weeks ago. I decided to take another chance last Tuesday evening, but as a precaution stuffed cotton in my ears. The boys looked so good though, that I soon dispensed with the cotton and was really happy after that.

For the benefit of those who do not know it, I want to say that the boys practice every Tuesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, and they are well worth listening to, if you are not in a mood to compare them with Sousa's or Stowkowski's expert wind-jammers. The leader knows his business—at least that's my opinion—and, while I cheerfully admit an ignorance of general music matters, I can detect a difference between the sounds emitted by the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Jimtown Silver Cornet Band.

But several weeks' hard work is now showing results, and those of your readers that don't know anything about Narberth, excepting that they lodge there and that it is on the P. R. R., are very apt to wake up some day and find they are living in a real musical centre. I am not kidding, either.

"Sidewalk Baths!" What?

Now, to follow my natural inclination to knock, I want to say some-

thing about the fellows whose side-walks are like so many bowls or basins. Personally, I prefer to take a bath either in my own bath tub or at the seashore; but the other night, after the heavy rain storm, I waded home from the station through these several miniature sidewalk lakes. It wasn't Saturday night and I hated to see the water wasted that way. My own sidewalk is pretty flat. If it were not, you may be sure I'd raise Cain with the landlord, then—probably nothing would happen.

I was much disappointed to read in your last issue that ashes would in the future be collected from our back doors. This, coming only a week after we were promised that the borough representatives would go into our cellars and save us the trouble of carrying out the cans, is a shock. Not that I am lazy, or don't like work, but you know how soiled your clothes get. And here I was hoping that a paternal local government would go a step further and send someone around to start up the fires on a cold morning and perhaps prepare breakfast for us poor, tired business men. But you can never understand those pesky tax payers who complain when anybody suggests something that is really progressive.

A MOTHER'S APPRECIATION OF THE SCHOOL LUNCHESES.

Editors of Our Town:
The addition of a kitchen to provide a hot lunch for the school children I believe one of the wisest things that could have been accomplished for pupils who cannot get home at noon for lunch. It is certainly a great improvement over the former method of eating cold sandwiches alone and washing them down with cold water, the sandwiches probably being bitten off in large chunks and swallowed without much chewing, as children are so apt to do. It is sometimes a difficult matter to provide a lunch that will appease a child's appetite, for it easily palls if care is not exercised to arrange a palatable change.

Now, with the delightful prospect of doing the spending, the children will take pleasure in buying and eating whatever is cooked there.

As a matter of fact, I know of some children eating things purchased at the school that they always positively refused at home. Children's capricious appetites are more likely to yield under the stimulus of a restaurant than at home. Therefore a school lunch room is a great boon to the school children.

All parents should be very grateful to our genial school principal for having instituted the hot lunch for the children.

A Mother.

THAT ASH COLLECTION.

Editors Our Town:
Frank Canfel is mistaken in figuring that all the 500 houses in the borough would be entered for ashes. Deducting those that are vacant many occupants of the rest would prefer to put out their ashes—especially those whose homes have no outside cellar doors. It is also a slur on those who wish their ashes carried out to call them lazy or negligent. Most suburbanites have enough to do mornings without carrying out ashes. Besides, it is a dirty job if boxes are used; if regular ash cans, these are too heavy for one person to lift. But if the borough officials must save time for road work let them insist on the use of cans instead of boxes or pails. Furthermore, as long as tenants as well as house owners are taxed for borough expenses, this direct service at the house is of more importance than road work.
One Who Wants Ashes Taken Out.

MAYOR BLANKENBURG WILL BE HERE.

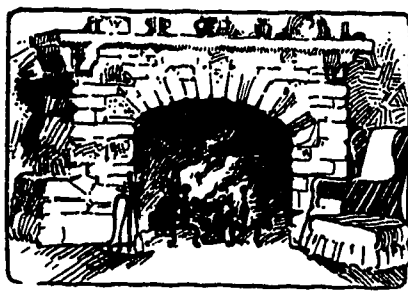
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which must meet certain building restrictions, NARBROOK will include especially made drives, walks, trees, shrubs, plants, a lake and an open air forum, with natural stage settings for outdoor plays, pageants, etc. The contract for this elaborate landscape development has already been let, and Alexander C. Shand, Jr., the contractor, who is in charge of the work, is ready to start activities immediately. The entire tract covers an area of twelve acres.

NARBROOK was planned by Robert Anderson Pope, of New York, the

noted specialist, in planning model communities, whose best known work is the Forrest Hills Gardens, on Long Island. D. Knickerbacker Boyd, of this city (Philadelphia) has been retained by The Civic Association as general consulting architect.

When the project is completed the drives, walks, forum, etc., exclusive of the building lots, which are owned by individual citizens, will be deeded to the borough of Narberth by The Civic Association.

Messrs. Earl Dickie and Earl Smith were guests of the Community Club of the Y. M. C. A. at their weekly meeting and social hour.



THE FIRESIDE

By Lady Narberth

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pierpoint, of Chestnut and Wynnewood avenues, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. This is their second child.

Among the new residents in town are Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Felton and son. Mr. Felton is Eastern manager of the Hinde & Dauch Paper Company, of Sandusky, Ohio. They have taken a house on Elmwood avenue.

Mrs. William J. Mulholland, 201 Chestnut avenue, entertained at auction bridge last Friday afternoon. Among those present were Mrs. La Porte, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Maroney, Mrs. Wrogg, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Chambley, Miss Higgins, Mrs. Layton, Mrs. Holme, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Mulholland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Shand have been entertaining Mrs. Ross and daughter, Miss Mary Ross, of Altoona.

Captain Johnson, formerly of Rochester, N. Y., and now the Philadelphia representative of the American Credit Indemnity Company, has moved out to Narberth with his family. They are at home at Chestnut avenue and Wynnewood road.

Mrs. W. Scott Crater, of Grayling avenue, has gone West for a few weeks, for a much needed rest and change.

A meeting of the Delta Sigma was held Friday afternoon at the home of Miss Mildred Harris. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The club members present were: Misses Sydnie Bolich, Helen Duff, Virginia Downes, Margaret Eyre, Madeline McCoy, Marion Trotter and Agnes Rose.

William Ballingall has bought the house numbered 511 Haverford avenue and is occupying same.

Mrs. A. B. Blood, of Cricket avenue, Ardmore, entertained the Narberth Fortnightly Club at her home last Thursday afternoon. Those present included Mrs. A. Perry Redifer, Mrs. Frederick Hayes, Jr., Mrs. Augustus J. Loos, Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. John Gibny, Mrs. C. P. Cook, Mrs. A. L. Jacoby, Mrs. Lester W. Nickerson, Mrs. Frank Stone, Miss Blood, Miss B. A. Roberts, Miss Anna MacKeag, Miss Barbara Shand and Miss Ida Redifer.

Colonel T. M. Bowers, of Paris, Texas, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Downes, Woodside avenue. Colonel Bowers is Mrs. Downes' father.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Polhemus, lately residents of Akron, Ohio, but formerly of Narberth, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William G. Maddox, of Woodside avenue. On Monday they were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Greene and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. F. Dinwiddie Walker gave an affair in their honor. Mr. and Mrs. Polhemus will shortly move to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacobs, of Elmwood avenue, moved into their new home this week. The whole town owes Mr. Jacobs a debt of gratitude for the improvement he has made in the pageant grounds.

Mrs. Clarence Porter, of New York, is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rezo Brooks, of Chestnut avenue.

Mrs. A. K. Siler, of Wynnewood, entertained her card club Wednesday afternoon. The guests were: Mrs. L. W. Nickerson, Mrs. H. Hagert, Mrs. E. Seaver, Mrs. W. Livingston, Mrs. C. T. Moore, Mrs. C. Fowler, Mrs. J. Byrd, Mrs. E. McClellan, Mrs. F. Stone, Mrs. C. Young, Mrs. E. Booth, Mrs. W. P. Nash, Mrs. G. Haskell, Mrs. Charles Verna and Mrs. Parker.

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News of the Churches

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

"The Little Church on the Hill."

Rev. C. G. Koppel, Pastor.
9.45, Sunday school assembly. Bible study classes for adults and kindergarten for little children.

11.00 Public Worship. Memorial Day sermon by the pastor. Singing by large chorus choir.

7.00, Union Meeting for Young People.

7.45, Union service of all churches in the Presbyterian Church. Sermon by Rev. C. G. Koppel.

June Events.

An afternoon tea this Thursday. Hostess, Mrs. C. L. Smith, 215 Wayne avenue.

The chorus choir, in recognition of their splendid work during the year, will be entertained by a member of the church after rehearsal Thursday evening.

The annual strawberry festival given by the Ladies' Aid Society will be held on the church premises, Friday night, the 4th.

Children's Day anniversary exercises are scheduled for Sunday morning, the 13th.

The baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Narberth High School will be preached by the pastor Sunday evening, the 13th.

A musical by the Men's Bible Class is being arranged for Tuesday evening, the 22d. A partial program consists of Mrs. Emily Stokes Hagar, soprano; Miss Marie Loughney, contralto; Mr. Clayton Farraday, baritone; Mr. Pedrick, pianist.

Picnic Saturday the 26th, for the members of the Men's Bible Class and their wives.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

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

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

Emerson L. Swift, Pastor.

The Bible School will meet for Bible study next Sunday at 9.45. Service of worship at 11.00. Subject of the sermon, "Christian Patriotism." A Union Young People's service will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 7.00. At 7.45 the monthly Union meeting, also in this church. The speaker will be Rev. C. G. Koppel.

The Bible school is preparing for Children's Day services Sunday afternoon, June 13.

A birthday social under the auspices of the Women's Mission Circle will be held at the church Friday evening at 8.00 o'clock. A unique entertainment with strange musical instruments has been provided. Refreshments will be served. Admission, a bag of birthday pennies. Come with your friends.

The Bible School and congregation were greatly cheered by the earnest spiritual messages by Lady Hope last Sunday. Whenever she returns she will be heard with increased pleasure by the people of our church.

Dr. Shields, of China, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smedley will give an illustrated account of his work some Sunday evening in June.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister.

Next Sunday morning the Sabbath School convenes at 10 o'clock—preceded by fifteen-minute song service, conducted by Prof. Wm. T. Melchior. All departments.

At 11 A. M. there will be Memorial Day services with appropriate music by the chorus choir and special sermon by the pastor. Seats will be reserved for the veterans of the Civil War, who will attend in a body.

At 7 P. M. there will be a Union Young People's meeting with a leader furnished by the Baptist Society.

At 8 P. M. Union meeting. Rev. C. G. Koppel, of the Methodist Church, will preach.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS.

All Saints' Church, Montgomery and Wynnewood avenues, is very much gratified to see that so many Episcopalians from Narberth have responded to the invitation to attend the services.

The members hope that the attendance will so increase that it will be necessary to enlarge the church.

The Right Reverend Philip Rhineland, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese, will visit All Saints' Church on Sunday morning, June 20th, and administer the rite of confirmation.

Dr. Burke will be very glad to have anyone join the Confirmation Class which meets on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the church.

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.

MR. MYERS WILL CONTINUE TO TEACH PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S CLUB.

With the close of the third year of the existence of the Men's Club, retiring President Adam H. Wilson addressed a letter of appreciation to Mr. Bruce I. Myers, one of the members, for the interesting, instructive and efficient way in which he has conducted the Sunday morning meetings during the year. Mr. Myers has consented to continue in this capacity for the ensuing year.

During the summer months, the Pastor's Sunday School class will join with the Men's Club in the study of the Sunday School lesson at the Sunday morning meetings of the club.

There will be but one business meeting of the club before the summer recess. This will be the occasion of the installation of the newly elected Board of Officers and will be held June 13.

NARBERTH SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

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give pupils the advantage of association with more and better teachers, departmental teaching for the seventh and eighth grades being assumed; to make the transition to the high school less abrupt; to cause this transition to come at an age more favorable to the continuance of the pupil in school; and to afford prospective high school students an opportunity to begin their work in mathematics and foreign languages earlier than now. There is a widespread conviction that the high school course of study as now organized includes too much work to be satisfactorily accomplished in four years; but that the work required in the six years beginning with the seventh and ending with the twelfth, could be readily done if it were reorganized along the lines suggested by the state and national departments of education and adopted by Narberth.

The execution of the plan suggested involves considerable reorganization of both the elementary and high school courses of study. The work of the seventh and eighth years will be most effected, the work below these years remaining much as it now is, except for better methods and execution thereby. The first six years will be called the period of elementary education; the second six years, that of secondary education.

Closer Connection.

This six-year plan will effect a closer connection between the elementary schools and the high school than has yet been attained. The elementary schools are not merely preparatory schools for the high schools any more than the latter are merely preparatory schools for the colleges. Pupils are likely to drop out at any time, in fact, only a small per cent. of those enrolled in the secondary schools ever reach the high school. The ideal to be sought is such an arrangement of the work that, no matter at what grade the pupil leaves the school, he will have received the best possible training for him up to that time, due regard being always shown for individual differences and requirements.

Plan as Whole Must Grow.

The six-and-six plan cannot be adopted in its completeness in any school in any one year or two. It must be a growth. Its success will depend upon many local factors; but many of its good features can be adopted and put into practice by any school superintendent.

Changes to Be Made Carefully.

Principal Melchior desires to have it understood by readers who have made a study of school problems that the adoption of the six-and-six plan will not, under his administration, mean the "highly differentiated course" so much feared by educators. Changes will be made carefully and slowly, at all times keeping within the realm of sound principle.

ELMWOOD CLUB STARTS SATURDAY

Team Has New Grounds

The Elmwood Base Ball Club—better known as Jacobs' team—will open its season this coming Saturday on the new grounds in Sullivan's Field, east of Wynnewood road between Rockland and Bowman avenues. The team will be in uniform and promises a good game. The opposing nine will be The Frank Toomey Company Club of Philadelphia.

The grandstand has been moved to the new field from the old Pageant Grounds, and all lovers of the national sport are welcome. No admission is charged.

The Elmwood Club will line-up almost the same as last summer: Noble behind the bat, Sam Bowman at first base, Ludovici at second, Manager Jacobs at third, Lardie Davis at short, Doc Orr in right field, Bradley at center and Cumner in left field. There will be two new pitchers—McDowell and Caruthers, both of Philadelphia, who have signed with Manager Jacobs for the season. Gene Davis and Durbin, members of last year's team, are playing with the Narberth, Main Line League, team.

The Decoration Day game will be played Monday afternoon with the Emmanuel Athletic Club of Philadelphia. Games scheduled for June are as follows:

June 5—Standard Supply and Equipment Company.

June 12—Collins Athletic Club.

June 19—Carey Base Ball Club.

Later games will be announced as soon as they are scheduled.

Last season the Elmwood nine made an enviable reputation, winning 21 of the 26 games played. This summer they hope to make an even better record.

FACTS ABOUT STATE AID.

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ward the payment of the cash tax bonus due the townships of the State under the road law now in effect; \$100,000 is deducted for the work on the National or Cumberland Roads; \$30,000 was set apart for the condemnation and purchase of toll roads, an affliction of which Montgomery County has her full share; \$6,000,000 is for the maintenance, repair and construction of State highways, these being those roads comprising the Sproul routes connecting populated centers in the State and definitely set aside as State roads. This leaves a balance of \$500,000 of the appropriation for the State's share of State-aid construction. This, of course means \$250,000 a year, as all appropriations are made for a two year span. It is evident therefore that the total amount of State-aid highway construction which can be done in the next two years is \$1,000,000 worth, \$500,000 of which will be paid by the State and \$500,000 by the applying counties, townships and boroughs.

How the Money Is Used.

"Now then, as to the uses of this money. There are in round numbers 90,000 miles of highways in Pennsylvania exclusive of borough roads and streets which do not connect directly with main highway systems; for instance Conway, Dudley, Hampden and Chestnut avenues, in Narberth, do not form part of this 90,000 miles of highway but Essex and Narberth avenues do. Of this total of 90,000 miles, 10,000 miles, again speaking in round numbers, comprise the State Highway System under the Sproul act and its amendments. This leaves a balance of 80,000 miles of county and township roads. While under the law State-aid may be requested on State highways, nevertheless the bulk of the petitions received are for portions of the 80,000 mile system not included in the State highway network of roads.

"Under the law the amount of money appropriated for State-aid construction is apportioned pro rata among the counties, the basis of apportionment being the mileage of public roads in the counties. Under this apportionment the amount which Montgomery County will receive from the 1915 Legislature's appropriation for State-aid construction is approximately \$12,000 or \$6000 a year.

"At the present time there are on file in the State Highway Department, fifteen applications for State-aid from Montgomery County. In the ordinary course of events these applications are considered in the order in which they are received. The last two of the

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fifteen applications were received on May 5 from the Borough of Narberth.

"Where there is an evident necessity for immediate work, especially where it is shown that dangerous conditions exist, this order of precedence is broken but to do this requires the consent of the other applicants and of the county commissioners.

Narberth Applied on May 5.

"I believe that I have given a comprehensive resume of the situation from the viewpoint of the State Highway Department. I have no desire to enter controversial argument on this road question but I cannot permit the inference to be drawn that the State Highway Department has been the cause of any delay in the repair of Wynnewood avenue. The first official knowledge that this department had in the premises was on May 5, when applications were received from the Borough of Narberth for State-aid on Wynnewood avenue and on that portion of Haverford avenue lying within the borough.

"In common with other citizens of Narberth, particularly those living on Dudley avenue, I contend that the question arises whether the Borough Council might not exhibit a little more lively interest in the road welfare of her citizens and not permit technicalities of the most trifling nature to interfere with the improvement of our streets and highways."

KITCHEN ORCHESTRA TO PLAY AT BIRTHDAY SOCIAL.

The personnel of this novel orchestra, which will play at the birthday social at the Baptist Church on Friday evening, is as follows: Mrs. R. E. Clark, conductor; Mrs. C. R. Jones, concertmeister; Miss Mary McCarter, librarian; Miss Mabel H. Seymour, director; first violins, Mrs. W. A. Cole, Mrs. C. R. Jones; second violins, Miss Marguerite Mueller, Miss Hilda Smedley; cello, Mrs. J. P. Rowbotham; cornets, Miss Bertha Piggott, Miss Mildred Smith; trombones, Mrs. A. A. Clothier, Miss Edna Super; clarinets, Miss Bertha Redifer, Miss Mary McCarter; flute, Mrs. Wm. S. Horner; flageolet tambourines, Miss Mabel H. Seymour; banjo, Mrs. E. L. Swift; harp, Mrs. Geo. Henry; drum and bells, Miss Maizie Simpson; cymbals, triangle shuffle, Miss Laura S. Hopper; tumblers, Mrs. R. E. Clark; soloists, Mrs. Wm. S. Horner, Mrs. C. R. Jones; piano, Maude Wipf.

The following young women will pose in Oriental costume: The Misses Caroline Super, Cora B. Thomson, Mildred Smith, Bertha Redifer, Hilda Smedley, Marguerite Mueller, Mary McCarter.

The months will be represented by the Misses Aileen Needham, Ruth Jones, Dorothy Durbin, Sylvia Cummer, Jean Chalfont, Edith Humphreys, Sydnie Bolich, Marion Swift, Marion Trotter, Virginia Downes, Elva Darlington, Eleanor Wilson.

The matrons who will preside at the tables are: Mrs. E. E. Seaver, Mrs. Mecks, Mrs. A. A. Chalker, Mrs. E. L. Swift, Mrs. Wm. D. Smedley, Mrs. C. W. Thomson, Mrs. F. C. Derby, Mrs. W. J. Clark, Mrs. A. L. Jacoby, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Mrs. J. P. Rowbotham, Mrs. T. N. Butler, Miss Cora M. Beggs

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WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB PLANS STRAWBERRY FES- TIVAL

The Woman's Community Club will give a strawberry festival for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. and Community Center, Friday, June 11, 1915, at 7 P. M., at the Justice property, 226 North Narberth avenue.

Good music has been provided, and dancing on the grounds will be enjoyed all the evening.

As a special feature, Tetraxini will sell peanuts and tell fortunes. There will be home-made cakes, lemonade, ice cream cones, strawberries, root-beer, sarsaparilla, candy and peanuts for sale on the grounds.

The general chairman is Mrs. S. B. Dickie and Mrs. Alexander Chambley is acting as her secretary. Mrs. Dickie is assisted by Mrs. Seaver, Mrs. Odell, Mrs. Koppell, Mrs. Horner, Mrs. Jas. Cole, Mrs. Verna, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. E. C. Town, Mrs. Carroll Downes, Mrs. Fred Rose.

Committees are as follows: Grounds, Mrs. Seaver, Mrs. Stites; tickets, Miss Gertrude Wright, Mr. Fred Rose; cake, Mrs. E. S. Haws; peanuts, Mrs. W. S. Horner; root-beer, Miss Mildred Smith; lemonade, Mrs. Dando, Mrs. Reese; strawberries, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Seaver; candy, Miss Maizie Simpson; ice cream, Mrs. C. T. Moore.

NOW IS THE CRITICAL TIME IN NARBERTH.

Without proper sanitary regulations and rigid inspection of our food, milk and water supply, infection and disease would develop, even in a community which is in itself clean. Narberth is protected in most of these directions by adequate sanitary measures with the result that a fair state of public health exists. A weak link is in the disease breeding and germ carrying insects of various kinds, of which by far the worst offender is the common house fly.

Now is a critical time in our fight for fly and mosquito extermination. The flies are breeding in every convenient pile of filth, and with the coming of summer weather will greatly increase in numbers. The warm weather also brings an increase in the number of typhoid cases, for many of which the fly is directly responsible. Screen your house and your food thoroughly and carefully against the entrance of these disease breeding insects. This is essential for your own protection. Your next duty is to destroy all of the flies you possibly can, as a protection to the community, since this is their active breeding period. An equally important duty is the absolute elimination of all possible breeding places. Take another look around your premises; have a little talk with your neighbors about the matter, and if there are any vacant lots in your neighborhood, join in with two or three of your neighbors and clean up such places.

The recent heavy rains are going to leave plenty of pools as breeding places for mosquitoes. Look them up; either drain off the water or cover it with a film of oil. This is also a good time to have your plumbing and eaves troughs looked after so that water will not accumulate.

The Civic Association and the borough officials are taking steps to eliminate all insect breeding places which are a public menace. By organized effort the community will do its share, and it remains for the individual to do as well. Please consider this a personal matter of immediate urgency.

Remember that filth breeds flies and that flies breed disease and that your home and your community need your co-operation in the interest of public health. The whole secret and the one absolute necessity is cleanliness, CLEANLINESS.

The existence of the house fly in Narberth is a sanitary crime.

E. A. STERLING.

LADY NARBERTH.

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The many friends of Earl Dickie will be sorry to hear of his being laid up for a few days with a heavy cold. We hope he will be able to be about by Saturday in time for the ball game.

'thout Earl on the third base coaching line we would miss half the fun of the game.

Edgar T. Shields, M. D., and family, of Yachowfu, West China, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Smedley.

A JUNE CHRISTMAS TREE.

A paradox! It is really true, though unusual. On Monday afternoon, June the seventh, the Woman's Mission Circle of the Baptist Church of the Evangelist will have a Christmas tree for the children of West China.

At the last meeting of the circle, held at the home of Mrs. C. H. McCarter, last week, Edgar T. Shields, M. D., of Yachowfu, West China, gave an interesting, informing, inspiring talk. He told of the delight with which the Viceroy of the province watched a toy train speeding across the gymnasium floor, running beside it with great glee; and how a patriarchal Chinaman patient in the hospital was fascinated for hours by a doll that opened and closed its eyes and was so appreciative of the gift which he took home with him.

The circle desires to send toys to help to give the children and their parents a Merry Christmas. Hospital supplies will be sent also. The box must start before July 1st.

Some of our townspeople may have toys in their store rooms that would brighten the lives of these in far-away China, two thousand miles from the coast. Perhaps, too, there are pieces of old linen that would make bandages that would save human life. Dolls of all kinds, toys, any article suitable for hospital needs may be left at the home of Mrs. Wm. J. Jones, South Narberth avenue, before June 7th. The Mission Circle, Farther Lights Mission Band and Cradle Roll will unite in this jolly missionary festival.

Y. M. C. A. BOYS' CAMP.

Last Friday evening fifty of our boys and their parents gathered in the Y. M. C. A. Community room and heard Mr. Buckalew give his illustrated talk on "Camp Life." Mr. Buckalew is Boys' Secretary at Central Y. M. C. A. and will personally supervise "Camp Thohickon."

Both the camp and camp leader made a good impression on the Narberthites. As evidence of this fact about fifteen of our Narberth boys have already expressed a desire to attend "Camp Thohickon." Narberth is going to have a fine representation; the following boys are going: Lonnie Southerland, Ross Robbins, Burr Robbins, Roscoe Smedley, Baird Caldwell, Wayne Bond, Addison Covert, Frank Kromer, Philip Livingston, Francis Wipf, Paul Odell, Edward Odell, John Wilson, Kenneth Walton and Wycliff Walton.

How about your boy, is he going? For full information call to see or phone Secretary Hampton, Narberth 694 W.

100-TRIP TICKET NOW GOOD FOR ONE YEAR.

Public Service Commission Modifies
Former Decision.

A copy of the supplemental opinion filed by the Public Service Commission in the railroad rate case was served Monday of this week on George M. Henry, as attorney for the Narberth Civic Association.

The most important change made by the commission, in so far as our community is concerned, is the restoration of the 100-trip ticket good for one year from the date of issue. This ticket, it will be recalled, was shown to be the most popular of all classes of tickets issued by the railroads running into Philadelphia. The original opinion filed by the commission required the restoration of the 100-trip ticket, but this was good only for six months from date of issue, instead of one year. While a six months' limitation was immaterial to the business man who made frequent trips to the city, it was of considerable importance to the different members of his family who might not use the 100 trips in six months. The part of the opinion dealing with this question is as follows:

"While holding that there is no necessity of reopening the case for taking of further testimony, the commission is of the opinion that certain facts upon which emphasis was laid in the argument of counsel at the hearing of January 8th, 1915, justify a modification of the order of December 12th, 1914, to the extent of requiring the 100-trip commutation ticket to be sold valid for one year from the date of issue instead of for a period of six months. The 100-trip individual commutation ticket sold by all the respondent companies and the similar 50-trip ticket sold by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company were largely used; and, while the commission did not think it neces-

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sary that the carriers should sell both the 100-trip and 50-trip tickets, it ordered the carriers to continue to sell a 100-trip individual commutation ticket, because the withdrawal of that ticket from sale 'would unreasonably increase the fares paid by persons who have found those tickets suited to their needs.'

"The needs of such commuters, it appears, are not met by a 100-trip ticket limited to six months; and in order that the 100-trip individual commutation ticket may more fully meet the requirements of those desiring to use it, the period of the validity of

this ticket will be made twelve months from the date of issue."

The commission has also directed that the railroad substitute for round-trip tickets, which are now sold at double the regular fare, one-way tickets good in either direction between designated stations. This arrangement will no doubt prove a convenience to passengers without adding anything to the burdens of the railroads.

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