

To be practical optimism
must not wear rose col-
ored spectacles.

OUR TOWN

In the mud and scum of
things, always, always,
something sings.

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YOU CAN MAKE NARBERTH THE BEST OF ALL

If you—men of Narberth—go out to lunch to-morrow with a man from Chestnut Hill or any of the many other suburbs of Philadelphia, and in the course of your conversation he says "Narberth is a pretty mean sort of a place, isn't it," you'll be very apt to explain to your friend that, to state it mildly, he's been misinformed. Or you—women of Narberth—will be quite likely to explain to any of your friends that voice similar expressions, that they too are mistaken.

Take the Borough from any angle and you'll find that it is as good a home town as the average place; better than a good many, and going to be still better.

To help realize the latter ambition is The Civic Association's sole excuse for existing. It is to that end that OUR TOWN is published.

Man's interests grow in ever widening circles just as the rippled ring, caused by the small boy throwing a stone into a pond, spreads and spreads until it embraces the entire body of water. First the home; then the town; then the state, &c. That's as true of Narberth as it is of any place.

Your home we leave to you personally, except along in the spring we may try to help you make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before.

When it comes to the town—YOUR town; OUR town—we ask your co-operation. We want and need your assistance, your counsel, your recommendations, your co-operation. In a word, a community can reach the highest standard only when the individual members of that community join hands and work together. If the community is neglected the individuals suffer. In vain have many people—not in Narberth any more so than elsewhere in the U. S., and other corners of the earth—tried the ostrich stunt of ducking their heads in the sands of exclusively individual interests.

If you enjoy the privileges, comforts and opportunities of community life, you can't live to yourself, and the person that tries it is only deluding himself or herself, and missing half of the pleasures of life, and preventing additional pleasures in the days that are just ahead.

So we ask you to join with us in making Narberth the "bestest of the best." We solicit your contributions to OUR TOWN. We want you to "write to the editor" and express your views on any and every subject. If you know of any local news send it along. If you know of a good way of protecting plants during the cold weather drop us a line. If you know any social news we'll be glad to have it.

This isn't one of those "liberty, independence and justice" editorials that editors of newspapers are so fond of writing in the initial numbers of their papers, or any "last call for the dining car" or OUR TOWN suspends publication! Nothing like that. "We'll" be with you every week, with as interesting a publication as we can possibly make. What we're "driving at" is this: OUR TOWN belongs to the people of Narberth.

It is your paper—our paper, everybody's paper.

Union Thanksgiving

Service To-day

Union Thanksgiving Day service will be held at 11 o'clock this morning in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The sermon will be preached by REV. EMERSON L. SWIFT, the pastor of the Baptist Church.

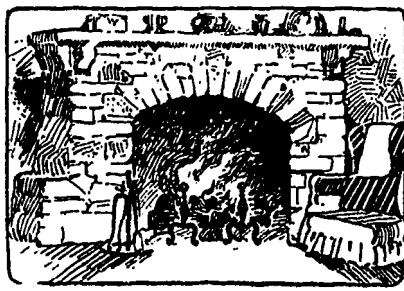
FLOWERS TO REPLACE SIGN.

In the issue of November 12, "Our Town" published a letter, written by me, objecting to Michell's sign board recently erected at the station on the south side of the railroad, which letter merely voiced the sentiments of many other citizens. A few days later, I received a letter from Mr. Henry F. Michell, president of the company, stating they had been solicited to take the sign to aid in a worthy cause, giving but little attention to the exact locality, and had no thought of offending residents of Narberth, and stated further that it was always the policy of their house to do their utmost to improve and beautify rather than injure and deface.

Acting on the suggestion of Mr. Michell, and in company with Mr. Gara, I called at their place of business a few days later. We were cordially received by Mr. Henry F. Michell and his brother, Frederick J. Michell, vice president of the company, and as a result of our interview plans are under way to remove the sign and in its stead use the vacant plot for flower beds and shrubbery so long as the owner does not need it for other purposes.

Mr. Michell offers to furnish all plants, bulbs, etc., necessary to keep the plot in good condition, and the improvement as a whole will be under the care of the Civic Association.

Mr. Warnock, of Warnock and Emlen, who occupy the real estate office located on part of this plot, assured us of their hearty co-operation.—Geo. M. Henry.



THE FIRESIDE

By Lady Narberth

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Loos, of Shirley road, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son.

Miss Ida L. Seymour and Mr. Walter B. Seymour, of New York, have been the guests of Mrs. Robert G. Seymour for the past few days.

A young son arrived last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Wentz, of Stuart avenue.

The Fortnightly Club met with Mrs. W. G. Smith at her home, Windsor and Judley avenues.

Remember the play and dance given by the Chi Pi Sorority on Saturday evening, November 28, at Elm Hall.

The boys of the Young Men's Bible class of the Methodist church are to be congratulated on the success of their minstrel show, which had a record attendance.

Mrs. E. L. Swift, of Chestnut avenue, is rapidly recovering from her recent illness.

A concert will be given by the combined musical clubs of the University of Pennsylvania, under the auspices of the Lower Merion High School Alumni Association, at the Lower Merion High School Building in Ardmore, Saturday evening, December 5.

CITIZENS PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSED FARE INCREASE

CHAUNCEY MANSION ON FIRE.

What promised to be a destructive fire threatened the residence of Mr. Charles Chauncey on Righter's Mill Road last Sunday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock. The Narberth Fire Co. covered the two miles to the scene of the fire in time to check it before it had spread beyond the wing in which it started. There being no water available in the vicinity it was necessary to extinguish the fire by the use of chemicals before it had time to gain great headway, otherwise the mansion would have been doomed.

The fire originated in the attic, evidently from a defective flue, and spread to the roof. The heat became so intense that it melted the gas pipe leading to an engine in the attic, used for purpose of pumping water for domestic use, and the escaping gas added to the difficulty of fighting the flames. It is estimated that the damage will not exceed \$1000.

The Merion, Union and Auto-Car Fire Companies also responded promptly and assisted in extinguishing the fire.—Chief Chas. V. Noel.

NARBERTH REPRESENTED IN SYMPOSIUM ON CIVIC ENDEAVOR.

On Tuesday evening, December 1, the Ridley Park Civic Association will hold what it terms the "first suburban symposium on community co-operation and civic endeavor."

George M. Henry, president of the Narberth Civic Association, will be asked to tell "Why an Historical Pageant."

At a public meeting held in Elm Hall, Monday evening, November 23, under the auspices of the Narberth Civic Association fifty-four men and women unanimously passed resolutions of protest against the burdensome increases of railroad fares which are in prospect if the tariffs now filed by the railroads to go into effect December 15 are allowed.

President George M. Henry presided and opened the meeting by a resume of the freight rate case hearing and the decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which led up to the present situation.

A number of communications from residents of Narberth, from other Civic Associations and from the United Business Men's Association bearing on the subject were read by W. Arthur Cole, secretary.

Graphic Chart to Show Increase Per- centages.

W. P. Nash had prepared a graphic chart most thoroughly comparing present rates with those under the proposed increase, which he carefully explained in detail. This chart was a feature of the meeting and showed a variation of from 5 per cent to 68 3-4 per cent. increase on the several classes of tickets sold for use between Narberth and Philadelphia.

Railroad's Statement Read.

The secretary read an authorized statement from Ivy L. Lee, executive assistant to President Rea, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, outlining the railroad's reasons for filing the new passenger tariffs, the statement being the same as has been printed in all Philadelphia papers.

Four Resolutions Adopted.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that, while we believe invested capital is entitled to a fair profit and approve any general increase of railroad rates necessary to this end, yet it is the sense of this meeting that the proposed changes in suburban rates as scheduled to take effect December 15, 1914, are in some respects unduly burdensome and therefore unjust to residents of Narberth, and that such rates should not be made effective until after their reasonableness has been passed upon by the proper tribunal.

100-Trip Withdrawal Means 68 3-4 Per Cent. Increase.

Resolved, that, while we are not arbitrarily opposed to any general increase that is necessary to the proper operation of the railroads, we do object to the abolition or withdrawal of commutation tickets; and, further, that the withdrawal of the 100-trip ticket is especially objectionable in that it amounts to an increase of 68 3-4 per cent. in that class of travel.

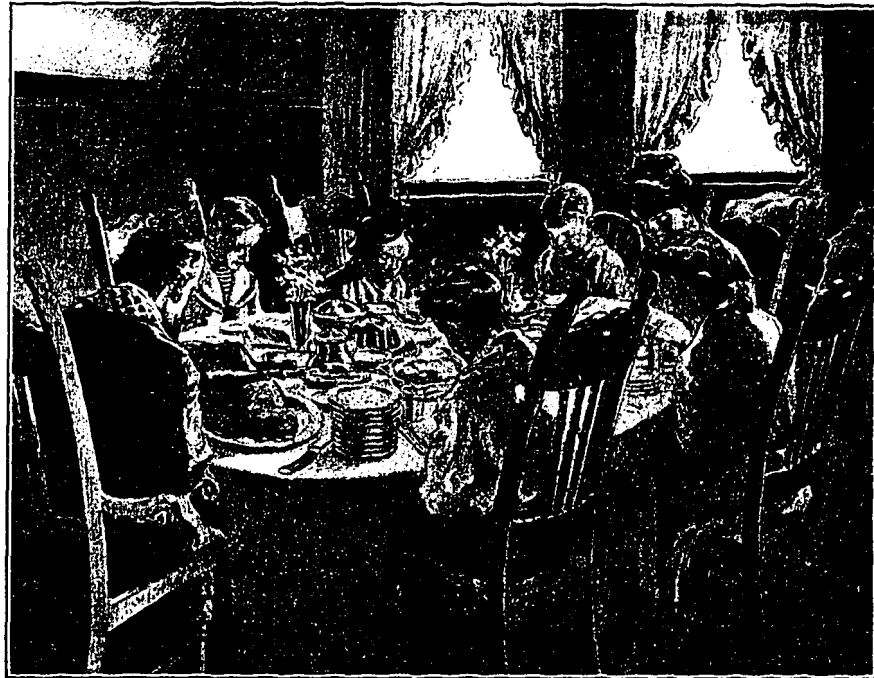
Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the raising of revenue by increase of passenger fares is opposed to the best modern practice in railway administration, and that the increase of freight rates to provide necessary revenue is more equitable, because it distributes the burden over a larger percentage of population, instead of imposing it upon a limited class.

Protest Committee of Five.

Resolved, that a committee of five persons be appointed to represent the wishes and feeling of this community as set forth in the resolutions heretofore adopted; to plan and take such action as it may deem wise on our behalf; to prepare and present any petition, protest or complaint to any corporation or person or to anybody having jurisdiction of the matter, and, for that purpose, to co-operate with any other association or associations interested in the matter.

The Committee.

After thorough discussion of many phases of the case, the following committee was appointed to represent the community at the great mass meeting in the Garrick Theatre, Tuesday, November 24, and any further meetings: Geo. M. Henry, chairman; Carroll Downes, Sr., Andrew Greene, H. C. Gara and W. P. Nash.



A Prayer for Thanksgiving

GOD to whom my father prayed, teach me humility, give me a thankful heart. I go my way among men, accepting as my due the rewards that come to me, the helpfulness of friends, the love of wife and children.

I live in a happy land; no man is my master whom I do not choose to serve; if I wish to render homage unto thee I can do it in my own way; there is no class or caste to bar my way to any achievement; in myself is the measure of my success.

These things are the common lot of a people who declare their trust in thee; I profit from the faith of the builders of the nation. I eat and drink from the fields over which thy hand is held, giving and withholding rain, sprinkling the warmth of sunshine, leading the cloud that casts the cooling shadow.

And so in my selfishness I stand forth as one small and mean, almost to be condemned for making so little of such rich endowment. Therefore do I come to thee, unto whom is thanksgiving, begging for the gift of a sense of thankfulness, that praise may be given where it belongs; asking to be made glad because of blessings, and to be led into the path of humbleness, at whose end is mercy.

Amen!

—Good Housekeeping.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

That Narberth station will be noted for beautiful flowers and shrubbery, instead of unsightly bill-boards, is a matter of sincere congratulation. This will, no doubt, be one more inducement for home seekers to stay right in our progressive, up-to-the-minute town.

OUR THANKSGIVING.

As the present number of OUR TOWN goes forth to its readers, the second ship especially chartered by one of Philadelphia's distinguished merchants and filled mainly, as was the first, with food contributed for the suffering Belgians, by citizens of "the city of brotherly love," will sail. Amid the sad clash of European nations our own country has been spared the fearful throes of ruthless war, and is enjoying in largest degree the happiness of peace and universal prosperity. With surpassing harvests, and untold blessings in almost every direction, it is well that as a people we have manifested in the most practical manner our kinship with brothers and sisters in affliction of foreign lands. We have just grounds, then for sincere thanksgiving.

HOW ABOUT A PUBLIC LIBRARY?

First of all there are the school children of Narberth—unquestionably the most important of our citizens, because their opportunities and possibilities are all ahead.
Second, the young men and women who are preparing themselves for bigger and better work than they are now doing.
Third, those older folks—queer specimens they are—who realize that they didn't learn it all in school and college; that there is much yet to be acquired in the way of real education and enlightenment.
Fourth, plain, everyday folks who like good stories and who are frank enough to tell you that Hamlet isn't one-two-three compared with Ring Lardner's young friend Al, and "Shorty McCabe."
So we say: How about a public library? What do you think of the suggestion? How about a location? Have you any books that you would contribute? Would you like to see a community center in the town where you could borrow books; where the children could get books that would help them in their studies, and provide entertaining and wholesome reading; where you could drop in and look over magazines that you don't feel that you can afford to subscribe to but would like to see once in a while?
"The meeting is now open for general discussion." What are your views?

MAIN LINE CHORAL.

The members of the Main Line Choral are very enthusiastic over their work this year. The music to be sung for the first concert on December 11, at the Lower Merion High School is full of spirit and fine melody. While the chorus this season is not as large as before, the parts are better balanced and the tone work is improved. The Alto Chorus that received so much praise last year is larger and is keeping its work for good tone. With Miss Agnes Reifsnnyder, and Mr. Noah H. Swayne as soloists for the first concert, this organization in its second year promises to surpass the high standard set at its concerts last season.

THANKSGIVING SYMPOSIUM.

The "group consciousness" is getting a real hold in Narberth, and it is for this that every citizen of our home town should be thankful.—W. Arthur Cole, Secretary Narberth Civic Association.

The first recorded public Thanksgiving appointed by authority, in America was proclaimed in Massachusetts Bay, February 6, 1631. Owing to the great scarcity of provisions and danger of starvation, February 22, was appointed to be observed as a fast-day. However, before that day arrived, a long expected vessel sailed into port laden with good things, and the fast-day was changed into one of thanksgiving.

The above makes us think of another nation of people who are looking for a ship to come and relieve their hunger, to come and save them from starvation, the result of a cruel and barbarous war; a war not of their own seeking, but thrust upon them by others.

The people of Belgium are looking, not for a single ship, as were the early settlers of Massachusetts Bay, but for ships laden with food to save their lives. Shall they look in vain? They shall not. For the same spirit of love that inspired the splendid response to the "Thelma Fund," which fund was the means of loading with food to the very waters edge the good ship Thelma, is working unceasingly in the hearts of God's people so that the quick sailing of that other vessel which is to carry the Thanksgiving Day offerings of the good people of Philadelphia and vicinity to Belgium's scourged and famished children is assured.

And this fact alone gives us much cause for gratitude and thankfulness to Almighty God on this day set apart by the authority of the President of these United States for public thanksgiving. Therefore let no one fail to come, at least once, to the public services in the House of God.—Andrew S. Burke.

THANKSGIVING.

(With Apologies to Walt, Mason.)
Thanksgiving cheer is almost here, the crown and climax of the year; we gather round the festive board and for our blessings thank the Lord. While other nations are at war, and thirsting for each other's gore, mid battlefields with smoke so murky, we are at peace with all the world, unless perhaps it be with turkey! Our crops are safely gathered in; we see the goods and get the tin; with Mexicans each other baiting, we are content with watchful waiting and strengthening our financial rating. But we must always keep in mind our brethren who have fall'n behind; now is the time for men of means to dig 'way down into their jeans and help along the hard-luck brother who needs a job at something or other. His kiddies are as dear as ours, and surely it must make him sad to see them suffer while ours are glad. So look for him, and cheer him up, and if his coal is running low, sneak in a couple of tons or so, and also fill his 'tater-bin and run a barrel of flour in. And when the hat is passed around for starving victims of the war, just go the limit and add some more to what you've given heretofore. So do not fail in hearty "thanks" for all the joys we have in living, but don't forget to emphasize the chance we have for gracious "giving."—A. J. Loos.

HELPING THE OTHER FELLOW.

Passing by other innumerable blessings which have come to all of us during the past year, I would lay special emphasis at this time upon what is certainly one of God's best gifts, namely, the opportunity and ability to help the other fellow. Christ seized that opportunity, and it made him the Saviour of the world. Paul took advantage of it, and became a missionary and a martyr. It made Luther a reformer and Wesley a preacher. It made Washington the father of his country and Lincoln the emancipator of a race.
The opportunity to help the other fellow has been a daily recurrence in all our lives. If we have seized it with vigor, it means more sunshine in Belgium, more Gospel light in heathendom, more terror among evil doers, more gladness among children, greater joy in the presence of the angels—enough to make our hearts leap with gratitude to Him who gave us the opportunity.—Harry M. Chalfant.

ON THE 8.14

And Elsewhere in Our Town

Have you heard the story of the ferocious, fighting bull pups of Narberth? They're desperate animals, all right! If you don't believe that listen to this conversation, between the owners of the two dogs.

First Owner: "Believe me, that's some dog we've got. Tackled a Siberian wolf last night and chewed off one of the beast's fore-paws! Nothing scary about that pup."

(Said owner omitting to explain that Wolf The Terrible has not been active for several years, having fallen before the treacherous trap of some hardy Siberian trapper in far away Russia; and the further fact that Mr. Wolf allows anyone stepping up to the fire place, to walk all over him, not to mention the still further fact that the bull pup made his heroic attack in the early hours of the morning when every one in the household was sound asleep.)

Second Owner: "Mere bag 'a shells compared to what our pup did. He tackled a whole crown roast and ate every one of the twelve chops. That's what I call a dog! However, that wasn't what my wife called him!"

The editor informs me that the big advertising sign on the lot adjoining the in-bound side of the station, is coming down, and that the advertiser is going to assist in beautifying the ground and in that way testify to the quality and variety of goods that it has for sale.

So, while we do not retract what was previously said about this matter, because we believe our criticism was justified by the circumstances, we are just as ready to call it square and resume friendly relations on the same old basis.

Put 'er there, Mr. Seedman; you did the fair thing, shake.

Bumpety — bumpety — bump! The auto came slowly around the curve of Wynnewood road, just east of the tunnel under the railroad. Said one of the occupants of the car to the driver: "What place is that?" Said the driver of the car, in reply: "Narberth! That's a pretty rotten road, isn't it?"

Neither of the occupants of the car knew anything about local conditions, boundary lines, appropriations or any of the other matters involved in the job of fixing the road. All they knew was that it was in passing Narberth that they got their worst bumps.

"We" hold no brief for autoists—not even knowing a spark plug from a carburetor—but "we" do know something of the injurious effect of bad advertising. That is what Narberth is getting from the bad condition of Wynnewood road.

Can't something be done to improve this road way and counteract the adverse criticism that Narberth is receiving?

Shoot if you must this old grey head, but here goes:

"I love the dear old railroad, it is so good and kind; It always tries —" (X)
Bang! Bang! The traitor fell in his tracks!

(X Marks the spot where the body was found.)

What's going in an official way, in the Borough, Dear Editor? What's the Council and the Board of Education and their committees doing? The other day someone said something to me about the Board of Health, and I had to admit that I didn't know we had such a body. No, I wasn't trying to make a "smart" answer. I was as sincere then as I am sincere now. These comments are not intended to be adverse criticism, but inquiry. I believe the people of our town will be interested in the doings of our officials and I know that the more the folks know of the affairs of the town the more ready they will be to assist and support their representatives in public offices.

Chief Wingebone Junior.

Does Your Roof Leak?

It will if you simply wait. You can't reason it otherwise. It won't if fixed in time. So an occasional examination is necessary. We do that free.

Gara McGinley
125 South 11th St. Philadelphia

THANKSGIVING WOMEN.

In the far West, a certain parson recently pulpitized his opinion that the women of America were fast becoming a thankless lot, toward God, toward man, toward one another. He poured out this anathema because upon Thanksgiving Day more pews than of yore were empty in the churches. It is true that our forebears were better churchgoers, but theirs were no more grateful hearts.

It is deplorable that there are so many fast days and feast days on which the church-bell is ignored. Nevertheless, we are not ingrates. The typical American woman is grateful for every good and perfect thing in which she shares. True, she has grown increasingly undemonstrative where her strongest feelings are concerned. Our women chatter like children about their fads and fancies; make a loud and joyful noise anent their hobbies; but their creeds are no longer javelins for undegenerate heads. If a woman is womanly, not merely feminine, she is a believer, though not necessarily a religionist. She must be. Her old-fashioned creeds may be myths or tommy-rot to philosophers and ego-sophers. Nevertheless, upon her knees she falls, devoutly, whenever there comes into her life anything good, from a perfect husband (to halo) to any other idealizable thing. She is so full of faith, so assured of God's personal care, and so grateful therefor, that she goes to Him about trivialities that would shock the cleric whose God radiates fear, and concerns Himself only with future penalties.

Less and less do our women talk religion, or observe its forms. Verily not because they have grown callous, but that they have almost lost their momentum. The pace of the days is terrific. Despite labor-saving inventions, somehow the claims upon every woman's time have multiplied, aye, fifty-fold. Sunday means to countless thousands the one day upon which there are at least a few hours in the morning in which unchallenged they may sleep. The average woman these pell-mell days is tired—always. Even those who have every service that money can buy are brain-weary, fagged with incessant goings, comings, and doings of their tee-to-tum world. The woman who best typifies the American Wife and Mother thanks her God from the depths of an overflowing heart—continually. Not one but every day is a Mother's Thanksgiving Day; and none realizes more clearly than she that to go to church to praise, even though she remains at home to pray, is the right thing. But we have agreed that she does not do half those uplifting, spiritual things of which she most soulfully approves. The average American woman may seem mindless (she isn't, really); heartless she is never. Her charities, not only in their scope, but in their tirelessness, exemplify her pulsing woman-heart. The same tender heart often gets her into very deep water; sometimes hot water, from which her less emotional kinsman or spouse must lift her bodily. The worst one may say of her in this connection is, her sympathy was misplaced. In her anxiety to "feed one of His Lambs" she has more than once befriended a Black Sheep; but, she tells herself, rather this than that some deserving soul should go hungry or quite forlorn. Ungrateful? She? Why, it is a fact that her gratitude for small things, even for the verbal appreciation of those for whom she sacrifices health, strength, and time, is pathetic.

No, parson, we are not ingrates. You may call us fools, dolls, what you will, but not ungrateful. And here's why. There is not in a world a crime of which ingratitude is not the evil progenitor. To wound those who have served them faithfully is characteristic of the ingrate. None are so hated by the ungrateful as those upon whom they can no longer batten. Every instinct of an ingrate is to decry or ignore benefits obtained. Is the American woman like that? Is any womanly woman? Truth, in her best bib and tucker, rises to testify for the American woman. Chivalry has done so—centuries back.—Minna Thomas Antrim.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain unclaimed in the Narberth post office: Mr. J. T. Myers, Mrs. Harold Pierce, Miss Olive Wainwright, Miss A. Katherine Shaw, Miss Lravey Jones, Ella K. Hacker.

FULLY CENSORED.

Since the censor has had his sway the war despatches in our daily papers have shown a lucidity almost painful. What may be expected when the censor takes charge of OUR TOWN can be seen here at a glance. The censor has kindly consented to give his reasons in each case where he has wielded the blue pencil.

Latest News in Narberth (Censored.)
(By Assassinated Press)

An enterprising firm of Philadelphia has placed a sign on the plaza south of the railroad station, telling Narberthites where to get their (Deletion here by censor: he does not think free ads. should be printed in news stories.) The sign has attracted a lot of attention and comment. One prominent resident, seeing the sign for the first time, said (deleted by censor: unfit for publication in a family paper.)

The stork has been visiting on Dudley avenue. He called at (deleted by censor: see advertisement of births.)

The announcement of the increase in commutation has caused much discussion (accentuate the second syllable, please) and the consensus of opinion is (balance of article deleted by censor: it is against the Constitution to incite the rebellion.)

Mr. and Mrs. (names deleted by censor: he has not been introduced to these people) gave a reception to their daughter at their home on Narberth avenue last week.

The Highway Committee of Councils is reported to have agreed to start improving some of the Borough streets next spring. (Note by censor: Publication allowed but accuracy of statement and guaranteed.)

It is rumored that the Assembly is to give a German at which French pastry and Russian caviar are to be served with English breakfast tea (passed by censor in the interests of neutrality.)

By direction of the censor, all minstrel shows in Narberth hereafter are to be given under police supervision.

Sara, a cat on Iona avenue, was (deleted by censor: opprobrious epithets not permitted.)

The junior member of Narberth's coterie of builders is making rapid progress on his two new houses.

The Civic Association (note to censor: paid adv., publishers; besides, they own this paper, editor) is to be congratulated upon the stand it has taken for a progressive Narberth (passed with full approval by the censor.)

The (name deleted by censor) High School foot ball team played a game of foot ball (query by censor: was it?) with the (name deleted by censor) High School team at (name deleted by censor) on Saturday. The score was (deleted by censor: not worth printing.)

Hint for a Christmas gift to your wife: a hundred-trip ticket. (Note by censor: buy it before December 15.)
W. R. D. Hall.

TAKE MR. WOHLERT'S ADVICE.

Under date of November 10, the Evening Bulletin writes, "Drought in state worst in 19 years. Deficiency in rain fall of 5.76 inches, and many small streams are dried up. Pennsylvania is now facing the most serious drought in 19 years."

While we had a very copious shower since that article was published, it will be found absolutely necessary to water your evergreens, particularly where they are planted in close proximity to buildings, large shade trees, or in any other particularly dry situation, as the ground has not yet had sufficient moisture for safe wintering of evergreens. I refer particularly to Conifers, Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Boxwood, and similar trees; but unless we have abundant showers before the cold weather starts it might become necessary to water also the deciduous trees, if they are growing on dry elevations.

It is a common mistake to believe that trees need no water in winter as they are not "growing," on the contrary, they need a very liberal allowance of water for the winter to carry them successfully through the dry winds of the winter months. Many of the winter losses can be traced directly to this cause. To be sure, losses are frequently caused by the soil not being packed closely about the roots for the winter, and a good thorough watering would help very materially to settle the soil.

While the watering, of course, is very essential, it is equally necessary to protect the ground with litter—such as leaves or short manure—thus preventing the ground from freezing more than a couple of inches, and allowing the percolation of moisture.

W. H. Wohler.

News of the Churches

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.

Rev. Andrew T. Burke, Rector.
 Sunday services
 8 A. M.—The Holy Communion.
 9.45 A. M.—The Sunday school.
 11 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
 4 P. M.—Evening prayer.
 There will be a second celebration of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 11 o'clock.
 The Thanksgiving Day service will be at 11 o'clock.
 There will be a special musical program under the direction of the organist and choirmaster, Mr. Harry C. Tiltz, a feature of which will be an anthem, sung by an augmented choir, entitled "Ye Shall Dwell in the Land," by John Stainer.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Emerson L. Sw. ft, Pastor.
 All the services of last Sunday were marked by special interest in both attendance and thoughtfulness. The young people are uniting for an earnest campaign this winter and the men are planning for a general advance. The latter are receiving the assistance of a team of four students from the University of Pennsylvania.
 The subject of the sermon next Sunday morning will be "The Books of Heaven." We invite you to consider with us what they ate.
 Union service in the evening at the Presbyterian church, Rev. Chris. Koppel will preach.
 The Evangel Circle of King's Daughters will meet next Wednesday, December 12, at 10.30, at the church. The prayer meeting in the evening will be the monthly covenant meeting of the church.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

Sundays: Early Mass, May to September, inclusive, 6.30 A. M., early Mass, October to April, inclusive, 7.00 A. M.; late Mass, 9.30 A. M.
 Masses on holidays: 6.30 and 8.30 A. M.; Masses on weekdays, 8.00 A. M.
 Lenten and other evening devotions, 8 o'clock.

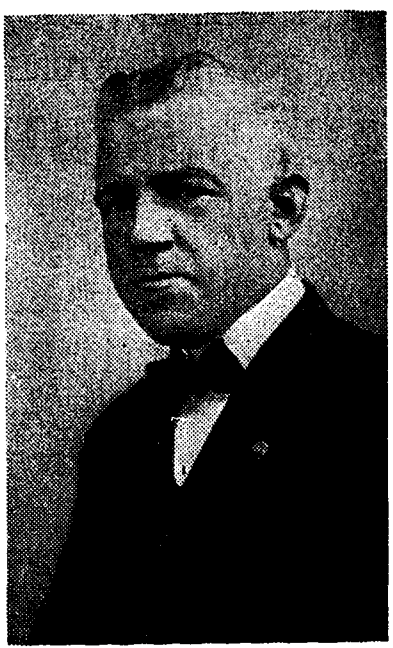
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Chris G. Koppel, Pastor.
 Sunday services
 11 A. M.—"Hindooism With the Lid Off," a thrilling and powerful address by Dr. Howard A. Musser, fresh from the jungles of India. Dr. Musser is secretary of the great Laymen's Missionary Movement and is home on furlough after eight years of service in India.
 7.45 P. M.—Monthly Union service held in the Presbyterian church.
 7 P. M.—Union Young People's meeting. Address, "Young People and Questionable Amusements," by Mr. Russell Gault, of Philadelphia.
 9.45 A. M.—Sunday school assembly. Well organized classes which extend a warm welcome to children, men and women, who do not attend any other school.

NARBERTH PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. John Van Ness, Pastor.
 Sunday, November 29, 10 A. M.—Bible school, all grades, two Bible classes.
 11 A. M.—Public worship; pastor's theme, "Bar-Abbas."
 7 P. M.—Union Young People's meeting, with address by Mr. Russell Gault, of Philadelphia, on popular amusements.
 7.45 P. M.—Union meeting, with sermon by Rev. Chris. G. Koppel.
 Last Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, in the church building, the Sunday school teachers were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Beatty. There were twenty-five present. After a beautiful meal, Superintendent Beatty presided at a most helpful conference that was addressed by Mr. Robert C. McQuilkin, of the Sunday School Times. For the coming Christmas, the teachers decided to recommend the "White Gifts" service—a service that substitutes for the usual receiving of presents; a presentation of the "White Gifts" of self, service and substance.
 The attendance at the prayer meetings of this church is gradually increasing. Last Wednesday evening, the attendance was the largest on record for an ordinary mid-week service.

FRESH FROM THE JUNGLES.



DR. HOWARD A. MUSSER.

"Hindooism With the Lid Off," an experience of eight years in the jungles of India, is the subject of Dr. Howard A. Musser, who will speak in the Narberth Methodist Episcopal Church this coming Sunday morning, November 29.
 Dr. Musser is a man of world-wide knowledge. For six years he was superintendent of the largest district in Methodism. After working in the heart of the jungles amid the depravity and ignorance of Hindooism he returned home on furlough and was immediately chosen to lead the great Laymen's Missionary Movement as its secretary.
 The church, through the influence of Mrs. Harry M. Chalfant, president of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, feels it to be a great privilege and pleasure in welcoming Dr. Musser to Narberth. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and hear a worker engaged in one of the great world movements of the present day.

THE NARBERTH FIRE CO. FAIR.

One of the events of the winter season will be the coming fair and bazaar of the Narberth Fire Co. to be held at the fire house on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 3, 4 and 5.
 Owing to the fact that subscriptions received at the time that the automobile chemical engine was purchased were not sufficient to pay for it in full, the Fire Co. decided to hold this fair to raise the \$1600—necessary to liquidate the balance due on the apparatus. The company hopes for a generous response on the part of the residents of the vicinity in order to make the fair a complete success.
 A number of novel features have been planned, one of which is serial dances in the club room under the management of Mr. Lewis D. Hess. In addition to the usual tables selling fancy articles, useful articles, candies, groceries, aprons, toilet articles, etc., and the fish pond, there will be a Dutch supper served on Thursday evening only, tickets for which are limited to the number of 250, so that in order to be among the favored ones, it is advisable to secure tickets well in advance.
 All articles sold at the fair will be reasonably priced and the residents of Narberth are afforded an excellent opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts, at the same time helping along a worthy cause.
 The Fire Co. is especially desirous of having the new residents of Narberth attend the fair, inspect the apparatus and realize the extent of the service which the company provides in the protection of their homes and families. The Fire Co.'s service is entirely volunteer and depends principally on membership dues and contributions for its support. Since the installation of the automobile engine it has saved many times the value of the engine, which could not now be dispensed with under any consideration. The fire at Mr. Chauncey's home last Sunday was a demonstration of its value, for horse drawn apparatus could not possibly have reached the fire in time to prevent the total destruction of the building.
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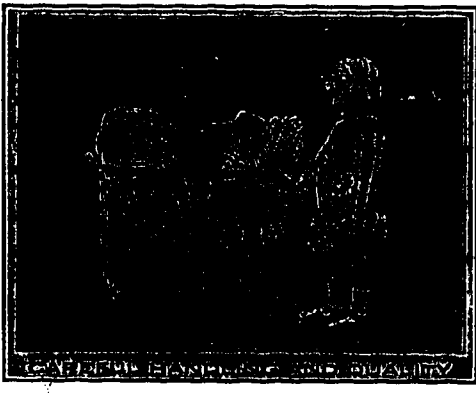
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The promiscuous posting of notices not only makes an unsightly appearance, but are allowed to remain until torn down by wind, and are then blown about the streets, thus increasing the labors of our highway department.

In keeping with the general spirit of improvement that has for some time manifested itself, notice is hereby given that on Friday, November 26, all posters and notices within the limits of the public highways, except those of a public nature, will be torn down and no such notices will be permitted to be put up in the future.—Geo. M. Henry, Burgess.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Bible Classes.

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We are not attempting to start a Men's Bible class; rather than do this we are co-operating with the local churches, special emphasis being placed on the Men's Bible Class in the local churches.

Boys' Sunday Club.

The boys have organized a Sunday club and are holding meetings at the Y. M. C. A. each Sunday afternoon. The following officers have been elected: President, Geo. Rose; secretary, John Dickie. A boys' committee secures the speaker for the meetings, usually local men, who have a message for the boys. Tell your boy of these interesting meetings. He'll want to come.

Gymnasium Classes.

Owing to the recent fire in our building, the gymnasium could not be used, but the repair work is going along nicely and we will hold our regular gymnasium classes after Thanksgiving. It will be a busy place when our regular work is resumed.

A Surprise.

We hope it will not be long before our men's game room will be in shape. There is a grand surprise in store for all who do not inspect the room before it is completed and we have our grand opening night. "Nuf sed!" Just prepare yourself for a pleasant surprise.

The annual meeting of the Main Line Citizens' Association will be held in the Merion Cricket Club on Friday evening, November 27, at 8.15 o'clock.

The subjects: "The Needs of Our Neighborhood," "Good Roads," "The Visiting Nurse and Relief Work," "Parks and Playgrounds."

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