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OUR TOWN

One step won't take you very far—you've got to keep on walking.

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A HISTORY OF THE NARBERTH FIRE COMPANY

(Concluded)
Like everything else, the fire company also has had competition, and not only, as the old saying goes, was the competition healthy, but it was the booming and making of the Narberth Fire Company. The competition consisted of a Chemical Engine Company, headed by Mr. John B. Clothier, and the blacksmith shop on Haverford avenue, now occupied by Mr. Sheldon, was especially built for the home of the Chemical Engine Company. At the outset, this Chemical Engine Company was no doubt far ahead in equipment of the Narberth Fire Company, not only in apparatus, but also in having horses right in back of the engine, which meant a quick response to an alarm of fire, and which always meant very much to the Narberth Fire Company, whose members at times of alarms would have to run here and there trying to locate horses to pull their apparatus. Useless to say, in this way a lot of valuable time was lost, which was always a great drawback to the Narberth Fire Company.

At one of the annual elections of the Narberth Fire Company, the active members of the company were determined to elect Mr. T. B. duMarais as the Chief, which effort they successfully carried on, defeating Mr. J. B. Clothier, the other candidate for the position, and this was the reason for starting the competitive company. Narberth was not able to support two fire companies (sad to relate, at present does not seem able to fully support one company), and the Chemical Engine Company in a short time had to disband and their apparatus was returned to the builders.

A few years later, it was seen that the town could make use of a larger hall and a few of the members of the company managed to sell bonds to the amount of \$7000, paying interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, with which money the extension was built to the fire house, making engine room, club, janitor and boiler rooms, also Council Chamber downstairs, and a large hall, stage and dressing room upstairs. The hall can be rented for all purposes, and anyone who may have occasion to use the hall is referred to Frank Zentmayer, Windsor and Essex avenues, who has been "Papa" of the house for many, many years.

The modes of the alarm used by the fire company have been of a large variety. First, the small whistle of the Narberth Park Association—each member of the association had a whistle in his possession. Then, there were procured large horns which were sold and distributed all through the town. And, finally, when the telephone entered the borough, this was made to serve as an alarm system, and the telephone for this purpose cannot be much improved upon.

The fire company has a man on duty all the time, and in case of fire all that is necessary to be done is to call "Narberth 350," and a prompt and efficient answer will be forthcoming.

To keep a fire company in good condition and working order, considerable money is needed, and the source of revenue of the Narberth Fire Company are membership dues of \$3 per year, rental of hall, rental of Council Chamber and donations. The fire company regrets to report that donations are very meager in comparison to the olden days, when it was almost always customary to send the fire company a check after having had the use of the company at a fire.

The best and safest source of revenue of the fire company is, of course, the membership dues, and there really should not be a home in Narberth in which some householder is not a member of the fire company, for, we must always bear in mind, that by being a member of the fire company we are supporting the means of keeping down our taxes and our fire insurance. The dues of \$3 are really a matter of investment and not charity. Memberships consist of contributing and active, both of which pay the same amount of dues per year, and both of which have a right of vote

and say in the handling of the business of the company. The fire company meets the last Tuesday evening of each month, and shall be pleased to receive names of persons desirous of becoming members.

Up to about two years ago, the main source of revenue for the fire company was the annual supper given on Washington's birthday. For this affair, nearly everything was donated and the result was a very nice help to the treasury of the company. This supper was always looked forward to and very much enjoyed by the people of Narberth, and was always a gala affair of the town. The ladies in charge who helped to make these suppers a success never did receive the full thanks and appreciation due them. With great regret, the fire company has had to discontinue these suppers as the attendance grew to such a large number that none of the ladies would undertake to supervise the supper, for which no one can blame or criticize them. If the suppers were put in the hands of a caterer and the quality, quantity and style of our old suppers upheld, there certainly would not be any balance left over to turn into the treasury.

In February, 1913, the new automobile combination apparatus arrived for the Narberth Fire Company, and during the year 1913, sixty-eight alarms of fire were answered, the automobile apparatus proving its worth in full measure. On this apparatus quite an amount of money is due from the company to a citizen of Narberth, who was good enough to advance the money for the purchase of the apparatus.

With the present apparatus, free use of the borough horses and system of alarm, the citizens of Narberth have a fire department entirely volunteer, second to none along the Main Line.

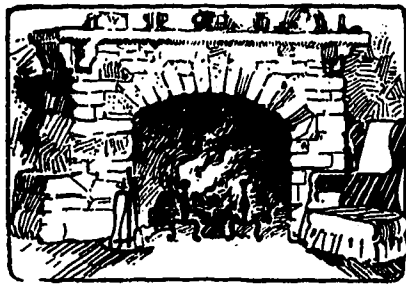
The attention of the citizens of Narberth should be called to the fact that, in conjunction with the Narberth Fire Company, there is a Firemen's Relief Association, purpose of which is to meet any expenses that may be caused by accidents at fires. Dues for membership in this association are fifty cents per year. Anyone desirous of becoming a member of this association please communicate with F. H. Harjes, Jr., Windsor and Forest avenues.

The ladies of the Narberth Fire Company will give a fair and supper for three nights during the first week of December, 1914. Full details will be published later. All our friends will come out and help; for, as the slang expression goes, "We need the money, and need it bad."—F. H. Harjes, Jr.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain unclaimed in the Narberth post office: Miss Helen Smith, Mrs. H. A. Stillwell, Mr. H. A. Stillwagon.

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THE FIRESIDE

By Lady Narberth

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Rice, now occupying their new home, 212 Montgomery avenue.

Mrs. Justice B. Morgan will entertain the New Narberth Card Club at her home, 24 Chestnut avenue, on Saturday evening, November 21. These evening card parties will be held once a month at which the husbands of the members will be present.

The first of the Assembly dances will be given in Elm Hall on Friday evening, November 20.

Mrs. Edwin P. Dold will entertain at dinner on Saturday, November 21. Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Metzgar, Mr. and Mrs. Guyon Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Stokes will be guests.

A fair and bazaar will be given for the benefit of the Narberth Fire Co. on December 3, 4 and 5, at Elm Hall. Donations for same will be gladly received by the following ladies: Fancy Articles, Mrs. A. Perry Redifer; Useful Articles, Mrs. Edward C. Stokes; Candy Table, Mrs. William Winne; Aprons, Mrs. Fred. Harjes; Cakes and Pies, Mrs. Curden Warner; Fish Pond, Miss Emma Zentmayer. There will be a Dutch supper one night, with Mrs. Enterman in charge. The proceeds of the fair will be used to pay balance due on automobile fire-fighting apparatus.

There will be a foot ball game Thanksgiving morning at 10:30 on the Narberth ball field. The game will decide the championship between Narberth and Wayne. The boys expect a large turn out from Wayne and would like to have a large crowd of rooters from Narberth. Bill Durbin, of Haverford School, will play for Narberth, and Hunt, formerly of Radnor High School, will play for Wayne. Narberth also expects to have Weller, the Lower Merion High School coach, and Rambler, of Georgetown.

Don't forget the minstrel show Saturday night. Prof. Dennis and his assistants are up to the top notch with this show. You will be sorry if you don't come, when the other fellows talk about it after it is over. We will show you that there is some good talent in our little borough. We want you to come and enjoy yourself. Remember, it is for the benefit of the Methodist Church.

Postmaster Haws advises us of the handy way many contributors of small sums to the Belgian Sufferers Fund selected to transmit their donations of cash. They bought postage stamps, enclosed them in an envelope addressed to Relief Headquarters and left the rest to Uncle Sam and his trusty lieutenants of the P. O. Department. A suggestion for you?

Miss Anna Katherine Bentz announces the marriage of her sister, Elizabeth Marea, to Mr. Clarence Paulin Robinson, Thursday, November 19, in Philadelphia. Miss Bentz was among the winners of one of the most desirable scholarships at the Academy of Fine Arts and, until recently, resided in Narberth, on Woodside ave.

RECORD OF FIRE DRILLS IN OUR SCHOOL.

During the first month of school, two fire drills were given, resulting in the entire building being emptied in the following time: First drill, 62 seconds for the entire building; second drill, from side door exit, 42 seconds; front door, 50 seconds. During the second month, two drills: First, side door, 58 seconds; second, front, 60 seconds; second, side, 48 seconds; second, front, 52 seconds.

These drills are given without any pupil or teacher having been previously informed. Hence, the entire school is put to the severest test in these drills. They are given at different times during the daily schedule.

SOME DETAILS OF CHANGES IN RAILROAD FARES

The Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Companies, together with other carriers, have filed tariffs with the Inter-State Commerce Commission, effective December 15, carrying wide changes in suburban rates and inter-territorial fares.

While no changes will be made in suburban or local one-way fares, holders of monthly trip and school tickets will be forced to pay from 20 to 25 cents above present charges; a number of trip tickets will be withdrawn from sale altogether, and all excursion tickets, except those to resort points, will be discontinued.

Following are the changes in suburban rates, announced by the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and Reading Railroads, to become effective December 15:

The 60-trip monthly ticket will be advanced 25 cents above the present rate.

The 46-trip school tickets will be advanced 20 cents.

The 100-trip tickets will be withdrawn from sale.

The 180-trip quarterly ticket will be sold at three times the monthly rate. This ticket will be kept on sale for the convenience of those who do not care to purchase a ticket every month.

The 50-trip ticket will be withdrawn from sale.

Strip tickets will be withdrawn from sale.

Ten-ride tickets will be sold, good for bearer. They will cost nine times the one-way fares.

Excursion tickets to Atlantic City,

Cape May and other seashore points will be advanced 25 cents.

All excursion tickets except those to resort points will be withdrawn from sale.

Round-trip tickets will be sold at twice the one-way fare, and will be good until used, with stop-over privileges.

Narberth is hard hit by this action, being entirely dependent on the Pennsylvania Railroad for conveyance. The increase is figured to vary from 30 to over 100 per cent., and is most generally held to be an unwarranted advance—one that the commuters intend to force the railroads to prove justifiable.

The greater hardship, says the Bulletin, editorially, falls upon the women of the suburban households and other members of the families, who are not daily travelers, but whose shopping and social calls require bi-weekly or tri-weekly trips into the city and back, for which purpose the fifty and one hundred-ride book has been used. Ten-trip books now make visits to the city from fifty per cent. to a hundred per cent. more costly, and the increase cuts off some of the joy of suburban living. No wonder there is a protest, and that suburban real estate interests are joining the cry. Even if some increase in the cost of this passenger service is justified, the entire abolition of these trip tickets is to be challenged. If they were to be re-established at an increased rate proportionate to the increase in the sixty-ride ticket, there would be less ground for complaint.

FOOT BALL.

Narberth Defeats Pennsylvania R. R. Champions.

Narberth by supreme playing defeated the strong A. M. A. team, champions of the P. R. R. League on the local grounds by the score of 27-7. The opponents outweighed Narberth about twenty pounds in the line, while both teams were about even in the backfield. The home team, with a series of end runs by Fleck, Humphreys and Captain Davis, started to score after the whistle was blown, and, by the end of the first half, the score stood 13-0 in favor of Narberth.

In the last half the home team increased the score to 27 points until the A. M. A. team got a touchdown and goal for 7 points.

Honorable mention can be made of the line, which gave wonderful interference, as well as the all-around playing of Captain Davis, Fleck and Humphreys, and Dickie's straight arming. Rambler played a good game for the Keystone Railroad boys. Fleck is always due for a 30-yard run, and he had another Saturday.

A. M. A.
 B. Jeffries l. e. Leyer
 Pearson
 Owens l. t. Rustine
 Cannon l. g. Roulston
 Brown c. Howard
 Jones f. g. Quinn
 L. Jeffries r. t. Feaster
 Schwartz.
 Lacey r. e. Armstrong
 Dickie q. b. Kelly
 McCarthy
 Fleck r. b. b. Capt. Fredericks
 W. Humphreys l. h. b. Carr
 Lyons
 Capt. Davis f. b. Rambler

Touchdowns — Narberth: Fleck, Davis (2). Humphreys; A. M. A.: Rambler. Goals: Narberth, Fleck (3); A. M. A., Rambler. Umpire: Davis, L. M. H. S.; referee: Simpson. Haverford. Linesmen: O'Keefe, A. M. A.; Mowrer, Narberth. Timekeeper: E. Smith, Narberth. Time of periods: 10 minutes.

Many persons die who have never learned how to breathe correctly. To gasp or puff through life is a sorry lot. Never too late to learn, or too early.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION CALLS MEETING TO DISCUSS INCREASE IN R. R. FARES.

At the request of numerous citizens, a meeting of the Civic Association will be held Monday, November 23, at 8 P. M., in Elm Hall, for the purpose of discussing the action of the Pennsylvania Railroad in raising fares. Everybody invited. Geo. M. Henry, President.

NARBERTH IN BASKET BALL LEAGUES.

The Main Line Intermediate Basket Ball League was formed at a meeting recently held in the Ardmore Y. M. C. A. At a later meeting considerable work was done on making up the schedule, which will be announced when completed. Players in this league must be under twenty-one years. The Main Line towns represented in the organization are Narberth, Overbrook, Ardmore and Bryn Mawr.

Eugene Davis represented Narberth at both meetings. He says that he expects the opening games of the season will be played early in December. Narberth will play its home games at the Y. M. C. A., and local basket ball fans are looking forward to some lively contests.

Other representatives attending the meetings of the Intermediate League are Harold Godfrey, Ardmore; R. E. Lovekin, Overbrook, and John Winthrop, Bryn Mawr.

Plans are also under way for the organization of the Main Line Senior Basket Ball League. Narberth will be represented in this league, too.

Looks as though we were going to have some good basket ball this season.

The men who will probably represent Narberth on the Intermediate team are William Durbin, the well-known Haverford star; Lardie Davis, Lower Merion's crack center; Magy Kriebel, who played center last year; Walter Nevin, the ex-C. H. S. star; William Hackett, who was a star sub last year; Lester Jeffries, who has played on the first Y. M. C. A. team; Eugene Davis, who played forward last year, and Bob Durbin, the big center of Narberth High School. Three more men will be added later.

God only can save the puny child of a neglectful mother.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Congratulations to the Merion Civic Association on its splendid accomplishments as outlined in their Bulletin received this week. It speaks loudly of interested co-operation on the part of its members. Long life to it, and still wider usefulness.

Quite naturally, some of our townspeople have thought that "Lady Narberth," of "The Fireside," was our Pageant Queen, who was also called Lady Narberth. They are mistaken, for she has passed her title on to another of our bright, versatile women.

We are all entertained and enlightened by the good article on the Narberth Fire Company, concluded in this issue, and will appreciate, more than ever, the fact of its present efficiency when we know through what great difficulties it has been attained.

The following poem was sent in by a subscriber, thinking it was so good that it should be included among the other items of our clever little paper.

Certainly if our fellow-townsmen would read it—and profit by it—they would throw away their hammers and get horns and toot.

It isn't the town—it's you.
If you want to live in the kind of a town

Like the kind of a town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip

And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new.

It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town,
It isn't the town—it's you!

Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead,
When everyone works and nobody sprints

You can raise a town from the dead,
And while you make your personal stake,

Your neighbor can make one, too;
Your town will be what you want to see,

It isn't your town—it's you.—Kalamazoo Commercial Club Journal.

THAT STATION SIGN BOARD.

To the Editor of Our Town:—Let me add one more voice to the protest made in last week's issue by George M. Henry against that objectionable sign on the property adjoining the south side of the railroad station. There are plenty of ways for a con-

cern to advertise its goods without offending the people of Narberth. I don't know what the other residents of the town propose to do, but I know what I will do, or rather what I will not do; and my action will not add any money to the cash drawer of the concern that put up the sign.

"Business is business," you know, and I know of no business that is more important to me—and I believe this is true of many of our citizens—than protecting my home town. If somebody else's business suffers, so much the worse for "somebody else's business."—E. A. Muschamp.

REPORT ON SCHOOL SANITATION.

The committee appointed by the Board of Health of Narberth will report at their next meeting that "We visited the borough public school and found the sanitary conditions satisfactory." Narberth Resident.

A QUERY ABOUT THE "PAOLI MASSACRE."

In the last issue of your paper, I notice that Mr. William Hoyt Coleman in his article entitled "A Historic Centre," states that the "Paoli Massacre" is wrongly so-called.

Will you please inform several of your readers if he means that the wrong place is designated or a wrong term used to describe the action, or are both words "Paoli" and "Massacre" wrongly used? James E. Dougherty, Haverford, Penna.

Mr. Coleman's Answer.

It is true that the midnight attack on General Wayne has been popularly called the "Paoli Massacre," and the word is found on the monuments, but Secretary Gardiner, of the Society of the Cincinnati, in his address at the Wayne homestead, said the affair was improperly termed. Instead of the capture of that division of the Continental Army, as intended, by a midnight surprise, Wayne was prepared for it, and only a delay in carrying out his orders for an orderly retreat caused the loss of sixty-one men, the British General Grey having given orders to use the bayonet. Wayne saved the rest of his command, his artillery, ammunition and his stores. Ex-Governor Pennypacker, in his address, said: "The only defeat in Wayne's career was the event at Paoli. It was no massacre. It was a mistake on the part of the Commander-in-Chief; but Wayne saved his force." The term "massacre" is more properly applied to the killing of defenseless persons, as the "Massacre of Wyoming," the "Massacre of Schenectady." Wm. H. Coleman.

In my previous article, "extracted" should be "extricated," and "Hugh Wayne" should be "Hugh Wynne."

HEALTH TABLETS AND CAPSULES FOR THE KIDDIES.

To one part cotton, two parts wool for kiddies' underwear in winter weather.

One slice of home-made bread is worth two slices of baker's cake in a child's lunch box.

Eternal caution in the matter of a child's diet will result in a steady mental stride.

Ventilation is as necessary to the growth of your child as water is to a plant. Be prodigal thereof.

Doctors, fresh air and sunshine never administer costly drugs.

Most mothers love their children well, but many there be among them who love them unwisely.

Let your nay be nay and your yea be yea, if you would lead a peaceful life with little rebels.—Dame Righter-Rong, Narberth.

ON THE 8.14

And Elsewhere in Our Town

If "we" were like the hero of one of Eugene Field's tales, who was known among the boys as "Conky" Stiles, we would say something like this to property holders in Narberth, the limbs of whose sidewalk trees hang dangerously low: "Beware of the wrath of the people; II Samuel, 18:9!"

The name "Conky" is a corruption of the word "Concordance" and was given to "Conky" for the simple reason that, when the boys asked him questions, he did not reply in ordinary, everyday language, but referred his companions to some verse in the Scriptures, the text of which explained fully just what "Conky" contemplated.

So we borrow Field's idea and refer you to the Old Testament, as indicated above, and urge you to clip those low-hanging boughs and thus save passersby the unpleasant experience of the young man of ancient times.

By the way—although this hasn't anything to do with trees—did you ever read ex-Senator Beveridge's little book, "The Bible as Good Reading"?

I'm not going to mention any names, but you would be surprised if I told you the identities of the persons who "once" owned the discarded envelopes I picked up around the station one day last week!

Maybe the railroad company ought to keep a man on the job with a stick and a sharp nail in the end of it, to pick up all the envelopes and scraps of paper, but that doesn't excuse us, as citizens of Narberth, for making it worse by throwing paper on the walks and grass plots. Besides, if we were all careful—and we can be **IF WE THINK**—there wouldn't be any work for a stick with a sharp nail in the end of it.

There is a big receptacle on each side of the station for waste paper.

"I see by the papers" that some one has taken the trouble to figure out that there are 23,983 men in Montgomery county, between the ages of 21 and 45 years, who would be subject to enrollment in the army if the Federal Government had occasion today to draft men as it did in the Civil War. Of this number, 207 live in Narberth.

If that makes you swell up with military pride—the very thought ought to make the women and children clap their hands and shout with joy—I beg of you to ponder over the high efficiency of the modern machine-gun and the "magnificence" of those mammoth engines of destruction which the soldiers of Europe so affectionately refer to as "Busy Berthas" and "Jack Johnsons."

A member of the Narberth Fire Company said to me the other day—and I've heard old and experienced firemen in Philadelphia say the same thing time and again: "The great mistake people make when they discover a fire in their homes is to waste five or ten minutes trying to extinguish the blaze before calling the firehouse—Narberth 350 is the number. Send in the alarm IMMEDIATELY, then try to put out the fire."

Our automobile combination chemical engine can reach the most remote point in the borough within ten minutes of the time the alarm is received at the firehouse.

Every once in a while I meet one of my fellow-townsmen who says: "Why don't the Civic Association do Such-and-Such a thing?" What they want done is generally a matter that comes strictly within the jurisdiction of the borough officials, and when I suggest to these people that they write to Councils or to the Board of Health, or whatever is the proper body, I find that it has never occurred to said citizens to do such a thing. I believe our officials will be only too glad to help any resident, but it is up to all of us to make the kick, if a kick be necessary. A wise public official claims to be nothing more than the servant of the people, but the people must tell him what they want or he can't carry out their wishes. Indifference is one of the primary sins of the American people.—Chief Wingbone Junior.

THE WORLD'S HEART.

A deal too much hear we of the "heartless world." The term needs revising. The world may be mindless; it is never heartless. In truth it is a pretty decent place for the pretty decent. Even for the other sorts, its pity is more often manifest than its scorn. The evil-doer, like the insane, always thinks the other afflicted with his own vices or malady. To the heartless all men are heartless, even as to the good all women are good. The rich are more tender and merciful to the poor when in trouble, than the poor are toward the rich in their day of tribulation.

When the world acts coldly toward a man or woman, it is dollars to crullers that, the one frowned upon deserves it. Education teaches that good manners and tact are the hallmark of culture. Spite is much alive; but it rarely descends socially.

Humanity thrives both upon high and level ground. Comes war, pestilence or sudden death, how acts the world? Heartlessly? Not so! Sympathy runs swiftly to the house of sorrow with succor, and to whisper of immortality. Hope hastens also thither, with the oil of healing to bind up gaping wounds

It is equally true of Joy. Who is welcomed everywhere? The one who brings Laughter and Joy in his train.

The evils of indiscriminate giving and misplaced sympathy cannot be estimated. As long as pennies are dropped in outstretched tin cups, beggars will ride—after business hours. That omnipresent widow with nine hungry children and not a cent or crust in the house, and the man who lacks money to bury his dead wife, may be true occasionally, but nine times out of twelve their troubles cease with the blowing whistles at six o'clock.

Sympathy is not to be had on demand. It must be deserved. The swarms of charlatans and professional liars are responsible for a certain lack of enthusiasm that the world manifests when tales of woe are being recited. Let it be convinced that the larder is empty or the body illy warmed, and its feet are winged as it rushes where food may be procured or clothing had.

While it is true that nothing is repaid by nothing, so also may we build upon the certainty of something receiving its just compensation. There is not a creature who lives that has not enough fire within him to start an Altar of Consideration. The joy of living is doubled by life's sorrows. By contrasts we are taught appreciation.

The "ingratitude of the world" is a myth. Few are without the reciprocal instinct. The exceptions verify. Are humans less grateful than brutes? Outcasts have been known to sacrifice their lives for the sake of some remembered service. There is a great heart kinship among us all. A common cause will destroy barriers of caste in the twinkling of an eye, and haughtiness gives way to glances of mutual understanding and sympathy.

Expecting too much is the folly of the majority. It is more than probable that each of us is judged with comparative fairness. The world is ready to shed its life-blood for things that are noble. Battlefields have proved this, and martyrs' graves are numerous. In the great heart of the people throbs for all who have lived or died nobly a love that is deathless. It is the weaklings, the pretenders, the vampires and barnacles who heedlessly plant thorns of cynicism and distrust in illogical minds. The world's heart is dependably true.—Esme Allison, Narberth.

POINTED EPIGRAMS.

If women preferred solid books to silly ones, would publishers ride in chaises?
The ears of the inveterate gossips seem to have a forward tilt.
Quarrel menders must look to Heaven for their reward.
In the right pair of eyes, love always sees its own image.
Not to pay until the last minute is delightfully modern.

Silence is the most terrible weapon that can be used against a wizen. Simplicity is the keynote of refinement and attained to by few.
To "dress the part" is desirable always, but to overdress spells failure.
The world is no longer a stage—it is a motor car.
The liars' beginnings are indicated by chalk lines maddeningly interlaced.
The fool who thinks he is wise is a bore, but the wise man who thinks you a fool is impossible.—Dame Righter-Rong, Narberth.

DR. SNYDER ADVISES HOW TO AVOID COLDS.

This is the time of year, more than any other when we "catch colds." People commonly think they have colds only when they cough or their "head is filled up," but do not realize that they may have a "cold" in any other part of the body where there is mucous membrane. For instance, you may have a "cold" in the stomach, in the intestines, or in the bladder, or your kidneys may become congested as a result of a "cold."

The condition we recognize as a "cold" is nothing more or less than a congestion of the mucous membrane of that part of the body that is involved. When this condition develops in the throat, it causes an irritation of certain nerves and results in a cough. It is by this symptom that people most commonly recognize a cold, but we wish to caution them that this is only one of many forms of colds, all of which are contracted from practically the same causes.

Colds are most commonly caused by sudden change from a warm to a cold, damp atmosphere. A part of the body gets suddenly chilled and this sends a shock through the nervous system involving the sympathetic nerves, which in turn causes a congestion in the mucous membrane in any part of the body where the resistance is feeble or below normal.

In other words, a person whose stomach nutrition is generally weak will receive the effect of exposure in the stomach, and some form of indigestion will result. If it takes effect in the bladder, the person suffers from cystitis, or inflammation of the bladder. If the circulation of blood in the throat is not normal, and the throat, as a result, has a low resisting power, the congestion develops there, and a cough, with the other attendant symptoms, develops.

The part of the body exposed is also a factor that determines the effects. For instance, exposure of the feet to cold and moisture will produce colds very readily; whereas, exposure of the hands to the same conditions will produce no such evil effects. This is due to the fact that in the feet the pores are large and open and have been accustomed to protection against such conditions.

The most important part of the body, however, that should be protected is the back, for in the spinal column are located the nerve centers of the entire cerebro-spinal nervous system. This system communicates intimately with the sympathetic nervous system. A shock to the nervous system in the spine, as would result from a cold draft, is at once communicated to the sympathetic nervous system which has control over the blood circulation, and a shock to it, such as sudden chilling, produces a congestion in any tissues that have not much resisting power and which this sympathetic system supplies.

A draft striking a person from the front is quite ineffective, for the reason that there are no nerve centres located in the front part of the body, even though the muscles do become chilled and contracted.

Briefly, then, to avoid colds—avoid passing unprotected from a warm to a cold room and avoid subjecting your body to sudden changes of atmosphere without being properly clothed; avoid drafts, especially if the draft strikes you from the side or rear; avoid overheated houses—this is the time of year when it is difficult to maintain a normal, equable temperature in our homes; keep your homes well ventilated; dress sanely. The ridiculous practice on the part of women of wearing furs about the neck and low thin-soled shoes on the feet serves to illustrate, somewhat, present day folly in dress. Also avoid coming in contact with people who have a "cold in the head" or are coughing. While it has not, as yet, been proved that "colds" are contagious, yet their behavior is such as to indicate a low degree of transmissibility.

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News of the Churches

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

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A splendid young people's choir is now engaged in the leadership of the singing at the Sunday morning and evening services.

The adult class has been divided to form a women's class and a men's class. J. R. Houston is the teacher of the women and the pastor of the men. If you are not attending a Bible school, we invite you to meet with us at 10 A. M. next Sunday.

The following have been elected to office in the Young People's Society: President, Miss Marjorie Jefferies; vice president, Miss Marian Trotter; secretary, Jack Jefferies; treasurer, Lawrence Houston; chairman music committee, Miss Sylvia Cummer; chairman social committee, Miss Marguerite Mueller; meetings committee this month, Miss Mary Louise Hopper; next month, J. R. Houston.

The leader of the Young People's meeting next Sunday evening is Miss Mary Louise Hopper. The subject is "A Joyous Life," (Joel 2:21-27). This will be a Thanksgiving meeting.

The newly-elected officers will be installed at the evening service, 7.45 o'clock. The subject of the pastor's talk will be "Loyalty." Subject of the morning sermon, "Power to Save."

The Union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Methodist church, Thursday, at 1 A. M. Rev. E. L. Swift will preach the sermon.

A special thanks offering will be received by the church next Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. John Van Ness, Pastor.

Sunday, November 22, 10 A. M., Bible school, Robert L. Beatty, Superintendent. All departments. Men's Bible class led by B. J. Myers; mixed Bible class led by the pastor; Young Men's Bible class taught by W. C. Poor. 11 A. M., public worship with sermon by the pastor on "Some Causes for Thankfulness." 7 P. M., meeting of the Junior congregation, led by George Rose and Ralph Beatty; subject, "Thanksgiving." The pupils of the public school will be especially interested to know that Wm. T. Melchior will be present at this meeting and make an address. Mr. Melchior is the superintendent of our schools. All young people invited. 8 P. M., public worship; sermon topic, "The Call of a Child."

Wednesday, November 25, 8 P. M., address by Rev. Homer W. Tope, D. D., who has a national reputation as a temperance speaker and worker. The public is most cordially invited to hear Dr. Tope.

A new class of girls was formed in Sabbath in the Senior Department of the school. Mrs. Ambrose C. Warner is the teacher.

On Thanksgiving day, this church unites with our sister churches in a union meeting in the M. E. church at 11 A. M.

If You Are a Man.

If you are a man you are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Men's Bible class, held in the Presbyterian church every Sabbath morning. You are invited, provided you are not a member of some other Bible class. This class meets at the convenient hour of 10.15. The members have their own comfortable, private room in the rear of the church auditorium where they are perfectly free to discuss the great problems of life and eternity. This Bible class is especially fortunate in having as its teacher B. J. Myers, who has had large experience as an educator in both secular and religious schools. The members of the class are most enthusiastic regarding his treatment of the lessons. Every man in Narberth, not in any other class, is invited and urged to attend this bible class. A blessing awaits every man who comes.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Chris. G. Koppel, Pastor.

Sunday, November 22, 9.45 A. M., worship and sermon. 6.45 P. M., meeting for young people. 7.45 P. M., worship and sermon. The pastor will preach the second of the sermon series on "The Angel's Story." Subject, "The Devil." Singing of merit by the chorus choir both morning and evening.

A good laugh is in store for those who will attend the minstrel enter-

tainment given by the Young Men's Bible Class in Elm Hall, Saturday evening. Be sure not to miss it. The ladies of the Aid Society are doing splendid work. They have doubled their membership within the past three months and now have 50 members enrolled. They are planning a reception in the near future to the new members recently received in the church.

A New Pipe Organ.

Members of the Church are enthused over the purchasing of a pipe organ. Plans are already under way for the installation of a beautiful and modern instrument with electric motor power. The fund has been started with \$800, of which \$500 is given by the Carnegie Corporation, of New York. The contract will be given as soon as sufficient funds are guaranteed. It is hoped to have the organ installed for the Easter services. The committee in charge consists of Fletcher W. Stites, Frank H. Prescott, Robert E. Pattison, Mrs. David D. Stickney and Mrs. Earnest C. Anderson.

NEEDLEWORK GUILD HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Narberth Branch of the Needlework Guild was held in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 11. A most enjoyable luncheon, prepared by the luncheon committee, was served to the directors of the branch at noon and the regular meeting was held at 2:30 P. M. The garments had been brought in during the forenoon and were arranged on tables for inspection; 1253 garments were collected and donated this year, with \$44.45 in money.

After a short business meeting, the president, Mrs. Wallace, spoke of the work of the society as part of a great whole, all trying to help others. No one can do much; but, all combined, accomplish a great deal—and we are linked by our work with all the great charities, helping them to carry out their work.

Mrs. Driesbach told of the past year's work of the Holiday House in Narberth, carried on by the Narberth Branch of the King's Daughters. Mrs. Hackett told of the Sanitarium at Red Bank, New Jersey, where children from the Kensington district of Philadelphia are sent for treatment. Mrs. Redifer spoke of the work done at the Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia and the need of garments there. Miss Hostetter, from the Social Service Department of the Presbyterian Hospital of Philadelphia, was the special speaker of the afternoon. She told of the work of their department and the constant demand for garments which the Needlework Guild largely supplies. Often the mother of a family of little ones is rushed off to the hospital to be operated upon or treated for some accident—with not a moment to make any plans for the care of her children or perhaps no means of arranging for that care if she had time. As soon as she comes to herself, she begins to worry about them and cannot improve on account of her anxiety—often grows worse. Now the Social Service workers of the hospital come to her rescue and go to see about the children and care for them, if necessary. Often they find that neighbors have taken them to their own homes—for the generosity for those in trouble, among those who have themselves very little more than the bare necessities for each is wonderful. The Social Worker can come back and set the mother's mind at rest and then she can regain her own strength. In cases of this kind, as well as many others, the garments sent by the Guilds are used. The patients themselves need garments, and their families, too. Often every garment a patient has must be burned when he reaches the hospital, and he must be supplied with new ones on leaving.

Miss Hostetter told of instances in her own experience and spoke of the great usefulness of new garments—not only physically but in giving the recipient new self-respect, courage and hope.

Mr. Van Ness spoke to the ladies of the special message for them in the Epistle of James, where the central thought was that faith should be shown by works. Religion doesn't amount to much unless it results in work.

After passing a vote of thanks to the pastor and trustees of the church for the use of the building, tea was served and the ladies dispersed.

Thursday morning the distributing committee met to distribute and pack the garments, which were at once

sent on their way. They were sent to three private cases and twenty-six public institutions. Next year the branch hopes to do more and will be most glad of new members.

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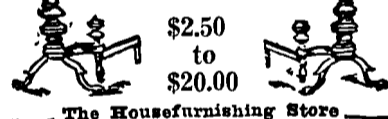
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Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Evangelistic Meetings.
The Y. M. C. A. event that is receiving our whole attention this week, is the evangelistic meetings at Ardmore. This is the Y. M. C. A. "week of prayer." It is an annual event, and is observed all over the United States. Last year we held small group meetings during the week in both buildings. This year we are concentrating all effort and uniting with the Ardmore churches in an evangelistic campaign. Gypsy Smith, Jr., the noted evangelist and singer, has charge of the meetings. They will be held every evening this week, beginning at 8 o'clock in the Ardmore Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. Thursday night, November 19, will be Narberth night, and we hope Narberth will have a good representation at all meetings—but particularly on that night.

Repairs Progressing.
We are glad to report good progress in making repairs to the Narberth building caused by the recent fire. The insurance company has given the contract to W. D. Smedley, who began work immediately. Already the debris has been removed and the new ceiling is on. We are going to have a first-class game and social room, with a practically new equipment for our members.

Membership Campaign.
We are unable to report anything definite in this issue of "Our Town." The teams have not yet covered all the districts allotted to them—so, if you have not been seen, you doubtless will be called upon this week.

Main Line Choral.
Don't forget this important organization. Their annual concert will be held in the Lower Merion Auditorium, December 11. Remember the date.

Parents should see to it that their children do not "swap" lunches. One child's meat pipe is another child's poison.

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