



A Happy New Year to All



CHRISTMAS EVE IN NARBERTH

Thousands of Candles Shed a Mellow, Yellow Radiance O'er the Town

Conditions were ideal for the enjoyment of Christmas Eve in Narberth. Myriads of stars winked and twinkled in the sable sky, and were reflected in the sparkling scintillations by the snowy robe that shrouded old Mother Earth. An expectant hush pervaded all nature, and in Kiddoland every ear was attuned to catch the first faint footfalls of Santa's reindeer and the merry twinkling of his sleigh bells, as he flew from roof to roof on his kindly mission. The churches were brilliantly lighted, their stained glass windows showing the symbols of the loving Saviour who brought peace and good-will to all men, while strains of sweetest music floated forth as the good old hymns of praise and adoration were sung with unwonted fervor.

It was at this time that our scribe set out, accompanied by a sympathetic companion, on a tour of the high and by-ways of Our Town, in search of light, especially candle light, to see whether the beautiful custom of placing lighted candles in the windows had grown in favor or not. They were well rewarded, because, by actual count, there were at least 115 homes thus decorated, and where candles were not used, the curtains were up and thousands of electric lights flashed out their messages of Christmas cheer. Lovely evergreen wreaths hung in the windows, and in many homes, glimpses of evergreen trees, with mysterious forms flitting about them, indicated that Santa's aids were busy in the work of distribution.

Where there were so many beautifully lighted homes, it would be almost invidious to single out any for special mention. However, had we been commissioned to award a prize, it would have gone to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Woodworth, of 420 Haverford avenue. The windows on every side of their home were brilliantly illuminated with candles arranged in crescent form, giving the effect of a huge Christmas tree. The mellow, yellow radiance of the candle light reflected by the snow, bathed the entire neighborhood in a golden glow and flooded it with suggestions of Christmas cheer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Gara, who have done much to popularize this custom, also had a brilliant array of candles, as did Mr. and Mrs. W. Arthur Cole, George M. Henry, John B. Williams, Norman Jefferies, Charles W. Thompson, Albert B. Eyre, William Horner, Robert McCoy, Mrs. Pattison, Mrs. Oakie S. Cook, R. L. Beatty, A. J. Loos and very many others, including Messrs. Clay, Laughlin, Booth, Howenstine, Marsh, Mulholland, William J. Jones, J. H. Jefferies, Dr. Faries,

Barrie, Clark, Pedrick, Father Cowley, Ross, Green, Howes and Wright. Our reporter was especially pleased to see the illumination in the home of Mr. Way, at the entrance to Narbrook Park, in the first house built in the park limits by Mr. William T. Harris. This augurs well for the future, and we can foresee how beautiful the park will be in a few years, when lighted for Christmas.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Thompson, corner of Essex and Price avenues, was very effectively lighted by rows of candles in tiers, one for each story. Owing to the commanding location of the house, this could be seen for a great distance, and was a very striking feature of the general illumination.

Next door to Mr. Thompson is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erich Krell, who adopted a very novel and unique method of lighting. There is a very handsome evergreen tree on their lawn, which was covered with lighted candles, burning very steadily, owing to the absence of any wind. The effect was wonderfully beautiful. And just there something wonderful happened. There was a burst of beautiful music, as though the horns of elfland were softly blowing, mingled with the tinkle of sleigh bells. Suddenly, a shadowy sleigh, drawn by six beautiful reindeer, leaped right from the roof of Mr. Krell's home to the roof of Mr. Shand's house, and from there to Mr. Shand's house, adjoining. As it passed a muffled voice was heard to say, "Hurry up, Mother, with that crying doll for Gran'pa Shand to give to 'Ginny!'" And then, with lightning speed, it flew over to Papa Timm's home, across the way.

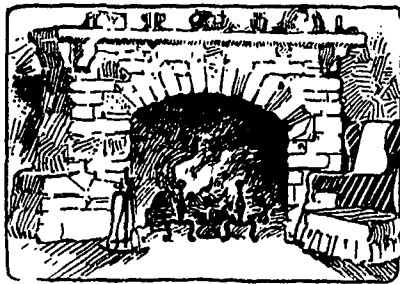
It is to be regretted that we cannot give credit by name to all who helped brighten Christmas Eve in this way, but we know every effort was appreciated and heightened the general effect. Some members of the fire department feared that the custom of candle lighting might lead to fires, but great care was taken in every case and happily, nothing untoward occurred. There is no doubt that the custom is rapidly growing in favor, and by next year practically the whole town will be lighted in this way. There should be some definite understanding as to the time of lighting, say from 7 to 10 P. M. An understanding should also be arrived at with the Christmas carolers, as to a route, and time for re-lighting the candles in their honor.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NARBERTH Y. M. C. A.

The committee appointed to arrange for the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A., of which Mr. Samuel W. Foster is chairman, has appointed the evening of Monday, January 15, 8 o'clock, as the date of the annual meeting. Every member of the organization should attend this meeting, at which officers and directors for 1917 will be elected. In view of the need of a much greater interest in the Y. M. C. A. at this time, it is hoped there will be a very large attendance of friends of this splendid institution. It needs warm support from the general public. Come, and get acquainted with the new secretary, Mr. Shaeffer, and give the Y. M. C. A. a boost.

COMMUNITY CLUB.

On Tuesday, January 2, Mrs. J. Owen Phillips will conduct her class on public speaking at the Y. M. C. A. Building, at which time Mrs. W. M. Cameron will read a paper. The hostess for the day will be Mrs. Roy E. Clarke.



THE FIRESIDE

Betty Baxter's Gossip.

Mr. Kenneth Hamilton is visiting Mr. Henry Howes.

Miss Jean Staples is ill at her home on Woodside avenue.

Miss Vera Artman is home from college for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy I. Clarke spent Christmas with relatives in Doylestown.

Mr. Alfred Milleisen spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Witherow.

Mr. Chas. McCarter returns to Washington, Pa., with Mr. Hamilton, for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Joyce were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Fowler, on Christmas Day.

Mr. A. G. Hopkins, of Pasadena, Cal., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clement Booth, of Woodside avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Siler entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis, from Merchantville, on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Russell Booth, parents of Mrs. Clement Booth, and Miss Florence Booth, are visiting Mrs. Booth.

Miss Virginia Downes is entertaining Miss Helen Connor, of Philadelphia, and Miss Myrtle Johnson, of Cynwyd.

Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Haight spent Christmas Day in Roxborough with Mr. Haight's niece, Mrs. Samuel Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Moore entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chas. N. Crawford, of Plymouth Place, Merchantville, over Christmas.

We are glad to note that Mr. Knutzen, our Narberth poet, is again about the streets seemingly none the worse for his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Parker and son, William, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Parker's relatives in Charlestown, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Downes entertained at Christmas the following: Mr. P. J. Moon, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Mr. Dalton Bellen, from Titusville, Pa.

The friends of Mr. Johnston, of North Grayling avenue, will be pleased to know that he is recovering nicely from his very severe attack of pneumonia.

Checks were distributed last week by The Merion Title & Trust Company for over \$61,000 to the members of their Christmas Club, and over \$8100 being to residents of Narberth. If you were not one of the fortunate ones this Christmas, you have an opportunity to be one next Christmas as a new club is now forming.

Two residences on a plot 165x210 feet at the southeast corner of Wynnewood avenue and Beacon lane, Merion, were sold recently by John A. Barry for Marie B. Durang to Margaret T. Sheabon. The properties con-

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A Personal Letter

From the Editor

With this, the 1916 Christmas edition of Our Town, over eight hundred homes in Narberth will each receive a copy, the total edition of the issue being fourteen hundred copies; the balance going to out-of-town residents, many of whom were former Narberthites.

To you, who are receiving the paper regularly, and have sent in your subscription, we thank you most heartily, as you have helped us to a great extent in making the paper a success.

To you who have received the paper regularly, but have not sent in your subscription, we would ask you to kindly do so before the close of the present year.

To all new residents who have received this issue we would ask you to send in your subscription immediately, as the paper will keep you in close touch with the various developments in our Borough, both concerning our various organizations, as well as personally concerning our townfolk.

To the advertisers of Narberth, we wish to call your attention to the fact that as this paper goes into every home in Narberth it is undoubtedly the logical and proper source through which you should advertise your wares.

This paper is not published for profit. It is owned and published by the Civic Association of Narberth.

No one receives any pay whatsoever for the work done thereon; it being a community affair, in which the responsibility is divided among a number of interested people, who are satisfied that this paper is needed for our welfare.

This publication is not self-supporting, and therefore needs the support from you which it deserves.

It is your paper. Phone Narberth 1258-W, and Miss Mary Gara will call for your subscription.

Reproduced from Last Week's Issue.

SCOUT SIGNS ALONG THE TRAIL

W. Arthur Cole, Scoutmaster; Henry Howes, Assistant Scoutmaster; W. W. Walton, Editor; Karl Kreamer, Assistant Editor

The regular meeting of Troop One, Narberth Boy Scouts of America, was held Friday evening, December 15, at 8 o'clock in the community room of the Y. M. C. A.

We had a fine talk on the future program of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. by Mr. Schaeffer. We then discussed the business of the week and elected Lowe Cumber, the bicycle patrol leader, as troop cheer leader. W. W. Walton was elected editor of the Boy Scout column and Karl Kreamer was elected associate editor. We later initiated the new scouts into the patrol, also Mr. W. A. Cole, our scout master, and Henry Howes, our assistant scout master. Warren Speakman escaped from the last part of the initiation, but we'll get him yet, say we.

The respective patrols have decided to hold private patrol meetings and some have decided to charge dues to help pay for the patrol equipment.

The bicycle patrol has decided on a name, which is Flying Eagle. This patrol cannot go very far on bicycle "hikes" at present, but wait till summer and there will be some action.

Taylor Faries was sick on Friday, which sickness prevented him from attending the troop meeting, but he is O. K. now. Sorry for your sickness, Taylor, but we are glad you got well so soon.

At the first meeting of the Flying Eagle Patrol all members were present—a pretty fair record for the first meeting.

The 3-4-6 hunt was a fine scheme and we carried it through very nicely.

The last meeting of Troop One, Boy Scouts of America, was held on December 22 at the Y. M. C. A. A pro-

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"Seeing The Old Year Out" In The Methodist Church

Attractive Sunday Night Service With Cantata, Organ Recital, Strong Addresses and Fellowship Hour

The last Sunday night in the old year will be appropriately celebrated in the Methodist Church from 8 until 12. A program of compelling interest and spiritual power will characterize the services throughout.

The Christmas cantata by the augmented chorus choir is to be repeated. Mr. Bub, Narberth's popular tenor, will sing a solo. An organ recital by Miss Wentz will precede the cantata. The pastor will preach the sermon, bringing the first part of the meeting to a close at 10 o'clock.

An hour of fellowship with refreshments will be conducted in the lecture room until 11 o'clock, when an old-fashioned watch night service will begin. After an inspirational address by the Rev. M. E. Batholomew, of the National Bible Institute, a consecration service is to be held with special prayers for the Union Evangelistic Campaign to be held by the Narberth churches in January. Prayers will also be offered for the commission of the Methodist churches North and South meeting in the old historic church in Baltimore, where the first Christmas conference in America was held. The meeting of this commission is an epoch in the history of Protestantism.

The community is cordially invited to all or any part of these watch night services. The latch string hangs out.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

President—Chas. E. Kreamer. Secretary—A. P. Redifer. Health Officer—W. S. McClellan. Members—Dr. Clarence T. Fairies, T. B. Du Marlas, Carden Warner and Chas. V. Noel.

SEEING THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN IN THE HOUSE OF PRAYER INSPIRING MUSIC QUARTET CHORUS CHOIR ORGAN RECITAL STRONG ADDRESSES FELLOWSHIP HOUR THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE HILL SUNDAY NIGHT 8 UNTIL 12 EVERYBODY WELCOME

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1916

EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS
Fire 350.
Police 1250.

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 editor by 6 P. M. Monday each week.

Happy New Year!

A fairly white Christmas!

Did you ever see so many gifts?

Parcels still arriving on account of delayed mails.

We wish to thank many of our townsfolk for the many kind expressions regarding our two last special issues.

Too much turkey and other good things made some of us wish that Christmas would give us another day at home in order to rest up and get the "work" spirit in shape again.

Our local stores report an excellent holiday business. Most of our leading business houses had a great deal to tell us, in their special advertisements which appeared in Our Town in the last two issues. Our residents undoubtedly read our advertisements from week to week. Are you an advertiser?

We ask our readers' attention to the announcement of the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. in another column. Every friend and well-wisher of this association should turn out, and not only attend the meeting, but do personal work to keep it going. Do not let the organization go down for lack of support. If every one helped a little, by joining and paying the moderate dues, its financial troubles would soon be over.

BOROUGH OFFICERS.

Burgess—Geo. M. Henry.
Treasurer—Edwin P. Doid.
Clerk of Councils—Chas. V. Noel.
Tax Collector—James F. Sherron.
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Building Inspector—J. Howard Smedley.
Counselor—Fletcher W. Stites.
Constable—Fred. Walzer.



You May Join Hands With Santa Claus

When Christmas 1917 Comes

Again We Greet You and Request Your Membership in Our 1917 CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

which will bring you happiness and carry good cheer to your many friends. You and your many friends should surely join, as the plan is so simple, the pleasure so great. The little payments that are required weekly come back to you in one big lump sum at Christmas time when you really need the money.

The first small payment makes you a full-fledged member.

*The Rest is Easy. You Can Start Soon. First Payment Dec. 26
Come in and Let Us Tell You About It.*

The Merion Title and Trust Co.

Narberth Office, Arcade Bldg. Open From 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Saturdays 8 A. M. Until Noon. Friday Evenings 7:30 Until 9:30



FIRESIDE.

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sist of a 31-2-story granite stone dwelling, occupied by the purchaser, and a three-story brown stone dwelling. They were held for sale at \$37,000.

Nearly 600 Christmas gifts, it is expected, will be distributed as the result of a "gift a month" plan put into effect among residents of Merion during the last year. Several members of the Merion Civic Association evolved the idea of getting a number of persons in the community to buy a "gift a month" during the year, and about half a hundred residents of the Main Line town pledged themselves to do so. Collection of the gifts was made Monday.

It was officially announced Saturday that Dr. Michael S. Bennett had signed a contract to coach the Haverford College foot ball team for the next three years, his contract expiring in 1920. This announcement was informally made last week at a banquet given the letter men of Haverford's record-making 1916 eleven, but the news was not officially ratified until action was taken Friday night at a special meeting of the representatives of the Joint Alumni and Student Athletic Committee.

Friends of Miss Ethel Ridge will doubtless be interested to learn that she appeared recently in a recital given in the auditorium of the Combs Conservatory of Music, Philadelphia, where she is continuing her musical studies. Miss Ridge played Lavalley's "Butterfly," a piano composition, the proper interpretation of which requires considerable technical ability as well as musical understanding. In view of her success on this occasion Miss Ridge's subsequent appearances during the season will be looked forward to with considerable interest by her many friends and admirers. Program—Violin, Scottish Lullaby (von Kunitz), Eugene Adamski; piano, "At Twilight" (Fryberger), Ruth Burdick; violin, Hungarian Dance (Keler Bela), Horace Wilson; piano, "Shepherds All and Maidens Fair" (Nevin), Wilhelmina Schultheis; violin, Romance (Vieuxtemps), Jeanette Jablow; piano, Morceau Characteristic (Wollenhaupt), Rita Krupnick; piano, "Butterfly" (Lavalley), Ethel Ridge; violin, Hejre Kati (Hubay), Frank Wendt.

A Happy New Year . . .

Saving is a habit,
And a very good one,
Very necessary to success.
Every dollar put by means to
Your family less liability and probability
Of distress and discomfort.
Usually the MONEY SAVED is
Really the odd dollars
Most easily and thoughtlessly spent
On frivolities which are
Not necessary nor useful.
Enter our Association and
You will start a Nest Egg.

Narberth Building and Loan Ass'n
NEW SERIES OPENS IN MARCH

WHO'S THE CUB?

Editor of Our Town: Will you please publish the name of the Cub? The members of my household are very much interested in his weekly column and are anxious to know the name of so clever a chronicler. We shall look for your answer in next week's issue of Our Town.

Interested.

ANSWER: As much as the editor of Our Town would like to give you the information you request, he can do so only by forfeiting the support of our mutually admired protege. The Cub will write only so long as the editor keeps his identity a secret. I will tell you, however, that he is one of Narberth's most respected citizens of the "younger set."

Editor.

To the Editor of Our Town:
Younger set? He's as old as Chauncy Depew and looks like him.
Citizen Fix It.

Gather The People
Together
Men And Women
And Children
And Thy Stranger
That Is Within
Thy Gates
That They May Hear
And That They May
Learn And Fear
The Lord Your God
And Observe
To Do
All The Words
Of This Law

H. E. P., 11-19-16. Deut. 31-12.
(Pub. Comm. Evan. Ser.)

MINSTREL SHOW AND DANCE.

On Friday evening, January 5, the Delta Sigma Sorority will give a minstrel show and dance. Look later for further particulars.

CUB'S WEEKLY LETTER

To the Editor of "Our Town":
For original and classy Christmas cards the prize is awarded to W. Arthur Cole. He might have arranged it so that his very much better half was not almost eclipsed in the family picture by his own physiog. Remember, Arthur, my boy, she wears the yellow ribbon.

Talking about cards—there's Bill Cummer, for instance.

The Democratic campaign in this burg next fall promises to be a hummer. Bill Kirk has announced his appointment as manager of Charlie Humphreys' bid for votes for Tax Collector. Wonder if Vance McCormack will be jealous.

An admiring (?) friend has presented me with a book entitled "Peanut, the Cub Reporter." Well, it might have been worse; suppose it had called me a chestnut?

Application has been made to change the name of Chestnut avenue, between Essex and Maple, to Prosperity Hollow. Everybody down there owns an automobile, garage, fur-lined overcoat, white hat, white necktie, diamond stick pin and conservatory. The only thing needed now is a barber's services.

"Peace on earth, good will toward men" is meaningless to me while I am trying to navigate a sidewalk from which some lazy, selfish individual has neglected to remove the ice.

Ray Jones says that if base ball collections are better next year, he will buy a Packard. Not much satisfaction in a Ford.

Imagine taking down the nets on a tennis court Christmas Day. "Let George do it" Kirkpatrick, chairman of the grounds committee, has a dandy job.

Who copped the hoodle while all the explanations were being explained down there in Washington? That is a foolish bunch—foolish like a fox.

Happyfourthofjulection!
"The Cub"

Community Carol Service

Held Last Thursday Evening in School Auditorium—Program Rendered by School Children Under Leadership of Miss Helen Wilson—Pianist, Helen Cole

Regardless of weather and very slushy pavements a large audience filled all the available seats. Undoubtedly, the best musical production of our schools for several years.

Miss Wilson's pleasing personality always wins her pupils who work with and for her. The technique of her leading was praiseworthy. Remarkable how pupils watched the leader and responded.

Detail of Program.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the lights were turned out and a star (electrically lighted) gleamed forth from the ceiling. Far away was heard the strains of "Star, Star, Beautiful Star." The strains grew louder and louder. The lights all blazed on, the doors swung open and from two hundred voices burst the Adele Fideles. Singing the joyous inspiring song, the pupils marched in, the girls all dressed in white. The boys and girls were well grouped, which added much to the music and the appearance. For forty minutes the grand old carols were sung and then the pupils marched out singing "Hail the Herald Angels Sing."

Thus was brought to an end the second community carol service for Narberth.

On all sides were heard words of commendation, and the hope that the custom, seemingly inaugurated last year, would continue to be the one big event of the Christmas season for Narberth.

DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Rudolph entertained the following at dinner on Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Jos. P. Witherow, Miss Augusta Witherow, Mr. Phillip Witherow, Jr., Mr. Dickson Mrs. Bayley, Mrs. Carlin, Miss Marie Rudolph, Mr. Paul Carlin, Mr. Lorenzo Carlin and Mr. C. A. Rudolph.

News of the Churches

MERION MEETING HOUSE.

Merion Meeting House is opened for worship every first-day at 11 A. M. Visitors are cordially welcome. A registry book is kept for visitors. All are asked to register their names.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

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

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. John Gordon, D. D., Acting Pastor

Sunday services: 9.45 A. M.—Bible School. Classes for all ages. Men's and Women's Bible class led by Dr. Gordon. Everybody welcome.

11.00 A. M.—Morning worship. Subject, "Looking Back."
7.00 P. M.—Young People's meeting. Helen Jones, leader.

7.45 P. M.—Evening worship. Subject, "Looking Forward."
Wednesday, December 27, 8.00 P. M.—Prayer and praise meeting led by Dr. Gordon. Subject, "Gifts." This is the last prayer meeting of the year, let every member try and be present at this meeting and have a message.

Thursday, December 28, 7.30 P. M.—Bible School Christmas fun and frolic. Come and have a good time with us.

Monday, January 1, 1917, 8.00 A. M.—New Year's meeting, one hour only. Come and start the year right and pray for the work of the new year, and especially for the Evangelist meetings which are to begin on Sunday, January 21, 1917.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister.

The meetings for next Sunday will be as follows:

10.00 A. M.—Sunday School.
11.00 A. M.—Public worship. The pastor will preach a sermon appropriate to the closing day of the old year, on the theme, "Voices Out of the Past." Miss Schuebel will repeat her beautiful solo of last Sunday evening entitled, "The Song of Bethlehem." Other Christmas music will be repeated also.

7.00 P. M.—Christian Endeavor meeting. Leader, Mr. George McCaig. All young people invited.

8.00 P. M.—Evening worship. The pastor will preach a New Year's sermon on the theme, "God's Plumbline." Miss Wilson will sing the beautiful solo which she rendered last Sunday morning entitled, "The Birthday of a King." The quartet will repeat other Christmas music.

Church Notes.

The fragrance of the beautiful Christmas Sunday will remain with us for a long while to come. The music by the quartet was dignified, pleasing and worshipful and greatly appreciated by all. The decorations were beautiful and tastefully arranged.

Miss Mildred Scott, social worker for the Main Line, will speak at our prayer meeting next Wednesday evening, January 3, 1917.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Little Church on the Hill.

Rev. C. G. Koppel, Pastor.

New Year's Sunday.

9.45—Sunday School. Appropriate exercises. Review of the quarter's lessons.

11.00—New Year's sermon by the Rev. G. Bickley Burns, D. D., district superintendent. Special selections by the chorus choir.

8-10—Cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," repeated by request. Miss Prescott will be assisted by the quartet chorus choir with Mr. Bub as the tenor soloist, and others. Address by the pastor. Organ recital for the first fifteen minutes by Miss Wentz, the church organist.

10-11—Fellowship Hour with refreshments.

11-12—"Seeing the Old Year Out." Address by the Rev. M. E. Bartholomew. Special prayers for the Union Evangelistic services to be held by the Narberth churches and for the Union of Methodist Episcopal churches North and South.

The community is invited to all or part of the Watch Night services as stated above.

Presentation of New Piano.

The Sunday School was given a real thrill last Sunday by the gift of a new piano. With the exception of the committee purchasing the instrument it came as a complete surprise. It is a deep toned Lindeman in a beautiful mahogany casing. While the school is noted for its good singing under the leadership of Mr. Stites, visitors declared the children surpassed themselves in singing the Christmas carols.

Go-to-Church Sunday.

All the families of the church are requested to begin the new year by attending the first service on Sunday, January 7. In addition to the sermon the pastor will administer the sacraments.

ALL SAINTS' P. E. CHURCH.

Rev. Andrew S. Burke, Pastor.

The services at All Saints' P. E. Church, Montgomery and Wynnewood avenues, for next Sunday are as follows:

8.00 A. M.—Holy communion.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11.00 A. M.—Morning prayer and sermon.
4.00 P. M.—Evening prayer.

Did you ever rise after a restless night and look out of the window in the hope of seeing the first signs of the dawn? You wanted the day to come. You were tired of the darkness. Then in the east you saw the first beams of light stealing across the heavens, and even while you watched you could see the light beginning to encircle the horizon, and finally flooding the familiar trees and houses in your neighborhood.

Have you ever noticed the look on the face of one who has just accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour? Isn't there a light and a peace and a new joy shining out in a way that has never been true before with that person? One who had walked in darkness had seen a great light, and one who had dwelt in the land of the deep darkness of death had found the light shining upon him. No wonder he was joyous and glad! No wonder the morning trees and fields on these bright winter days send back the sunshine!

We do well to look for the light. If any of us are disturbed or burdened at this Christmas time, let us remind ourselves that we are not children of the darkness, but children of light. We ought to have the Christmas face, not only now, but every day—the face that tells of the coming of Jesus Christ into our lives. How can we help showing his presence if he is to us what is implied in the names for him. Let us see if we can repeat them: Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.—(Philip E. Howard in The S. S. Times).—Pub. Comm. Evan. Services.

PUBLIC WELFARE ON HIS PERIODICAL TIRADE

To the Editor of Our Town:

In last week's issue of Our Town the Essex avenue resident relates his conversation with a Main Line commuter in which he optimistically pointed out the advantages of living in an up-to-date, progressive town like Narberth, where the borough officials even accommodated the residents by having the sidewalks cleaned immediately after a heavy snowfall.

But would not the Main Line commuter have received a tremendous shock and have been completely disillusioned were he to have seen Narberth's sidewalks for several days following the publication of the highly eugolistic article?

Not in the past ten years were conditions so execrable and intolerable. 'Twas not caused by the dereliction of duty of any of the borough employees. On the contrary, they performed their work in their usual satisfactory manner. It was due entirely to the lack of co-operation of the citizens. Invariably after the plow is pressed into service there remains probably a few inches of hard-pressed snow, and it would require but a few minutes' time of any public-spirited citizen to remove it from the sidewalk, thereby obviating the abominable condition that prevailed last Thursday after the heavy downpour of rain.

Where the convenience of our citizens is concerned it is apparent that the majority of our residents are in

a state of innocuous desuetude, suffering from ennui, the hookworm or some other malady, and to compel them to have consideration for the convenience of their fellow townsmen and to arouse them from their supine indifference, Councils should pass an ordinance compelling all property owners and tenants to clean their pavements twelve hours after the cessation of a snowfall or inflict a fine of \$5 and costs on all neglecting to do so. That is evidently the only alternative to compel the citizens to do their duty. Will Councils consider the matter? There are hundreds of people awaiting it.

Public Welfare.

Y. M. C. A. BOWLING LEAGUE

The matches rolled in the local five-man bowling league during the past week resulted as follows:
Plugs won three games from Southside.

| | PLUGS. | | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1st game. | 2nd game. | 3rd game. |
| Humphries | 177 | 185 | 147 |
| Rose | 125 | 149 | 156 |
| Haws | 142 | 140 | 152 |
| W. O. Smedley | 124 | 122 | 154 |
| Savill | 146 | 148 | 195 |
| Totals | 714 | 744 | 804 |

| | SOUTHSIDE. | | |
|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1st game. | 2nd game. | 3rd game. |
| Laird | 112 | 165 | 152 |
| W. Brown | 120 | 123 | 122 |
| Harris | 154 | 131 | 117 |
| Orr | 98 | 130 | ... |
| Winnie | ... | ... | 164 |
| Ludovici | 112 | 153 | 114 |
| Totals | 596 | 702 | 669 |

Plugs won two games out of three games from Montgomery A. C.

| | PLUGS. | | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1st game. | 2nd game. | 3rd game. |
| Humphries | 143 | 131 | 184 |
| Haws | 159 | 149 | 127 |
| W. D. Smedley | 140 | 162 | 135 |
| Schaeffer | 128 | 115 | 136 |
| Savill | 171 | 163 | 169 |
| Totals | 741 | 720 | 751 |

| | MONTGOMERY A. C. | | |
|---------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1st game. | 2nd game. | 3rd game. |
| Scanlin | 145 | 118 | 137 |
| Compton | 139 | 133 | 132 |
| Footo | 151 | 147 | 168 |
| Dickie | 131 | 135 | 167 |
| Ward | 179 | 121 | 127 |
| Totals | 745 | 654 | 731 |

| | Standing of the Clubs. | | |
|------------|------------------------|----|------|
| | W. | L. | Ave. |
| Plugs | 10 | 5 | .667 |
| Colts | 5 | 4 | .556 |
| Essex | 8 | 7 | .533 |
| Montgomery | 9 | 9 | .500 |
| Narbrook | 6 | 6 | .500 |
| Southside | 7 | 14 | .333 |

High individual single game—H. Smedley, 215. High individual three games—Ward, 548. High team three games—Narbrook, 2334. High team single game—Colts, 819.

Bowling Notes.
"Bob" Savill's Plugs may be candidates for the Old Folks' Home, but you would never know it to see them bowl. They are setting the other teams in the league a hot pace, and a continuation of their present form will land them the championship. Their "log" for the past week showed five games won out of six rolled, with a team average for the six games of .746. Some "rollin'" for the old men, eh!

Jim McKell, the popular captain of the Essex team, says the Plugs are due for an "awful lacin'" when they run up against his team again. "Watch us spike their championship aspirations," says Jim. This match is scheduled for January 3rd, and promises to be a "humdinger."

Schaeffer, the new secretary, signed the contract tendered him by Bob Savill and was present in the Plugs' line-up last week. "What's the matter, Bob?" Are the old fellows beginning to feel the strain?

Jim Foote continues to show improved form. He averaged 155 against the Plugs.

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