

What Shall We Do
For The Champions?

OUR TOWN

Public School Opens
September 7.

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SCHOOL WILL OPEN TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7

Renovated During Summer

The Narberth Public School will open for the fall and winter term on Tuesday, September 7. There will be a general assembly of pupils and members of the faculty at 8.45 A. M. The actual studies will be started the next day.

During the summer the Board of Education has had the school building thoroughly renovated and all the interior wood work painted. Everything is in good shape and ready for the arrival of pupils and teachers.

One notable, and particularly worth while addition made to the school equipment during the summer months, is a room for the class in domestic science. This work is being recognized as more and more important every year and Narberth parents and their daughters should feel particularly fortunate in having the splendid facilities afforded at our public school.

The domestic science work will be in charge of Miss Grace Freyer, a graduate of Drexel Institute. Miss Freyer is a new member of the faculty and will also assist in the departmental work in the fourth grade.

Other new teachers this fall will be: Mr. William Eshelman, Dickinson College, instructor in science and athletics; Mr. Edgar Kehler, Millersville Normal School, head of elementary school department and supervisor of playgrounds and junior athletics, and Miss Ida Reed, West Chester Normal School, third grade and departmental work in fourth grade.

Misses Marian Grau, Lula Warner and Mercy McGowan, retired from the teaching staff at the close of school last June.

MAKING PLANS FOR TWO NARBROOK HOUSES

Evidence that lot owners in NARBROOK PARK intend to go right ahead building their houses is furnished by the fact that sketches have already been made for two residences and approved, and instruction issued to D. Knickerbacker Boyd, the Civic Association's advisory architect, to go right ahead with the working drawings and specifications. As soon as this work is finished the actual building will be started.

Other lot owners, it is understood, are contemplating similar action.

UNION TWILIGHT SERVICE.

Next Sunday will be the last Union Twilight Service for this season. The address will be given by Rev. J. E. Jones, pastor of the Elmwood Methodist Church of Philadelphia. Special music by the Y. M. C. A. Glee Club. Come and help make it the largest and best meeting of the year. Your last chance.

NARBERTH LIKE TOKIO.

Residents who bought and planted Japanese flowering cherry trees recently will be interested in this news item:

Mrs. William Baeder Adamson, of "Stoke Hall," Villa Nova, who has traveled considerably in Japan, lived there, in fact, says the Japanese cherry trees planted this year in Narberth are the identical variety found on the "Cherry Drive" in Tokio, Japan. Mrs. Adamson has the only Japanese park in this section of the country.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

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

Mr. Louis Yobier, Mr. Luther Coil, Miss Mary Ann Lloyd, Mr. C. C. Means, Mr. Edward T. Maguire, Jr., Miss Helen Longacre, Mrs. Schneider, Mr. J. D. Walker, Mrs. J. Moesta, Mr. A. Zell.

Edward S. Haws, Postmaster.

GAMES FOR SATURDAY.

Narberth at Paoli.
Overbrook at Wayne.

MR. McCLELLAN MAKES FURTHER COMMENT ON TAX-REVISION DISCUSSION.

Editor of Our Town:

After reading the article signed by George M. Henry, published in your issue of August 19th, 1915, it was my intention to cease a controversy that would entail voluminous correspondence for little or no purpose, and, perhaps make unfriendly feelings, but on second thought I believe that it may be possible for me to convince the gentleman that he also should obtain a thorough knowledge of facts before writing criticism.

Assessments.

For years we have endeavored to keep assessments down for reasons already published, and as I have already stated an equalization of assessments or a slight increase will do the work without a radical readjustment of the rate and assessment (the vacant lots question was my error, and I assure you that my inclinations do not run toward the single taxer).

Tax Committee.

Conceding that many of my remarks under this heading were very broad, but which brought forth facts that may be interesting, I still maintain that you, or the President of

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ELECTRIC TRAINS MAY START IN SEPTEMBER

P. R. R. Overcoming Difficulties

With the energizing, last Saturday, of the electric wires all the way into Broad street station terminal, electric train service may soon be expected between Paoli and Philadelphia.

The principal difficulty which the railroad officials encountered has been overcome to a great extent. This has been with the small rods holding the lower wires parallel to the tracks. The heat and gases from the steam locomotives made useless the hollow metal rods, or hangers as they are called. These have now been replaced with square steel rods, which, so far, have given excellent results.

No definite date for the inauguration of the full electric service could be ascertained. At the general offices at Broad street station it was learned, however, that an effort is being made to run some electric trains in regular service by the middle of September, and gradually increase the number so that early in October the full service will be in operation.

As yet, the final schedule which will be maintained by the electric trains has not been completed. Some slight changes will undoubtedly be made, for with the use of electricity the running time of the trains will be reduced. Each car is equipped with a motor, so that a train of six or eight cars will be able to start as quickly as a single car could start. As there is a down grade from Narberth to Philadelphia, this may mean a reduction of as much as five minutes in the running time. Westward, which is up-grade, the trains may gain as much as three minutes.

With the electric service in full operation, residents of Narberth will, for a time, have to carry a vest-pocket time table, as the familiar leaving times of twenty-nine and fifty-nine minutes after the hour will not continue for all trains. It is not expected that the railroad company will add many new trains, if any, to the present schedule.

MEETING TO ARRANGE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES POSTPONED.

The meeting of the managers and captains of the Narberth and Cheltenham teams to arrange for the championship series was not held last week as planned, because Manager Hackney, of Cheltenham, was called away on account of illness in his family. Manager Walzer says the meeting will be held just as soon as Manager Hackney returns.

A strenuous effort will be made by the Narberth representative to bring one of the big games to Narberth.

"The people of Narberth have supported our boys loyally," says Manager Walzer, "and we hope to land one of the games for our home grounds."

NARBERTH WINS ITS SECOND CHAMPIONSHIP

Walzer Manages Both Teams

Hats off to the Champion Narberth Base Ball team—winners of the Main Line League pennant, and then once more—hats off to Manager Fred Walzer, who has brought home to our borough his second league championship!

Everybody felt certain after we defeated Dun the last time that it was all over but the shouting. Last Saturday's games, however—Dun's defeat at the hands of Wayne and Gulph Mills' forfeit of the game to Narberth



FRED H. WALZER

Manager of Two Championship Teams and Ten Years Borough Constable.

—settled the championship beyond any question.

Narberth will meet Cheltenham for the suburban championship of Philadelphia, and Manager Walzer and his players say they will win more honors for Narberth.

Manager Walzer cannot be too highly praised for his work with this year's team and with his other champions—the 1910 boys. He has taken the keenest interest in the team from the time of its organization and has used good judgment throughout the season.

The work of the Narberth players in the season just coming to a close is still fresh in the minds of our citizens, but we believe the fans will be interested in a few facts about the 1910 championship. That year the league included: Narberth, Ardmore, Bryn Mawr, Strafford, Delmar, Wayne and Cynwyd. Narberth finished in first place with twenty-one victories and only two defeats. Ardmore was second.

Stites Pitched Every Game.

Of this year's team three members—Walzer, Stites and Harry Simpson, played with the 1910 outfit. The veteran "Flicker" Stites pitched every game—even doing a double turn on holidays. Charley Humphries was the man behind the bat throughout the season.

Ray Jones—not our friend who collects the money these Saturday afternoons, but the other Ray, was captain and first baseman.

Bill Morgan, since come to fame as a pitcher for the Detroit Americans, was one of the twirlers for Strafford, that year. He did fine work but Narberth's heavy hitters beat him every game.

At the end of that season the citizens of the town gave the members of the victorious team a banquet and each player was presented with a gold watch fob engraved with his initials and the name of the position he filled.

So we arise to remark: What shall we do for the Champions of 1915?

MR. McQUILKIN TO SPEAK AT THE UNION PRAYER MEETING.

Robert C. McQuilkin, of Woodside avenue, who is a member of the editorial staff of The Sunday School Times, will be the speaker at the Union Prayer meeting this (Wednesday) evening at the Baptist Church. Mr. McQuilkin is a well-known writer and speaker in religious work.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Boys' Activities

The Narberth Y. M. C. A. Juniors have arranged a series of five games with the Junior Baseball Team of the Ardmore Playground. The first game is scheduled for Tuesday of this week at Ardmore. Watch the papers for announcement of the later games; when come out and see the boys play.

These are the boys that are going to belong to the noted Narberth team a few years from now. Lawrence Davis is acting manager for the team.

Boys' Tennis Tournament

Our annual Boys' Tennis Tournament is about ready to start. Eighteen or twenty of the boys are already lined up, and no doubt considerable interest and enthusiasm will be displayed before it is over. The results will be given in these columns.

Tennis.

Tennis is growing in popularity. The Y. M. C. A. court on Anthwyn Farms has been the center of attraction for quite a number of our members this summer. A group of the young men have been spending much of their spare time here, and the result is that there are several interesting and exciting matches of doubles being played now.

NARBERTH WOMEN IN ATLANTIC CITY FIRE

Have Thrilling Experience

Mrs. C. R. Blackall and her niece, Miss Louise Hitchcock, had a thrilling experience in the recent Atlantic City fire.

They had been spending several days at the popular resort and had decided to return to Narberth the afternoon of the fire. After sending their baggage to the depot they walked down to the boardwalk for a stroll. At noon they stopped in a restaurant for a light lunch before going for the train. Hardly had they given their orders when the fire started in a photographic shop next door to the restaurant.

"We hadn't any idea that the fire would amount to anything," said Mrs. Blackall in telling of her experience, "and were in no way concerned. But suddenly the place filled with smoke. The next instant firemen rushed in and hurried us all out on the boardwalk. We weren't a minute too soon, either. The fire spread with startling rapidity and by the time we were a short distance down the walk, the very place where we had been sitting, a few minutes, before was enveloped in flames."

Mrs. Blackall and Miss Hitchcock were fortunate in securing seats on a nearby hotel veranda from which vantage point they watched the fire until it was under control.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE MAIN LINE FISHING CLUB.

The astounding fact has just been revealed that Narberth possesses a real fisherman, whose prowess with the rod and reel has heretofore been in unknown quantity; it was not even suspected. A copy of the Waterville (Maine) "Sentinel" is before us, and with amazement we read in the column headed "Fishing News:" "Kennedy Duff, of Narberth, Pa., has received the prize for the largest catch of the season."

There may be some doubt as to whether our neighbor is a real fisherman or not. We have never heard him tell fish stories, and for that reason are inclined to doubt that he is a genuine disciple of Isak Walton. Although there are those who contend that "big stories—little fish"; "little stories, by fish." However, perhaps he is only an angler. He reports the scarcity of ball of the kind fishermen are usually reported to employ, and his success is therefore somewhat of a mystery. In any event, the Main Line Fishing Club should make due note of the report contained in the Maine newspaper and take such action as the occasion seems to demand.

GETTING READY FOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entries Received to Date

Considering the entries already received—and making allowances for "eleventh hour" fellows who are expected in at the last moment, there is every indication that the annual tournament of The Narberth Tennis Association next week, will be the best affair of the kind ever witnessed in the borough. Playing will start Saturday, September 4, and continue throughout that day and the following Monday, Labor Day, September 6.

The entries received by President Cowin up to date are:

M. Cheney.
W. H. Carmint.
W. Cowin.
A. T. Grugan.
W. R. D. Hall.
F. M. Justice.
S. Kitchel.
W. J. Kirkpatrick.
C. L. Warwick.
Charles McCarter.
Charles Nevin.
W. Y. Shaw.
J. A. Snyder.
A. C. Staples.
R. M. Town.
F. D. Walker.
F. G. Warner.

The tournament is for members only and all entries must reach Mr. Cowin by 6 P. M., Friday, September 3. The drawings for playing will be made that evening.

There will be fine prizes—cups, etc., for the winners, as follows:

Championship singles—First and second prizes; and a consolation prize.

Championship doubles—First and second prizes, and a consolation prize.

In the Ladies' Tournament, which is to follow the men's contest, prizes will be awarded in the championship singles and championship doubles contests.

Later there will also be mixed doubles. Suitable prizes will also be awarded in these contests.

The winners in last year's tournament were as follows:

Men's singles—First, F. G. Warner; second, W. J. Kirkpatrick; consolation, I. R. Jones.

Men's doubles—First, W. P. Bentz and J. A. Snyder; second, R. M. Town and C. Humphreys, 2nd; consolation, W. R. D. Hall and C. Humphreys.

Ladies' singles—First, Miss Carrol Justice; consolation, Miss Edith Humphreys.

Ladies' doubles—First, Miss Carrol Justice and Miss Carrie Irwin; consolation, Miss Edith Humphreys and Miss Helen Duff.

Mixed doubles—First, Miss Carrie Irwin and Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Tennis Notes.

W. J. Kirkpatrick and W. R. D. Hall have been taking part in a tournament at Avalon, in preparation and anticipation of the Narberth contest. Mr. Kirkpatrick also won a silver cup at the Traffic Club's outing.

Each game will be carefully refereed and later complete scores will be published in Our Town. Take no chances; leave your order to-day with your favorite newsdealer!

No unseemly demonstrations of enthusiasm will be permitted. For example—One of the spectators at the Davis Cup tournament last year was a well-known Narberth tennis fan. A hard ball had been driven at McLaughlin, and it was quite evident that the champion realized that it was going "outside" and would not try to return it. But our Narberth friend, in his excitement, rose right up on his feet and yelled: "Let 'er go, Mac, let 'er go."

BICYCLE STOLEN.

A bicycle, with motor attachment, was stolen last week from in front of a house on Merion avenue. The wheel was owned by Stewart Cowan, the music teacher, who was in the house giving a piano lesson at the time of the theft.

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EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS
Fire 360.
Police 1250.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"THE LAST CALL"

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

"OFFICER, HE'S IN AGAIN!"

Narberth folks aren't the only ones that discuss taxes, as witness the following from the editorial page of a recent issue of the New York Times:

As everybody, in one way or another, is a taxpayer, Vice President Howe, of the National Tax Association, advised the undertaking of a big job when at the annual conference of that body in San Francisco this week he pleaded for the education of all taxpayers in at least the fundamental principles of taxation.

That most of them need such instruction is unquestionably and lamentably true, but realization of the need is also lacking in the great majority, so who is to make them go to school? The numerous books on the subject are scorned by the majority of taxpayers as "dry," and there is something of excuse for neglecting them all in that the would-be teachers, not content with disagreeing as to what is and is not sound taxation, indulge in the interchange of very harsh epithets among themselves, those in each group declaring the members of the others little if any better than the wicked.

The typical and innumerable taxpayer is sure of only one thing—that he hates to pay taxes. He strongly inclines to dodge them when he can, and the thing he likes next best to that is to have the inevitable payment deferred—till next year anyhow and longer if possible. In vain is he told that this increases the ultimate amount exacted. He doesn't care. Hope sings in his heart a song to the effect that he can make "posterity" carry some of the burden, if not all of it, and anything is better to him than a big tax bill this year.

His favorite municipal administration is one that issues bonds, and more bonds, and then bonds, and the one he hates is the one that says to him, "You are posterity!"

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYBODY.

A few more days and summer will be gone, and with it, most of the flowers. But before it is too late Our Town wishes to say "thank you" to every resident of the borough. The gardens this summer have been exceptionally fine and Narberth folks are to be congratulated.

It is true that there is no state law authorizing us to assume this attitude of "floral patron," so to speak, but we assume it just the same.

Our town has been good to look upon these last few months and visitors and passersby have frequently taken occasion to say kind words about the appearance of our gardens.

MR. McCLELLAN MAKES FURTHER COMMENT

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Council have no authority to appoint committees to even obtain, suggest data, or assist the assessor in making his returns. The assessor was duly elected by the people, and has been and is perfectly capable of making assessments.

If he requires assistance, we will all hear and heed his call. I referred to the city of Philadelphia making an error along these lines. This was thoroughly aired in that city's papers.

Councils of the City of Philadelphia employed public appraisers who inspected various properties, and reported their worth to a committee of Council. It was found that this was unlawful, and I am informed that the expense was about \$35,000. This has never been paid, and only recently the city solicitor advised the city treasurer not to reimburse the appraisal company.

Roadways.

Wake up, my dear sir, I have re-vised on Woodside avenue slightly over twenty-four years. That avenue, Elmwood, Essex and Maple avenues—between Woodside avenue and Elmwood avenue—were built years before the incorporation of our borough. The sewer was laid before the road, and the fire hydrants were in use before we thought about borough ownership. These were paid for by the promoter, C. W. Macfarlane. Later the Spring Garden Insurance Company rebuilt the sewer at a cost of about \$5000; the borough obtained it as the nominal sum of \$1500.

Did my family pay for these improvements when they purchased the property? Or did I have the slightest interest in the sewer question? The maintenance of the telford road on Woodside avenue, in the past twenty years, but slightly depleted the borough treasury. With this explanation you surely should allow me the credit of having paid my mite in building the roadway in front of your home.

Who knows but that through my humble efforts the roadways were made dustless? I certainly tried, but when making requests for voluntary contributions, was met with the rebuke: How much do you make out of it?

Dustless roadways and general maintenance would hardly come under the heading of building roads. I maintain that promoters and property owners should make application to Councils to have their road built and to be assessed for their cost in accordance with the Act of Legislature, Pennsylvania laws, 1911, Page 116, or the borough take the initiative and build the road, assess the property owners in accordance with Act of Legislature, Pennsylvania laws, 1911, Page 288. Maybe there are other roads which the taxpayers did not build!

Haverford Avenue.

This roadway has been a quandary ever since the borough was incorporated (I am somewhat familiar with the property damaged, having been through the ordeal when Essex avenue was re-graded). It would not be a bad idea if you consulted the borough engineer, examine the map, measure the roadway, and, if I am correct, it may be in your jurisdiction to see that obstructions are removed.

Council Meetings.

Come, my friend, how many times have you attended meetings since you were elected executive officer of the borough? Count them, and see if they exceed any great number outside of those you found it necessary to attend in order to promote a project, which was your hobby. Perhaps I never attended Council meeting. Who knows?

Borough Officials.

In answer to your last paragraph in reference to these officials, you hit the nail exactly on the head. For years the officials of our borough have worked for its interests, and a great many should have their names in the Hall of Fame. But I don't agree that the slightest protest should remain unheeded, because the little things lead to much greater.

We have many ordinances; some seem to be useless. Is it because we do not enforce them, or because our officials are handicapped, or because our officials do not know that ordinances exist? Is there an ordinance requiring hacks to pay a license and display their license numbers?

Is there an ordinance requiring the laying of sidewalks? These are but two ordinances that are not enforced, but which we all see every day.

Narbrook Park.

I certainly commend our philanthropists, and sincerely hope the park will be a success and a beauty spot forever.

I also take this opportunity to apologize for any remarks that might have a tendency to be sarcastic, or hurt one's feelings.

My life-long friend of Montgomery avenue, after reading the above, may not think that I am such a grouch. His idea of the readjustment of assessments would hardly meet with general approval, and it is doubtful if an Act of Legislature would be put through along these lines, and, if enacted, would be but constitutional.

Let me pat you on the back, build your own roads, dedicate them to the borough, then I will feel more than anxious to donate my mite for maintenance.

To Booster, One who has faith and Inquisitive, ashamed of your names, or just plain coward who covers its identity under a non-deplume.
C. A. S. McClellan.

THANKS TO HIS FRIENDS.

Editor of Our Town:

The arrival of Our Town afforded me a great deal of satisfaction. I expected to see some answers to your strenuous appeal of last week for volunteers to knock our umpires in the Main Line League. Instead I find a letter from a man whom I consider a very competent judge on account of his long association with our national pastime, upholding my judgment in the selection of the men now doing the work.

I think Narberth should be more than thankful that we have but one man who puts his judgment above six competent managers, who put their seal of approval upon the actions of the president. There is one point our friend with the hammer seems entirely ignorant of, and that is that there is a regular monthly meeting of the league at which time all doubtful decisions of the umpires are taken up and discussed. If there should be a protested game a special meeting is called to decide the game in dispute.

However, there is nothing to be gained by further discussion of this question. I started this letter simply to thank my friends and neighbors in Our Town for generously refusing to accept the invitation to join the anvill chorus.

In closing I might say that my resignation as president of the league is ready at any time the managers of the several clubs should ask for it.

Sincerely yours,
Fred L. Rose.

Ocean City, N. J.

IF YOU OWN A TALKING MACHINE (Not an Advertisement)

Almost any Narberth family that has a talking machine—and there are at least six in the borough—has the record "The End of a Perfect Day," but we wonder how many know the words of that popular song? Just because you've heard a good singer sing a particular song doesn't prove that you have the faintest idea of what the words are. We've heard too many folks sing "The Rosary" to be fooled that way. So, in rambling along with scissors and paste the other evening we came upon the words of "The End of a Perfect Day" and here they are. Clip them out and compare them with your record:

A Perfect Day.

When you come to the end of a perfect day
And you sit alone with your thought
While the chimes ring out with a carol gay
For the joy that the day has brought,
Do you think what the end of a perfect day
Can mean to a tired heart,
When the sun goes down with a flaming ray
And the dear friends have to part?
Well, this is the end of a perfect day,
Near the end of a journey, too;
But it leaves a thought that is big and strong,
With a wish that is kind and true.
For mem'ry has painted this perfect day
With colors that never fade,
And we find, at the end of a perfect day,
The soul of a friend we've made.
—Carrie Jacobs-Bond.

FOR EVERY TENTH MAN AND WOMAN IN NARBERTH

Even if nine out of every ten folks in Narberth read the following from the pen of that gifted New England writer, Walter Prichard Eaton, in a recent issue of the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, we are glad to give it space in Our Town for the benefit of that tenth person.

Read what Mr. Eaton says, and see if it doesn't recall vividly the days of your own childhood:

THE FOLKLORE OF "COUNTING OUT."

By WALTER PRICHARD EATON.

Not long ago I was sitting one evening, just after dinner, on the outer balcony of a city club. The daylight still lingered in the street, and I was idly smoking and watching three little girls playing on the sidewalk across the way. A man I did not know was sitting near me. After a few moments he spoke.

"Funny thing," he said, "but those girls over there have invented a game. I've sat here evenings for two weeks now and watched its evolution. They've got it completed at last. I suppose hop-scotch and all the rest got invented some time or other."

"Probably," said I. "But they seemed to have always been, didn't they?"

"Sure," said he. "Funny how they get passed down the generations. I wonder if this new game will become a tradition, too?"

I have been wondering since if other games have not been invented in our congested modern cities, games which we as children know nothing about, games which are the result of the peculiar new environment. Possibly somebody has investigated the subject and written about it, but I haven't chanced to see the report. Will these games persist in tradition, as the old ones have persisted? The field is really a fertile one for somebody who loves curious and pleasantly unimportant subjects!

Variation and Vexation.

After the man on the balcony and I no longer had the new game to watch we fell to talking about games of our own childhood, and especially about counting out rhymes. We soon discovered that there evidently exists a considerable variation in these rhymes. Our discussion of one of them, in fact, nearly precipitated a quarrel. He said:

Acker, backer, soda cracker,
Acker, backer, boo!
My father chews tobacker,
Out goes you.

"No," said I. "That is obviously wrong. It isn't the counter's father who indulges in the filthy habit, but the father of the person who is counted out. There is scorn in the line. You have completely missed the subtlety of this rhyme. Nor is the charge made directly. The third line goes this way:

If your father chews tobacker,
Out goes you.

"Not at all," said the other man. "In the days when that rhyme came into being there was no shame attached to the good old custom of chewing tobacco. The child, in fact, was rather proud to proclaim his parent's addiction to the weed. The line went as I quoted it."

"It did not," said I.

"It did," said he.

Unfortunately, there was no third party to whom we could appeal. Still, I know that I am right!

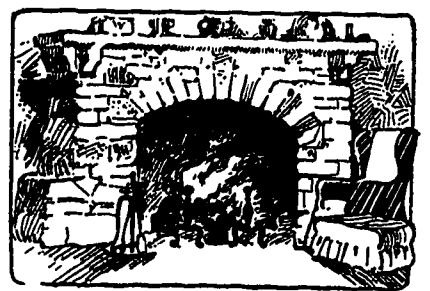
We were rather amazed as our memories got to working to find out how many counting-out rhymes we could recall between us. Some we agreed on, as the famous:

Ene, mene, mini, mo,
Catch a nigger by the toe,
If he hollers let him go,
Ene, mene, mini, mo.

But another on which we differed was this:

As I was going to Salt Lake
I met a little rattlesnake,
He'd e't so much of jelly cake
It made his little belly ache.

The other man maintained stoutly that it was ginger cake the poor snake had eaten of, not wisely, but too well. This I held to be manifestly wrong, because one of the things
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THE FIRESIDE

By Lady Narberth

Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Metzgar and family, of Chestnut avenue, have returned from a vacation at Cape May.

James Compton and Chris Cotter are spending their vacation in Virginia, visiting friends and relatives in their former home town.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yost, whose wedding took place last month, will be at home after September 1 at 215 Chestnut avenue.

William B. Goodall has returned from an extended business trip through Texas, Oklahoma and other Southwestern States.

Richard Wallace, the old University of Pennsylvania first baseman, was in town last Saturday and an interested spectator at the Narberth-Gulph Mills exhibition game.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Jahnke, of Windsor avenue, are visiting at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Charles L. Jenkins and children, of Dudley avenue, are visiting their old home in Virginia.

George Rose, of Woodside avenue, has brought himself home from his uncle's farm at Goshen, N. Y. Nicely done, George. Our young traveler thinks well of Narberth as a health resort. "There's a reason."

Mr. Harry Joslyn, of Elmwood avenue, has gone to the northern part of Montgomery county for a few weeks' vacation.

Charles W. Thomson and family are spending their vacation at Wildwood Crest.

Mr. W. H. Carmint and family are in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bossert are spending a week in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Fowler and their two daughters are at Greenport, Long Island.

W. J. Peebles and family, of Iona avenue, have returned to their Narberth home. They have been summering at Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. E. Derby have gone to East Providence, R. I.

Miss Augusta Witherow, who has been spending several weeks in Virginia, has returned to Narberth.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Keim, of Dudley avenue, have returned from a visit to Falls of French Creek, Pa.

Miss Mable McCollister is spending her vacation in Midland, Ontario, Canada. She will return to Narberth the latter part of this week.

Miss Mary Small has returned after a week's stay in Wilmington, Brandywin Springs and other points along the historic Brandywine.

Mrs. Sara Keyser, of Dudley avenue, has returned from Roanoke, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert McCoy and Miss Madeleine McCoy have returned to Narberth from quite an extensive stay at Hagerstown, Md.

Miss Agnes Rose is at "The Brooklyn," Ocean Grove, N. J.

Miss Beatrice Lough, of Woodside avenue, entertained Miss Helen Bullwinkle, of Brooklyn, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Louis Halstead, of Wynnefield, over the week-end.

R. W. Leonard and family, formerly of Cincinnati, are new residents. They are living at 12 Merion avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore and daughter Dorothy, of 102 Merion avenue
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News of the Churches

UNION TWILIGHT SERVICES.

Corner Windsor and Forrest Avenues.
6.00—Next Sunday evening.
Speaker, Rev. J. Edwin Jones.
Special music by the Y. M. C. A. Glee Club.
Everyone welcome.

UNION PRAYER MEETINGS.

The schedule of Union Prayer Meetings to be held Wednesday evenings throughout the summer follows:
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Sept. 1 Pres. Bap.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister.

Next Sunday's services:
10 a. m.—Bible school; all departments.
11 a. m.—Public worship. Sermon by Rev. W. A. Williams, D. D., pastor of the Richmond Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia.
6 p. m.—Union twilight meeting, corner of Windsor and Forrest avenues.
Union prayer meeting in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening, September 1.
The pastor, who is spending the latter part of August in the Pocono Mountains, expects to return for the first Sunday in September, when the regular services will be resumed.

MERION MEETING HOUSE.

Montgomery Avenue and Meeting House Lane.
Merion Meeting House is opened for worship every First-day at 10.30 A. M. Visitors are cordially welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE EVANGEL.

Rev. Emerson L. Swift, Pastor.
Wednesday, August 25, at 8 P. M. Union Prayer meeting. Leader to be furnished by the Methodist Church.
Sunday, August 29:
9.45 A. M.—Bible School.
11.00 A. M.—Public service. Sermon by Rev. Geo. E. Rees, D. D., of Philadelphia.
6.00 P. M.—Union service on the lawn, corner of Forrest and Windsor avenues.

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.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

"The Little Church on the Hill"
Rev. C. G. Koppel, Pastor.
Sunday, August 29:
9.45—Sunday School. Bible study classes for adults.
11.00—Public worship. Sermon by the Rev. J. Edwin Jones, pastor of the Elmwood Church, Philadelphia.
6.00—Union Twilight service. Speaker the Rev. J. Edwin Jones, of Philadelphia.
Wednesday, August 25
Union prayer service in the Baptist Church at 8 P. M.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS.

The services at All Saints' P. E. Church, Montgomery avenue and Wynnewood Road, for next Sunday are as follows:
8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Morning prayer and sermon.
The Rev. R. B. Burke will officiate at all the services during the absence of the rector.
The offertory selection last Sunday a contralto solo, entitled "Just As I Am," was beautifully rendered.
All visitors, as well as the residents of Narberth and vicinity, are cordially invited to attend any of the services.

WHY NOT PETITION FOR A NEW POST OFFICE?

Since the appearance in Our Town of the announcement that Narberth might have free delivery or carrier service under certain conditions, considerable comment in favor of having it has been heard.

As stated in the issued referred to, August 12, the Post Office Department desires an expression in the form of a petition by a large proportion of the patrons of the office asking for such service to be established, on receipt of which the department promises to give the matter due consideration.

It would require a change from or enlargement of the present post office building before such service could be established, as additional room would be required for the carriers, necessary extra equipment, proper provision for handling parcels post matter which we do not have now, and other obviously necessary accommodations for the clerks and carriers. These things can no doubt be secured if the patrons are desirous enough to so request the department. Postmaster Haws is ready to present the matter to the proper authorities in Washington at any time. The next move is up to the residents of the borough.

The postmaster is of the opinion that when conditions are investigated at Narberth the result will be new quarters for the post office. The receipts of the office the past year have been such as to warrant the department in giving consideration to Narberth Post Office, but the patrons should remember that this patronage should be continued. All stamps and stamped paper required for their needs should be purchased at home rather than in town, as the receipts are an important feature in making a request for improvements.

Another Christmas rush will be here in the near future, and unless some one gets busy pretty soon we will likely see other attempts to crowd a large portion of the population of Narberth together with fifty or seventy-five large sacks of mail all at the same time, into the present little box we call a post office.

SCHOOL PAINTING CONTRACT.

The contract for painting the interior of the Narberth School was awarded to F. W. Walzer, by the Board of Education. The exterior of the building is in good shape and with the completion of the interior work the school has been made spic and span from basement to roof.

LADY NARBERTH.

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nue, have returned from a sojourn at Asbury Park, N. J.

A. Leslie Lambert and family have returned from a vacation at Ocean City.

John Burt and family have returned from their vacation spent with relatives in South Jersey.

The Jacoby family of Iona avenue are traveling in Canada.

H. C. Fritsch and family have returned from a week's vacation trip by automobile to Gettysburg.

W. T. Casner has returned from New England.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Gifford, of 310 Woodside avenue, have returned from an extensive automobile tour through New England. On their return trip from Boston they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Frazier.

Mrs. Aldine K. Siler and her son, have gone to Nashville, Tenn., for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hunter McDowell and Mrs. McDowell have returned from Ocean City.

Miss Ruth Ely Haws has returned from her vacation on the farm of her uncle in Berks county.

The stork made a call at 210 Essex avenue, Thursday, August 19. The name of the young lady arrival is Muriel Haas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haary Haas.

FOR EVERY TENTH MAN AND WOMAN IN NARBERTH

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most attractive about the rhyme, besides, of course, the excuse it gave for using the word "belly" in mixed company, was the delicious similarity of sound between "Jelly cake" and "belly ache." Such similarities of sound appeal to children, as a good epigram appeals to adults or a good pun.

Who Made Them Up?

As a matter of fact, I have seen somewhere a collection of nearly 50 counting-out rhymes in use in a single section, and most of them with variants. Of course, the children do not learn them from a printed collection, though. They are passed down through the generations by oral tradition. How old are they? Who made them up in the first place? Did you ever make one up, or assist in the process? Obviously, the man who was going to Salt Lake and met the rattlesnake was an American. That one must have been composed not only in this country, but since the discovery of the Great Salt Lake.

Engine number nine,
Stick your head in turpentine.
Turpentine make it shine,
Engine number nine,

also betrays internal evidence of creation not earlier than the first quarter of the 19th century. Who made up these rhymes and why certain ones get perpetuated is something of a mystery.

Another phase of childhood folk lore is found in the catches we were all so fond of when young. Who invents them? Who has ever seen a new one in the making? Who was the author of the most famous, perhaps, of all? You will remember it, of course. It was most popular at just about the age when you were learning to count. You said to another boy or girl, "I saw a dead horse on Chelsea Beach. I one it." (I suppose in Philadelphia the horse was seen at some local point.)

The other boy was supposed to reply, "I two it."
Then you said, "I three it," and so on, till the other fellow affirmed that he "eight it," and you screamed with derisive mirth, "Oh, ho, Jimmy ate a dead horse!"

Then there was the "Just like me" dialogue, which ultimately caused the unsuspecting victim to affirm that he resembled a monkey. Another we all recall went as follows:

Adam and Eve and Pinchme all
went out to swim. Adam and
Eve were drowned. Who was
saved?

Nobody was likely to forget that one, after it had once been played on him.

Passing Notes in School.

Clifton Johnson has somewhere recorded the actual birth of a piece of childhood jingle which shows, probably, how a good many others have originated. He says that in Enfield, Conn., a boy in school wrote something on a piece of paper and passed it around. The teacher saw the other pupils laughing, got hold of the paper and read the following couplet about herself:

Three little mice ran up the stairs
To hear Miss Blodgett say her
prayers.

This teacher evidently had a real appreciation of literature, for instead of whipping the boy she gave him five minutes to write two more lines telling what happened to the mice, or to Miss Blodgett, as the case might be. Nothing daunted, the boy turned out this sequel:

When Miss Blodgett said "Amen,"
The three little mice ran down
again.

I used to quote that poem in my boyhood with the name of my teacher substituted, and it never occurred to me that the verses were not as old as the very hills. They seemed always to have been handed down from generation to generation. That is the charm of folk lore, whether adult or childish. Its origins are unknown, and it is perpetuated by wireless.

A very good illustration to-day is the spread of the latest Ford car story. We really have in America a genuine folk literature of the Ford car. They say it is going to be collected, which is a pity. All folk literature should remain oral for at least two generations.

NARBERTH LOSES AN EXHIBITION GAME

But Wins Championship

Narberth clinched the Main Line League pennant last week by reason of Dun & Co.'s defeat at the hands of the Wayne Club, and Manager Fulmer's failure to present a full line-up of the Gulph Mills team last week at Narberth, which forfeited the game to Narberth 9-0.

In order to give the patrons a game, Manager Walzer loaned Gulph Mills two Narberth boys, Robert Hood and George Jones to make a complete team for the visitors, who then played the champions an exhibition game, which Narberth lost by the score of 3-2.

Strange to say it was a Narberth boy who made the hit which defeated the home team. In the seventh inning Robert Hood singled to right field which enabled D. Davis to score the deciding run of the game.

Narberth secured one run in the second inning. Ensinger was safe on a fielder's choice, Barker being caught at third base. Ensinger went to second on the play and scored on Harry Simpson's single.

Walter Humphries scored the home team's second run in the third inning by reaching first on George Jones' error. Mayer then uncorked a wild pitch, at which time Walter delayed going to second in order to get a throw from Singleton. Walter's method proved to be a good one. Singleton threw to center field to catch the runner at second, but Walter went to third and scored when Hood threw over the third baseman's head.

Gulph Mills evened up the score in the seventh inning when Kershaw doubled to left field past Fleck, and scored on Humphries' error of D. Davis' grounder. Hood then poled out a single which enabled Davis to score the tying run.
Gulph Mills made what proved to be the winning run of the game in the eighth inning on hits by Singleton and Pitcher Mayer.

The features of the game were the pitching of Mayer, who fanned nine men and didn't allow a base on balls, and Walzer's catch of Campman's short fly to right field in the sixth inning.

The score:

NARBERTH.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Humphries, 2b.	1	1	3	2	1
E. Davis, 1b.	0	0	10	0	0
Koons, c.	0	0	7	3	0
Fleck, lf.	0	0	2	0	0
Walzer, rf.	0	1	1	0	0
Barker, cf.	0	0	0	0	0
Gilmore, cf.	0	0	0	0	0
Ensinger, p.	1	0	0	0	0
Simpson, 3b.	0	1	1	2	1
L. Davis, ss.	0	0	3	0	0
Totals	2	3	27	7	2

GULPH MILLS.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Campman, ss.	0	0	1	3	2
Hoxey, 2b.	0	1	1	2	0
Kershaw, 1b.	1	1	10	0	0
Singleton, c.	0	2	10	0	1
Davis, lf.	1	0	2	0	0
Fulmer, rf.	0	1	1	0	0
Hood, cf.	0	1	2	0	1
Jones, 2b.	0	0	0	3	1
Mayer, p.	1	1	0	3	0
Totals	3	7	27	11	5

Gulph Mills0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0—3
Narberth0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0—2

Two-base hits—Hoxey, Fulmer, Kershaw. Stolen bases—E. Davis, Humphries. Left on bases—Narberth, 3; Gulph Mills, 6. Struck out—By Ensinger, 8; Mayer, 9. Bases on balls—Off Ensinger, 2. Wild pitch—Mayer. Umpire—Lydon. Scorer—Smith. Time—1.50.

Base Ball Pick-Ups.

Next week Narberth journeys to Paoli to play Manager Hanley's Men's Club. Are you going along?

Did you see Eugene Davis sporting his new "C. H. S." last week?

Our Narberth boys were the ones who beat us. Can you beat that?

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Narberth	17	3	.850
Overbrook	11	8	.573
Dun & Co.	11	8	.573
Wayne	8	12	.400
Paoli	6	13	.315
Gulph Mills	5	14	.262

OVERBROOK MANAGER CLAIMS HIS TEAM SHOULD BE SECOND.

According to a protest made by Manager O'Brien, his Overbrook team should be in second place in the Main Line League race, and R. G. Dun & Co. should be third. Secretary McCrea, of the League, however, maintains that Overbrook and Dun & Co. are tied for second place, each team having won eleven games and lost eight, which makes their percentages exactly .578. Manager O'Brien says it should be: Overbrook, won twelve and lost seven, which would give his team a percentage of .631, a lead of fifty-two points.

The dispute goes back to the Overbrook-Paoli game of three weeks ago. Paoli won the game by the actual score, but Manager O'Brien filed a protest and claimed the game because he said that Griffus, who played for Paoli, was not entitled to take part in a League game. Griffus had started the season with Overbrook, but was later released. Manager Hanley, of the Paoli, claims that he signed Graffius as a regular player and sent the proper notification to Secretary McCrea.

The protest was discussed at a meeting of the managers and Acting President Castor, held at Wayne, but no definite settlement of the controversy was made. It is understood that the League officers are awaiting the return of President Rose from his vacation for a final adjustment.

WAYNE WINS FROM DUN & CO.

Manager Houck's Wayne Club won an exciting and sharply played game at Wayne, defeating the R. G. Dun & Co. travelers by the score of 5 to 3.

WAYNE.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Weaver, c.	1	0	4	4	0
Hallowell, p.	0	0	0	4	0
C. Evans, 3b.	0	1	5	4	0
J. Evans, rf.	1	0	0	1	1
Brooke, 2b.	0	0	1	2	0
Cass, ss.	0	1	1	0	0
Mitchell, lf.	1	1	1	0	0
Compston, cf.	1	2	3	0	0
W. Evans, 1b.	1	1	12	0	0
Totals	5	6	27	15	1

R. G. DUN & CO.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Gilbert, cf.	1	1	0	0	0
Fahey, c.	2	3	8	2	2
H. Barnitz, 1b.	0	2	6	0	1
Storer, rf.	0	0	2	1	0
Biggs, lf.	0	2	2	0	0
Deegan, p.	0	0	2	0	0
Frazier, rf.	0	1	0	0	0
R. Barnitz, 2b.	0	0	3	5	0
D'Frates, ss.	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	3	9	24	10	3

Dun & Co.1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0—3
Wayne0 0 0 1 4 0 0 0 x—5

Two-base hits—Compston, 2; Cass, C. Evans, Fahey, 2; Gilbert. Stolen bases—Weaver, 2; J. Evans, 2; C. Evans, H. Barnitz, Frazier. Struck out—By Deegan, 8; Hallowell, 1. Bases on balls—Off Hallowell, 5; Deegan, 3. Double play—R. Barnitz, DeFrates and H. Barnitz. Umpire—Kirk. Time—1.30.

OVERBROOK BEATS PAOLI.

The Overbrook Colts handed a trouncing to the Paoli Men's Club in a seven-inning game at Overbrook by the score of 10 to 2. Score:

PAOLI M. C.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Le Roy, 3b.	0	2	2	0	0
Supplee, 2b.	0	0	3	1	1
Hanley, rf.	0	2	0	1	0
Kingston, 1b.	0	0	3	0	0
Graffius, cf.	0	0	1	0	2
Brown, ss.	1	1	0	0	0
Detterline, lf.	0	2	0	0	1
Pawling, c.	0	0	9	3	1
Magill, p.	1	1	0	2	0
Totals	2	8	18	7	5

OVERBROOK.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Levan, 3b, 1b.	2	3	4	0	1
Hermes, ss.	0	0	2	0	0
Loughery, 1b., 3b.	2	2	2	2	0
Wolfson, cf.	2	0	0	0	0
Jacoby, cf.	0	0	0	0	0
Pulch, 2b.	1	3	2	4	9
Hare, lf.	0	0	0	0	0
McCabe, rf.	0	0	0	0	0
Packey, p, rf.	2	1	0	1	0
Rhoades, p.	0	1	0	1	0
Riley, c.	1	2	11	3	1
Totals	10	12	21	11	2

Paoli Men's Club0 1 0 0 0 0 1—2
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NEWS FROM ALASKA.

Recently a resident of our town received a letter from a friend who resides in Alaska. The letter contained some interesting statements, among them that during the present summer they have experienced the first thunder storm in the memory of the oldest inhabitant; that children born and raised in Alaska and never having been on the "outside" (in Alaska they refer to the United States, Canada, etc., as being "outside") were greatly frightened, many thinking the world was coming to an end.

The summer there has been unusually warm, the thermometer reaching ninety degrees at times, resulting in unusual melting of the ice on the mountains and glaciers. The statement is made in the letter that the "ice worms" have all been dried up by the heat, but fortunately this did not occur until after the "ice worm wiggle," which is one of the latest dances in that country, was perfected. Some of the older residents are shaking their heads dubiously and claim that this warm weather means no good and they will have to move further North so they can get plenty of good fresh air.

HOW TO GET ON WORKING TERMS WITH THE SILVERFISH.

Housewives who are annoyed by damage done by insects to their books, papers, clothing, and other articles containing starch are advised by the United States Department of Agriculture, to spread a poisoned paste upon bits of cardboard and tuck these into crevices in bookshelves, backs of mantels, under washboards, and in the bottom of bureau and bookcase drawers. A thin boiled starch paste should be prepared by adding to the flour from three to five per cent. powdered white arsenic (poison) and then using sufficient water to boil into a thin paste. This should be spread upon cardboard and allowed to dry. The preparation, however, is poisonous to human beings as well as to insects and it must be used with the utmost care.

The insect which does the damage is known by a number of popular names, such as silverfish, silver louse, silver witch, sugarfish, etc. It owes these names to its peculiar fishlike form and its scaly glistening body. As long ago as 1665 it was described as "a very small silvery shining worm or moth which I found much conversant among books and papers." It is about one-third of an inch in length, tapering from near the head to the extremity of the body, and somewhat resembles a worm in appearance. Its entire body is covered with very minute scales, which give it its shiny appearance, and its six legs enable it to run about with great rapidity.

The silverfish is one of the most serious pests known to libraries, for it is particularly fond of the paste used in the binding of books. Heavily glazed paper is also attractive to it. Starched clothing, linen, or curtains may be seriously damaged if left undisturbed for any considerable period of time, and the insect also feeds upon the starch paste applied to wall paper. By eating this, it causes the wall paper to scale off. Occasionally it gets into vegetable drugs or similar material which is left undisturbed for long periods, and it is an open question whether or not it ever attacks carpets and plush-covered furniture. A somewhat similar insect is commonly called in England a "firebrat" because of its fondness for ovens and

fireplaces, where the heat would destroy other insects.

Among the remedies for this household pest in addition to the poisoned paste is pyrethrum. Wherever this can be applied, as on bookshelves, it furnishes one of the best means for getting rid of the insect.

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