



## SANTA CLAUS WILL SOON BE HERE

### A LETTER WRITTEN BY A LITTLE GIRL TO CHARLES DANA, AT ONE TIME EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK SUN

Dear Editor:

I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you saw it in "The Sun," it is so. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia Hoglan.

Mr. Dana's Reply to Virginia.

Dear Virginia:

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except as they see. They think nothing can be, which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be man's or child's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect; an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him—as measured by the boundless intelligence capable of grasping the whole of knowledge and of thought.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound, and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas, how dreary would be the soul if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and in sight. The eternal light with which child-

hood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus; but, even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those which neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dance across the lawn? Of course not. But that is no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in this world. You may tear open the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the inside world, which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived can tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view the picture: the supernal glory and beauty beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world, there is nothing real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives forever. A thousand years from now, nay, ten times a thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Charles Dana.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN WRITE ABOUT CHRISTMAS

#### Letters From Three Narberth Pupils, Containing Original And Interesting Thoughts of Our Christmas Observance

Christmas is the festival of the Nativity of Christ, observed by the Christian Church yearly on December 25, and commonly accepted as the birth of Christ.

The celebration of Christmas cannot be traced back further than one hundred and eighty to one hundred and ninety-two A. D. It does not appear however that there was complete uniformity in the period of observation of the Nativity among the early churches. Some had the festival in the spring, others in January. It was not until a later date that December 25 was celebrated as the date of the birth of Christ.

Christmas from the fifth to the eighth century gathered around other festivals partly old and partly new, so that what may be termed Christmas cycle sprang up.

The custom of decorating the churches with holly and evergreens on Christmas is a very ancient one.

The visits of Santa Claus bearing gifts belong properly to December 6, the day of Saint Nicholas.

Taylor Farles.

The true conception of the Christmas spirit is the spirit of giving and not receiving.

We must remember that it is because of God's gift to us, that we celebrate the Christmas season. When we think of how He gave His only Son, in a true spirit of unselfish love, we should remember, not only our own dear ones around us, but our less fortunate brothers and sisters and give them a happy Christmas, thus bringing our "White Gifts" to the feet of the King.

It is the spirit of fellowship that causes us to drop a coin into a Christmas box as we pass, for we know we will help make some one happy.

In a spirit of goodwill, we greet all alike, with a cheery smile or kind word, and pass on, leaving that smile or word in the heart or eyes of him to whom it was spoken, ready to be passed on to the next comer.

Last, but not least, we have the spirit of forgiveness, which enables us to forget our petty grudges and quarrels, and give our hand to our enemy, and with a hearty greeting, set all aright. For it was in forgiveness as well as love that the Father gave His Son, so that we would be freed from our sins.

So we find that it is only with the spirit of love, fellowship, goodwill, and forgiveness that we can have the real, true Christmas spirit.

Eleanor B. Eyre.

Of all the festivals of the year the one ushered forth with the most joy; attended with the most happiness, merriment, spirit and festivity; and which leaves the most lasting good wishes and happiness behind, is Christmas. And most fittingly so, for

### MERION IN LINE FOR AMATEUR GOLF TOURNEY

Golf Association Committee Recommends Local Club and Two Others for Event

DECIDE JANUARY 14

At the annual meeting of the American Golf Association, which will be held on January 14, the executive committee will recommend that the three national championships tournaments shall be awarded to any one of the following clubs:

National Amateur—Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia; Nassau Country Club, Glen Cove, L. I., and Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley, L. I.

National; open—Minikahda Club, Minneapolis; Country Club of Detroit, and Englewood Country Club, Englewood, N. J.

Women's National—New Haven, Conn., Country Club; Greenwich, Conn., Country Club, and Belmont Springs Country Club, Waverly, Mass.

was not Christ, the source of all good, born on this day hundreds of years ago, and born for the very purpose of promoting these blessings for mankind? "Peace on earth! Goodwill to men" was the song caroled to the shepherds by the angels. A song that has come down the years with each Christmas and has helped to make that season the best of all the year, because it is the anniversary of Redemption of the world.

As this season draws near it is accompanied by a series of pastel scenes; the Nativity, picturing the lowly shed in which the Child is seen wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger; the apparition of the angels to the shepherds on the crest of the hill, the moon and stars flooding them with light; the visitation of the shepherds and their offerings of the kids, symbolic of purity; and last, but by no means least, the beautiful scene of the three wise-men, who came from far countries to offer to the Saviour—gold, frankincense and myrrh—and to adore him. All these scenes pass through our minds during the Christmas tide.

About the time of Advent, which announces Christmas, everything flows with the beautiful and lonely and the festive appearance of all things show to us, that the world is preparing for the anniversary of the birth of Him, who came to the earth to redeem man. Of all the many things announcing Christmas the most impressive is the music of an organ pealing forth and glory, and the chants and hymns becoming more beautiful through the weeks of Advent until on Christmas day they break forth in all of the magnificence of true beauty, for fine music is indeed truly beautiful. It may well be said that through music we read the soul; and it is true that the greatest poets invariably connect music with Christmas poetry. And so is the Spirit of Season absorbed into every heart to last through the year and to leave its print on the great heart of the world as December is left to memory.

E. Southerland.

The new minister was invited out to supper. He was a bachelor, and when he helped himself to the biscuits for the third time he looked across the table at the hostess' little girl. "I don't often have such a good supper as this, my dear," he said in his most propitiatory tone.

"We don't, either," said the little girl, smiling. "I'm awful glad you came."

Little Johnny—Dad, there's a girl at our school whom we call Postscript.

Dad—Postscript? What do you call her Postscript for?

Little Johnny—"Cos her name is Adeline Moore.

But with the morning cool reflections came.—Scott.

I have been dying for twenty years, now I am going to live.—James Drummond Burns.

**NARBERTH ASSEMBLY  
LARGELY ATTENDED**

Second Dance of Season Was Held Friday Evening in Elm Hall

The second dance of the Narberth Assembly was held in Elm Hall last Friday evening, December 17, and was indeed, largely attended.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Rezo Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bodansky, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Greene, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Grugan, Mr. Lewis D. Hess, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hillegas, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Holme, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Llewellyn, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Metzgar, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morgan, Mr. George Rose, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Shyroek, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Downes, Mr. and Mrs. George Graham, Mr. Lewis Moore and Miss Mary Rowan, Mr. Robert Towne, Mr. Guy Fittzell and Miss Gladys Moffitt, Mrs. Wm. C. Claghorn, Mrs. Lloyd P. Drinker.

Receiving were—Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Greene, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Grugan.

Next dance of the series will be held Friday evening, January 21. There will be held in Elm Hall on New Year's eve a subscription dance under the direction of the Assembly Committee with special features and decorations. Fee \$2.00 per couple. Anyone interested communicate with the secretary of the Assembly Committee, William J. Henderson.

**PLEASE NOTICE.**

The 'bus for All Saints' Episcopal Church leaves Narberth station at 10.40 on Sunday morning. This is provided for by the church and all are invited to use it. The route is up Essex avenue to Montgomery avenue to the church. The 'bus returns over same route after the service.

**NARBERTH MAILS.**

**Arrival.**

- 6.00—All points.
- 6.30—Philadelphia.
- 6.50—All points.
- 9.00—Local West.
- 10.34—All points.
- 11.50—All points.
- 12.29—Local West.
- 1.34—All points.
- 3.29—Local West.
- 5.04—All points.
- 6.29—Local West.

**Departure.**

- 9.00 A.M. East all points.
- 10.34 — Local West.
- 11.50 — Phila. and all points.
- 12.29 — All points.
- 1.34 P.M. Local West.
- 3.18 — All points.
- 4.34 — Local West.
- 6.59 — Phila. and all points.

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**YULETIDE CELEBRATIONS IN  
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Two Sunday School Entertainments—Christmas Morning Praise Service—Christmas Music Next Sunday Morning

The Presbyterian Church is making extensive preparations for the celebration of the glad Christmas Festival. Beginning with last Sunday morning, when the pastor preached an appropriate sermon on "The Approach to Christmas," the subject of the Incarnation of Christ will be kept prominently before the people until well into the new year. The church building has been beautifully decorated by the members of the Men's Club, and the fragrance of the evergreen lends an added charm to the most joyful season of the year.

On Wednesday evening of this week the main department of the Sunday school will hold its Christmas celebration. A delightful program is being arranged, consisting of Christmas carols and recitations. There will be a representation of the Star and the Manger, and the beautiful "White Gifts" service, prepared by Phebe A. Curtiss will be used. The gifts asked of each member of the school are three in number—gifts of substance, service and self. The gifts of substance will later be sent to the Pres-

byterian Orphanage in West Philadelphia.

The second Sunday school celebration will be held by the primary department on Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. There are over a hundred little tots in this department, and they are looking forward most eagerly to this happy afternoon. There will be recitations and songs in great variety, and a most interesting and real Santa is expected to be present. It will be a notable event for the little ones. Everybody is invited.

On next Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock, the usual Christmas praise service will be held. It is hoped that every member of the entire congregation will be present with a Christmas greeting and a Christmas message.

Next Sunday morning the quartet will sing its Christmas music, and the pastor will preach about the Shepherds of Bethlehem. In the evening this church will join in the union meeting in the Methodist Church, when Mr. Van Ness will preach the sermon. His message will be gathered about the question, "What Shall We Do With the Babe of Bethlehem?"

**MAIN LINE  
BOWLING DATA**

**Local Bowlers Brace Up and Victory Places Them in Second Place**

Our local ten-pin artists braced with the bracing wintery weather last week, much to the chagrin of the Rosemont Men's Club, the loss of the three games of the week's match, placing the opponents in the cellar position firmly entrenched, while our local Y. M. C. A. now has the honor of holding the "runner-up" in the league standing, with but four games separating them from the leaders, Wayne. The leaders not only kept up their wonderful work but by taking the entire three games from the Ardmore Y. M. C. A., assisted us to our present standing.

Six weeks of the league bowling records have now been chalked up and with the exception of Rosemont M. C., who have been bowling against "luck" in many games, the clubs are well balanced and indications are for a strenuous tussle in the race for league supremacy, the majority of the games being hotly contested.

While Wayne Club holds a four game lead, only having lost five games, four of these losses are chargeable to the work of our local quintet, the Y. M. C. A. having made it two out of three in both matches rolled against the leaders and this gives promise of a keen battle between our bowlers and those of the western suburb for the 1915-16 championship. Here's hoping.

The game on the local alleys was quite an exciting one, especially when the Y. M. C. A. copped the first of the match by a seven pin margin, but the confidence established enabled them to walk away with the other two games, taking the last by a century margin. All the members of the quintet turned in scores that indicated improvement.

Wayne Club made records for the league historian, topping over a grand total of 2438 pins in the match, with a single game high score of 820, while Wendell made the high individual for the week and for the season with 187 pins. Score:

WAYNE CLUB.		
Wendell	174	209
Heim	136	167
Hart	194	140
Walt	141	144
Holz	173	140
Total	818	800

NARBERTH Y. M. C. A.		
Humphries	132	158
Scanlin	151	161
Ward	122	135
Rainear	141	161
Savill	123	167
Total	669	782

ARDMORE Y. M. C. A.		
Taggart	146	157
Oakley	160	112
Campbell	126	110
Bennett	144	140
Zelley	165	152
Total	741	671

ROSEMONT M. C.		
King	136	164
Scullen	144	194
Rodgers	105	136
Durnell	152	146
Ramsey	125	..
Cook	..	71
Harnon	..	113
Total	662	711

**Standing of the Clubs.**

	W.	L.	Ct.
Wayne	13	5	.722
Narberth Y. M. C. A.	9	9	.500
Ardmore Y. M. C. A.	8	10	.444
Rosemont M. C.	6	12	.333
High individual average—Wendell, Wayne, 187.			
High single game score—Wright, Rosemont, 213.			
High three—Wendell, Wayne, 561.			
High team single—Wayne, 820.			
High team three—Wayne, 2438.			

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erholt.  
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**ACROBAT AT THE BREAKFAST  
TABLE.**

He—Say, that friend of yours from the West is the greatest soup eater in the universe.

She—Why, how's that?

He—Well, I've seen soup syphoned and gargled, but he's the first one I ever saw who yodeled it.

Little Elizabeth and her mother were having luncheon together, and the mother, who always tried to impress facts upon her daughter, said: "Those little sardines, Elizabeth, are sometimes eaten by the larger fish."

Elizabeth gazed at the sardines in wonder, and then asked:

"But, mother, how do the large fish get the cans open?"

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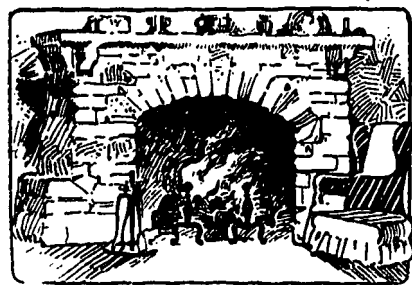
**Basket Ball Schedule 1915-16.**

- January 8th: Norristown H. S. (second), away.
- January 14th: Upper Darby H. S., home.
- January 21st: Lower Merion (second), home.
- January 28th: (Open), home.
- February 4th: Perkiomen Sem., (second), home.
- February 8th: Chestnut Hill Academy, away.
- February 15th: Doylestown H. S., home.
- February 19th: West Chester Normal (second), away.
- February 25th: Conshohocken H. S., away.
- March 3rd: Abington H. S., home.
- March 10th: Bryn Athyn, away.
- March 17th: Conshohocken H. S., home.
- March 24th: Villa Nova Prep., (second), home.
- Charles H. McCarter, Jr., Manager; William H. Durbin, Captain; William L. Eshelman, Coach.

**OUR TOWN**

Wants items of interest  
concerning Narberth.

**Can't You Help?**



**THE FIRESIDE**

Betty Baxter's Gossip.

The old north breeze through the skeleton trees  
Is chanting the year out drearily;  
But loud let it blow, for at home we know  
That the dry logs crackle cheerily;  
And the frozen ground is in fetters bound;  
But pile up the wood, we can burn it;  
For Christmas is come, and in every home  
To summer our hearts can turn it.

Miss Berenice Copeland, of Suffern, N. Y., is spending the Christmas holidays as the guest of Miss Dorothy Durbin, of Narberth avenue.

Miss Augusta Witherow has as her house guest for the holidays, Miss Margaretta Van Pelt, of New Hope, Pa.

Mrs. Charles E. Conn, of Westerly, Rhode Island, is spending the Christmas holidays in Narberth, as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ensinger, of Montgomery avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Durbin, of Narberth, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Adah Stewart Durbin, to Mr. Louis A. Winne, of Swarthmore.

The school set of Narberth are making plans for a number of parties and dances during the holidays. They will have a Christmas dance in Elm Hall, on Tuesday evening. On Monday afternoon Miss Margaret Eyre will entertain at cards; Miss Ruth Jones has invited a number of friends for a Christmas party at her home on Wednesday afternoon, and on Thursday afternoon Miss Marian Trotter will entertain at Five Hundred.

On Monday evening, Elm Hall will be the scene of a Christmas dance given by the Chi Pi Sorority. Elaborate preparations have been made and quite a number of guests are expected. The patronesses will include Mrs. N. J. Rowand, Mrs. William T. Harris, Mrs. Samuel McDowell, Mrs. J. T. Howenstein, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Mrs. William Kirk and Mrs. W. H. Irwin.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 15, Mrs. William Livingston entertained at luncheon and cards the "Fortnightly 500." The following were present: Mrs. C. P. Fowler, Mrs. Frank Stone, Mrs. Jesse E. Harris, Mrs. John Byrd, Mrs. Robert E. Pattison, Jr., Mrs. Clement Booth, Mrs. William R. Parker, Mrs. Lester W. Nickerson, Mrs. Joseph H. Nash and Mrs. C. T. Moore.

Mrs. Lester W. Nickerson is one of a great many in Narberth ill with la grippe. She has the sympathy of many friends.

Mrs. Elwood Smedley and daughter, Hazel Elizabeth, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Smedley's mother, Mrs. A. W. Ward, of 417 Narberth avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Byrd, of Wayne, Pa., will spend some of Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore, of Merion avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cochran and daughters, of Roxborough, will spend Christmas with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haight, of Windsor avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran are former residents of Narberth.

Mr. Thomas Bowers, of Chicago, brother of Mrs. Carrol Downes, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Downes, at their home on Woodside avenue.

Mrs. George H. Gifford's friends are glad to know that she has recovered from her recent illness and will be able to spend the Christmas holidays at her home in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Charles A. Verna gave a bridge party last Monday afternoon at her home on Grayling avenue.

Mrs. Joseph H. Nash, of Forrest avenue, will entertain Miss Lemmon, of Philadelphia, for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. David D. Stickney, who has been spending a few weeks with her mother in West Philadelphia, is back in Narberth again.

Mrs. Wm. J. Hamilton, of Woodside avenue, entertained at luncheon and cards Wednesday afternoon. The guests included Mrs. Henrietta S. Wertz, Mrs. N. H. McCoy, Mrs. Robert Snyder, Mrs. Wm. Hamilton, Jr., Mrs. Edgar Taylor, Mrs. J. W. Kohlerman, Mrs. S. W. Rusk, Mrs. H. W. Davis, Mrs. Edward Bracken, Mrs. H. C. Howes, Miss Mary Hibbert, Miss Bettie Harrah and Miss Kohlerman.

Miss Mary McCarter, of South Narberth avenue, and her across-the-street-neighbor, Miss Mary Gara (Our Town's subscription solicitor) are both in bed with the grip. Later, so is Miss Helen Gara.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morgan attended the dance at the Manufacturers' Club on Monday evening, December 20. Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Metzgar, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Henderson, Miss Ruth Davis and Mr. Laird Parke, were their guests.

Miss Mary Small, assistant to Postmaster Haws, has been confined to her home at 102 Dudley avenue with a severe attack of the grip.

**USHERS' ASSOCIATION ENTER-TAINED.**

On Thursday evening, December 16, Mr. Walter M. Burkhardt, of 100 Maple avenue, entertained the Ushers' Association of Calvary M. E. Church, of Philadelphia. This association is one of the largest and most flourishing of its kind, and numbers among its membership men who hold high official positions in the city administration.

In addition to spending a very pleasant social evening, among other important business transacted a liberal contribution was voted to the Deaconess Home of the M. E. Church at Philadelphia, and a liberal subscription made to a fund to provide needy and deserving children with a Christmas dinner.

**THE NARBERTH ATHLETIC CLUB.**

We met the enemy, and we are theirs. Drexel Hill journeyed to Narberth and took us into camp to the tune of 18 to 9. Perhaps we shouldn't make excuses, but some of the regular team were not in the game, owing to their having returned from Reading (where they had been playing on the High School five), just before the evening game opened and being too tired to take part. Of course, it is quite possible that we would have been beaten had we presented our full strength. Each team has now won a game from the other. The rubber will be decided a little later in the season. The line-up was as follows:

NARBERTH.		Field goals.	
T. Smith, F.....	..	..	..
C. Humphreys, F.....	2	..	3
D. Odell, C.....	..	..	..
P. Redifer G.....	..	..	..
O. Humphreys, G.....	1	..	..
F. Winne, F.....	..	..	..

DREXEL HILL.		Field goals.	
C. Dixon, F.....	1	..	..
R. Dixon, F.....	2	..	2
T. Yochum, C.....	3	..	..
Brown, G.....	..	..	..
Milne, G.....	2	..	..
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Referee -- Cooper. Timekeeper--O. L. Hampton. Time of halves--20 minutes.

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**YULETIDE HAPPINESS AS SEEN BY NARBERTH TOWNSMAN**

The time of the year is approaching when most of us like to indulge in reminiscences of early childhood days when Santa Claus was one of the realities of life and was responsible, as he is to-day, for excellent behavior during the period of a few weeks prior to his annual excursion for the purpose of distributing happiness and well earned rewards. We recall the mixed feelings of confidence and uncertainty which accompanied our last thoughts the "night before" as we were carefully tucked in bed by one who perhaps has long since gone to her reward, and the joy and happiness which were ours when a hurried trip to the chimney corner in the early dawn dispelled all doubts and brought the comforting assurance that old Santa had not forgotten a single thing which we had deemed necessary to make our happiness complete.

As we live over these scenes again in our imagination and recall the faces of those dear to us, we realize, perhaps for the first time, the feeling which prompted those lines:

Backward, turn backward, O time in your flight,  
Make me a child again just for to-night.

But vain regrets are useless—and a waste of time. Our duty is to make the most of the present and future, and in order to do so we should bear in mind that

The more we live, more brief appear  
Our life's succeeded stages;  
A day to childhood seems a year,  
And years like passing ages.

Human nature, and especially child nature, remains the same however. And since we cannot become children again, what could be a more appropriate method of observing the Christmas season than by planning to make happy at least one child to whom Santa Claus is just as much a reality as he was to us many years ago? We may have a child of our own on whom we know Santa Claus will call as a matter of course, with a generous assortment of things to delight his young life. It is not that child of whom we speak, for it will be amply provided for. But we should bear in mind that, notwithstanding his faithful service to us in the past, and his jovial and generous spirit, Santa Claus is far from being an impartial distributor of favors. There are thousands of homes where the children are just as human, just as full of childish desires and longings, and just as good as were we in the past, perhaps more so, but who, for some reason not due to any fault of theirs, have been continually slighted by our old friend, who was, and still is, apparently so occupied with filling our own Christmas orders for expensive toys that he had nothing left for others, who perhaps had to be consoled with the explanation that Santa Claus had so many calls to make that he could not complete his rounds and that next year he would perhaps visit them first.

Now, we wish to make a suggestion as to the best method of acquiring the highest degree of happiness next week. It is this: Why not play Santa Claus to at least one or two of these unfortunates. We do not mean merely by depositing some money in a Salvation Army box or in a collection plate or by subscribing to a children's orphanage fund. All these worthy charities; but if you want to really experience the joy and fun of giving, and the height of Yuletide happiness, hunt up one or a dozen of those children who have somehow been overlooked each year. Philadelphia has hundreds of them and there are various ways of finding the deserving ones. Bring them to your home for the day, or a part of the day, and assume the role of Santa Claus yourself. Then just recall, if possible, your own feelings and desires when you were the same age, and try to imagine how you would have felt if you had, up to that time, been deprived of all the things you most desired and suddenly found yourself in possession of them. The sight of those children enjoying themselves will amply repay you for your efforts and make you feel you have done something worth while. You will have experienced the

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joy of giving, such as can never result from following the present custom of distributing gifts from a sense of duty, among those who have no need for them and perhaps mentally size you up as a miser because they were not more expensive. At the same time you will have discovered that there is a world of truth in Byron's assertion that

..... all who would win  
Must share it—happiness was born a twin.

**POST OFFICE SHORT HANDED.**

It is to be regretted that, at this time, when our post office is working overtime, that Postmaster Haws should temporarily lose the services of Miss Small, who is ill at her home on Dudley avenue. We sympathize with Mr. Haws for the inconvenience in which he has been placed, and also with Miss Small on account of her illness.

**COMMUNITY NIGHT.**

Friday night, January 14th, 1916, the ladies of the Community Club will welcome Narberth and her friends to the Y. M. C. A. Building to enjoy a musical and literary evening.

Mrs. W. H. Cameron, who has spent many years in India, will tell of the habits, life and civilization of that wonderfully interesting country. Mrs. Thomas Bell, of Merion, will be one of the soloists. You will be the guests of the ladies of the Community Club. A good, wholesome, entertaining event is in store for you.

The ladies' of the Community Club will entertain you and your friends Friday night, January 14th, 1916, Y. M. C. A. Building. Don't make any other engagement for this date. A delightful evening. All are welcome. An opportunity to rub elbows and enjoy a profitable, interesting evening. Friday night, January 14, 1916, Y. M. C. A. Building. You will be the guests of the Community Club. Delightful evening in store for Narberth and her friends. Community Club, Y. M. C. A. Building, Friday night, January 14, 1916.

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#### POSTMASTER'S NOTICE.

Post office is open for business on Sundays from 8 A. M. to 9 A. M. Outgoing mail closes on Sundays at 5.35 P. M.; week-days, at 6.45 P. M.

Christmas parcels should be well wrapped, securely tied, plainly addressed and sender's name in upper left-hand corner. All valuable parcels should be insured.

To the Editor of Our Town:

Now that the winter season, with its attendant ice and snow, is upon us, it rests with the citizens of the borough to try to obviate some of the discomfort of inclement weather. The Highway Commissioner and borough employees deserve great credit for their indefatigable efforts in removing snow after a heavy downfall, but Council cannot do all. The snowplow invariably leaves, in a great many places, an inch or two of snow, and when a thaw sets in it leaves the pavements in a deplorable condition, causing the greatest inconvenience and annoyance to pedestrians. There is just as much civic pride shown in making it comfortable for your neighbor and fellow-townsmen to travel to and fro to the station and post office as it is to beautify the town, and it is hoped that a spirit of good will and "do thou likewise" will permeate the entire borough. It is a well-known fact that after a heavy snowfall last winter there were highly commendatory and eulogistic encomiums passed upon the good work of the employees of the borough, but would you think it? On the list of printed names praising the ar-

## THE GENTLE ART OF CHRISTMAS GIVING



OWELL touched the very heart of the Christmas spirit when he said: "The gift without the giver is bare."

The "duty" gift blesses neither the giver nor the receiver; so let our gifts speak the love and good wishes of this happy season. Let them be spontaneous, a delight to the giver, or the recipient will not feel that thrill of joy that comes on receiving a gift of real love.

Whether or not you believe in telepathy, you will acknowledge that about each gift, as one opens it, there hangs an air, warm or chill; a spirit of love or mere duty. It is there. We feel it.

If you have a long list bearing names of those to whom it is irksome to give, erase those names at once. No doubt they too feel the same way about it and will be glad you have cut the knot. Confine your giving to those to whom it is a joy to give and to whom your gift means love and happiness.

Whether your remembrances be elaborate or simple, be sure they are appropriate and carry thought with them.

Do not give simply to those who give to you. Is there not someone to whom a little remembrance at the season of peace and good will may mean surprise and happiness that you have cared enough to think of him?

There are always the sick ones, the shut-ins. What a message of Christmas a flowering plant brings, or a bunch of holly in a pretty vase!

Have you not often thought how very delicate a remembrance the latter is? Ostensibly just the perishable Christmas green, with the vase a secondary matter, yet the latter is a lasting remembrance and may even be a thing of great beauty.

Often this gift of flowers or holly arranged in a vase furnishes the solution of a difficult problem. One's physician or clergyman, the teacher of one's children, the new friend that has been made, a sick or a new neighbor—those, in fact, to whom it is not tactful to give more elaborate gifts.

Have you ever thought that you owe a very especial kindness to the "next door neighbor?" This does not necessarily mean an intimacy; indeed, your relations may be most formal. Usually truer friendships are formed by slow growth than by the mushroom process. But a wreath of holly or a home made cake, a batch of Christmas cookies or a bowl of flowers sent unexpectedly to that neighbor next door—and what a pleasant glow your remembrance of them causes. How that Christmas spirit does warm all hearts!

Remember those who are old, and above all, those who are lonely. Christmas is, of course, the family day. But it is a pretty poor sort of family with a pretty poor sort of Christmas spirit than can eat, drink and be merry with its doors closed to a lonely one.

There is always the elderly maiden lady who lives alone. We all know several of her. Her parents are dead, her brothers and sisters scattered, or she has none. Perhaps she is a teacher, living in a boarding house. She is dignified, she makes no lament. Yet her Christmas is very pathetic. Isn't there room for her at your board?

uous work of the men were five residing in one block whose places were the worst on the avenue, it being impossible to wade through the slush without getting feet soaked, unless you wore rubber boots, the snow and water being ankle deep.

The only reason that the pavements were not in the same condition last week is that the rain completely obliterated the snow, thereby saving a great deal of kicking and growling.

Why not pass an ordinance compelling dilatory citizens to clean off the sidewalks after the snowplow has been around, and inflict a fine on those who neglect doing so after a stated period? The plan works satisfactorily in Philadelphia. Why not here? It is for the convenience and accommodation of the public.

May Council relieve us from this Slough of Despond—and slush!

Frank Cautel.

Then there is the pretty, young trained nurse who was such a comfort to you when the baby was ill. You said you'd never forget her. This is your chance. You know she lives in Kansas and will probably not be able to go home for Christmas.

And the gentlewoman you visit in that pleasant home—she has never known a Christmas among strangers before, a Christmas in an institution. How much she would enjoy spending it in a real home with children and a Christmas tree!

Let the gifts you give these friends be tactful. If you feel that the dear old lady from the home needs some warm and useful stockings, at least put them in a pretty grass basket, so that beauty and not mere utility will first touch her. If Cousin Mary needs money and you send her a check, place it inside a little Christmas booklet that has a charming message.

Speaking of Christmas cards and booklets, be very careful that the verses are not meaningless doggerel, as so many are. If you find two or three with messages that seem to express just what is in your heart keep to these. Don't send cards whose messages you have not read. They are often inappropriate, sometimes even cruel. For instance, a card with the usual "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" is worse than inappropriate if sent to one who faces a first Yuletide with a vacant chair at the fireside. Be tactful; put yourself in the same place. A card wishing "the peace of Christmastide" would be appropriate. Peace, not merriment, is your wish. Better still, a personal note with its kind and simple message, or a bunch of violets with a word of love on your card.

Do not say too much to those that mourn at this time, and do not forget them.

The fashion of having the personal card engraved with a Christmas sentiment and sent out by the score is not liked by some. It smacks too much of business methods, doing things in bulk, the easiest way, and not taking thought. It lacks the personal touch that at first glance it seems to possess.

If it is used have a care of the sentiment; consider its reception by each friend. One such card with a most beautiful holly-hung fireplace has been used for years by the same people. Their friends must unconsciously wonder, "Haven't they used up those cards yet?" This repetition lacks thought and good taste.

Another card that bore the wish that the "voices of ye children about your knee maye ringe," was sent to old maids and bachelors as well as to child-blessed homes, and, cruelist of all, to one household who had that year lost a little son. This happened because a visiting list had been handed to a person who was engaged to address the envelopes. Where was the Christmas sentiment here?

And, again, the question of what to give. It is not difficult in the family, if love keeps the eyes and ears wide open. If we love much we know what our dear ones want and need almost before they themselves know. And as for our friends, love and thought will again furnish the clew. Never, never, give a present that "looks big for the money." No one is deceived and the spirit of giving is sullied.

There are, too, some gifts too intimate to make. A picture is one. Unless you know exactly what picture your friend longs for, do not "rush in where angels fear to tread." It is the most difficult task in the world—this buying a picture for another.

Phonograph records make desirable gifts, but here again one steps on sacred ground. Music giving isn't so difficult as picture giving, but it requires thought. Be sure you know what sort of music your friend cares for before you buy.

But whatever you give, the little personal word on the card, the funny or tender little verse you yourself have written, the daintiness of the wrapping, the personal touch, the very soul of the gift—that it is that makes the art of giving "gentle."

Oh, never grow so old as to lose the thrill of Christmas—the indescribable something that is in the air, that combination of joy and excitement and love, a sacred emotion that no other day quite equals. The smell of cedar, the sound of church bells, the words of greeting, the gayety of children, the clutter of ribbons and white paper, the scent of roasting turkey and steaming pudding and mince pie and cranberry sauce, the glitter of the Christmas tree, the gleam of red

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Well, well, well, Santa, and here you are in Narberth again! How time does fly!

What, you've heard that expression before? Well, you're a sly old fellow, with big ears, and a knowing way about you, so perhaps you're right. It isn't altogether new, I'll admit, but I had to say something to start this old typewriter; it wouldn't start itself.

Besides, I have a Christmas—or, rather, a "pre-Christmas" confession to make. I've been "looking over"—I won't say "reading," a book that I am going to give one of my friends. This book was written by a man named Victor Hugo; in fact it's his autobiography.

At the beginning of one of the chapters are the words:

"Man has need of dreams."

Think that over Santa; say it over—say it over several times.

The more you say it the better it sounds, doesn't it? That's what we folks here in Narberth think, anyway. We know that "man has need of dreams" and we know that "towns have need of dreams." We know that Narberth would not have a model community residence development under way if someone had not dreamed the idea before Mr. Shand and his men went to work on the actual operation.

We know that someone had to dream about Wynnewood road before the plans for rebuilding it became a reality. It is rumored, too, Santa, that some of those dreams were veritable night mares. Howsoever, we're going to get a new road because someone dreamed and planned in his mind's eye.

There are folks here in our borough who are dreaming of a new athletic field, a public library building, perhaps a new railroad station, the day when there shall be no scraps of paper at the station, and another championship ball team.

By the way, Santa, speaking of Dreams and Dreamers, here's something that wandered all the way across our continent, a few days ago. It was penned by one of those Dreamers in Portland, way up in the north-west corner of these States. It goes something like this:

"Thus, Henry Ford, we've doomed you to join the Fool Brigade. With hare-brained Galileo and Orleans' half-baked Maid; You've got to take your place there with those who dared the jeers Of the wise ones and the great ones in the dark past's dreadful years.

It's a shame—we say it, Henry, for your soul's immortal good— That you should dare lift up your voice and mention brotherhood. That you should look above the clouds to glimpse the peaceful stars, When you should be sticking closely to making little cars.

A peace ship! Why, your prattle gives us all a poignant pain; You're as crazy as Columbus was when he set sail from Spain;

And so on until we get toward the end when we come to this:

Henry, don't you know that dreamers like you must always fail? Look back along their pathway—the gibbet, rack and jail; Forget this childish chatter of the triumph of the right— Force is the god that gets there, and the world is ruled by might.

So, Henry, you are ticketed to join the Fool Brigade;

We must be firm, and tell you your a Jackass on parade;

Get in line with cracked old Tolstoi, who imagined truth sufficed—

Why, you're 'most as foolish, Henry, as that Dreamer, Jesus Christ."

But see here, Santa, we're getting way off the track; we're busying ourselves with big Dreamers—Dreamers who dreamed Dreams as big and as wide as the whole world. Let's get back to the Dreamers of our town. Editor Jacobs will throw this story in the waste basket if we don't get a little more "local color" in it.

You were saying \* \* \* \* ?

Oh, that's right, I was doing the talking. Well, about all that remains to be said is that already we've got a lot of things here in Narberth because we have Dreamers as well as Practical men. And we're going to get more. So you'd better take a good look around while you're here this year, else you may not know the place next December.

Meanwhile, a Merry Christmas to yourself, old scout, and a longer life to you than to any one of us.

E. A. Muschamp.

**POST OFFICE NOTES.**

The post office force will appreciate having quantities of Christmas cards or letters during the holidays, handed in all laid straight, stamps all in upper right-hand corner; a string around the bunch would hold them until ready for the cancelling machine.

Also in purchasing stamps for holiday use we have books of stamps 25 cents, 49 cents and 97 cents; also stamps in envelopes "Ready to Serve" in quantities of 25, 50, 100, 200, etc. By making purchases in this way you may often cover a dozen or more mailings with one purchase, rather than buying from the clerks a few stamps each time requiring a purchase for each mailing, with the usual necessity of making change.

We will appreciate the co-operation of our patrons in these matters.

A change in time of arrival and departure of the mails at Narberth, taking effect November 29th, is as follows:

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To hear two hundred sweet, young voices, joined in perfect harmony, is something not to be missed by lovers of music. Consequently, Narberth Presbyterian Church was crowded on Monday evening to listen to the Christmas carols, as sung by the pupils of the public school, under the direction of Miss Helen Wilson. The program included "Adeste Fideles," "Heilige Nacht," "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "The Bethlehem Babe," "Christmas Eve," "The First Nowel," "Oh, Holy Night," "Nazareth," "Joy to the World," and "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing."

When it is understood that there was only one general rehearsal of this program, the excellence of the concert was really remarkable, and reflects great credit on the discipline of the school under Principal Melchior, and on Miss Wilson's ability to develop and bring out the best in her young pupils' voices. Special mention must be made of the fact that the boys, who ordinarily are very retiring on such occasions, sang both lustily and well, thereby adding much to the success of the recital by giving a well balanced effect to the choruses. The girls did well, as a matter of course; their fresh, sweet voices were most appealing, the dynamics of the various songs were carefully observed, and the volume of sound was really surprising.

"Christmas Eve" and "The First Nowel" were sung by the High School, the Grammar School joining in the chorus. Adam's beautiful "Oh Holy Night" was sung by a triple quartette, including the following young ladies: Soprano, Misses Helen Duff, Elizabeth Southerland, Augusta Withrow; tenor, Misses Louise Hastings, Eleanor Ward, Grace Nevin; alto, the Misses Mildred Harris, Elizabeth Speakman, Madeline McCoy; bass, Misses Ruth Haws, Esther Ricklin and Hilda Smedley. Solo parts in this composition were taken by the Misses Wiltherow and Southerland very acceptably.

It is hoped that the singing of Christmas carols by the pupils of the public school, thus happily inaugurated, may be continued from year to year, as the occasion was so thoroughly delightful and enjoyable to every one who attended.

**LADIES. TAKE NOTICE!**

The Community Tea, which was to be held December 28, has been postponed until the following Tuesday, January 4, 1916.

"I've not seen old Mrs. Wiggins lately. How is she?" "Dead, sir." "What, joined the great majority?" "Oh, no, sir. She was a good enough woman as far as I know."—London Opinion.

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On these islands the British maintain a penal settlement for murderers and political prisoners from India, Burma and Ceylon. The islands are also inhabited by the native Andamanese, the most primitive man alive today, and living now as they have from time immemorial. The Andamanese are presumed to be relics of the Negro race, that in very ancient times, some 7000 years ago, occupied the southeastern portion of the Asiatic continent. In this view they are of extreme interest, as preserving, owing to an indefinite number of centuries of complete isolation, in their persons and customs the last pure remnant of the oldest kind of man in existence. Their strange dress and hunting weapons will be shown, as also carvings made by the prisoners on the islands.

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## SCHOOL EDITOR'S WEEKLY NEWS ITEMS

I hear the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men:  
—Longfellow.

Every citizen of Narberth who drops in to see us on Thursday morning will find a cheery welcome. Remember our exercises begin promptly at nine o'clock.

We believe that the choral service on Monday night was considered a success. However, if the people expected a "well rehearsed" program they may have been disappointed. Up to Friday this choral received no time from the regular school work. On Friday afternoon four grades held a rehearsal, and on Monday all grades participating, at the Presbyterian Church.

Our faculty believe that music and reciting are parts of regular school work and therefore encourage it, but because of the intricate schedule and pressure on academic work it is not deemed wise to give time for rehearsals. It will be recalled that when "Snow White" was being prepared, all the rehearsing was done without eliminating classes for any pupils excepting those who took leading parts.

On Monday morning faculty and pupils were surprised to find a Christmas tree on the platform of Assembly Hall and the wall and pictures decorated with branches of laurel and pine. The Senior Class is responsible for the bright and joyful appearance of this room. On last Saturday night they came up to the school and played Santa. Heretofore it has been the custom to decorate the rooms on the day before the Christmas exercises. The Seniors undertook the task this year in order to save time and incidentally to give the pupils the inspiration of Christmas decorations throughout the week.

Our rooms this week look fine with the addition of framed pictures purchased by the principal with funds contributed by pupils of several grades and the money allotted for that purpose from the "Snow White" Fund.

Our boys' basket ball team was

defeated by the fast Reading High School team last Friday and by the strong Schuylkill Seminary team on Saturday. They were by no means defeated by our fellows as each man on the other teams outweighed each of our men by twenty-five pounds or more. The fellows certainly had a fine trip, which was certainly helped a lot by its fine send off by the pupils and the return by the same. The team went at noon, therefore the pupils did not miss any lessons. The scores of the games were 41 to 23 and 38 to 11, respectively. Durbin and Smith were the stars of the home team. The line-ups were as follows:

N. H. S.	R. H. S.
Smith .....forward	Rittenhouse
Downes .....forward	Wilson
Durbin .....center	Wendler
McCarte .....guard	Schweimler
Horsch .....guard	Stoerber
Subs: Anderson, guard; Snyder, forward.	

Field goals: Rittenhouse 6, Wendler 4, Wilson 2, Stoerber, Snyder, Smith 3, Durbin 2.

Foul goals: Wendler 13, Durbin 12, Smith 3.

N. H. S.	Schuylkill Sem.
Smith .....forward	Miller
Downes .....forward	Pawling
Durbin .....center	Froundt
Horsch .....guard	Wilson
McCarte .....guard	Palm
Subs: Hoffer, Mackey.	
Field goals: Froundt 8, Miller 5, Pawling, Durbin, Smith.	
Foul goals: Durbin 7, Pawling 10.	

The girls defeated Gordon School second team by the score of 26 to 20. They have certainly been putting up some fine games.

### Spelling Report for Three Months.

The following pupils possess the best spelling record in their respective grades:

Second Grade—Grace Casey and Esther Keim.

Third grade—Aldine Siler.

Fourth Grade—William Stanley and Edward Morgan.

Fifth Ward—Sarah Parkhurst and Charlotte Hillegass.

Sixth Grade—Sarah Powell.

Seventh and Eighth Grades—Eleanor Hand.

Freshman—Eleanor Eyre.

Sophomore—Grace Nevin.

Junior—Louise Hastings.

Senior—Jean Justice, Agnes Rose, Hilda Smedley, Marion Trotter, Augusta Witherow, Charles McCarte.

### A SPECIAL NOTICE TO YOU.

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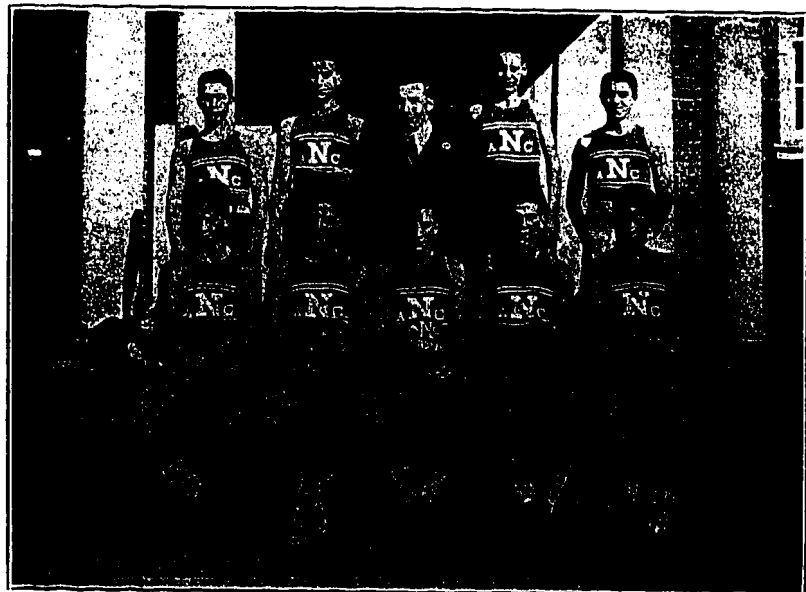
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Yours truly,

**C. P. COOK.**



NARBERTH BASKET BALL TEAM

**News of the Churches**

**ALL SAINTS' P. E. CHURCH.**

Rev. Andrew S. Burke, Rector.

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 with sermon.

4.00 P. M., Evening Prayer.  
On Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion at the 8 and 11 A. M. services. The choir has provided a special musical program for Christmas morning, and every member of the church is urged to be present.

On Wednesday afternoon after Christmas, December 29th, the Sunday school will hold the Christmas festival in the church building at 3 o'clock. Mr. William Waterall will make the address. The children of the Sunday school, their parents and friends are all cordially invited to be present at this Christmas festival.

Do not forget that the church 'bus leaves Narberth station for the church on Sunday morning at 10.40. You can take the 'bus at the station or any corner on North Essex avenue. Let us have every seat occupied next Sunday.

**EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Emerson L. Swift, Pastor.

Sunday, 9.45. Bible School. The report will be made of the results of the White Christmas service that was such a great success last Sunday.

11.00. Morning worship. Subject of the sermon, "Spiritual Benefactions." The attractive Christmas decorations that have reflected such great credit on the committee of decoration will be retained for this service.

7.00. Union Young People's service at the Methodist Church.

7.45. Monthly Union Meeting at the Methodist Church. Rev. John Van Ness will be the speaker.

Subject of the mid-week prayer service next week, Wednesday evening, "The Church at Sardis." Rev. 3: 1-6.

A Christmas social for the Bible School will be held at the church on Thursday evening, December 30.

The regular New Year's service of the church and congregation will be held New Year's morning at eight o'clock.

Team No. 1 of the Pennsylvania Railroad Department of the Y. M. C. A. will have charge of the service Sunday evening, January 23. It consists of nine cornetists and speakers. Please speak to your friends of this service.

The illustrated lecture by Dr. Edgar T. Shields under the auspices of the Ushers' Association has been postponed to January 17 owing to the Christmas carol service arranged by the public school held in the Presbyterian Church last Monday evening.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister.

Sunday, December 26th:  
10 A. M., Sunday School. All departments.

11 A. M., public worship. Special Christmas service. The pastor will preach on the theme, "Let us go to Bethlehem." There will be special music by the quartette.

6.45 P. M. The Young People's Society will unite in the Union Meeting in the M. E. Church.

7.45 P. M. This congregation joins in the Union Meeting in the Methodist Church. The sermon will be delivered by Mr. Van Ness; subject, "What Shall We Do With the Babe of Bethlehem?"

**Church Notes.**

The Young People's Society have just issued a neat topic card with the leaders of the meetings and subjects to be discussed for the entire year.

Do not forget the Christmas morning praise service at 9 o'clock. Bring a Christmas message and a Christmas greeting.

We are all rejoicing in the fact that Prof. Calvin O. Althouse has been secured to make an address at the Watch Meeting on New Year's eve. Prof. Althouse is at the head of the Department of Commerce in the Boys' Central High School of Philadelphia. He is one of the most aggressive and forceful speakers of the younger orators of Philadelphia, and

we are fortunate indeed to secure him for New Year's eve.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

"The Little Church on the Hill."

Rev. C. G. Koppel, Pastor.

"A Merry Christmas to all."

Sunday services:

9.45. Christmas session of all Sunday school departments.

11.00. Christmas church service.

Christmas carols will be sung by the Sunday school, led by Mr. Stites. There will be short addresses and baptism of infants. Copies of the Christmas music will be furnished to all attending the service.

6.45. Union Young People's service. A helpful service for the young people of the community.

7.45. Union Christmas service of all the churches. Address by the Rev. John Van Ness. Soloist, Mrs. Louis G. Vance. Selections by the chorus choir. The community is cordially invited to attend the service.

Christmas decorations of merit will be in charge of Miss Ward and her committee. Strangers welcome always.

**New Members.**

Two new members were received last Sunday morning, a total of five for the month.

**Cantata.**

"Santa's Advance Man," a Christmas cantata, will be given by fifty members of the Sunday school, Tuesday evening, December 28. Admission is free to all and you are cordially welcome.

**Kindergarten Party.**

The Christmas Kindergarten Party is arranged for Wednesday afternoon, the 29th, at 2.30.

**Watch Night Service.**

In accordance with Methodist custom there will be a watch night service in the church Friday evening, December 31, beginning at 9.30 o'clock.

**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.

A registry book is kept for visitors. All are asked to register their names.

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**Y. M. C. A. NOTES OF WEEK**

**Christmas Greeting—A Christmas Suggestion—and Other Notes of Importance**

**"Our Christmas Greeting."**

The Narberth Young Men's Christian Association takes this opportunity to wish YOU a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous twelve months to follow. Our special wish is that the Narberth Y. M. C. A. may mean something more to you in 1916 than ever before.

**A Christmas Suggestion.**

"Service" is our motto. At this late date you may still be at a loss to know what to give your boy for Christmas. Why not give him a Junior Membership in the Y. M. C. A.? It will cost \$3, and is good for 366 days. Think of it. A Senior Membership costs \$5, and entitles the holder to full privileges. Call up Secretary Hampton and he will have the membership card ready for the Christmas stocking.

**Reserve January 14 and 23.**

January 14—Community night. (Nuts.) We'll look for you.

January 23—Men's mass-meeting, Narberth Theatre. Speaker, Hon. W. H. Berry. Subject, "War! What For?"

**Boys Attend Banquet.**

The following boys attended the annual Camp Tohickon banquet at Philadelphia Central Y. M. C. A., last week: Ross Howenstem, Roscoe Smedley, Ned Morgan, Francis Wipf, Steelman Sheldon, Paul Ocell, Edw. Odell, Frank Kromer and Secretary Hampton.

These boys are talking and planning for next summer's camp before Christmas. What do you think of that?

**Boy Scouts' Troop.**

The meeting of the boys last week was one of unusual interest. The following boys passed the tenderfoot test: Taylor Faries, George Stanley and James Artman. Several of the other boys are going to take the test this week. We will soon have a first-class scout troop in Narberth.

**Five-Man Team Bowling League.**

We are having an enthusiastic time on our bowling alleys every Monday and Tuesday night. Forty men are vitally interested in this league. No wonder things are interesting.

In next week's issue we will give the individual averages of all men—watch for this.

The present team averages are as follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Average.
Plugs	6	0	753 1-2
Narberth	4	2	740
Essex	4	2	705
Narbrook	2	4	633
South Side	2	4	584 1-2
Colts	0	6	617

**Library.**

Our library is proving itself a real asset to the community. Twelve hundred books have been taken out in nine months. Our library is free to all. Why not contribute one of the new books at this Christmas season? It would surely be appreciated by all.

**A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION.**

When one hears frequently of the frills and follies of the frivolous young people of our generation, from those who prate of the serious, sober and sedate youth, of the "good old days," that are never supposed to be equalled again, it is refreshing to learn of a little club that exists in an office in Philadelphia where a number of young girls are employed. One of these young ladies has a sister who is a "social worker" who comes in contact with many poor children, and on the basis of her knowledge a club has been formed which obtains ten cents per month from each member, who just before Christmas takes money from this fund goes to the five and ten cent stores, buys such toys as she thinks will best answer the purpose, and then delivers them in person to the children's homes. Surely this is casting bread upon the waters and perhaps as Louisa M. Alcott has it, "after many days it will come back buttered."

Mrs. C.

To remove the smell of onions, rub the hands on a stick of celery, and the odor will be entirely dissipated.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NARBERTH Y. M. C. A.**

**Annual Report, December, 1915.**

This annual report will constitute largely the happenings of this association since January 1, 1915. It was then that our reorganization plan was launched. Previous to that time the Narberth and Ardmore associations were linked together, the same staff of officers was directing the work of both associations, and also an Executive Committee in control of both associations. This plan was not working to the satisfaction of those most interested, and the result was that a plan of reorganization was launched January 1, 1915.

**The plan in brief is as follows:**

First—To secure seven men who would volunteer their services as a board of managers to put the association on a good business footing with respect to details and finances. Second—To increase the board of directors to twenty-one in number, two from the senior membership to act in an advisory capacity, giving full authority to the board of managers to form and maintain the future policy of the association in all its work.

The personnel of the board of managers is as follows: General manager, E. E. Seaver, who will oversee and be responsible to the directors for the operation of the board. Among other duties he will have office hours at the association each Saturday night. Manager No. 1, C. L. Metzger, will have charge of the financial management, and have office hours at the building on Monday nights. Manager No. 2, H. C. Gara, will devote his special attention to the work of perfecting and maintaining the library. His primary work is to have charge of the religious work activities and spend Tuesday evenings at the association. Manager No. 3, W. A. Cole, who will act in the capacity of house manager and be on duty Wednesday nights. Manager No. 4, W. S. Horner, who will promote the social interests of the association, and be at the building Thursday evenings. Manager No. 5, F. W. Stites, who will act as membership chairman, and be on duty Friday evenings. Manager No. 6, R. G. Savill, will assume management of athletics and sports of the association, and be at the building Saturday evenings.

Executive Secretary—The services of O. L. Hampton, who had been associate secretary under the former plan, were secured. He to be the executive in charge and to correlate the work of the Y. M. C. A., with the Community Centre policy.

The following changes have taken place on the board of managers: Financial secretary, Mr. Metzger, who was one of the pioneers of the new plan, and on whose shoulders had fallen this most responsible office, had to change his residence from Narberth to Atlantic City in February. This has been our hardest position to fill. Men have been constantly interviewed throughout the year, but without success. We are most thankful to report at this time that Mr. H. C. Gara is going to tackle this proposition, and will act in the capacity of financial manager from the present time. We regret very much that we have been handicapped so seriously by this vacancy, but feel that we are about to enter on a successful financial basis.

Religious Work—Manager H. C. Gara cannot be given too much praise for the work that has been accomplished in this department. The library, under his supervision, has been increased from 800 to over 1500 volumes, and is now a real asset to the community. The Community Bible Study Class, which was organized soon after the first of the year, has had a most successful season, covering a period of ten weeks last spring and just finishing a series of ten weeks' study this fall, under the able teaching of Mr. McQuilkin. This class has had an average attendance of over fifty. In view of the fact that Mr. Gara is now going to act as financial manager, Mr. A. G. MacKenzie, who is a professor at the Haverford School, is going to fill this vacancy.

House Manager—Mr. W. A. Cole has very ably filled this position by looking after the detail of the building's interior and exterior. We regret very much to report at this meeting that in November Mr. Cole felt that he must resign from the active management of the association. This vacancy has not as yet been filled.

Social Manager—Mr. W. S. Horner, in conjunction with the Social Committee of the Woman's Community Club, succeeded in starting a most

successful feature known as Community Night. The nights have passed the 300 mark in attendance, and enjoyed by all. In May, Mr. Horner resigned because of a lack of time to give to it. This vacancy was not filled till this fall, when Mr. F. W. Stites, who was acting as membership manager, and had done such splendid work with our young men, transferred to this office.

This caused a vacancy in the membership end, and Mr. F. R. Rainear volunteered to act as membership manager.

Mr. R. G. Savill, who has been interested in the athletic side, is the only manager who is starting the second year in the same office. He has sacrificed much to get the interest in our athletics and sports where it now is, and we are glad to report that he will continue in this capacity. Our Men's Game room is showing the best receipts in the history of the association.

General Manager—Mr. E. E. Seaver, who was the originator of the Reorganization Plan, and who is largely responsible for the success of the first six months, was transferred to the New York office of his company in June. Mr. Seaver had the interest of the new plan at heart, and regretted very much that he had to vacate this important office. The services of Mr. T. R. Coggeshall were secured in September, who has since been getting into the workings and ideals of the association in good shape.

In our board of directors during the past year there has been only one resignation. Mr. R. E. Pattison resigned because of not being able to give the necessary time to the interest of the association. Mr. Seaver remained on the board, and Mr. Coggeshall, who is general manager, filled the vacancy caused by Mr. Pattison's resignation.

We will now give a few statistics that are indicative of the success of the past year. Through a record of attendance which we have kept each day we are able to state that the attendance from January 1 to December 1 has been 34,352—this speaks for itself. The library has become a community interest: from March to November (inclusive) over 1200 books have been taken out of our library.

The receipts of the Men's Game room this year have been over four times as great as the preceding year. The receipts of January, 1915, alone were greater than the first six months of 1914.

Another very significant fact is that the total receipts for full membership this year to December 1 have been approximately \$315, while the preceding year was \$128. This is significant, because there has been no systematic canvass of the town for memberships. It proves the indirect effect that has been quietly at work. Quite a number of our young men joined last January under the special 10-cent weekly plan, while two-thirds of the original number did not stand by their pledge those who did turned in \$102 to the association.

The attempt to make our building the community centre has been very successful. The following organizations have met here from time to time: Woman's Community Club, the Kings Daughters, Narberth Athletic Club, Narberth Tennis Club, Child Life Chapter, Woman Suffrage, School Welfare Association, Narberth School Board, Civic Association, Community Bible Study Class and also many special gatherings.

The Y. M. C. A. Glee Club has had a most successful year and has been the centre of attraction for many of our young men. Their service at the summer Union Twilight services is deserving of special mention. Their minstrel show, given December 10 and 11, was a huge success.

The reorganization plan of our physical department has placed all our sports on a co-operative basis, and gives us a fund to be used for the furtherance of all events pertaining to the athletic side of our association. Our base ball team won the Main Line championship, and closed the season with a big banquet, over 100 being present. This was gotten up by a Citizens' Committee. A full report of the physical department will be given separately.

Our new plan gives us only one paid officer, a secretary, consequently the demand of the gymnasium had to be met in some way. Secretary Hampton has given considerable time to the de-

velopment of a business men's class, meeting weekly, and a boys' class, meeting twice a week. Arrangements are now made so that the High School uses our gymnasium some part of each afternoon. The woman's class, under Miss Crisman's supervision, had a fine season, and very successfully closed with a "big circus," which deserves special mention.

Mr. W. A. Cole is continuing his interest in the association by the fact that he recently accepted the chairmanship of the Boys' Work Committee. Mr. Cole has always been interested in the boys, and we feel sure that the boys will now be represented in the best possible way. The summer season was one of unusual interest to twenty-one of our boys, who averaged two weeks at "Camp Tohickon on the Delaware." A Boy Scout Troop of twenty-four boys has just been organized, and prospects look great. Mr. Cole is acting as scout commissioner.

The flower show, held in the spring under the direction of Manager Stites, was a big success in every sense of the word. Every one was surprised and pleased. Attendance passed the 1000 mark. (Held only one day.)

We want to take this opportunity to thank all who have so willingly given their assistance, which has indeed meant much toward the success of the past year. We do feel that the past year has been a very successful one, although there is much yet to do. We are certain, also, that we are about to start on a more successful and eventful year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. Coggeshall,  
General Manager.

O. L. Hampton,  
Executive Secretary.

**Report of Physical Department Committee, December, 1915.**

In view of the fact that this department has been reorganized in the last two months, we will explain in brief the plan:

The Physical Department Committee consists of five members, as follows: Messrs. Stites, Savill, Hoffman, Braden and Hampton, secretary-treasurer. This committee is the clearing house for all activities pertaining to the physical work. The secretary-treasurer shall take care of all finances pertaining to this department, and shall pay all bills. This treasury shall be used for the furtherance of all events pertaining to the athletic side of our association.

There is also a sports council, which consists of the managers of the various sports, as follows: Base ball, Fred Walzer; foot ball, Ray Jones; basket ball, Will Durbin; gymnasium, George Sheldon; tennis, J. G. Scanlin; bowling, I. T. Ward; pool, J. G. Foote; N. A. C. (boys), Frank Winne.

Each manager is directly responsible for the promotion and maintenance of his sport. Each manager has a treasurer, who attends to the collection of all moneys and transfers same to the treasurer of the Physical Department Committee, who pays all bills on the O. K. of the manager and treasurer.

The plan has been developed mainly because of a lack of centralization in connection with all our sports. We feel that this plan has been justified and will surely place each sport on a high standard—in spite of the fact that it has been working only two months.

The financial situation, in brief, is as follows:

Received from base ball management	\$ 74.51
Receipts of foot ball season	98.55
Expenditure (over half being for suits)	156.37

Considering this latter fact, foot ball has had a good season. The management secured A No. 1 suits, which means that with a small expenditure our team will be equipped for the next two years. This will mean that this heaviest of all expenses will be clear for the next two or three years.

There is yet about \$16 in the treasury. With this credit and a good basket ball season coming, prospects look fine. Respectfully submitted,

O. L. Hampton,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Physical Dept. Com.

**A SPECIAL NOTICE TO YOU.**  
Greet your old friends and meet new ones, Friday night, January 14, 1916, Y. M. C. A. Building. The ladies of the Community Club invite you to be their guests. Keep this date open.

Herring, great quantities of which are caught in Japan each year, are used chiefly to fertilize rice fields.

**BARGAIN SALE THIEVES.**

Lynx-eyed shopwalkers and detectives have done much to make the work of the shoplifter more risky and dangerous every day. But with the advent of bargain sales, which result in the shops being crowded almost every hour of the day, thieves—professional, and the puzzling kleptomaniac—usually get busy.

It is the latter, according to a shop detective with whom the writer had a chat recently, who is most disliked. As he put it to me, "What are we to do with a woman of means and respectability who comes into the shop and resolves to lay her hands on any article she fancies, if she has a favorable opportunity? To accuse such a woman wrongfully would, of course, result in serious consequences for the shop, and yet, on the other hand, big shops lose thousands of dollars a year through the mean pilfering of such women."

Not long ago a fashionably dressed woman went into a well-known store and asked to see some expensive coats. After trying on garment after garment, she wished to see the replica of a coat of a peculiar shade which was in the window. The obliging saleswoman went for the coat, and when she returned the woman of fashion had vanished, leaving the coat she had been wearing behind. The saleswoman thought that the customer had gone into another department for a few minutes, and it was not until later on, when she came to put away the coats she had been showing, that she discovered that one was missing worth nearly \$300.

The professional shoplifter is quickly marked down by shop detectives, for the majority of them, at one time or another, have been convicted of the crime of "hoisting," and, once convicted, their features naturally become a matter of the keenest interest to detectives. Some idea, however, of the success with which these professional shoplifters carry on their nefarious business may be gathered from the list of goods discovered in the flat of one of these women a few months ago. The list included twenty-one pairs of gloves, thirteen pairs of stockings, pieces of expensive dress material, ribbons, fancy goods and miscellaneous articles of jewelry. Indeed, so industrious had she been that her accumulations required a special van to carry them to the police station.

At one time the fashionable slit skirt was used very largely by the professional shoplifter. When the saleswoman's back was turned for a few minutes small valuable articles would be swept up from the counter and fixed to hooks suspended from the garter. The trick was quite easy of accomplishment by women who had probably graduated in the school of pickpockets, but is now so well known to shop detectives that it is very seldom practiced.

**TRUST HIM NOT!**

She was a sweet young bride who nice piece of meat in the shop often seems to have gone through a private transformation scene when it arrives home.

"How is it," she inquired, eagerly, when an old married friend called upon her, "that you always manage to have such delicious beef?"

"It's very simple," replied the elder woman. "I first select a good, honest butcher, and then I stand by him."

"Oh, I see, you mean that you give him all your trade?" said the innocent young bride.

"No!" answered her companion, grimly. "I stand by him while he is cutting the meat!"

**LAW, NOT LOVE.**

John Wagstaff was a proud man. He had been called as a witness in a law case.

Gaily dressed in his best suit, he set off for the court. On the way he met a friend, and accepted his invitation just to call for a minute.

The barman at once spotted John's state attire, and said chaffingly: "Hallo, sir! You look as if you were going to be married."

"Not exactly," was Wagstaff's prompt retort. "But I'm going to court!"

**CLEAR PROFIT.**

"If I could get some one to invest a thousand dollars in that scheme of mine, I could make some money."

"How much could you make?"

"Why, a thousand dollars."