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# OUR TOWN

## SUPPORT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

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# NARBERTH, PA., SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1920

## PRICE THREE CENTS

Chairman Pattison Deplores Sensational Methods of Tennis Press Agent and gives Our Town Dignified Interview

SAYS ALL THE FACTS ABOUT COMING TENNIS ENTERTAINMENT ARE CORRECT AND THAT DATE WILL BE EITHER FEB-RUARY 27 OR MARCH 5-HIS GENEROUS OFFER SHOWS THAT HE BELIEVES IN "SAFETY FIRST''-MR. DONNELLY SEES GEORGE M. COHAN.

"Smoke this after dinner," said Chairman Robert E. Pattison, of the Narberth Tennis Association's Entertainment Committee, as he handed one of his favorite combination "suspenderbelt-garter-Bob-Pattison Specials' to the Our Town reporter, and then the interview began in earnest.

"So you want to know the exact date of the next Tennis Entertainment?" said Mr. Pattison. "Well, 1'm sorry, but I can't give you the exact date. But I can say that it will be either Friday evening, February 27, or the following Friday evening, March 5. A whole lot depends on the new seenery. The committee is divided on the question. Some are in favor of hiring Maxfield Parrish, while others are in favor of hiring a lawyer and going before Judge Trotter and appealing for a writ of certiorari, or beginning mandamus proceedings to compel Jim Me-Kell to do the work!

"At all events, the safest thing for people to do is to tentatively set aside both dates. I think I'll be able to give you the definite date in time for next week's issue.

"In the meanwhile, you might put down in your note book that Mr. Donnelly spent the week-end with George Cohan doing over several of the skits and new songs, and that Georgie-all us entertainers call him Georgie-pronounced the stuff great and predicted a hilarious time for the Narberth folks on the evening of the affair.

"And before I forget it, I want to thank you for coming direct to me for your information about this entertainment. Understand, all that our press agent told your editor last week is cor-

NARBERTH THRIFT WEEK, FEB-

and Our Town hopes that some of its

rect-absolutely correct, but his methods are so sensational and vulgar-I refer of course to our press agent, and not to the editor of Our Town. Everybody that knows me, knows that I abhor and abominate anything that 15 noisy and boisterous. I want Our Town to keep this Tennis Entertainment conspicuously before the eyes of our citizens, because it is certainly going to be a ripsnorter, with a laugh every minute of the evening, and it will be a downright shame if all the people of Narberth don't know about it and get an opportunity to buy tickets. But I do hope that hereafter Our Town will be dignified in its announcements. Our press agent is a truthful fellow, but inclined to be a bit over-exuberant in his enthusiasm. Why, even on a Jannary day if the thermometer goes up to 38 or 40 he thinks spring is almost here and rushes to the nearest telephone

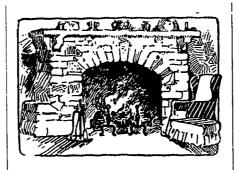
and calls up Ponce Burkhardt or Perry Redifer or Walter Shaw and asks them if they don't think the 'upper court' will be dry enough to play on by Saturday.

"So make it strong, but not sensational, and come around next week, and I'll have an important announcement for you. This week, just tell the folks to keep both dates open-February 27 and March 5-and I'll do my best to ease their minds in next week's Our Town."

"Don't need anything in the line of suspenders, belts or garters?" added Chairman Pattison as the reporter was leaving; and being assured that the representative of the press was in no immediate danger, the chairman wished him good-by and the interview came to an end.

2. Keep an intelligent record of ex-

penditures.



THE FIRESIDE

#### Real winter weather.

Lots of good sleighing and coasting last week-and slippery pavements, too.

Don't forget the turkey supper February 12th at Y. M. C. A. Tickets, 75 cents.

Austin E. Hartzell, son of the Narberth baker, made a flying trip to Pittsburgh, spending last Sunday and Monday in that eity.

Have you gotten your tickets for the turkey supper for Endowment Fund for Holiday House, February 12th?

Mr. J. Q. Stretch announces the engagement of his daughter, Helen Baird, and Dr. Walter Troutman, of Williamsport. Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merritt Davis and son Merritt, of No. 121 Woodside avenue, are spending some weeks in Florida, visiting Tampa, St. Petersburg, Lakeland and Palm Beach.

Dr. John A. Ryan, of Catholie University of America, Washington, D. C., will address the Maia Line Forum. Subject, "The Next Step in Industrial Democracy." The meeting place, Ardmore, in Woman's Club Building. Father Ryan is famous as a teacher, an author, and orator. February 1, at 3.30. Everybody is invited to attend.

Palace Theatre, the house of refinement, Ardmore, Pa. Program for week beginning February 2: Monday, Irene Castle in "The Invisible Bond"; Tuesday, MacLean and May in "231/2 Hours' Leave''; Wednesday, Blanche Sweet in "A Woman of Pleasure"; Thursday, Nazimova in "The Brat"; Friday, Norma Talmadge in "Her Only Way''; Saturday, Eugene O'Brien in "Broken Melody."

There will be gay festivity at the fire house roof February 13th, and all Narberth's one-stepping public will be on hand. The Narberth Boys' Club, despite the "jynx," will stage their annual dance and will prove that it's a lucky night for the borough.

## **Free Delivery Service**

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER GRANTING THE SERVICE.

The Postmaster has received a communication from the Post Office Department at Washington in which the statement is made that if Narberth conforms to certain requirements authorization for the establishment of the service will be considered. The requirements include annual gross revenue of not less than \$10,000.00, good continuous sidewalks, cross walks, street signs, street lights, house numbers and private mail receptacles and at least fifty per cent. of the territory be improved and the houses occupied.

The Department is averse to authorizing city delivery where the population is less than 3,000. The Department has been advised by the Postmaster that Narberth conforms to the requirements except for the private mail receptacles, and that there is no doubt these will be procured promptly by the patrons when the service is authorized.

## **One Organization not Making Drive for** Money

The Narberth Fire Company, who for many years has protected our properties from loss by fire are at the beginning of this year sending out its bills for annual dues, \$3.00 yearly.

The payment of \$3.00 annually to the Fire Company is not a donation or a charity; it is simply fire insurance, and at a very low rate at that.

Do you realize that if Narberth had no volunteer firemen our fire insurance rate would be 25% to 40% higher than at present, or the borough would have to maintain a paid fire company at a greatly increased expense? We have the volunteers, on the job all the time, and they must be supported.

Are you a good citizen, willing to do your share, or do you want the other fellows to fight the fire and pay the bills, too?

Our firemen risk their lives at every large fire and have to depend on their own relief association when they are injured. At a recent fire one of the men was injured and unable to do his day's work for several weeks. The aecident cost the relief association \$100.

Where does the relief association get its money? From the active members THE MERION CIVIC ASSO-CIATION

Merion Station, Pennsylvania. January 16th, 1920.

Narberth Fire Company, Narberth, Pa.

#### Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merion Civic Association, held Wednesday evening, January 14th, 1920, they wished to have expressed to you their gratitude and thanks for the efficient services rendered by you in helping to save from destruction the residence of Mr. Arthur G. Hawes, one of our members.

Yours very truly, (Signed)

SARTORI B. MATTHES, Secretary.

## **Turkey Supper**

FOR ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE HOLIDAY HOUSE

Evangel Circle of the King's Daughters will give a turkey supper at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday evening, February 12th. Tickets, 75 cents. 5.30 to 6.30.

All members are requested to make ticket returns at Circle meeting next Wednesday, February 4th.

Tickets may be secured at Howard's or Smith's drug stores, or any members of Evangel Circle.

## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY ISSUES PROGRAM BOOKLET.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church has issued its programs for the year. The booklet is very unique in appearance, being in the form of a gray medicine case with the inscription, "For the Healing of the Nations."

Opening the "pill box" are the pills which the society administers to the fields of the foreign lands-Doctors, Hospitals, Nurses, Medicine, Surgery and eare.

The study book for the year is "A Crusade of Compassion," by Dr. Bello J. Allen,

The regular meetings of the society are held the first Monday afternoon of each month, under the leadership of

3. Have a bank account. 4. Carry life insurance. 5. Make a will. National Thrift was January 17th to 6. Own your own home eventually. 24th, but it is never too late to do good, 7. Pay your bills promptly.

# RUARY 2ND TO 7TH.

| A meeting of the Harold D. Speakman Post No. 356<br>Narberth, Pa., will be held in Elm Hall, on Friday Evening,<br>February 6th, at 8 P. M.<br>The mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of all men and<br>women who were in the military or naval service of the United<br>States between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, and died<br>in line of duty or were honorably discharged, are invited to<br>attend this meeting in order that a Woman's Auxiliary of this<br>Post may be formed. |   | Friday, Feb. 13th<br>8.30 to 1   |  | Gentlemen:<br>Please accept my application for contributing membership<br>in Narberth Fire Co. and send bill for \$3.00 covering annual dues.<br>Yours truly,<br>                                      |  |
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|  |   | DANCE<br>ELM HALL  |  |  |  |
|  |   | BNC  | Please accept my applicat<br>in Narberth Fire Co. and send                                 |  |  |
|  | ·<br>   | manages the dances we can all look<br>forward to a long evening of enjoy-<br>ment.   | Narberth Fire Co.,   | na.  |  |
| week recommended by Walter W. Head,<br>of Omaha, Vice-President of the na-<br>tional bank section of the American<br>Bankers' Association:<br>1. Make a budget.  | Building and loan associations are a<br>fine institution for saving and buying<br>property. The Narberth Association<br>meets on the first Thursday of each<br>month. | Senator's Novelty Jazz Orehestra has<br>been engaged for the mid-winter dance<br>and those to be held on Washington's<br>Birthday, St. Patrick's Day and April<br>30, and as long as the American Legion |  |  |  |
| pendents?<br>Ten Commandments for Thrift Week<br>Following is the decalogue for thrift   | your insurance? See a broker who<br>makes a specialty of fire insurance or<br>a real estate man who handles insur-<br>ance.   | by the American Legion.<br>On March 17, Wednesday evening, the<br>St. Patrick's Day dance of the Amer-<br>ican Legion will be held in Elm Hall.  | sense of protection.<br>Do you contribute to the Narberth<br>Fire Company? If not-why not? | home of Mrs. E. S. Morley, February<br>2nd, at 2.30 o'clock, with Mrs. F. M.<br>Gray in charge of the program.   |  |
| How does the business man stand in<br>the business of managing his home and<br>home life and providing for his de-   | Your property is more valuable than<br>it was several years ago, and would cost<br>more to replace. Have you increased  | Friday evening, April 30.<br>Washington's Birthday dance, Elm<br>.Hall, Saturday evening, February 21,   | t dollar or two. It cortainly will ancour.   | Mrs. F. M. Gray, Mrs. G. M. Davis and<br>Mrs. Anna Hicks.<br>The next meeting will be held at the  |  |
| ning February 1st.<br>January 1st is a time when most<br>business men learn just where they<br>stand in business.  | <ul> <li>9. Spend less than you carn.</li> <li>10. Share with others. Thrift without benevolence is a doubtful blessing.</li> </ul>                                   | shoe'' will be on hand, and as Columbus<br>said to the Eskimos, "On with the<br>dance; let joy be unconscionable."<br>Final spring dance, American Legion,   | their own relief fund. Think of it!  | Mrs. Charles E. Kreamer; Secretary,<br>Mrs. A. W. Ward; Corresponding Secre-<br>tary, Mrs. C. M. McCracken; Treasurer,<br>Mrs. E. S. Morley. The Program Com-<br>mittee consists of Mrs. R H. Shaffer, |  |
| readers may be able to check up and<br>put into action new resolutions begin-  | S. Invest in war savings stamps and other government securities.  | The orchestra that officiates when<br>the Tennis Club turns out to "burn a   | themselves, the fellows who do the<br>work. They pay dues every year for                   | the following officers: President, Mrs.<br>Henry M. Chalfant; Vice-President,  |  |

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

SATURDAY, January 31, 1920

EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS

Police, 1250

Editorial

Narberth Building &

Loan Association

Stockholders for the nomina-

tion of Officers and Directors

The regular meeting of the

Fire, 350

not been employed in enumerating Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews seems to be the submarine.

Aeroplanes have come in handy in enumerating the dwellers on the islands off the coast of Florida; yachts and rowboats have been used in the harbors of the country; native canoes have been in demand among the Hawiian Islands; "flivvers" are being used everywhere; the tried and trusty mule team has carried the census takers out on the desert regions; and snowshoes have become the trusted aides of the census gatherers in the northern states and Alaska.

## ENUMERATOR TURNS RESCUER.

In the central part of New York State, near Oswego, a few days ago an enumerator making his rounds on snowshoes arrived at an isolated farm dwelling only to find that an able-bodied man was needed more than a census gatherer, as the man of the family had been sick in bed for several days and the farm animals were suffering for lack of food and water. The census man, like any good neighbor would, stopped long enough to do the chores, dig out paths through the deep snow and put things in ship-shape order before continuing his journey.

#### To the Editor of Our Town:

As one who is interested in athletics and wishes a square deal for all concerned, I wish to answer C. M. J.

C. M. J. thinks that Mr. Ellis is not getting a square deal "up on the hill." In the first place, let me say that if Mr. Ellis had been capable of handling the sports of N. H. S., the entrance of Mr. Durbin as coach would never have been thought of.

Another thing that C. M. J objects to is the compensation of Mr. Durbin's being taken from Mr. Ellis' salary, 1 think that C. M. J. will have to admit that it is rather wasteful extravagance to pay a man for something he does not do, and as one who knows a little of basketball and football and has seen Mr. Ellis in action, I do not think he was fit for his position.

1 hope C. M. J. will delve a little deeper into a thing before he writes about it again, as his letter shows an entire lack of knowledge concerning this matter "up on the hill."

HYPERBOLA.

## To the Editor of Our Town:

"R. H. D.'s" article as to the unselfish service rendered by the Narberth Fire Company is most timely. Certainly, those of us who are tempermentally self-opinionated and self-centered, satisfied and indifferent, cannot take exception to the eulogistic remarks occa sioned and brought to mind by the fire whistle at 12 o'clock midnight on a certain Friday recently.

May I state, however, Mr. Editor, that the commendation extended to the active members of the Fire Company, although well deserved, would be more generally acknowledged if Mr. Noel and his co-workers should at once arrange for their departure, progression and return not to be signalized by the continuous clanging of the gong. A little reflection should convince them how very uncalled for at that time of night particularly is the manufacture of such a racket. Consideration should be had for those who may be ill and nervous, besides the disagreeable results to children and adults who are awakened perhaps from a sound slumber. The necessity for the ringing of the fire house bell is admitted, but the reason for the clamor which always accompanies the departure of the department is not obvious.

development of true American spirit, while developing the true American character in these sturdy embryo citizens.

It has made boys whose principles are correct and complete.

The boy can no longer be left to play without a purpose. The Scout program gives him a "gang" ready made, with plenty to do.

No boy should be left without leadership or without a real task to perform. His energy, if not utilized, will be worse than wasted.

When the Boy Seouts are needed they are on the job. Their service is not confined to extraordinary occasions, They are "good turn" men on every day of the week and every week of the year.

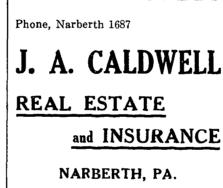
The observance of Boy Scout Week ought to interest the general public.

During this special season each Scout will have as his guest either his father or some man of his own choosing.

The idea is to make the father realize that the boy who has donned the uniform and is associated with the Scouts is something more than the kiddle with no ideas above the playground and playthings.

These manly young fellows have been given the tasks of men, though it has not deprived them of their youthful ness. They are still boys, but they are worthy of the comradeship of their elders, especially of their parents, who too often act as strangers instead of companions.

The wonderful series of nation-wide Scout service had their part in ending the war. The "consolidation" of this victory will come, as came the victory, through service to humanity. It seems that the Boy Scouts' job now is one of civic duty and loyalty; one of throwing aside class distinctions in America and living for the democracy for which Pershing's gallant men died. The Scout motto still is, "Be Prepared," but linked with it is their stogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily." Service prompts the little kindnesses that characterize Boy Scouts. It is up to them, however, to make the victory big and real and bring out its full possibilities through service to their community and their country in the bigger phases of citizenship.



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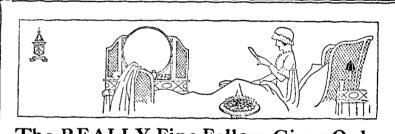
Office Hours-8.30 A. M. to 5.00 P. M. Sundays and Evenings by appointment. Telephone.

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And we will gladly send you one if you will just give us a call on the Telephone or drop us a card with your Name and Address.

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for the ensuing year will be held in Elm Hall, Thursday, February 5, 1920, at 9 P. M. THOS. C. TROTTER, JR., Secy.

We received a communication this week signed "Taxpayer" in which the name of the sender did not appear. We must know from whom every communication is received, in which event we are pleased at all times to use a nom de plume, but the columns of this paper are not open to any communication unless the sender's name accompanies the article.

#### CENSUS TAKERS USE AEROPLANES

Everything from aeroplanes to snowshoes is being used by the agents of Uncle Sam in taking the 1920 census of the United States. About the only modern method of transportation either on, over, or below land or water that has

### **IT'S AN INCOME YOU WANT**

If the folks have to get along on the pro-ceeds of a \$5,000 policy, they won't get along very long. Figure out just what you think they sught to have every year, and then see how cheaply ample provision can be secured. Steady up with Life Insurance!

LANAHAN, 205 Forest Avenue P. O. Box 352. Phone, Narberth 3-44 R.

#### OBSERVER.

SCOUTS' TENTH ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY 8, 1920.

February, though the shortest month, will be the greatest one for the celebration of birthdays.

Citizens all over the land will honor the natal days of Lincoln and Washington. And then half a million Boy Seouts will have a "party" to mark their tenth aniversary.

February 8 to 15 is the week when the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate.

It will bring to popular attention an organization that has been a help to the country in patriotic and social work. The Boy Scouts of America has made a record of practical aid.

The Boy Scout program was designed, not for military service, but for the

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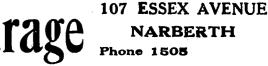
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Services Sunday, February 1st, 1920: 9.30--Prayer meeting.

ASH. COLLECTIONS.

9.45-Sunday School.

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Ross.

11.00-Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor on the subject, "God's Rainbow Promise," Gen. 24: 44. Communion service. Reception of new members.

7.00-Young People's meeting. Subjeet, "The World for Christ."

7.45-Evangelistic service. Inspiring song service led by Mr. J. Dewitt Murphy. Excellent music by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Tillman O. Lane. Sermon by the pastor on the subject. "If Christ Came To-night," Matt. 24: 44.

Wednesday evening, 8.00-Mid-week service. Many are finding much inspiration and help in these meetings. "Come thou and all thy house."

We invite all who do not regularly attend Divine worship elsewhere to join with us in any or all of these services.

THE NARBERTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister.

Meetings for next Sunday: 10 A. M .- Sunday School. 11 A. M .- Morning worship. Sermon theme, "Out Into the Highways and Hedges."

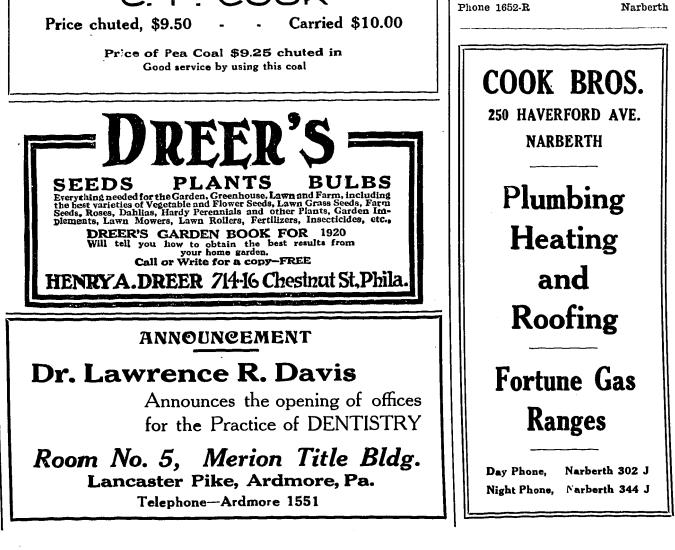
Monday-Wynnewood avenue, Conway avenue, Dudley ave, west side of Essex avenue, Park, Windsor avenue, from Essex west, Montgomery avenue, Wynnewood to Narberth avenue, Elm Terrace and Sabine avenue.

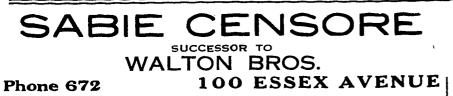
Tuesday-East side of Essex, Wayne avenue, Price avenue, Montgomery, Narberth to Price avenue, Narberth avenue, Forrest avenue, Grayling avenue, Haverford avenue, Grayling to Essex, Woodbine avenue, Narberth to Jona.

Wednesday-Hampden avenue, lona avenue, Meeting House Lane, Williams avenue, Woodbine avenue, Iona to Montgomery, Montgomery avenue, Price to Haverford avenue, Haverford avenue, Montgomery to Grayling, Shirley Road. Thursday-Elmwood avenue, Maple avenue, Woodside avenue, Grove Place. Friday-Chestnut avenue, Merion avenue, Rockland avenue, Narberth avenue, Chestnut to Rockland.

> C. E. HUMPHREYS, Street Commissioner.

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## The Women's Auxiliary Narberth Y.M.C.A.

The regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 2nd, at 8 o'clock P. M., with the following hostesses in charge: Mrs. J. T. Darlington, Mrs. T. C. Trotter, Mrs. Morley, Mrs. Alex Chambley, and Mrs. Linn Trotter.

The program arranged for the social hour promises to be very interesting, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of members and friends.

## Women's Community **Club** Notes

Mrs. Bean's lecture on "Current Events" at the Community Club on Tuesday of this week dealt specially with the political situation in Russia. Her presentation of the subject was clear and consecutive, and gave her audience a better conception of the problems confronting European statesmen than can be gleaned by most of us from the daily papers or magazine articles.

Mrs. C. T. Porter, one of the newer club members, talked on the legal status of women in America, with special reference to laws affecting guardianship and property rights.

Mrs. Porter handled a dry subject in a very entertaining manner and her talk was full of valuable information for women.

Mrs. Howard Hoffman and Mrs. Stanley, both favorites with the Olub, sang, and chocolate was served by the following hostesses: Mrs. Barelay, Mrs. Custer, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Fenno, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Leitch, Mrs. Stanley.

#### Chorus Rehearsal.

There will be a rehearsal of the Club Chorus Monday evening, February 2, at 7.30, at the home of Mrs. A. B. Ross. The chorus is planning for a musical reception some time in February, and it is most important to have a full attendance at all rehearsals this month.

#### Citizenship Class.

At the next meeting, Thursday, Febfuary 5th, the class wil take up "Borough Government." This is probably the most important lesson of the course, as it will cover the government of our own home town, and the various steps necessary for women to take when they cast their first ballot.

Officers of the Women's Community Club, Narberth.

Finance-Mrs. Charles W. Young. Decorations-Mrs. J. W. Joyce. Club Chorus-Mrs. A. B. Ross, Mrs. Tillman O. Lane.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN'S AUX-ILIARY, NARBERTH Y. M. C. A.

President-Mrs. D. D. Stickney. Vice-President-Mrs. J. B. Darlington. Secretary-Mrs. C. L. McLean. Treasurer-Mrs. H. C. Keim.

Chairmen of Committees.

Membership-Mrs. Samuel Dickie. Visiting-Mrs. Romaine Hoffman. House-Mrs. W. N. Mills. Music-Mrs. T. Noel Butler. Social-Mrs. G. Merritt Davis.

Hostesses in Y. M. C. A. lobby during evenings in January:

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## **Girl Scouts**

WHY I BELIEVE IN SCOUTING.

## By Mary Roberts Rinehart.

Girls are great idealists. No one familiar with the working of the girl mind can fail to recognize how quickly they respond to ideals. They dream dreams, not of success, but of happiness. They look up rather than out.

But they are vague and uncertain, full of wistful yearnings that lead no-where. Given a cause and a leader, and they will bring to it an almost pathetie eagerness, staunchness, loyalty, enthusiasm and unselfish effort.

There comes a critical time in a girl's mental and spiritual life when she is waiting impatiently for young womanhood. The things of her childhood have lost their interest. She has abandoned her dolls. The little boys she played with have deserted her, and found the girl-less associations of the 'teens. They have their clubs, their sports, their meeting places. But to the young girl there is nothing but that period of waiting. She is peculiarly isolated. Her family often finds her strange. She is moody and dreamy. She begins to spend an almost alarming amount of time and thought upon her appearance. The family says: "What in the world is the matter with Jane?" And her father suggests it is too much going to the moving pictures.

But the truth is that Jane is idle. She does not belong, between babyhood and womanhood, anywhere in the social organization. She is active and romantic. Her days are a long waiting for maturity, and with maturity the fulfillment of her dreams, of love, of marriage, of motherhood. She haunts the movies because she finds there vicarious romance and vicarious adventure. The great out-doors is hers to play

in-on the screen. And at the same time, with no in-creased outlet for her activities, her imagination is being stimulated as never before. Books, magazines, automobiles, moving pictures, all are re-vealing to her this strange thing we call life, which is hers to observe but not yet to live. She is a yearning onlooker. It is time to realize that hundreds of

thousands of young girls in this country, doubly important now that they are future citizens as the potential mothers of future citizens-that these young girls be given occupation, a feel-ing of responsibility, a practical ideal to which they may bring their innate loyalty and enthusiasm. They need or-ganized play and athletics. They need something concrete to tie to. They need to be taught, if you please, what is the "gang" spirit among hoys. They need to learn that their young bodies are to be used, instead of decorated. Until they learn that we shall have sickly mothers and puny babies. No single movement for the improvement of American people as a race, no advance of science or sanitation, can compare in importance with the necessity for building up morally, spiritually and bodily, our future mothers. They need to be taught certain loyal-

ties-sex loyalty, loyalty to ideals, loy-alty to country. This last, loyalty to country, has to be taught. When a man learns to take off his hat to the flag, he has a new respect for it.

Some of our girls need to be taught honesty. They cover their dreams with small deceits. They seek romance out of sheer random, and are driven into hypoerisy. They boy has fewer dreams to conceal, and he is honest with the honesty of fresh air and the great outdoors. When we give our girls occupation, when we get them out of doors, when we give them organized play in the open, there will be fewer morbid

asking all of the citizens of the two counties, who have the welfare of the boys at heart, to help them raise enough money to enlarge and properly equip the camp so as to take care of two hundred boys per week all summer. Last summer the State Health Department Official condemned the water supply and latrines. The well runs dry in dry weather and the improvised filter did not properly purify the water. We must have an adequate and safe water supply and all other conditions must be made sanitary for our boys. Last summer the creek rose about six feet so that the bridge across the creek was washed away and the boys could not get across to go to the dining hall without danger from the swollen stream, so that they had to be sent home. A suspension bridge should be built, out of the reach of the torrents.

The Boy Scout Council of Montgomery and Delaware Counties employ two men who spend all of their time assisting the one hundred troops in the various towns and organizing new troops in other towns. There are about twenty-six hundred Boy Scouts in Montgomery and Delaware Counties, but we have twenty-six thousand boys of the Scout age, all of whom ought to be Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts are asking the citizens of the counties to provide the where-with-all to pay for this super vision.

Th Boy Scouts have proved in the past two years that they are one hundred per cent. Americans. They did their work continually during the war, and did it well and never tired. They deserve to be supported loyally. This movement is one of the greatest influences in the making of high type of American citizen out of the boy. When we are helping the Scouts we are not giving to charity, we are investing in the future citizenship in the country where we expect our own children to live. These boys will carry on this great country in the future, and there won't be a Bolshevist or Anarchist in the lot. Let us all invest in the future American citizen.

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#### CAMP OF THE BOY SCOUTS.

The Boy Scouts of Montgomery and Delaware Counties are fortunate in having an ideal site for their summer camp. In a valley along the upper Perkiomen Creek, above Sumneytown, between wooded hills rising five hundred feet high, a hundred acres of woods and rocks belong to the Scouts. Here every summer boys come from fifty or more different towns in the two counties. Here they study nature and woodcraft and live close to God's nature and build a foundation of health and character. An average of 125 boys per week came to the camp every week end and they were unable to take care of the boys who wanted to come. The friends of the Boy Scouts are