

## THE SCHOOL QUESTION FROM VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW

### The School Board's Point of View

On November 3d, ensuing, between the hours of 7 A. M. and 7 P. M., the voters of the borough of Narberth will have the opportunity to approve or reject a bond issue for the purpose of improving the public schools and to meet urgent demands now confronting the Board of Directors.

Fortunately, there will be no other local issue at this election, and each voter will have ample time to carefully study school conditions and be prepared to act intelligently when he casts his ballot. To this end the School Board desires to present to the public a statement of present conditions, and what, to them appears to be the best solution.

That additional class rooms must be provided is a fact that admits of no argument. At the present time the first grade occupies a room in the Y. M. C. A. Building at a rental of \$200 per year, which sum would pay interest at 4 per cent. per annum on \$5000 bonds.

The high school, numbering 57 scholars, is now occupying the assembly room, having outgrown the room heretofore used for that school. The present room is not adapted for class purposes, and the work of teachers and pupils is seriously hampered.

A recitation has been fitted up in the basement, which in no manner meets with the requirements of the school laws governing class rooms.

In order to overcome these conditions the School Board, after careful consideration of all interests, recommends the erection of a six-room building in the rear of the present building, the lot now owned by the district being ample for the purpose.

For economic and administrative reasons this plan is much more desirable than an attempt to locate a building elsewhere, which would entail a large expense for the purchase of ground that could not be met by the loan asked for; and there would not be the unity in school work that can be had under the plan proposed.

Though no formal communication has been presented to the Board, we know that some of the parents would prefer to have a building erected nearer the center of the town, for the accommodation of the lower grades. While such a plan might be satisfactory to some, there are others who would strongly object to it.

The present location of our school is not one of choice; it came to us with the incorporation of the borough, and while we might wish that the lot were nearer the center of population, it must be admitted that the high elevation and pleasant outlook from the building, with entrance on quiet street, off the main thoroughfare, and freedom from daily increasing danger of automobile traffic, in a measure compensate for the distance a few have to travel to reach the school.

The placing of a building downtown would require a bond issue largely in excess of the amount now asked for, and the yearly expense would be much greater than the proposed plan calls for. To secure a lot large enough for building, and requisite playground for recess and recreation purposes, in or near the center of population would necessitate the purchase of buildings which would have to be torn down and their cost thrown away.

### UNDER OUR PLAN THE GROUND ALREADY OWNED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS TO BE UTILIZED.

A building downtown would necessitate two heating plants, instead of one plant for two buildings. Also two janitors instead of one. The cost of supervision would be increased, for the principal, who is also a teacher of high school classes, could not keep

up his present work, and an assistant would be necessary.

It has been stated that modern educators urge the separation of the lower grades from the higher. Under our plan this condition will be met, for the lower grades would be in a separate building, with absolutely distinct toilet and lavatory equipment for the exclusive use of the younger children, and a portion of the playground could be especially allotted to them, or, if desirable, their recreation period could be so arranged that at no time would they come in contact with the higher grades, except on the streets or in their homes. As a matter of fact, this guardianship of the lower grades could be more adequately accomplished under our plan of a comprehensive school system than by a division of administrative control.

To the objection raised with reference to bad weather conditions, our answer is that if the parents of young children will co-operate with the Board, a means for transportation can undoubtedly be arranged.

In the course of years, with increased population, the time will no doubt come when the Narberth Schools will have two classes in each grade, and then will be the time for another building to accommodate all grades, and such a building would most naturally be located in another part of the borough, but what we need now are necessary accommodations for one complete plant.

The present heating plant is so nearly worn out that it has become a burden of expense and a cause for worry lest it break down when most needed. It will have to be renewed, and by installing a large plant the new and old buildings can be heated from one system.

The toilet system now in use is antiquated and unsanitary, and if inspected by the parents would unquestionably be condemned.

The acquisition of an athletic field was heartily endorsed by a meeting of some seventy-five citizens, held in the school building in the spring of 1913. Without facilities for sports, a large number of boys cannot be held in the high school, in this or any other district; and neighboring districts have taken, or are taking steps to acquire ground for play and athletics.

By a most fortunate chance a plot of ground, practically level and cleared, approximately three acres in area, and adjacent to the school property, is now available, and offers an unusual opportunity for the children of all the grades under the comprehensive plan proposed to obtain outdoor exercise and recreation during recess periods and after school hours.

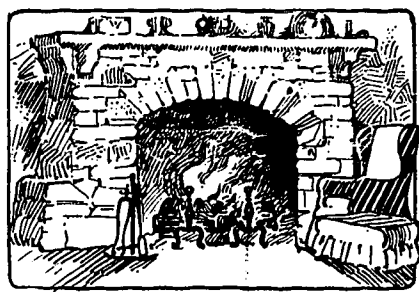
It must be borne in mind that an outlay for such a purpose is not an expense, but an investment, for ground wisely purchased will undoubtedly increase in value and be a desirable asset of any school district.

The temporary loans now outstanding must be met and are included in the proposed Bond Issue. Therefore, as a summary of the foregoing statements, you are asked to give your support to a School Loan, as follows:

For the erection of a new building	\$32,500
For the purchase of a playground	10,500
For new heating and toilet system	8,000
For payment of temporary loans	8,500
For furnishing and equipment	3,000

The increased cost of taxation to property owners will be more than met by the benefit that accrues to any town in which there is an up-to-date school system, properly housed.

The Board of Directors, collectively or individually, will gladly furnish any information that may be desired by anyone interested.



## THE FIRESIDE

By Lady Narberth

Mrs. A. H. Mueller and her daughter, Florentina, are spending the week in New York.

The New Narberth Card Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Frederick A. Brown, 418 Woodside avenue, on Friday afternoon, October 30. The members are: Mrs. Frank B. Bland, Mrs. Edwin P. Doid, Mrs. Gnyon W. Gray, Mrs. Wm. J. Henderson, Mrs. Justice B. Morgan, Mrs. Carl B. Metzger, Mrs. Edward C. Stokes and Mrs. Frederick A. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Beatty, of Price avenue, are taking an extensive trip through the South.

Mrs. Hampton, of Honey Brook, Pa., is visiting her son, Mr. O. L. Hampton, of Windsor avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sickles after a year away from Narberth have returned to their Woodside avenue home.

Don't forget the bazaar, under the auspices of the Evangelical Circle of King's Daughters, to be held in the Arcade, Saturday, October 31.

Miss Marry Gara, of Narberth, and Miss Esther Bisser, of Overbrook, were bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss Grace Pomeroy, of Ridley Park, Tuesday, October 20.

The Friday Night Bridge Club held its first meeting last Friday evening, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Kanaga, on Woodside avenue.

Miss Cornelia Woodie of Wynnewood avenue, will spend the winter traveling through the West.

Mrs. R. S. Gutelius, of Millenburgh, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edwin C. Town, of Narberth avenue.

Mrs. Bremner, of Minneapolis, is the guest of her son, Mr. J. C. McKell, of Essex avenue.

Miss Hilda Smedley, of 227 Narberth avenue, gave a Halloween party Wednesday evening, October 28.

A new book from the pen of Dr. C. R. Blackall, was published last week by Geo. W. Jacobs & Company, called "The Son of Ithaca."

Mr. Charles McCarter has sent out invitations for a Halloween party, to be given at his home on Saturday night, October 31.

Mrs. F. Dinwiddie Walker will entertain at bridge Friday afternoon, October 30, at her home on Elmwood avenue.

Mr. Stuart R. M. Thomas, who is attending the State College of Delaware, spent the week-end at his home on Price avenue.

Unclaimed letters remaining in the Narberth Post Office: Mrs. Martha T. C. Chapman, Mr. Julius Lawrence, Miss Edna Limbody, Miss Ruth Pierson, Miss Clara Nell, Dr. D. L. Schwartz, Mr. H. L. Schwartz, Mr. Frank B. Sherman, Miss Margaret Broadway, Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. C. W. Meclancy.

May we not, therefore, ask for, and expect to receive from those who have from time to time shown their confidence in our judgment and appreciation of our work by electing and re-electing us to a position of honor, their support of the School Loan?

C. HOWARD McCARTER,  
KENNEDY DUFF,  
WILL K. RIDGE,  
J. HOWARD JEFFERIES,  
JOSEPH MULLINEAUX, 3d.

## TOWN MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS SCHOOL LOAN

A general meeting will be held in Elm Hall, Monday, November 2nd, at 8 P. M., for the purpose of discussing the proposed school loan.

The question is an important one, and we believe every citizen will welcome an opportunity to hear all facts on BOTH sides before election day. This meeting will be of interest to mothers as well as fathers.

Come out and give us your views on the subject, as well as to hear what the other fellow has to say, and see if we cannot in that way discover sufficient facts and arguments upon which to base an intelligent vote, whether for or against the loan.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

### Citizens Express Themselves

If Ardmore, Bryn Mawr, Radnor, Wayne, etc., can have centrally located primary schools, why can't Narberth?

W. E. YOST.  
The trend of modern education has separated the primary from the upper grades.

W. J. KIRKPATRICK.  
If it is hard to secure a good janitor at \$90 per month for one school on the hill it will be harder to get one for two schools on the hill.

C. W. HERITAGE.  
Why not call the proposed playgrounds an athletic field?

EDWIN P. DOLD.  
If we can afford a \$10,000 playground out of school funds why not have a \$10,000 library? I prefer the library.

R. BROOKS.  
If it is too far for a Supervising Principal to walk from the top of the hill downtown, how much harder is it for the little children to walk up the hill to the present school?

E. A. MUSCHAMP.  
A centrally located primary school means increased selling value to every house in the borough. We will get the reverse if we vote for the present loan.

WILLIAM C. CLAGHORN.  
If we had a poor location "wished on us years ago" why spend \$54,000 more in the same location?

L. B. SOUTHERLAND.  
I will sell my property at a reasonable price for a primary school.

JOHN CALDWELL.  
I would just as leave paint a school downtown as one at the top of the hill.

W. G. CUMMER.  
A vote for the loan means an increase of taxes. For what? For something with which we will never be satisfied. We must eventually have a centrally located primary school and our taxes will AGAIN be increased to obtain it.

WALTER COWIN.  
"Good friends, sweet friends, let me not stir you up to such a sudden flood of mutiny. They that have done this deed are honorable. What private griefs they have at stake, alas! I know not. But they are wise and honorable and will no doubt with reasons answer you."—From Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar."

Quoted by C. A. S. McCLELLAN...  
You can add, and can alter and change if you will,  
But the question of distance will cling to it still.

J. A. SCOTT.  
"To be or not to be, that is the question." Whether it is better to spend \$54,000 on the present school site or wait a year and get better results from your money in a central location.

G. B. MECKE.  
The location of the primary school is one question; the need of playgrounds is another. We should have been able to vote on these questions separately.

H. E. EHLERS.  
"Shall these things be and not excite our special wonder?" Quoted by  
DR. J. C. ROMMEL.

Paradox: The loan has to be defeated in order to secure later what we need now.

W. C. POOR.  
I will sell my property on Forrest avenue now at a reasonable price for a primary school.

WILLIAM D. SMEDLEY.  
I will sell my property on Winsor avenue, with lot 200 by 125 feet, for a reasonable price, for a primary school.

LEWIS D. HESS.  
I will sell my property on Winsor avenue and Essex avenue, with lot 100 by 125 feet, at \$7500, for a primary school.

MRS. W. A. FRITZ.  
Attitude of the State Board

Mr. Nathan C. Schaeffer,  
Department of Public Education,  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:  
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 7th inst. in which you answered "that in case the voters failed to pass the new school loan that you knew of no action that either the voters or State can take."

Will you kindly advise me if this loan is defeated by the voters can the Narberth School Board legally purchase playgrounds for school purposes or erect a new school building at the expense of the Borough, and if so, in what manner and within what time limit should the same be paid?

I would appreciate very much an early reply, as I have to report to a committee of some citizens regarding this matter.

Yours very truly,  
WILLIAM C. CLAGHORN.

### An Approving View

It was my privilege to attend an impromptu meeting of the Narberth School Board, and about fifty other representative citizens, at the Y. M. C. A., on the evening of October 21st. The reasons of the Board for locating the new primary school building on the present school site were clearly set forth by Mr. J. H. Jeffries, Secretary.

Dr. J. Berg Esenwein struck the keynote of the meeting when he stated that the citizens present were actuated by no spirit of antagonism toward the Board. He paid a high tribute to the conscientious and self-sacrificing work of the Board, and made it clear that no one questioned their intention to formulate plans that would best serve the interests of the Borough from every point of view. A number of parents, however, could not agree with the Board on the question of location. He himself felt that the trend of opinion among educators was toward a complete separation of the younger from the older children, and that concessions should be made to those who objected to their children being compelled to walk so far.

I was at first inclined to share this opinion, but as the discussion progressed I was convinced that it would be unwise to oppose the plans so carefully thought out by the Board. This question has been before them for months; they have considered it from every possible angle, and have had years of experience to aid them in solving the problem. We have entrusted them with this work, which they have most faithfully and efficiently performed. Opposed to this we have the opinions of those who cannot possibly have given the question, in all of its phases, the same amount of careful thought, based on actual knowledge of ALL the conditions.

Dr. Esenwein's objections as to a united school are fully met by the plans of the Board, which include an entirely separate building for the lower grades, with separate lavatory and toilet facilities, and different per-

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## OUR TOWN

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1914.

NARBERTH merchants have been very generous in the matter of advertising, as the columns of OUR TOWN will testify, and thereby have shown their faith in their townspeople. They should not be disappointed.

Everybody seems interested in the "Fireside." "Lady Narberth" will be grateful for any items of local interest that can be passed along from time to time. Address Lady Narberth, Box 118, Narberth, Pa.

Our readers have no doubt enjoyed hearty laughs over Chief Wingebone, Jr.'s, articles, and will seek them each week with renewed interest.

All sides of the school question are being discussed freely in our columns. It will pay to so read that the situation may be thoroughly understood in order to vote intelligently and without prejudice.

An interesting article on the NARBERTH FIRE COMPANY has been received, but owing to lack of space is being held over for another issue.

### Letters

The Wynnewood Civic Association extends its earnest wish for your continued success. We cannot help noticing the rapid stride your Association has made since its organization, and that your motto, "Co-operation" is one that is aptly taken up by your Association.

We desire to express the wish that the spirit of "co-operation" will always exist between the two Associations in the endeavor to promote the interests of our respective communities, and in fostering a neighborly spirit between Narberth and Wynnewood.

Respectfully,

C. A. MOORE,  
Secretary, Wynnewood Civic Asso.

### Warning

Many complaints have been heard in past years because of the wilful and wanton destruction of property on Hallowe'en by masqueraders whose criterion of a good time seems to be based entirely upon the amount of damage they can do. The practice of assuming that a costume and mask when worn at a particular season of the year becomes a license for the wearer to commit with impunity acts which he knows very well would ordinarily be followed by punishment, both civilly and criminally, has been carried to such an extent that our citizens find it necessary to prepare for Hallowe'en as they would for an expected raid from thieves and thugs, and after every moveable or breakable thing has been carefully put away many of them still feel bound to be on guard to prevent other possible damage, until the last "merrymaker" has satisfied his thirst for destruction and has gone home.

We believe in equal rights for all—not a part of the time only, but all the time. We know of no law which gives a certain portion of the people the right to pillage and plunder the other portion at a certain season of the year. And to those who may be laboring under a different impression we wish to say that, while we believe in having a good time and want them to have a good time, the wilful destruction and theft of property must cease and we hereby offer a reward of ten dollars for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person destroying or removing or otherwise wrongfully interfering with the property of others on Hallowe'en.

Have a good time, but don't forget that your neighbors have property rights which must be respected.

GEORGE M. HENRY,  
Burgess.

### An Approving View

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iods for recess. As to a more central location, this would be difficult, if not impossible, to secure, at least without heavy additional expenditure and consequent increase of taxation. And then, the walk from the extremes of the Borough would be only partially reduced. Children of the lower grades have for years walked to the present location without any disastrous results. The wife of one of our older residents, a woman of much discernment and intelligence, laughed at this objection when I made it to her. She said that her three children had taken that walk for many years, when in the lower grades, and never suffered any ill effects; on the contrary, it was, even in the most inclement weather, a healthful and invigorating exercise for them.

Some years ago an arrangement was made whereby an omnibus called for the younger and more delicate children in severe weather and took them to the school for a five-cent fare. Doubtless a similar arrangement could be made. And now, under the efficient management of our Highway Committee, heavy falls of snow are cleared away early in the morning. We all recall how well this work was done last winter, and there is every reason to believe that in future this good work will be continued.

I sincerely hope that the voters of this Borough will not again defeat the school loan. The need for more room is urgent; something must be done. To defeat it a second time would amount to a vote of lack of confidence in the Board. Could a new Board do any better? I doubt it very much, taking up the work, as they would, without experience. Think this over carefully, and give the Board credit for the careful, painstaking and intelligent work they have done in presenting the only feasible plan for meeting our needs at this time, and vote for the loan.

A. J. LOOSE

### Next Tuesday's Battle

November 3 is destined to be an important day in the history of the war against rum in this country. On that day, Ohio, Colorado, Washington, Oregon and California, all vote on the question of State-wide prohibition.

Under the leadership of the Anti-Saloon League these States, years ago, secured local option laws. Under the operations of those laws many counties and cities were made dry and held against the saloon, even in spite of repeated attempts on the part of the brewers to reclaim them. That victory will come to the temperance forces in at least part of these States, there can be no doubt and even if only one of them should go dry it will be a distinct victory for the temperance cause.

The great political battle now drawing to a close in Pennsylvania is not second in importance to the fight for State-wide prohibition in any of the above mentioned commonwealths. This is due to the fact that for many years the liquor interests have regarded Pennsylvania as their Gibraltar. They have been convinced that if a strong, aggressive local option governor should be elected in this State, it would mean the passage of a county option law. That in turn would mean that more than half the counties of the Commonwealth would be put dry inside of twelve months.

The Anti-Saloon League of Pennsylvania has conducted during the past ten months the greatest campaign in its history. It has employed more men, scattered more literature, effected more local and county organizations than at any other time since its work began on Pennsylvania soil.

The Anti-Saloon League and all the allied temperance forces of the State have been waging a persistent campaign to bring about the election of a Senate and House in Harrisburg which will stand for a county local option bill. Never in the history of the State have so many people been giving time, money and talent to this great cause than during the campaign now nearing a close. It is not ours to prophesy, except to say that the final destruction of the liquor traffic in America is only a question of time, and the speed of this reform in coming years will depend in large measure on the action of the voters of Pennsylvania next Tuesday, and it will go far to determine whether or not Pennsylvania shall be one of the needed thirty-six States to ratify the proposed amendment to the Constitution when it finally comes before the people.

HARRY M. CHALFONT.

## ON THE 8.14

And Elsewhere in Our Town.

My most humble, Indianlike apology (whatever that may be) to a number of my fellow-commuters. During the last week I have overheard three of our most upright citizens accused of masquerading under my name—fellows whose whole lives have been as open as a hotel registry. I wanted to speak right out in meeting and substantiate their denials, but I thought of my promise to the Editor and my oath of membership in the Ancient and Honorable Order of Pseudonymists, and all I could do was grunt, after the fashion of my distinguished ancestor, as he stood at the corner of Haverford and Narberth avenues, one crisp November morning many years ago, pondering as to a suitable location of—ah—say, a primary school.

However, some day I may change my mind, or the Editor may fire me. Then I'll tell you the whole truth, etc., etc. Until then—"you know me, Al."

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And so saying, he reloaded his pipe, threw another log on the fire and began one of his inimitable three-minute sermonettes entitled

See Narberth First,  
And See It On Foot.

"Yes, sir; I've spent a lot of good money and traveled many miles in trains, and I tell you I have never had better and finer walks than I get within an hour's distance of any part of Narberth. I don't mean that you have to 'leg it' an hour from the station before the real walk begins. Ten minutes in any direction will take you to the outskirts of the borough, and then you can strike out in most any direction and get woodlands winding, picturesque roadways, hills, ravines and babbling brooks that will equal anything that Bayard Taylor, Nellie Bly or Pop Weston ever saw in all their wanderings or journeys. Now, don't misunderstand me. I'm not trying to push the Grand Canyon or Glacier Park or the Italian lakes off the map. What I am trying to do is to open the eyes of our people to the fact that the walks that can be taken around Narberth in two, three or four hours are entirely too fine and enjoyable to be missed by any of our people. \* \* \* I don't care how you go—join a walking club if you prefer, or take your neighbor along, or your dog, or your cane, or just go by yourself if you want to be sure of your company; the point is, GO WALKING. It's as good for your health as that 'apple a day business,' and it's mighty enjoyable, too.

And we might also add: "Yes, and in addition to everything else you're free from the European war for a few hours at least; that's especially good for the nervous system."

P. S.—More from our Walking Friend later.

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Here's something that will surprise you: It would take five full issues of "Our Town"—news, editorial and advertising space—to reprint everything that has been printed in the Philadelphia and Main Line newspapers and outside publications about Narberth since the organization of The Civic Association. And it has all been FAVORABLE PUBLICITY, too, which is equally important, as you will readily learn if you have the temerity to discuss with any railroad director the activities of the well-known Interstate Commerce Commission; or, maybe you prefer your statistics this way: the space given by the Philadelphia newspapers to Narberth, if paid for at an average advertising rate would have cost the borough the tidy little sum of \$2110.50. Or, enough words have been written about Narberth in the past year to fill a book the size of an ordinary novel. While as to the number of times the name of Narberth has appeared in type—well, you see, we only have one Burroughs and it, poor thing, collapsed under the terrific strain at the end of the third round.

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"And now, dear friends, comes the most enjoyable task of the whole evening." (I thank you, Gertrude, for them was kind words you spoke). Quite to my surprise FIFI has found a warm spot in the hearts of many of

our fairest, and I may also say, our most esteemed readers. And she's such a slip of a girl, too; so unsophisticated, you know, and not at all accustomed to all this vulgar publicity. Oh, goodness me, no! Does she come of a good family? What? Well, you remember the time George W. Childs entertained General Grant (or was it Tom Thumb) and all the re-a-l-l-y best—

"However that may be, I have received many violet-scented missives since FIFI burst into our midst, pleading for her return. From the bunch I cull the following, as being, perhaps, the sweetest and most touching:

"Dear Old (\*) Chief:  
"Where's that young Fifi person? Ever since she was so lovely to that young man (I think he's a dear) I've been waiting to read the next chapter. You don't know what a terrible suspense it is for us girls to leave Fifi standing there the way you did. Mr. Chambers never did as mean a trick as that. "Yours indignantly,"  
"MISS M. A. ZEE."

(\*I resent that word, for I am still under forty-five, and besides, I don't like too much familiarity from strange young ladies. I will say, however, and confidentially, that FIFI will be with us again next week.

(More confidentially: If I don't get the Iron Cross now, what's the use?)  
CHIEF WINGBORNE JUNIOR

### "Hallowe'en"

The 'Squire says he's all ready for you and will you please pay your Hallowe'en fines in cash. Checks crumple up so.

Colorless crimes, such as the larceny of gates and assault and battery on window panes with tick-tacks will be punished by fines of \$598.98 net, and ninety days in jail.

But the rash felon who is planning to steal Burgess Henry's green porch rocker is warned that he will be shot at sunrise and then fined 25 cents. That was all he had yesterday.

The 'Squire, bless his heart, says the town needs the money.

Hallowe'en is of ancient observance. So far back does it date that it seems to have sprung from the religious ceremonies of the Druids, who in the early days celebrated the first of November as the feast of Saman. On the eve of that day they summoned the souls of the departed to inhabit the bodies of animals, which was hard on the family cat.

In the seventh century the festival took on a more beautiful significance. At the time of the conversion of the Roman Pantheon into a Christian place of worship, and its dedication to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, the day was made the eve of All Saints, or All Hallows. Hence the name, Hallowe'en.

All Saints' Day was first celebrated May 1, but the date subsequently was changed to November 1 and under the designation of Feast of All Saints it was set apart as a general commemoration in their honor and as such is still retained by the Episcopal and Catholic churches.

The modern Hallowe'en, the Hallowe'en as we know it, developed in Scotland, where oatmeal was invented and the men wear skirts. It will be recalled that Harry Lauder was recently elected King of Scotland.

The girls all like Hallowe'en, for it is on that fateful day that they learn whom they are to marry. If he hasn't a motor with a self-starter and a Roman gold carbureter with diamond man gold carbureter with diamond trimmings, the poor things say fate has crossed 'em.

It is very easy, almost second nature, for the dear girls to learn the identity of their future husbands. All they have to do is to gaze into a mirror. The hour must be midnight and the girl, holding a candle in one hand, must cross her eyes and say these lines:

Round and round, ye stars so fair,  
Ye travel and search out everywhere;  
I pray tonight to show to me  
The one whose bride I'll surely be.

There are two or three other methods leading to the same end. One is for the girl to place by her bed a glass of water with a stick in it. Then she'll dream she fell into the creek at the sewage plant and the man who rescued her will be her husband.

Another plan is for the girl, before retiring to take a pill composed of coconut, cheese and English walnuts. In the dream which results the face of the bridegroom-to-be is certain to appear.

If necessary, Welsh rarebit may be substituted for the pill.

Many are the games which are distinctive of Hallowe'en. Bobbing for apples is a popular one. The naming of apples is another old custom. An apple is named for the ones best loved, the seeds are saved and counted and the bridegroom is discovered by the following formula:

One I love; two I love;  
Three I love, I say,  
Four I love with all my heart,  
And five I cast away,  
Six she loves; seven he loves;  
Eight both love;  
Nine he comes; ten he carries;  
Eleven engaged, and twelve marries.

The initial of the possible "he" or "she" may be learned by paring an apple carefully, whirling the peel around three times and throwing it over the shoulder, finally, while repeating:

By this magic paring I wish to discover  
The first letter of the name of my true lover.

Fearsome and many are the methods employed for seeing into the future on Hallowe'en. Doubtless some who try them come to the conclusion that "True love is like ghosts, which everybody talks about and few have seen."

As a hint to prospective party-givers, it may be said in closing that fruit and nuts are indispensable in Hallowe'en parties. The nuts often wear wrist-watches and always part their hair in the middle.

MERRITT BOND.

### The Highway Committee Replies

Noticing the statement in the recent issue of "Our Town," that the borough will not collect tin cans, I, as chairman of the Highway Committee, wish to state, the borough WILL collect tin cans, provided they are mixed with the ashes, but we refuse to collect them separately in baskets, due to the fact that this would necessitate the borough employing extra help to bury them.

The owners who are generous enough to allow the borough to use their ground as a dumping place are very insistent, that the ground present an appearance not objectionable to the eye.

Should they allow us to dump any and everything, many protests would come about the unsightliness of such a piece of ground in the borough.

It has been my experience as chairman of the Highway Committee to receive complaints as mentioned by Chief Wingebone, Jr., regarding the non-collection of tin cans, and when investigated I found that certain people kept a trash barrel full of tin cans up to the two (2) gallons size, and in one case a party wished us to take away four (4) barrels containing all sorts of things in the tin line.

If the tin cans were distributed in each and every ash box taken from the houses it is obvious that they would practically bury themselves, and I trust all who read Chief Wingebone, Jr.'s letter, will read this and be assured of the fact. It is difficult to please all, when the complaints made are not fully explained.

It is the intention of the Highway Committee to serve the taxpayers in every way possible, and at the same time they desire the co-operation of the people, and all reasonable complaints will be cheerfully heard by

Yours very truly,  
EDWARD C. STOKES,  
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**CHURCH NEWS**

**Baptist Church**

The subject of the sermon Sunday morning will be "The Necessity of Christ's Death." The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be administered. One will be welcomed to membership.

The topic of the evening sermon is "Greater Things Than These."

The men's and women's Bible Classes invite you to join them next Sunday at 10 A. M.

The Young People's Society will meet at 7.00. Subject, "The Work." Eccles., 9:10.

The supper and meeting of the Teachers' Association will be held at the church, Friday evening, at 6.30. The session will be devoted to business and the discussion of the interests of the school.

The Evangel Circle of King's Daughters will hold a bazaar in the Arcade, Saturday, at 2 P. M. Cakes and fancy and useful articles will be on sale. The regular meeting of the Circle will be held at the church next Wednesday at 10.30 A. M.

The Father Lights is opening its work with a large membership this fall. The members will give a series of tableaux in the Y. M. C. A. building, Friday evening, November 6th.

**Ushers' Association, Baptist Church of the Evangel, Narberth, Pa.**

At a meeting of the Ushers' Association, held September 21st, 1914, it was

RESOLVED, That the Association go on record as favoring the school loan and that our Civic Committee be requested to act with others favoring the loan.

JAMES C. SIMPSON, Secretary.

**All Saints' Church**

Sunday services at All Saints' Church, corner Montgomery and Wynnewood avenues, are as follows: 8 A. M., the Holy Communion; 9.45 A. M., the Sunday-school; 11 A. M., morning prayer and sermon; 4 P. M., evening prayer.

There will be a second celebration of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday of next month, at 11 o'clock.

**St. Margaret's Church**

Sundays: Early Mass, May to September, inclusive, 6.30 A. M.; early Mass, October to April, inclusive, 7.00 A. M.; late Mass, 9.30 A. M.

Masses on holydays: 6.30 and 8.30 A. M.; Masses on weekdays, 8.00 A. M. Lenten and other evening devotions, 8 o'clock.

**Presbyterian Church**

Next Sunday: 10 A. M.—Bible-school. All departments.

11 A. M.—Public worship. Theme of sermon by the pastor, "Occupying, till He come."

7 P. M.—Junior congregation. Subject, "Working with thy might." Leaders: Dorothy Durbin and Sidney Bolich.

8 P. M.—Princeton Conference Echo Meeting. Addresses by Messrs. Foster, McQuilkin, Culp and others.

Wednesday evening. Prayer and Praise Meeting, conducted by the pastor.

**Sunday Services, November 1st**

Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Chris. G. Koppel, pastor.

9.45 A. M., Sunday School assembly. Bible study classes for adults.

11 A. M., Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Reception of members.

6.45 P. M., Epworth League, conducted especially for young people.

7.45 P. M., subject, "A Man's Political Obligation." A sermon of special interest to men. Singing by a large chorus choir, morning and evening.

**Notes**

Two services prepared with special interest to the men of the community will be held the first two Sunday evenings in November.

"A Man's Political Obligation" will be the pastor's subject this Sunday.

All members of the Masonic fraternity are invited guests of the church Sunday evening, November 8th. The Masons will be addressed upon the subject, "True Principles and Precepts of Masonry." Each service will begin with a congregational song service at 7.45.

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**Annual Church Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Narberth Presbyterian Church was held last Wednesday evening. Mr. Robert L. Beatty was re-elected Ruling Elder, and Messrs. John S. Ketcham and Adam H. Wilson were re-elected Deacons for a term of three years.

The roll of church members was read, 203 names being on the list. A general review of the year's work was given, showing much cause for encouragement. During the past year there has been a notable increase in church membership, 46 additions having been made. The enrollment in the Sabbath School is considerably over 200, and on a recent Sabbath there were 193 present. A grand total of \$5808.97 was contributed last year for benevolences and current expenses.

**Elmwood Field Club**

During the past two years the Elmwood Field Club of Narberth has been very successful in both seasons' games of baseball, played on the ground of H. A. Jacobs and H. R. Hillegas, at the foot of Elmwood avenue, where the pageant was recently held.

During the past season the club has played twenty-six games with a record of having lost but six.

Twenty semi-professional Philadelphia teams have fallen before the Elmwood Nine, the last game of this season having been played on September 10, the Girard Field Club, a strong aggregation, having been defeated by a score of six to three.

The expenses of the visiting team have been shared among several of the Elmwood players, no admission nor donation having been accepted, although a grand stand has been erected for the use of those who care to attend the games.

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**Y. M. C. A. NOTES.**

Special mention was made last week of the splendid success our Juniors had in the recent membership campaign. Over a hundred new members were added to our Junior membership list. This means that we are filling a larger place in the community. A much greater number are using our building, taking advantage of our gymnasium classes, filling up the ranks in our Bible classes and adding to the interest of the work in general. At the recent Bible Class Rally four classes were organized, averaging about ten in a class.

**Hallowe'en Social.**

Many of our members have inquired about our annual Hallowe'en socials. Sure, we are going to have one, and we are planning to have the usual good time. The Juniors will have theirs Friday night, October 30th, and the Senior social will be held Saturday night, October 31st. We are going to have something that will interest both young and old, so be sure to come. We take this opportunity of extending to you an invitation. Come, and bring your friends, "the more the merrier." Remember, a Hallowe'en social means a masquerade.

Don't forget the dates:  
Juniors—Friday, October 30th.  
Seniors—Saturday, October 31st.

**Bowling League.**

This week our Association Bowling League starts. Interest is high among the Narberth bowlers, and there is no reason why Narberth should not be in the lead this season.

Come in and help the team win its first game—Tuesday night. German-town will bowl here.

**"Lest We Forget."**

Business Men's Gymnasium Class every Thursday night. Drop in. Make this your most important engagement. Get in touch with S. P. Atherhold.

**Ardmore Y. M. C. A.**

The past week has been one of financial interest in Ardmore. About twenty-six teams of two men each, composed of the most influential men in town, have visited every house to secure either contributions or membership. The final amount received will not be announced until the banquet.

To prove the fact that our boys have the Association spirit at heart, they did their share. Last Saturday was Association Tag Day, at which time about twenty of the boys went out with their little tin boxes. The boys were divided into two teams, and when the contest closed in the evening the total receipts for the day were between \$45 and \$50.

**A Minstrel Show It is to Be**

On Saturday, November 21, there will be a minstrel show given at Elm Hall by the younger members of Narberth's great singers. They will make you laugh from the time you enter the door until you go home. We will have with us Messrs. Warren & Cartledge, the two famous sketch artists and comedians. The show is for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Watch for further particulars. Tickets, 25 cents for children and 50 cents for grown-ups. I assure you it will be money well spent.  
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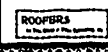
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The reason is simple: People do not stay away from church because they are opposed to religion or to the Church. Far from it. Nearly everybody believes that the Christian Church is absolutely necessary to our civilization. If its existence were threatened, the great mass of the people would fight for it.

But by some curious kink in the mental processes, many non-Churchgoers fail to perceive that if everybody else followed their example—and every honest person grants others the right to do as he does—the churches would quickly pass out of existence.

Every non-attendant upon religious services virtually votes for the elimination of the institution from society.

If a person believes that the world needs the Church, he has but one clear, unmistakable and unshakable way of stating his position. That is by regular church attendance. The man who goes to church stands for an indispensable institution, even as a good citizen stands for the State by voting.

Absenteeism from the ballot-box and absenteeism from church are kindred failures in duty to society.

Of course, that is not the best reason for church attendance. We go to church primarily to express our belief in God and to do Him reverence. The loftiest truth about man is that he is made in the image of the Divine and has a capacity for fellowship with the Infinite.

Worship is the highest function of which human nature is capable.

The world does not know much about creeds, but when it sees a person attending divine worship it understands him to say by his action, "I believe in God."

Thoughtful persons stand for the church, also because the Church stands for the best things. The church-goer lines up with the forces which make for righteousness. He is on the side of the people who want to live the noblest lives themselves, and who are trying to help this needy world to do the same.

The most efficient agency of human service on earth is the Christian Church. The churchman is a sharer in all the world-wide beneficence of the organization.

They who would make their lives count should be counted among those upon whom the Church may count—and again we say "Why not go to church" next Sunday?

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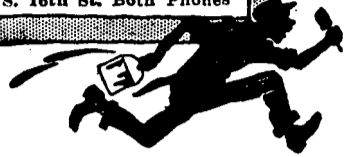
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A "trail hitter" is a new thing in religion. So is "Billy Sunday" a new thing. Both of them start things when they get going. Another new thing in religion which is not so well known as a Billy Sunday revival is the "Princeton Conference." But the hundred and fifty young people who spent part of their vacation at the Princeton Conference last July know that there is a close connection between what happens to Billy's trail hitters and what happened to them. There was no sawdust aisle in the chapel at the Princeton Seminary, and all of the delegates were Christians, but something happened to them that changed their brand of Christianity.

Next Sunday night at the Presbyterian Church a team of four or five of these Princeton trail hitters will tell Narberthites about it. They are anxious to have a bunch from Narberth go to the next Princeton Conference, July 17th to 25th, 1915, and they would like to see started right in Narberth the kind of religion they found at Princeton. Probably there is some of it in Narberth already.

Mr. Samuel W. Foster, of Merion avenue, will lead the meeting. He led some of the meetings at Princeton, and there was always something doing when "Sam" was on the platform.

This is not a Presbyterian affair, although it's going on at the Presbyterian Church, and you are cordially invited to come, unless you ought to be at your own church. There are a few in Narberth who prefer their firesides on Sunday after dark, but you will be glad you stirred out if you come to see the Princeton Trail Hitters.

**Narberth Ties the Strong Grace A. A.**

Narberth held the strong Grace team to a tie, 6 to 6, on the former's grounds. Narberth was without their star, Pentney, while Grace was minus their star, Katz. Ewing, Davis and Jeffries, with his forward passing were the stars for the home team, while Downey was a star for the Grace team. The line-up:

- Narberth. Positions: Grace A. A. Cannon . . . . . left end . . . Copeland (Lacey, Jeffries)
  - C. Humphries . . . . . left tackle . . . Martin (Brown)
  - Mowrer . . . . . left guard . . . Schmidt
  - Markle . . . . . centre . . . . . Chring
  - Brown . . . . . right guard . . . Massen (Cannon)
  - Davis . . . . . right tackle . . . Spelm
  - W. Humphries . . . . . right end . . Simpson
  - B. Jeffries . . . . . quarter-back . . . Clauser (Owens)
  - Dickie . . . . . left half-back . . . Curtis
  - Durbin . . . . . right half-back . . . Procter (Quinn)
  - L. Jeffries . . . . . full-back . . . Downey
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