

## FOREWORD

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Figure 1: The office of the Merion Civic Association

THE YEAR BOOK  
OF  
The Merion Civic  
Association

Merion Station Montgomery County  
Pennsylvania

Nineteen Hundred  
and Fourteen

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1913-1914

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EDWARD W. BOK

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May 19th, 1914

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MISS CARRIE ZOLLINGER

## **THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING**

The First Annual Meeting of The Merion Civic Association was held at the residence of Mr. Frank Graham Thomson, at Merion, on the evening of Tuesday, May the nineteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen. At this meeting the following reports of President and Treasurer of the Association were read and approved.

## **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

To the Members of  
The Merion Civic Association:

When your Association was formed, a year ago, it was believed by the Board of Directors that the wisest policy was to devote all its initial efforts to the better protection of life and property in Merion community.

### **DAY AND NIGHT POLICE SERVICE**

The first step, therefore, was to secure for Merion better police protection. We had at that time an intermittent police patrol of sometimes one and at other times two policemen at night. Your directors secured from the chief of police of Lower Merion Township two regular policemen at night; one on the South side of the rail-road and one on the North side, and later a third policemen for daytime duty, so that Merion has now three of the nineteen policemen which constitute the police force of the Township.

During the past year only four robberies have occurred in our community. Twenty (20) arrests

for various offences have been made, while a number of suspicious characters and minor offenders have been warned to leave Merion.

### **NEW FIRE HYDRANTS AND FIRE GONGS**

Your directors next turned their attention to fire protection and found the number of fire-hydrants so inadequate that had a fire occurred in some of the most valuable houses in Merion no water supply would have been available. Ten new fire-hydrants were immediately installed making a total of 28 fire-hydrants, so that now no house in Merion community is farther than 750 feet from a fire-hydrant and the greater majority are within 600 feet.

In anticipation of a fire occurring at a time when the telephone wires might be out of service by storm or lightning, as was the case when Mr. Steigerwalt's house burned last summer, your directors erected eight fire-gongs at various points in Merion, forming a continuous relay to the fire-engine houses at Cynwyd and Narberth.

It was found that a rule was in force with the Cynwyd and Narberth fire-engine companies that the Cynwyd Company only would respond to fire-calls on the North side of Merion with the Narberth Company responding only to fire-calls on the South

side. This rule was caused to be withdrawn and the regulation put in force that both companies shall respond to fire-calls in any part of Merion irrespective of North or South sides.

### **CITY FIRE ENGINE SERVICE IN MERION**

An arrangement was also made with the two nearest city fire-engine companies to respond to fire-calls from Merion, and a fire-map showing the location of each house and fire-hydrant in Merion has been framed and hung upon the wall in these two engine-houses as well as in the engine-houses at Cynwyd, Narberth and Ardmore.

Arrangements are now under way to have the city fire-call box, at present located on Merion Road between Highland Avenue and Latch's Lane, transferred to the rail-road station. This box will call two city fire-engines to any fire in Merion, as will any telephone call to the City Electrical Bureau.

### **FIRE INSURANCE RATES REDUCED 12½ TO 30%**

It was found by your directors that the entire South side of Merion was outside of what is called the fire-zone and that there was absolutely no

obligation on the part of any fire-engine company, local or city, to respond to any fire in Merion occurring on the south side of the railroad. The installation of the new fire-hydrants, some changes in the water mains, and the installation of the fire-gongs made it possible to present a new condition to the Philadelphia Suburban Fire Underwriters Association with the successful result that the entire Southern section of Merion is now within the fire-zone.

This means that the Narberth fire-engine is absolutely obligated to respond to fire-alarms from the South side of Merion, and the fire-insurance rates on all properties has been reduced from 12½ to 30%.

### **A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF FIRE PROTECTION**

In order that our community might have proper representation, one of your directors has been placed on the Board of Directors of the Cynwyd Fire Company.

Your directors have also authorized a contribution from the Association of \$100 to each of the fire-engine companies at Cynwyd and Narberth.

There is now in hand an inquiry looking into the adequate water-supply in the mains.

It is felt that if your Association had accomplished nothing further in its first year than this comprehensive plan of fire-protection for our community, superior to that enjoyed by any neighboring community, it would justify its existence.

### **NEW AND BETTER ROADS LAID AND UNDER WAY**

The question of better roads next received the attention of your directors and the closer relations and co-operation secured with the Commissioners of Lower Merion Township on this important matter have been very satisfactory.

Last autumn your directors secured the laying of an entirely new roadway on Merion Road; a new roadway on the larger portion of Wynnewood Avenue and the re-surfacing of South Highland Road, This summer a new roadway will be laid on that portion of Wynnewood Avenue, from South Highland Road to City Line, left unfinished last summer. A new roadway will be laid on Merion Road from Montgomery Avenue joining the part laid last summer. The present dangerous road-shoulders on Merion Road will be put in permanent shape extending the present roadway from curb to curb. Latch's Lane will also be repaired. The intersection of Idris Road and South Highland Road will be repaired, and a new road will be laid on



North Highland Avenue this summer as the joint work of the Commissioners and the residents.

**NEW ROADS TO BE LAID  
FROM CURB TO CURB**

Your directors are endeavoring to arrange with the Township Commissioners that hereafter all new roads laid in Merion shall include gutters and be laid from curb to curb. It must be borne in mind, however, that the funds at the disposal of the Commissioners for new roadways and their maintenance is limited, and in some instances to accomplish what your Association desires in having roads from curb to curb it will be necessary for the residents and your Association to co-operate with the Commissioners and share the expense.

An excellent illustration of this method is in the new gutter and curb just laid by six of the property-owners on South Highland Road, which will do much to increase both the efficiency and appearance of that road.

It is also being arranged that the oiling of the roads in our community shall hereafter be done under the direct supervision of the Association.

The present plan inaugurated by your present directors to take up each road in Merion community and



Figure 2: The New Road Sign. 90 of these are about to be erected

put the roadway in as safe and permanent condition as available funds and the present knowledge of road-building makes possible, should receive the fullest endorsement of your Association and be carried on until our community shall be recognized for the excellence of its roads. To do this, however, calls for your individual co-operation and that of the Association. The Township Commissioners have not the funds at their command under present conditions to do it without our co-operation.

### **100 NEW ROAD SIGNS AND AUTOMOBILE SIGNS**

The question of marking and lighting the roads of Merion community next received the attention of your directors, and this consumed months of careful investigation. The result will shortly be in evidence on every road in Merion when a cast-iron road-sign, of artistic and distinctive design, and yet in every sense of a practical nature, will mark each intersecting road in our community. There will be 90 of these signs, thus thoroughly marking every part of Merion.

All the present automobile signs, now belonging to the Township Commissioners, will be removed, and the Association's own signs of a design to harmonize with the road-signs will be substituted,

so as to bring the whole scheme of signs in Merion into a harmonious whole.

These signs are of permanent quality and are the property of your Association.

### **THE NEW ROAD-LIGHT SOON TO BE INSTALLED**

After considering many designs for a new road-light, designed by the best architects in Philadelphia, your directors decided upon the hexagonal lantern design which is now being manufactured. This lamp was thoroughly tested by experts for superior radiation, the durability of the material of the lamp and post was investigated, the question of the artistic nature of the design being kept secondary. The result achieved by your directors is one that calls for the highest commendation in that they have achieved an unusually successful solution of one of the most difficult problems that confront the planners of cities and suburbs. The new lamp has been unanimously declared by experts as being unusually distinctive and of artistic design, and yet meeting every practical requirement of radiation. In order to avoid cost of maintenance and deterioration by the elements the lamp has been made of solid copper while the post is of cast-iron. As far as anything can be that is exposed

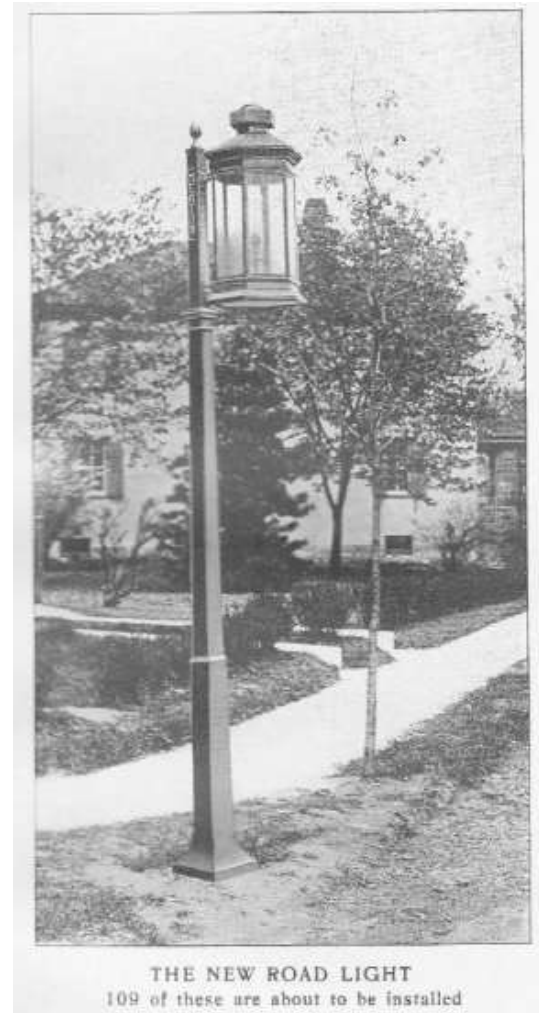


Figure 3: The New Road Light. 109 of these are about to be installed

to the elements of storms, the lamps and posts are indestructible.

### **58 NEW ROAD LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED**

Every lamp and post at present in Merion will be removed and this new lamp and post will be substituted. In addition to the present 51 lamps, your directors secured from the Township Commissioners authority for 58 new lights, so that our community will have 109 lights.

Your Association will pay one-half of the cost per year for lighting each lamp for the first year, after which the entire lighting cost will be borne by the Township Commissioners.

It is the plan, year by year, to secure authority to increase this number of lights until our community shall be adequately lighted, thus making our roadways safer for pedestrian and vehicle travel.

As advantageous terms could be made for electric illumination, electricity was decided upon. The Bala & Merion Electric Company will allow your Association the cost of their road-lamps to apply to each of the new designs, your Association bearing the remaining cost.

All the posts will be set in concrete thus ensuring a permanent placing.

**A PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT  
FUND BEING ESTABLISHED**

It was the cost of these permanent improvements that led your Finance Committee, last November, to establish a Permanent Improvement Fund from which the cost of these improvements could be paid. Your Association can, from the moneys received from its membership dues and the 50 per cent portion drawn from its Guarantee Fund, be made, by careful management, about self-sustaining, as your Treasurer will show in his report. But it has no funds for improvements. Hence a separate fund was determined upon which is to be devoted entirely to those permanent improvements such as fire-protection, roads, lighting, road-signs and other measures which distinctly and directly tend to increase both a safer living in the community and a greater valuation of property. The money in this fund can be used only by authority of your directors.

**WHERE YOUR ASSISTANCE  
IS ASKED AND NEEDED**

For this fund there has been received \$6,925.00 from property owners and residents, in subscriptions from \$25 up. Of this sum, about \$5700 will be expended in the permanent

improvements already decided upon and which I have outlined to you. More will be needed and expended in other improvements equally important to this community, and I would earnestly commend this fund to the attention of the members of your Association who have not already contributed to it. Each of us receive the direct benefit either to ourselves or our properties from these permanent improvements and each should be willing to contribute within his or her means to their cost. The work that your directors can do is of course, entirely dependent upon the amount of money at their disposal.

**ALL POLES TO BE REMOVED FROM HIGHWAYS**

Your directors have also started work along lines of the greater beautification of Merion. Beautiful as our community is, it is capable of that measure of greater improvement that will make it, without question, the most beautiful suburban community adjacent to Philadelphia.

The most important work along this line attempted is the contemplated removal of all the electric and telephone poles that now disfigure the highways of our community. A number of satisfactory meetings between representatives of the electric and telephone companies and your

directors have been held, and a complete survey has been made which can result in the final removal of all poles from the highways. The companies have, of course, no reason or desire to remove the poles; they have a permanent right to erect as many poles on the highways as they need. Hence, the giving to them of equal rights on the back of property-lines is in the hands of property-owners, and the cost of the removal of the poles is jointly for your Association and the property-owners to assume. Placing the wires underground is financially prohibitive, hence the only alternative is to place the poles on the back lines of properties. It is this desirable change that your directors wish to bring about, but this calls for your co-operation as property owners to give the companies permanent permission to erect and maintain the poles and wires on your hack property lines. Without this permission the desired end cannot be brought about. It is the plan of your directors that your Association shall take up one road at a time and eliminate these disfiguring poles from the highways. A successful start has been made in the case of Merion Road from Bowman Avenue to Highland Avenue Where the poles will all shortly be removed, and it is intended to take up other roads in as rapid succession as permits and means make possible.

The acknowledged beauty of North Highland Avenue, for instance, is in a large measure due to the fact that there are no poles on the highway. This same effect will shortly be noticeable on Merion Road. All new communities now eliminate poles from the highways and no uniform scheme of beautification is possible where the unsightly pole is allowed to nullify other improvements.

### **BEAUTIFYING THE ROADS WITH TREE PLANTINGS**

Along this same line of beautifying the face of Merion community, a planting of white dogwood trees along both sides of North Highland Avenue is now under way. This planting is being done by the property owners.

A planting of White dogwood trees along the railroad side of Idris Road from the railroad station to Beacom Lane has also been effected. This planting has been done by your Association.

Another planting of the entire south side of Merion Road from North Highland Avenue to Bowman Avenue consisting of over ninety red-flowering horse-chestnut trees has been effected, due to the generosity and civic spirit of one member of your Association, Mrs. G. Martin Brill.

It is the suggestion of your directors that your Association will take up such plantings along the other roads of Merion, each planting to be of a different character but bringing all into a harmonious and beautiful whole.

**THE WASTE PAPER CANS  
RECEIVED 65 BUSHELS OF LITTER**

Your directors also installed along the roads twenty-one waste-paper cans, to receive the paper and litter that would otherwise be thrown on the roads. From these cans, during the past year, over sixty-five bushels of litter have been taken. Despite all that your directors have been able to do, however, these cans have not been so generously used as they should be. The Township Commissioners have just recently, however, passed an Ordinance making the throwing of waste of any kind on the roadways subject to a penalty of ten dollars for each offence, and your Association shall take its part in seeing that this ordinance be enforced.

**THE DRINKING WATER AND THE MILK SUPPLY**

Your directors have also directed the efforts of your Association along the lines of a greater regard for health and sanitation in the community.

When the purity of the drinking water was questioned last December, an authoritative analysis of the water was immediately made at the Jefferson College Laboratory in Philadelphia for the benefit of your Association and the result sent to each member. An arrangement with one of your members has now been made by which an analysis of the water will be made monthly and reported at each meeting of the Board of Directors, with an immediate notification to the members of the Association if any analysis is found to warrant caution.

Your directors have also engaged a dairy expert, a graduate of Cornell University, who is now investigating the dairy farms and bottling methods of each dealer supplying milk in our community, and the results of this investigation, giving the names of those dealers whose [arms and methods have been found to be in line with the most approved sanitary methods, will be sent to each member of your Association.

A requested inspection of certain waterways in our community was made last January, by the State Commissioner of Health, and a second inspection has been arranged for within a short time.

There have also been eliminated on behalf of your Association several nuisances in the shape of public dumps, notably the dump at Wynnewood Avenue and

Bowman Avenue. This dump was cleaned up and fenced in and is now under the direct supervision of your Association.

### **THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND ASHES**

There have also been accomplished, during the year, a number of minor and yet relatively equally important matters.

A more systematic and economical arrangement for the collection of garbage and ashes at the houses of the members of your Association was perfected and will be successfully carried out henceforth when the contract is transferred to more efficient hands.

When your Association was organized, it had been decided by the telephone authorities to abolish Merion as a designation in the directory and remove it from the book, placing all Merion numbers under the designation of Cynwyd. Under protest, the Merion designation was restored.

The first map ever made of Merion was placed in the railroad station and has proved very successful in the guidance of strangers to our community.

Three roads in our community, Wynnewood Avenue, North Highland Avenue and Merion Road, have been classified as dangerous roads for automobilists by the Chief of Police of the Township, and the speed limit reduced from twenty-four miles to fifteen miles per hour.

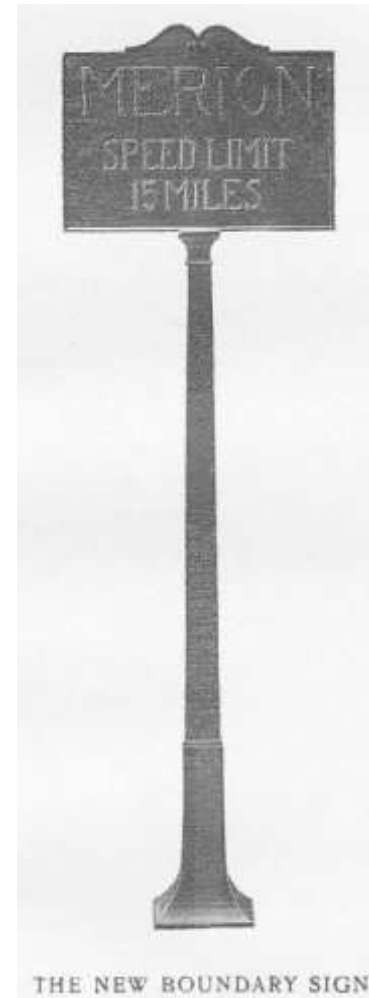


Figure 4: The New Boundary Sign



### **FIVE NEW BOUNDARY SIGNS SHOWING MERION LIMITS**

Five boundary signs will shortly be installed which will indicate to the public the limitations which your Association has fixed as the boundaries of our community.

These signs will announce that the traveler is in Merion and that his speed limit, if in an automobile, must be reduced to fifteen miles per hour. These signs will be placed at the intersection of Wynnewood Avenue and City Line and at Wynnewood Avenue and Rockland Road on the south side of Merion, and at the intersection of Old Lancaster Pike and Rockland Road, Old Lancaster Pike and City Line and at City Line and Merion Road on the north side.

### **“AVENUES” CHANGED TO “ROADS” AND NEW NAMES FOR ROADS**

In order to secure a more correct and appropriate nomenclature for the designation of our roads, eliminating the city word "Avenue," the designation of several of our roads have been changed from "Avenue" to " Road " by ordinances of the Township Commissioners. Thus "Merion Avenue" has been officially changed to "Merion Road;" "Melrose Avenue" to "Melrose Road" "Rockland Avenue"

to "Rockland Road" "Forrest Avenue" to "Forrest Road," and "South Highland Avenue" to "South Highland Road."

To avoid confusion due to similarity of names of roads in case of fire or police call the name of "South Latch's Lane" has been changed to "Merbrook Lane;" "Maple Avenue" to "Road" "Old Lancaster Pike" to its old original name of "Conestoga Road", and that portion of "Beacom Lane" and "South Highland Avenue" running parallel with the railroad to "Idris Road," after the name of the principal mountain range in Merioneth, Wales, for which Merion was named.

A new roadway on the south side has been opened and named "Zollinger Way" in memory of Mr. L. R. Zollinger, one of the most valued members of your Association and of your Board of Directors, whose passing away last October caused such sorrow in Merion and whose loss the directors have increasingly felt in the board.

### **A TAXI-CAB SERVICE AT THE STATION**

Negotiations are now under way looking toward the experiment of a modern taxi-cab service at the station. This service, it is hoped, will be put into

operation very shortly, and its continuance will depend entirely upon the extent of the patronage which it receives.

A new brick path leading from the sidewalk at the office of your Association to the station platform, constituting a convenience much needed for those living on the North side of the station, was installed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The problem of removing the snow from the sidewalks of Merion by the Association was begun last winter, and it is recommended that this work be continued.

The first steps have been taken towards agitating the elimination of the toll-houses on the Old Lancaster and Montgomery Pikes by seeking the co-operation of the Metropolitan Suburban Commission to change those highways into State roads.

### **THE NUMBER OF PERSONS LIVING IN MERION**

At the beginning of your Association work the Executive Secretary made a careful census of the population of our community, and the figures may interest you: On September 1st, 1913, there were 176 occupied houses and 20 vacant houses in Merion, with a total population of 634.

There are 463 adults, divided into 207 men and 256 women. There are 100 children of 10 years and under-52 boys and 48 girls. There are 71 young people from 10 to 21 years of age, of which 33 are young men and 38 are young women.

Hence it would appear as if there are 49 more women in Merion than there are men. In addition, there are 412 servants residing in Merion, 95 men and 317 women.

Thus there is a total population in our community of 1046.

### **THE LACK OF WOMEN MEMBERS**

The membership of your Association on April 30th was 148, divided into 106 men and 42 women. Thus of a total of 207 men we have 106 members, but of a total of 256 women we have only 43 members.

It seems to your directors that this large discrepancy in the women-membership of your Association should be corrected, and that active measures should be taken to induce women to become members. There is now a Women's Committee in your Association, and a great deal of work is possible that can be done much better by women than by men. But the work of the Women's Committee is hampered by the small membership among the women in our community, and the directors earnestly ask that the women of the community

associate themselves with the men in the work of the Association which should appeal particularly to women. In other communities, it is not exceptional to find the women membership largely in excess of the men membership, and this is not only possible with your Association, considering the excess of women over men in Merion, but it is desirable for the most effective work of your Association.

### **THE FIRST YEAR'S WORK AN EXCELLENT RECORD**

I think you will agree with the directors that your Association has actually done a first year's work of which any Association of far greater size might well be proud.

Your Association has already attracted much attention. It has been the means of similar associations being formed along its lines in neighboring communities, and others are under way of incorporation. The little office of your Association has received the highest praise. Three visiting attaches of the Bureau of Municipal Research, of New York City, who recently came to Merion, were frankly surprised at the scope of your work and what had been accomplished in so short a time. This year's work will show all the more important when it is visualized, as it soon will be, on our roads by the road-signs,

the automobile and boundary signs, the new road-lamps, the marked improvement of our roads, the new plantings, and the removal of the disfiguring poles from the highways.

**WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE SECOND YEARS WORK**

Your active interest and co-operation, and your financial support during the coming second year of your Association which you are now entering, are all that is needed to make the work of the officers and directors even more effective during the year than was possible during the first year, which necessarily is always the most difficult in any organization. With your Association on its present substantial footing and with this first year's record of work as an evidence of its purposes, there is no reason why you should not only make Merion community the most beautiful and desirable community of all the suburbs of Philadelphia, but you can carry the influence of your work up along the Main Line, crystallizing the civic improvement for which your Association is beginning to stand as "THE MERION IDEA."

Respectfully submitted  
 EDWARD W. BOK  
 April 30th, 1914.                      President.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

April 30th, 1914.

To the President and Members of  
 The Merion Civic Association:

As Treasurer of your Association, I have the honor to report the funds received and disbursed during the year ended April 30th, 1914, as follows:

**RECEIPTS**

From 148 Membership dues at \$10.....	\$1480.00	
From 50% of Amount of Guarantors' Fund .....	1525.00	
From Contributions to Personal Funds. ....	400.00	
From Contributions to Office Building Account.....	361.07	
From Contributions to Merion Improvement Fund .....	6900.00	
From Interest on Deposits	58.99	
From 26 Membership Dues in advance for year 1914-15 .....	260.00	
	-----	\$10,985.06

**DISBURSEMENTS**

For General Expenses .....	\$1983.73	
For Office Building.....	867.07	
For Office Furnishings .....	274.21	
For Public Fixtures .....	296.85	
For Personal Funds .....	127.25	
For Improvement Fund.....	200.92	
	-----	3,744.03

Balance, Cash on deposit with  
 The Philadelphia Trust, Safe  
 Deposit and Ins. Company as  
 of April 30, 1914 ..... \$7,240.03

At the time of the organization of the Association, thirty-eight members agreed to underwrite the necessarily heavy expenses of the first year by guaranteeing amounts of fifty to one hundred dollars. Twice during the year this Guarantors' Fund was called upon to make up deficiencies, but as each call was for only twenty-five percent, there remains uncalled one-half of the amount of the pledges at the expiration of the year.

The Office Building cost \$861.07 which exceeded the appropriation of \$500 by \$361.07. To meet this excess cost, the President contributed \$354.36 and a member the balance, so that the General Expense account is charged with only the \$500 authorized.

The receipts and expenditures of the General Expense Account was as follows:

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
From Dues.....	\$1480.00
From Guarantors' Fund .....	1525.00
From Interest. ....	58.99
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	\$3,063.99

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Salary of Executive Secretary .....	\$1200.00
Office Building.....	500.00
Office Furnishings.....	274.21
Postage, Printing, Car-fares and Expenses of Executive Secretary .....	213.39
Tire Fire Alarms.....	257.73
Union Fire Company, Cynwyd (donations) .....	107.00
Narberth Fire Company (donation) .....	104.00
Bell Telephone Company.....	60.40
Incidental expenditures.....	51.13
Cleaning snow from side-Walks.....	49.50
Cost of Charter .....	46.08
Heating and lighting office and cleaning rubbish cans ..	45.48
Analysis of water.....	40.00
Station map and letter Box.....	35.94
Painting rubbish cans .....	31.25
Insurance .....	11.70
Fire cards for telephones.....	10.50
Rental of fire hydrant.....	9.48
Rental of land for Office .....	5.00
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	\$3,055.79
Leaving a cash balance in the General Fund of.....	\$8.20

**PERSONAL FUNDS**

Contributions have been made during the year for the foundation of funds for special purposes to be nominated by the donor, as follows:

“The Swastika Fund”	100.00
“The Mrs. Edward W. Bok Fund”	100.00
“The Eldridge R. Johnson Fund”	100.00
“The William P. Gest Fund”	100.00
	<u>400.00</u>

Expenditures on account of these Funds have been as follows:

The Swastika Fund, rubbish cans.....	\$100.00
The Mrs. Edward W. Bok Fund, dogwood trees .....	<u>27.25</u>
	<u>\$127.25</u>

Leaving a balance in Special Fund of. - \$272.75

**MERION IMPROVEMENT FUND**

For the purpose of creating a Fund to be used by the Directors for the improvement of conditions in Merion, a number of members contributed an amount

aggregating .....	\$6900.00
To this account has been charged the cost of patterns and letters for road signs.....	\$141.51
A sample sign.....	20.71
Fence, corner Bowman and Wynnewood Avenues .....	<u>38.60</u>
	<u>200.92</u>

Leaving a balance to the credit of The Merion Improvement Account of \$6,699.08

**GENERAL FUND 1914-1915**

Prior to the closing of the books on April 30, twenty-six members had paid in advance their dues tor the new fiscal year, making available for May expenses of the General Fund.....	\$260.00
	<u>260.00</u>
Grand total of all Funds	\$7,240.03

At my request, the President appointed an Auditing Committee, composed of Messrs. Gest, Andrews and Wilford, to audit my accounts, and the certificate of this Committee has been placed in the cash book.

Appended to this report, are lists of contributors to the Guarantors’ Fund and The Merion Improvement Fund.

**Respectfully submitted**

WILLIAM DEKRAFFT

Treasurer

The Merion Civic Association.

**CONTRIBUTORS TO THE  
GUARANTOR’S FUND**

Mr. Thomas Wood Andrews....	\$25.00
Mr. Barton F. Blake .....	25.00
Mr. Edward W. Bok.....	50.00
Mr. James S. Chamberlin .....	25.00
	<u>125.00</u>
Forward	\$125.00

Forward	\$125.00
Mr. William J. Conlen.....	25.00
Dr. George D. B. Darby.....	50.00
Mr. Edward C. Dearden.....	50.00
Mr. William deKrafft.....	25.00
Mr. George K. Erben.....	25.00
Mr. Shepley W. Evans.....	50.00
Mr. Thomas Fisher.....	50.00
Mr. Percival E. Foerderer.....	50.00
Mr. William P. Gest.....	50.00
Mr. I. Renwick Hogg.....	50.00
Mr. C. Willing Huber.....	25.00
Mr. Eldridge R. Johnson.....	100.00
Mr. Isidor Levin.....	50.00
Mr. George R. McAbee.....	50.00
Mr. John H. McClatchy.....	50.00
Mr. John C. McKeon.....	25.00
Mr. M. J. McMenamain.....	50.00
Mr. Martin J. Mulken.....	25.00
Mr. Charles C. Prettyman.....	50.00
Mr. Frederick W. Rockwell.....	25.00
Mr. Lewis M. Sacrey.....	25.00
Mr. William H. Steigerwalt.....	50.00
Mr. George R. Sullivan.....	25.00
Mr. Henry C. Thompson, Jr.....	50.00
Mr. Sydney Thayer.....	50.00
Mr. Frank Graham Thomson.....	50.00
Mr. Edward A. vanValkenberg.....	50.00
Mr. William H. Wanamaker, Jr.....	50.00
Mr. Edward B. Wilford.....	50.00
Mr. William H. Wilson.....	50.00
Mr. William J. Wilson.....	50.00
Mr. L. R. Zollinger.....	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1525.00</b>

**CONTRIBUTORS TO MERION  
IMPROVEMENT FUND**

The Finance Committee.....	\$5000.00
consisting of	
Mr. William P. Gest	}
Mr. Eldridge R. Johnson	
Mr. Thomas Fisher	
Mr. J. Renwick Hogg	
Mr. William deKrafft	
Mr. Edward W. Bok	
Dr. Albert C. Barnes.....	500.00
Mr. John J. Boericke.....	25.00
Mrs. Edward W. Bok.....	500.00
Mrs. G. Martin Brill.....	200.00
Miss Julia A. Brill.....	250.00
Mr. Edward C. Dearden.....	250.00
Mr. Walter S. Humphreys.....	25.00
Mr. H. H. Lineaweaver.....	25.00
Mrs. Frederick W. Rockwell.....	25.00
Mr. William L. Supplee.....	100.00
	<u>\$6900.00</u>

The following contributions to the Improvement Fund have been promised for the year 1914-1915:

Mr. Louis A. Belmont.....	\$500.00
Mr. Edward C. Dearden.....	250.00
Mr. Isidor Levin.....	250.00
Mr. George R McAbee.....	500.00
Mr. William H. Wanamaker, Jr..	250.00
Mr. Edward B. Wilford.....	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2250.00</b>

**BY-LAWS**  
**OF**  
**THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Sec. 1. The order of business at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of the Minutes.
3. Report of Officers and Committees and Communications.
4. Deferred business.
5. New Business.
6. Good of the Association.
7. Adjournment

**ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

Sec. 1. All applications for membership shall be in writing stating name, residence and occupation, signed by applicant, who shall be recommended by at least one member of the Association.

Sec. 2. All applications for membership shall be referred to the Committee on Membership for investigation and action, with power to elect or reject the application in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws.

Sec. 3. In the event of the rejection of any applicant, his or her name shall not again be presented for membership for the period of one year from the time of his or her rejection.

**ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Sec. 1., There shall be an annual meeting of the Association held on the third Tuesday in May.

Sec. 2. The regular annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of May in each year.

Sec. 3. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President at his discretion, and shall he called by him within five (5) days after the receipt of a written request to call such meeting given by five (5) members of the Association, or upon a resolution of the Board of Directors. All written requests for meetings shall state the reason or reasons therefor.

Sec. 4.. A written notice stating the day, hour, and place of the meeting shall be sent to each member of the Association at least five days, exclusive of the day of mailing, before the date of the meeting of this Association, at such address as appears on the Roster of this Association, or, if no address be given therein, to the last address of such member known to the secretary.

5. Fifteen members of the Association shall be requisite at every meeting to constitute a quorum for the election of officers or of directors, or for the transaction of any other business.

**ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS**

Sec 1. At the annual meeting in each year the members of the Association shall elect, by plurality vote, by ballot, a president, three vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer, to serve for one year and until their successors are elected or chosen and qualify, and twenty-one directors, as hereinafter provided, to serve for one year and until their successors are elected or chosen and qualify.

Sec. 2. No cumulative voting shall be allowed.



Sec. 3. Such elections shall be had after nominations duly made and seconded and shall be conducted by two inspectors of election, who may or may not be members of the Association, appointed by the presiding officer of the meeting; but no person who is a candidate for office shall be an inspector.

**ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sec. 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of twenty-one members; but the number of directors may from time to time be altered by amendment of these by-laws,

Sec. 2. A majority of the Board shall be necessary at any meeting thereof to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

Sec. 3. The Board of Directors shall have the general management and control of the affairs and property of the Association, they shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties not elsewhere specifically designated to be performed by other officers or committees. The Board shall meet at such time and place as the Board may from time to time designate, or upon call of the president upon twenty-four hours' notice in writing.

The Board shall have power to call upon the officers and standing committees of the Association for reports, and shall, in general, perform all duties and exercise all such powers as shall in the opinion of the Board be necessary for the Welfare of the Association and for the furtherance of the purposes and objects thereof.

**ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Sec. 1 The President:

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association; shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board of Directors; shall appoint or remove all Committees,

including Special Committees; call special meetings of the Association as provided in the Constitution; have general superintendence and direction under the Board of Directors of all the other officers of the Association to see that the said officers properly perform their duties; shall make a report of the doings of the Association to the Association at its Annual Meeting each year; shall from time to time report to the Board of Directors and to the Association all matters within his knowledge which the interests of the Association may require to be brought to their attention; and in general he shall have all the powers and duties usually vested in the President of such an Association.

Sec. 2. The Vice-Presidents:

The Vice-presidents shall be vested with all the powers and shall be required to perform all the duties of the president in his absence,

Sec. 3. The Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, of which he shall be ex-officio Secretary; shall have charge of the correspondence of the Association; send out notices of all meetings; and shall deliver up to his successor all books and papers in his possession, belonging to the Association, at the expiration of his term of service. He shall furnish for publication such information as he shall receive from the others, directors or Standing Committees of the Association with the request to secure publication thereof. He shall notify all newly elected members of their election and shall keep at roster of the Association containing the names and addresses of all members of the Association; and in general he shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the

Board of Directors, or which usually pertain to the office of Secretary of such an Association.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall have the custody of the money of the Association of which he shall keep full and accurate accounts in books belonging to the Association, and shall at the expiration of his term of service render up to his successor all papers, moneys, books and property of the Association whatsoever in his possession. He shall disburse the funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Association and the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Board of Directors at the regular meetings of the Board or whenever they may require it, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer, and of the financial condition of the Association, and at the regular meeting of the Board in April and of the Association in May, annually, a like report for the preceding year. He shall issue bills to all members for dues, and to newly elected members for initiation fees.

**ARTICLE VII STANDING COMMITTEES**

Sec. 1. The standing committees of this Association as provided by the Constitution shall be:

- (a) Committee on Police and Fire.
- (b) Committee on Roads.
- (c) Committee on Membership.
- (d) Committee on Neighborhood Improvement.
- (e) Committee on Finance.

and such other committees as the Association shall from time to time see fit to establish.

Sec. 2. The members of each of the committees named in Section I of this Article, shall be appointed each year by the president

within two weeks after his election, and shall hold office for one year from the date of their appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualify.

Sec. 3. Immediately upon the selection and appointment of the members of the committees, the president shall communicate to the secretary the names of the members so appointed and the committee to which each is appointed. and the secretary shall forth-with in writing, notify each member so appointed of his appointment and the names of the other members appointed to serve on the same committee.

Sec. 4. The president, in appointing the members of the said committees, shall in each images designate one member so appointed as the chairman thereof.

Sec. 5, The chairman of each committee, upon receiving notice of his appointment, shall call a meeting of his committee, to convene not more than ten days from the date of the receipt of such notice, for the purpose of organization and providing for the carrying out of the work of the committee.

Sec. 6.. There shall be no regular stated meetings of the committees, but the chairman of any committee may in his discretion call at meeting at any time when he may deem it necessary or advisable, upon three days' notice in writing to all the members of such committee.

Sec. 7. The committees shall from time to time and whenever required by the Board of Directors. make a report of their doings to the Board of Directors.

Sec. 8.. A majority of any committee shall be necessary at any meeting to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

## **ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP**

Sec. 1. The Committee on Membership shall consist of five (5) members of the Association to be appointed annually by the President in accordance with Article VII. of these By-Laws,

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive all applications for membership in the Association and to take final action thereon by electing the applicant or by rejecting the application, and for the purposes of its appointment, the said committee shall as often as necessary, meet at such times and places as may be fixed by the said committee.

Sec. 3. The committee shall in no case elect to membership in the Association any person whose election is protested by a majority of the members of the Association.

Sec. 4. Immediately upon the election of any new member the chairman of this committee shall forthwith forward the name and address of such new member to the secretary, and the treasurer of this Association.

## **ARTICLE IX VACANCIES**

Sec. 1. If the office of any member of the Board of Directors or of the President, Vice-president, Secretary or Treasurer, one or more, becomes vacant, by reason of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the remaining members of the Board of Directors, although less than a quorum, by a majority vote, may and shall choose a successor or successors who shall hold office for the un-expired term.

Sec. 2. If the office of any member of any of the Standing committees, one or more, becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the president

shall appoint a successor or successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

## **ARTICLE X DUES**

Sec. 1. The dues of the Association shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per year, payable by each member in advance.

Sec. 2. Any member whose dues shall be in arrear, and unpaid for upwards of six months from time when such dues. are payable, shall be given written notice thereof, and if within thirty days after such notice has been given the indebtedness shall not have been paid, such member shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Association, and his name shall be dropped from the roll.

Sec. 3. Any member whose dues shall be in arrear and unpaid upwards of six months shall not be permitted to vote until such indebtedness shall have been paid.

## **ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS**

Sec. 1. The members of the Association by the affirmative vote of a majority thereof, may at any regular, or upon notice at any special meeting, alter or amend these by-laws.

Sec. 2. The Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members thereof, may alter or amend these by-laws, but no alteration or amendment shall be so made unless proposed at a regular or special meeting of the Board and adopted at a subsequent regular meeting.