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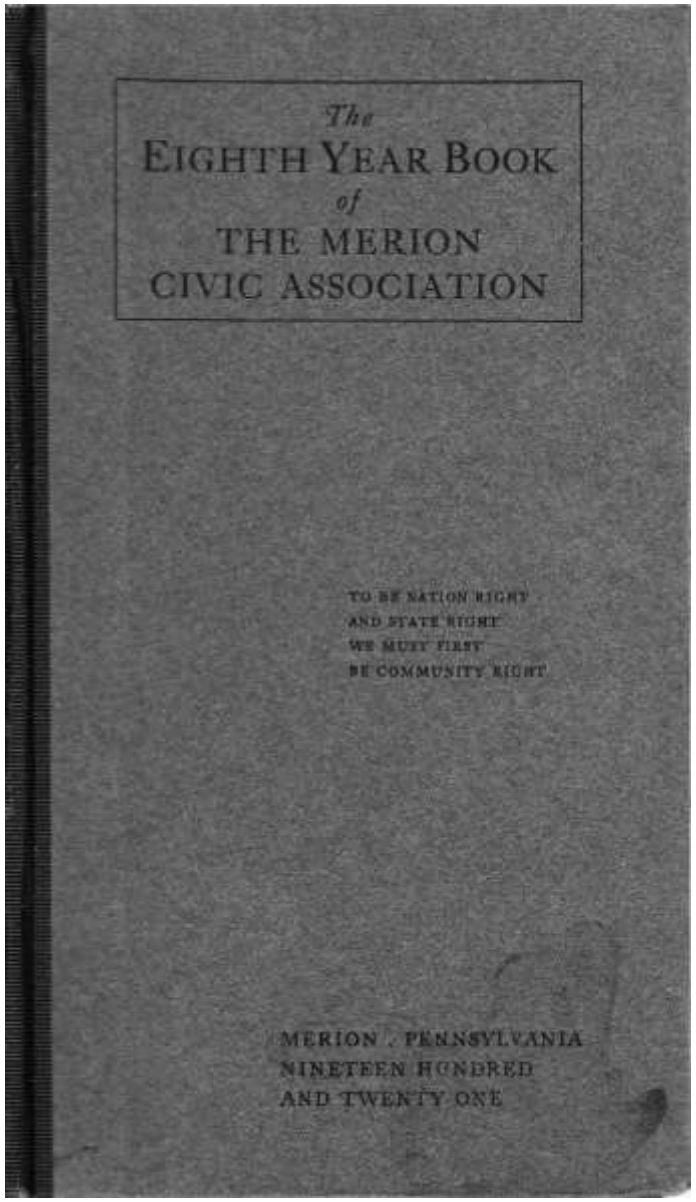

Figure 1: The Eight Year Book of the Merion Civic Association

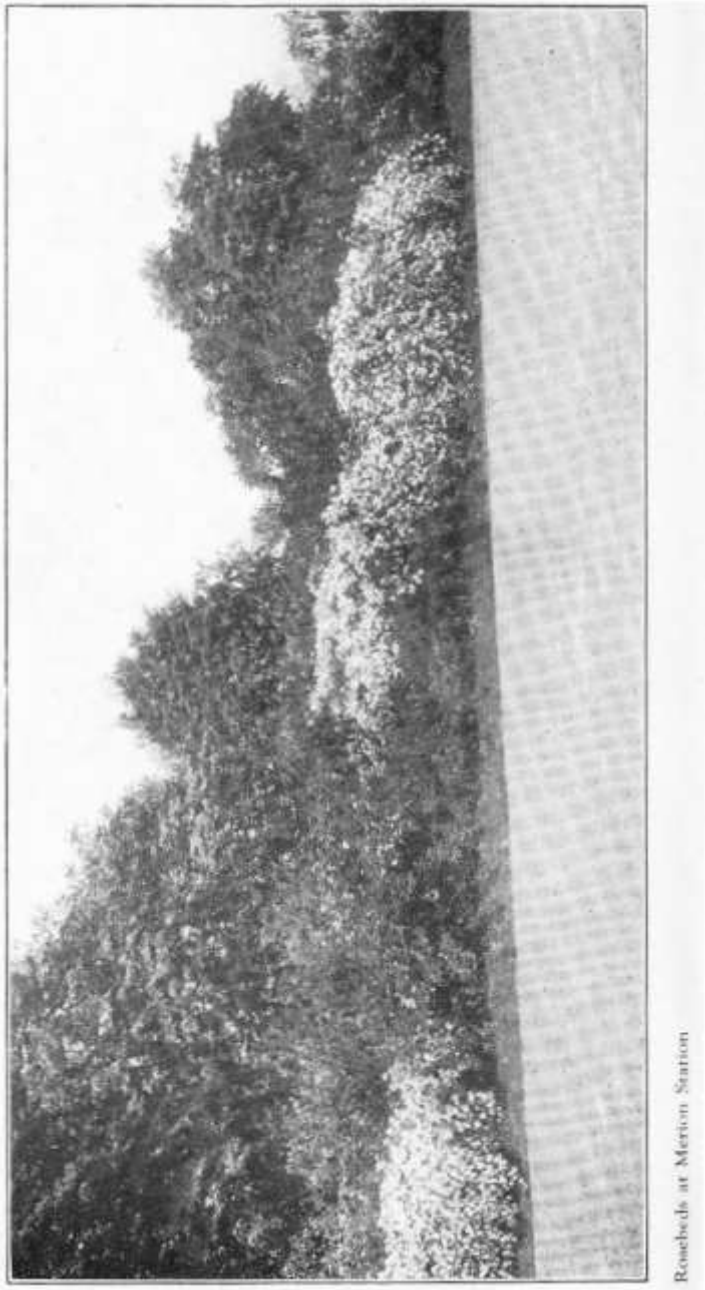

Figure 2: Rosebeds at Merion Station

THE

EIGHTH YEAR BOOK

OF

THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MERION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND TWENTY-ONE

A model in civic matters.

Theodore Roosevelt.

THE ASSOCIATIONS MOTTO:

TO BE NATION RIGHT AND STATE RIGHT WE MUST FIRST BE COMMUNITY RIGHT

THE MOMENT
ONE PASSES INTO MERION

the change due to the work of The Merion Civic Association is noticeable. Merion has become a model suburb. . . . Merion may standardize ideal suburban life, certainly for Philadelphia, possibly for the United States

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1920-1921

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THE SCATTERING OF PAPER ON THE ROADS OF MERION

AN ORDINANCE

That if any person shall carelessly or negligently permit or suffer waste paper, shavings, sawdust, or rubbish of any kind to be carried by the wind or otherwise scattered over the public highways, or over the adjoining property of any person, he shall be subject to a penalty of ten dollars; to be recovered in the same manner as other penalties for breach of Township Ordinances.

This is an ordinance of the Lower Merion Township Commission, and as its enforcement hereafter is to be insisted upon, it is here published for the benefit of our members in a protective sense.

THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION

ROSTER OF MEMBERS OF THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Men 226 Members

(Supporting memberships are divided into six classes—$100, $50, $25, $20, $15 and $10 a year. Each amount entitles a member to full privileges in the Association. The amount is left to the generosity of the member for the support of the Association, which depends entirely for its general expenses on its income from supporting membership contributions.)

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WHAT DO I GET
FOR BEING A MEMBER?

The most complete and vigilant police protective service of any neighboring suburb;

A special surveillance, upon request, of your house when you leave it for a day or a night, or for any length of time, or when any member of the family is left alone;

A special police whistle, which used, night or day, summons immediate assistance;

The most adequate fire-hydrant system of any neighboring suburb, and a regular inspection of the efficiency of the hydrants;

The benefit of a special arrangement to call two fire-engine companies;

A regular monthly analysis oi the purity of your drinking water, and an immediate personal warning of danger;

A continuous authoritative inspection of the source of your milk supply;

A special low rate of fire and burglary insurance;

The best help or effort, always at call, in any neighborhood problem that may arise where the Association or its secretary can serve you.

Your part of the benefit of the new station, the new post-office, the new roadbeds, the cleaning of the roads, the lights and road-signs, all inspired or carried out by the Association.

You can, of course, get the benefit of most of these community advantages and yet not be a member of the Association. But without the Association you would not have present conditions, and to maintain them can only be done by the membership dues coming to the Association. Should you not, therefore, do your part to maintain what you enjoy, and is protective to your property and family?

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN EIGHT YEARS BY THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION

1. Changed an intermittent police force of one policeman at night to five policemen at night and from one to two during the day;

2. Employs two special policemen of its own for the additional protection of the community from burglary;

3. Rearranged the Cynwyd and Narberth fire engine service so that both companies will respond to an alarm;

4. Reduced fire insurance rates in Merion from 12% to 30 per cent;

5. Had new fire hydrants placed in Merion, so that now no house is farther than 700 feet from a hydrant;

6. Placed maps, showing the location of every house in Merion, in the fire engine houses;

7. Erected eight fire gongs, to be rung in case of absence of telephone communication at a fire;

8. Signed a contract, by which the electric and telephone companies will, in time, both string on one set of poles instead of two as now, eliminating highway poles;

9. Has started to remove every electric light and telephone pole from the roads of Merion;

10. Has a continuous authoritative analysis made of the milk and cream supplied in Merion;

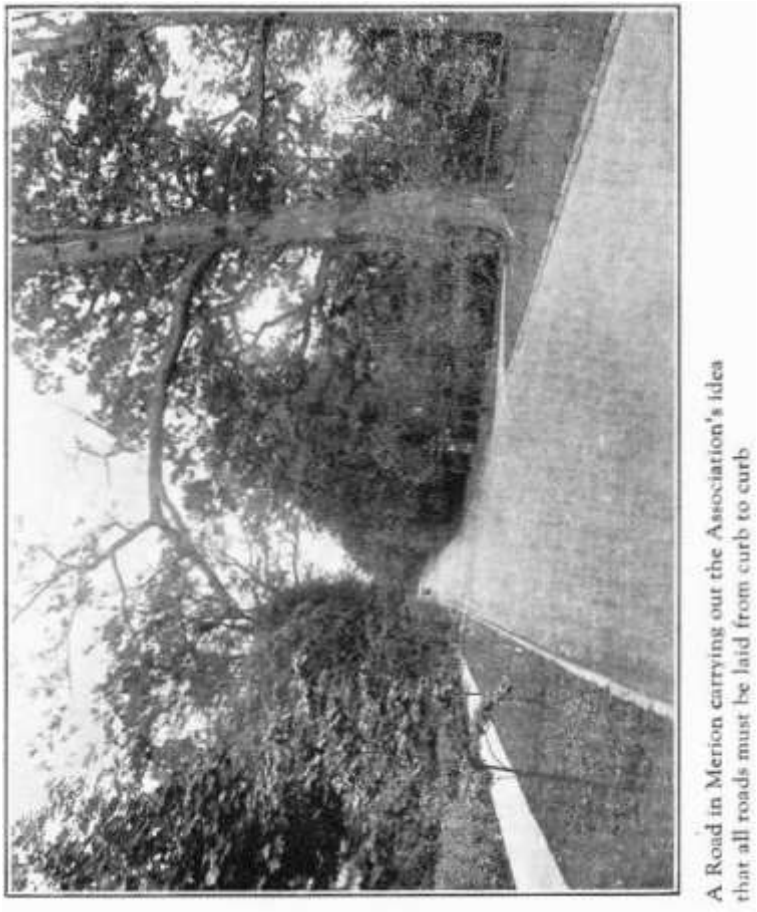

Figure 3: A Road in Merion carrying out the Association's idea that all roads must be laid from curb to curb

11. Has regular monthly analyses made by an expert chemist of the water supplied to Merion homes;

12. For greater safety of children, it had the automobile speed limit reduced from 24 to 15 miles on three of its principal roads;

13. Has pressure tests made of all of the fire hydrants in Merion;

14. Placed the first map ever made of Merion in the railroad station for the information of strangers;

15. Has eliminated public dumps in Merion;

16. Put thirty-four litter cans on the roads;

17. Has had miles of new roadways laid, and is taking up each road in Merion and having new roads laid down or old roads resurfaced;

18. Has started to have all new roadways laid down from curb to curb, thus eliminating all maintenance of gutters to property owner;

19. Has induced property owners to lay uniform sidewalks;

20. Has induced property owners to set back their fences and hedges so as to eliminate the danger to pedestrians and motorists at corners;

21. Has created community bulletin boards of cast iron and cork face for the posting of notices;

22. Erected ninety-eight road-signs, all at its own expense, so that now Merion is the only community on the Main Line that has every road marked;

23. Erected one hundred and forty-seven new electric lamps, which have been pronounced by experts and architects to be the most beautiful and practical lamps ever designed for any community;

24. Removed all of the old wooden and disfiguring “Blow Your Horn—Danger" signs and substituted fifty-four cast iron and artistic signs;

25. Erected five boundary signs, showing the boundaries of Merion, for the convenience of motorists;

26. Abolished the toll-gates on the Lancaster and Montgomery Pikes. The abolishment of the toll-gates on Lancaster Pike is entirely of its own initiative;

27. Changed the method of lighting of the roads from the old-fashioned method of gas to the modern method of electricity;

28. Has started the uniform tree planting of roads;

29. Has had a path made through the snow on every sidewalk with a plow drawn by a horse after each snowfall;

30. Arranged for the free transportation of pupils to and from the township public schools;

31. Caused burglary insurance rates to be reduced by its protective service, so that Merion now has the same rates as the central part of Philadelphia;

32. Put in the homes of members of the Association police whistles to be used in case of emergency;

33. Secured a division of the old election district, so that Merion now has its own election district with the polling-place on the Tribute House Grounds.

34. Secured a separate Commissioner for Merion‘s own representation on The Lower Merion Township Commission;

35. Secured a new railroad station and a new and separate post-office building and a more adequate postal equipment;

36, Contributed $1,356 for the equipment of the new post-office building;

37. Inspired a new landscape gardening effect of the railroad station grounds, giving to Merion the most artistically planted station on the Main Line;

38. Established the first Red Cross house, entirely devoted to Red Cross activities, in the United States;

39. Created the first Honor Roll in this vicinity of the residents of Merion who entered the service of their country during the Great War;

40. Financed the starting of 30 war gardens for those of moderate incomes in Merion;

41. Offers a bonus of $50 to any Merion policeman apprehending a criminal within the district, payable upon conviction of the offender;

42. Inaugurated a company of 10 “Minute Men;" residents of Merion sworn in as special policemen with power of arrest in emergencies.

THE
EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Eighth Annual Meeting of The Merion Civic Association was held at Merion, on the evening of Tuesday, May seventeenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-one. 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:

With the great difficulty experienced by organizations on every hand in retaining their membership, your Association shows exactly the opposite; a gain in membership, making the total the largest in your history: a total of 435 members, divided into 226 men and 209 women.

Your Treasurer will report the financial condition of the Association.

Because of the high prices of labor and material during the past year, your Directors deemed it advisable to restrict the work of your Association to the maintenance of your existing activities rather than to embark upon new lines.

THE MILK SERVED IN MERION

Owing to a very disquieting condition of the quality of the milk and cream served by the various dealers in Merion last spring and summer, your Directors have, through Mr. Henry Delaplaine, made a very careful investigation of this question which is so vital to the health of the community.

Unopened bottles of milk are taken at unannounced times from the dealers' wagons as they deliver in Merion. Those bottles are paid for, labeled and sealed in the presence of the driver, iced, delivered to the Lower Merion Health Board laboratory and subjected to two searching examinations, the one bacteriological, the other chemical.

After those examinations are completed, Dr. Horn submits the results to your Association,

and those are then analyzed by Mr. Delaplaine and computed into a table of grades which he has evolved, and is known as the "Merion Grade," which is based on the food value and cleanliness of the product.

Hence, during the past year 148 samples of milk and cream were taken and examined, with the result that

12 Samples were found "Excellent,"
93 Samples were found "Very Good,"
30 Samples were found "Good,"
9 Samples were found "Fair,"
3 Samples were found "Poor,"
and only
1 Sample was found "Dangerous."

So, out of a total of 148 samples, 114, representing twelve different brands of milk, were found to be very good—certainly an excellent standard.

Where the product falls below the minimum standard, the dealer is immediately notified, and in an extreme case prosecution is instituted by the Board of Health.

I have gone somewhat into length on this phase of your activities because I think it is one of the best and most far-reaching pieces of work being done by your Association. While undoubtedly the most direct results have occurred in the milk and cream served in Merion, the influence of your work has been felt in all the neighboring communities.

Your Secretary is at all times ready to show you these facts in detail and to indicate to you the particular dealers whose products attain a uniform standard of excellence.

THE DRINKING WATER IN MERION

The monthly analysis of the drinking water in Merion by your Association has been continued and watched with great care. Two samples of water are taken from two different houses in Merion each month and an analysis made by Doctor Samuel P. Sadtler, of the University of Pennsylvania. It is a pleasure to report that the water during the year has uniformly been found to be of an excellent grade. Where there has been any unusual condition found, the consumers affected have been immediately cautioned.

THE FIRE PROTECTION

The appeal made last spring to the residents of Merion by the Union Fire Company, at Cynwyd, met with a good response, over one hundred residents becoming members—thus making it possible for the Company to continue and increase its efficiency. It should he remembered that these memberships, being yearly, are about to expire, and all the members should renew. Five dollars a year is certainly a small sum to insure help in case of need.

Your Directors have in addition to your personal contributions appropriated $50 to each of the fire companies at Cynwyd and Narberth on behalf of your Association.

Three additional fire plugs have also been secured from the Lower Merion Township Commission

THE POLICE SERVICE OF MERION

With one of the worst of recent crime waves on every side, Merion has been singularly fortunate in its escape from a single robbery of moment. This is due, of course, in a large

sense, to the service which guards Merion day and night, not only by the three Township police, but also by your two special night officers which have been maintained during the year. While this protective measure entails a considerable expense upon your Association, your Directors are convinced that the expenditure is warranted.

Last year, you will recall, your Directors instituted the plan of offering $50 to the Merion policeman who apprehended an offender in this district, the bonus to be paid only upon the trial and conviction of the arrested party. This plan has worked very well: four bonuses, aggregating $200, have been paid to the police, the significant fact being that in each case the offender was about to enter a house in Merion, and upon arrest the offender was found to he wanted by the police for other criminalities.

A MERION HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Your Township Commissioner has secured a representation of Merion on the Health Board of Lower Merion Township, and Doctor Gustave A. Van Lennep has accepted the membership, thus giving Merion, for the first time, a voice and a vote on the Health Board.

THREE NEW TOWNSHIP ROADS

Your Directors have succeeded in securing the Township Commission to take over three roads in Merion during the past year: Merbrook Lane, Baird Road and Heath Road.

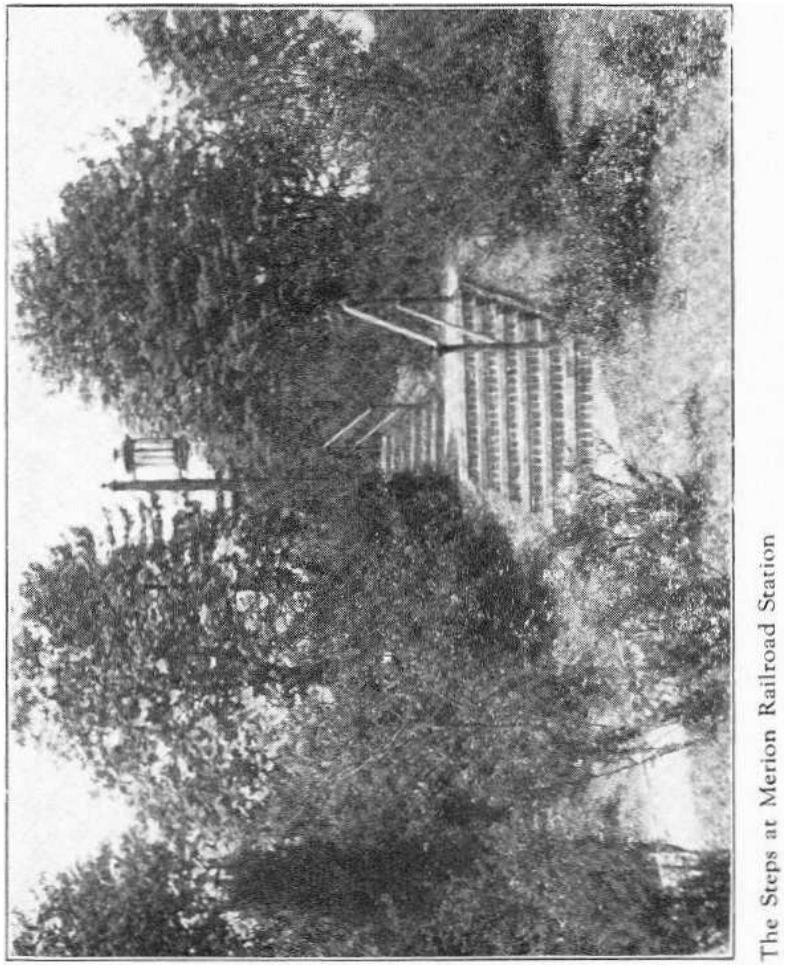

Figure 4: The Steps at Merion Railroad Station

AUTOMOBILE SPEEDING IN MERION

A representation of your Directors recently appeared before the Lower Merion Township Commission asking that some positive measures be taken to control the speeding and reckless driving of automobiles in Merion. The matter was taken up and, in a way, carried out. It was not wholly successful, but the effort did result in a lessening of the menace. Your Directors intend to keep this matter prominently before their attention, and if dangerous driving again assumes an abnormal condition, efforts will be renewed to have it stopped.

THE ENLARGED RAILROAD STATION

Last summer the Pennsylvania Railroad was induced to enlarge its station at Merion, which has resulted not only in much-needed additional space, but in more effective ticket service.

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CAR FARES

Your Directors have arranged, through the Merion member of the School Board,, that the train fare of all Merion children attending the Ardmore High School be paid by the School Board.

HOSPITAL MAGAZINES

In answer to an appeal from the Cooperative Club of the Emergency Aid, a hamper has been placed in the railroad station for the collection of magazines and books. These are sent weekly

to the Philadelphia General Hospital, and you are earnestly asked not only to deposit your reading matter in this hamper, but to offer to your Association's Secretary the occasional use of your automobile to take the magazines to the Hospital.

THE NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICE

Owing to the sale of the property on South Highland Avenue, where your office has been located, a removal to the Boy Scout House, located on the Merion Tribute House Grounds, has been effected, and your Secretary will be installed there within a few days.

LIGHTS AT INTERSECTING ROADS

Wherever possible, your Directors are causing the removal, at the Association's expense, of road-lights to the corners of intersecting roads, so as to make lighting more effective. During the year, nine of the Community's lamp-posts have been broken by the reckless driving of automobilists, and as these posts are, at present prices, very expensive, you are earnestly asked to note the license number of an automobile in such oases, when a member is a witness to such an occurrence, and report the same immediately to your Secretary.

THE REMOVAL OF POLES

The removal of all electric and telephone poles from South Latch's Lane to the rear of residences along that road was accomplished during the past year, thus adding one more road to those already free from overhead wires and

poles on the roadways. Your Secretary is now engaged on similar work on two other of Merion's roads, and it is hoped that these may be cleared of poles during the year ahead. Of course, Your Association cannot accomplish this much-desired end unless it has the full co-operation of property owners, and your fullest assistance in this matter is urged by your Directors.

THE MERION TRIBUTE HOUSE

Several of your Directors are members of the Board of Directors of the Merion Community Association, and they have fully co-operated with the latter management in the arrangements now under way between Mr. Eldridge R. Johnson and the community looking to the creation of a Tribute House in Merion. The President of that Association, Mr. John F. Braun, is to make a report of the progress reached in this matter later at this evening's meeting.

THE PLANTING OF IDRIS ROAD

In furtherance of your Association's commitment to the community to bring about a uniform tree-planting of roads, in order that our Community may present some cohesive effort in this respect, your Directors caused the planting this spring of a lane of Lombardy poplar trees along the railroad frontage of Idris Road.

THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

As the Treasurer will show, your Permanent Improvement Fund is now reaching that point where it needs addition in order to do further work along the lines which make for the permanent improvement of Merion. This Fund

is purely voluntary, and scores of Merion's residents have never contributed to it. The contributions to this Fund are used for the purchase of new lamp-posts, road signs, the removal of poles, the planting of roads,—in fact, all those permanent improvements which have made so largely for the present appearance and fame of your community. May I call the urgent importance of this Fund to your attention and ask that it receive the benefit of your generosity to such an extent as you feel you can afford? Every penny spent from this Fund contributes directly to the increased value of your property and community.

A COMMISSION RESEARCH

Your Commissioner has persuaded the Lower Merion Township Commission to make an appropriation of $2,500 to have a practical research made as to the personnel and modernity of methods employed by the Commission. This survey will be made by the Bureau of Municipal Research of Philadelphia.

ROAD REPAIRING

During the year substantial improvements have been made on Merion's roads—Bowman Avenue, from the Railroad Bridge almost to Merion Road has been paved; Wynnewood Avenue has been repaved; North Latch's Lane, Sycamore Avenue and Bowman Avenue have been surface-treated; culverts and drains have been enlarged, and Merion Road opposite Sycamore Avenue has been widened.

NEW MERION ROAD SIDEWALK

A Township ordinance was introduced and passed calling for the laying of a new sidewalk on the south side of Merion Road, from Sycamore Avenue to Bowman Avenue.

PROSPECTIVE ROAD WORK

If the contemplated issue of $300,000 Township Bonds is approved and sold, Merion's proportion will insure the repaving of City Line from Wynnewood Avenue to the Railroad Bridge; the repaving of Sycamore Avenue from curb to curb with new curbs; the paving of Bowman Avenue to Merion Road will be completed; Bowman Avenue, from Baird Road to the bridge, will be repaved, and concrete gutters will be laid on Wynnewood Avenue from Hazlehurst Avenue to Berkeley Road.

THE INFLUENCE OF YOUR WORK

The publicity constantly given to your Association reached its peak during the past year, and your Secretary has received inquiries and letters from every State in the Union and from sixty-three cities throughout the United States and Canada, asking for copies of your Year Book and for any information explaining the conduct of your Association. This widespread national interest in your Association has resulted in the formation of a number of similar Associations in different parts of the country—all based on the By-Laws and work done by THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION. Hence, your influence has spread far beyond the boundaries of your own

community. While this is, of course, highly complimentary to your work, it also entails a responsibility of future effort which must be fully met.

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YOU will thus see that the activities of your Directors during the past year have, as suggested at the beginning of this report, been conducted along those lines which have meant personal effort rather than the expenditure of money. This policy will be continued during the year ahead until economic conditions so shape themselves as to justify effort along other lines. At the same time, certain permanent improvements must go on and be maintained, and for this reason, your Association's Permanent Improvement Fund should be supplemented with funds in order to make this possible. It is obviously impracticable to allow existing improvements to deteriorate for lack of maintenance. The revenue accruing from membership dues covers only the operating expenses of your Association, and hence your Directors must be guided in their permanent work by the financial condition of your Permanent Improvement Fund. The last thought I would leave with your therefore, is this appeal to your civic generosity for the maintenance of those factors in your community which have spread its fame so far.

EDWARD W. BOK

President.

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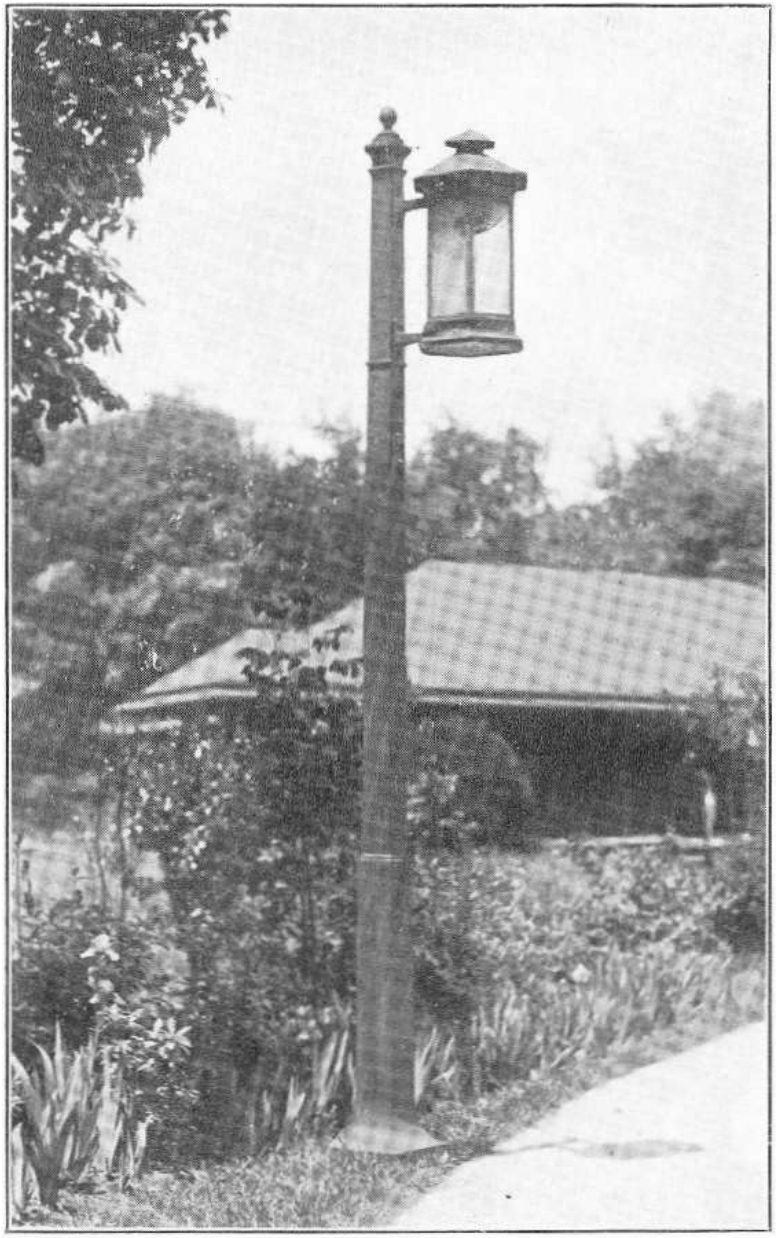

One of the Road Lights in detail showing the Merion Railroad Station in the background

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A RECENT ORDINANCE THAT ALL SHOULD KNOW

That from and after the passage of this Ordinance it shall be unlawful for anyone to burn leaves, brush, papers, rubbish or other material, or to light any fire upon any public road in the Township which is surfaced with Warrenite, Filbertine, Amiesite, Tarvia or other bituminous material.

Any person, firm, association or corporation violating this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of $25, to be collected as like penalties are now collectable.

Approved by the Board of Township Commissioners, October 26, l920.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Members of
The Merion Civic Association

On May 1, 1920, there was in the Treasury the sum of $7,125.60.

During the current year the receipts have amounted to $7,773.01, consisting of the following items:

Membership dues	$6,919.77
Interest on deposits	114.74
Union Fire Association	10.00
Voluntary contribution	100.00
Street lights and posts, installation and removals	628.50

The expenditures for the same period were $9,691.50.

Salaries of police officers, uniforms, etc.	$3,464.56
Street lights and posts (new and maintenance)	1,951.01
Secretary's salary	1,500,00
Signs (new and maintenance)	621.59
Printing	509.75
Milk tests	466.24
Clean up (including snow removal)	246.95
Water tests	85,00
Telephone	83.20
Postage	63.31
Coal	60.00
Office supplies	46.90
Discretionary Fund	25,00
Office expenses	18.98
Roads	17.70
Secretary's expenses	16.24
Miscellaneous	515.07

We begin the new year with a balance of $5,207.11, divided as follows:

General Administration Fund	$4,467.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	740.11

This is $1,928.49 less than last year. This is due to the fact that during the year there were two items of increased expense, as follows:

Street lights and posts (increase)	$1,626.76
Police protective account (increase)	474.97
	$2,101.73

Membership dues in the amount of $300.00 remain unpaid at this date. Your Treasurer earnestly urges the prompt payment of same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. FOLWELL,

Merion, May 1, 1921.