

FOREWORD

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The
TENTH YEAR BOOK
of
THE MERION
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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

**MERION • PENNSYLVANIA
NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND TWENTY-THREE**

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**MERION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA**

**NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND TWENTY-THREE**

A model in civic matters.

Theodore Roosevelt

**THE ASSOCIATION'S 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.



Part of the row of 58 shade trees on Wynnewood Avenue.

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1922-1923

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MEN—266 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 of 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 TEN YEARS
BY THE
MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

1. Changed an intermittent police force of one policeman at night to six 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 12½ 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;
11. Has regular monthly analysis 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 of 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 101 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 213 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 Community 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 to arrest in emergencies.

43. Arranged for weekly pistol practice for the policemen of Lower Merion Township, in specially constructed concrete range, contributing ammunition;
44. Arranged for the establishment of the Merion Post of the American Legion;
45. Paid the expenses of an entymologist to examine and report on the existence of oystershell scale in Merion, with written notice to the owner of each property affected;
46. Secured a Merion Representative on the The Lower Merion Township Board of Health;
47. Placed in the hands of every member of The Merion Civic Association a complete map of Merion, showing the name of each property owner;
48. Induced Commission of Lower Merion Township to have a research made of the township government;
49. Placed flower boxes at the windows of the railroad station and post office buildings;
50. Created sentiment for the placing of the Township Fire Associations under the control of a Fire Marshall.

THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Tenth Annual Meeting of The Merion Civic Association was held at Merion, on the evening of Tuesday, May fifteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-three. At this meeting the following reports of President and Treasurer of the Association were read and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Members of The Merion Civic Association:

The following report covers the activities of your Association during its tenth year. It is necessarily brief as it is but an outline of the work accomplished.

MEMBERSHIP

The roll of members for the year shows a net increase of nearly 16 per cent over the previous year. There are now 266 men and 249 women, a total of 515 members. This splendid showing is due to the untiring work of your Secretary, Mrs. Matthes. In the last three months 101 new members have been enrolled by her.

FINANCES

The finances of your Association have never been in a more healthy condition, as is shown in the report of Mr. William H. Folwell, your Treasurer, which is appended hereto.

POLICE PROTECTION

The protection of your community, during both night and day, has been uppermost in the minds of your Board of Directors.

The same arrangement with the Commissioners of Lower Merion Township has been in effect as in previous years, by which the Township allots to Merion two policemen during the day and three at night. These, with the two patrolmen paid by this Association, assure a minimum of two men in the day and five at night. Frequently some of these men are assigned to duty in civilian clothes, and recently one of the officers, so clad, arrested a fully equipped burglar, who confessed to one of the two robberies that occurred in Merion during the year.

This service continues to be the largest single item in the budget; the freedom of the community from prowlers and undesirable characters warrants the expenditure.

Continuous use was made of the underground concrete rifle range on the property of Mr. S. Earle Haines. Many policemen, not only from Merion, but also from the entire township, practice here, and a large number have become expert pistol shots, thereby adding to their effectiveness in the policing of the community.

Merion, without a doubt, is the best protected community in the vicinity of Philadelphia, and perhaps in this section of the country.



LIGHTING OF THE ROADS

In line with your Association's policy of having Merion's roads well lighted, the Township Commissioners were induced to authorize the installation of eighteen new lights during the year, sixteen being fed by underground circuits and two from overhead wires. There are now 213 lights on your roads, giving unusual protection to those who use them at night. In the case of all new lights, your Association is required to pay one half of the first year's rental, in addition to furnishing the ornamental standards and lanterns. After the first year the Township assumes the entire rental.

FIRE PROTECTION

The fire fighting equipment of the entire township as well as that of the Borough of Narberth is available to fight your fires in cases of extreme necessity, but for first alarm fires the Union Fire Association and the Narberth Fire Company are the first to respond.

The equipment of the Union Fire Association has been obsolete for a number of years. This company receives a small annual appropriation from the Township, about enough to care for hose renewals and supplies. All other expense must be met from the dues of the subscribing members. To procure modern fire-fighting apparatus such as a community like this should have requires the raising of about \$25,000.

The company launched a campaign during the year, which had the approval of your Board of Directors, to raise this amount from the three communities served, Bala, Cynwyd and Merion. Two-fifths of the sum, or \$10,000, was agreed upon as Merion's quota, and three-fifths, or \$15,000 as the quota for Bala-Cynwyd.

Under the leadership of Mr. John D. Myers, one of your Directors, this community was divided into fifteen districts, with a captain in charge of each district. These men have spent a great deal of time and effort in the solicitation of subscriptions to this fund, and to date report Merion's subscription as \$7685, distributed among 160 persons.

There were 308 residences in Merion at the time the drive was at its height, therefore but 52 per cent of the homes are represented in the subscribing of 76 per cent of the fund. In other words, Merion has not come across as it should. Is it not possible for the 150 homes that are not represented in the subscription already made to make up the balance of the quota?

Should any of our homes catch fire, there is not one of us who would not expect a prompt response to our call and efficient service from the volunteer firemen on whom we must depend. This cannot be had with the present equipment.

Therefore, it is urgent that those who have not contributed, or who are willing to increase their subscriptions, will do so at once so that Merion will not fall behind in its promised support of the Union Fire Association. Send your check to Mr. John D. Myers, P. O. Box 293, Merion.

FIRE HYDRANTS

Until the year just closed the water pressure at the fire hydrants was very unsatisfactory; in fact, it was so low that the fire engines often found it impossible to secure enough water to keep their hose lines full. Your Association brought this condition to the attention of the water company, insisting either on larger mains or higher pressures in the mains already in use, so that this community might have the necessary facilities for fighting fire. The result of all this has been the erection of a stand pipe on a high site at the upper end of Parson's Avenue, Cynwyd. This tank is 110 feet high, with a capacity of about 750,000 gallons, and is capable of producing a pressure at any hydrant in Merion of upwards of 50 pounds, thus insuring an ample supply of water in the mains.

All of the hydrants have been painted and tested and the pressures have been found to be satisfactory.

One new hydrant was installed during the year, making a total of 34.

CO-OPERATION OF THE RAILROAD

Numerous complaints were received during the summer and fall of last year regarding the distracting noises made by the trains at night. Freight trains, leaving the railroad yards with insufficient motive power, would become stalled on the grade both above and below Merion Station. There they would whistle for an extra engine to push them over the grade, and at the

same time blow off steam. On the arrival of the "pusher," the exchange of signals by whistles, the starting, slipping and rattling of the engines produced a nuisance of the first degree.

Through the influence of your Association these conditions have been changed. Heavy freight trains now leave the yards with a giant electric locomotive on the rear as a "pusher," with the result of a quieter and faster passage of such trains through Merion.

At the request of your Association, the Pennsylvania Railroad has employed a scrub woman to clean the station waiting room every week; this is in addition to the daily service of the porter. Arrangements also were made for the accommodation of children in the women's retiring room.

Your Association also has induced the Railroad to repaint the station and post office buildings, and has started negotiations for the construction of a windbreak and shelter on the westbound platform.

As a result of requests made last year, hand railings have been installed along the terraces and down the steps on the westbound platform, and a telephone booth have been placed in the post-office lobby for the use of those on the westbound side.

MAGAZINES FOR THE HOSPITAL

The hamper that formerly received the magazines has been replaced by a strong wooden chest of ample size, placed along the west wall of the station waiting room. The attention of the community is called to this chest, and it is urgently requested that copies of current magazines for which you have no further use will be deposited in it. Mr. D. J. Murphy, one of your Directors, arranges for the collection of the magazines weekly and the delivery of them to the Philadelphia Hospital, where they are distributed among the patients in the wards and thereby give pleasure and cheer to many. Make a practice of sending the magazines weekly; it costs you nothing and means so much to the unfortunates.

THE POST OFFICE

The rapid growth of Merion made it necessary to rearrange the interior of the post office in order to accommodate additional lock boxes,

Since the Post Office Department furnishes equipment to first and second class offices only, Merion, which is a third class office, had to look to the community for the necessary new equipment, Your Association, therefore, purchased and installed 46 lock boxes and rearranged the office itself, at a total cost of \$247.50.

It was hoped that sufficient facilities thus had been provided for some time to come, but Merion is still growing and again a shortage exists. There is but one way in which to remedy this condition, and that is by having the office reclassified—as a second class office.

This can and will be done when the office shows, to the satisfaction of the Post Office Department at Washington, that it can produce regularly an annual revenue of \$8000 from the sale of stamps. Then Merion may expect a larger building, more clerks and better facilities in every branch of the service.

To accomplish this, it is important that every resident purchase all stamps at the Merion Station Post Office.

EXAMINATION OF MILK

During the year your Association has continued the work of milk inspection and analysis instituted by you in 1919.

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Merion Township passed an ordinance during the year establishing a Bureau of Milk Control and placed in charge of it one of the foremost authorities on milk in Pennsylvania. This control includes periodical examinations of dairies, physical examinations of employees and the testing of cattle. The cost of the administration is borne proportionately by the Townships of Lower Merion and Haverford and the Borough of Narberth.

Within the year the Board of Health of Lower Merion Township promulgated a rule, effective January 1, 1923, whereby the grading of milk as "AA," "A," "B," or by some other equally meaningless designation was done away with and a grading based on the butterfat content was substituted. Under the new rule the dairy must mark on the bottle cap the percentage of butter fat contained in the milk in the bottle and must guarantee that the milk contains this amount. Should the butterfat content fall below the marked percentage, the dealer will be prosecuted and fined.

Your Association's supervision, however, is on quite a different basis; it seeks to determine, and express in words that can be easily understood, the cleanliness and food value of the milk. A milk might be ever so rich in butter fat and at the same time be unfit for use from a bacteriological standpoint, that is, be unclean. The combined average for cleanliness and food value is expressed by your Association in the so-called MERION grades of "Excellent," "Very Good," "Fair" "Poor" or "Bad."

During the year 155 separate analyses have been made by your chemist of the milk supplied to members of this Association. The average of these analyses produced a composite sample taking the MERION grade "Very Good." It showed the milk to be unusually clean and contained 53½ per cent more butter fat than is required by the standards set by the State Department of Health. This is a marked improvement over the milk that was served to you during the years just previous to the safeguarding of the supply, and is sufficiently reassuring to fully justify the expenditure being made for this purpose.

WATER SUPPLY

Just as the milk supply is watched, so the water supplied to your homes is safeguarded. Samples of water are collected each month, and, in times when it appears that additional precaution should be taken, samples are taken at more frequent intervals. Samples are put in sterile bottles, sealed and delivered to the laboratories of Dr. S. P. Sadtler, in Philadelphia, where they are carefully analyzed. Reports of the analyses are sent immediately to your Secretary. Should any sample prove unsatisfactory, immediate notice is sent to the member from whose house the sample was taken, the Springfield Water Company is notified, and other samples are taken and analyzed until the supply becomes normal. During the past year the supply was excellent in every particular.

ROADS AND SIDEWALKS

An extension of Baird Road running from Bowman Avenue to Rockland Avenue was made during the year and the road dedicated to the public.

All of the roads with permanent surfaces were given a surface treatment of "tarvia" and slag chips. Merion Road and North Highland Avenue were given a seal coat of asphalt.

Sidewalks were laid as follows:

Wynnewood Avenue from Bowman Avenue to City Line.

Merion Road from City Line to north of Greystone Road.

Merion Road from Sycamore Avenue to Bowman Avenue.

PRIVATE ROADS

Frequently requests are received from members regarding repairs to roads on which they live. In the case of roads that have been made public by dedication or otherwise, the repairs are made as promptly as possible by the Township. But in the case of roads that have not been dedicated to the Township, repair and maintenance work must be done at private expense.

The private roads in Merion are Hazlehurst Avenue, Mallwyd Road, Zollinger Way, Meadow Lane, Lapsley Road, Orchard Way, Cherry Bend, Brookway, Calvert Road, Valley Road, Woodley Road, Berwick Road and Sycamore Avenue from Merion Road to Valley Road.

All residents of these roads who desire the benefits that come when a road is made public should plan to take the necessary steps to petition the Township to take over their roads. There is no valid reason any road in Merion should not be public. Your Association stands ready to assist you in this matter.

SNOW REMOVAL

The police committee of the Township insists upon a strict compliance with the Township's ordinance concerning the clearing of sidewalks after each snowfall. Your Association wishes to direct particular attention to this matter because of the annoyance that always follows a summons for violation of this ordinance. In order to break the paths through the snow and to make its removal easier your Association's horse-drawn plow goes through every road in Merion after each snowstorm. This service frequently is worth more to the property holder than the amount of his annual subscription to this Association.



"Your Association's horse-drawn plow goes through every road in Merion after each snow storm."

MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS, LAMP POSTS, ETC.

All of the road, danger and boundary signs, lamps, water standpipes, refuse cans, fire gongs and bulletin boards we're repainted during the year, at a total cost of \$198.86.

The materials were purchased by your Association and the labor was done by contract with five Merion Boy Scouts, at the following prices:

Road Signs	30c each
Danger Signs (single)	45c each
Danger Signs (double)	60c each
Boundary Signs	75c each
Road Lamps	30c each
Water Standpipes	75c each
Refuse Cans	75c each
Fire Gongs	75c each
Bulletin Boards	75c each

Total units painted, 383.

The average cost, including materials, was less than fifty-two cents per unit. The boys were very prompt and took a great deal of interest in the work.

ANNUAL TREE INSPECTION

The practice inaugurated by your Association two years ago of having an annual inspection made of all trees in Merion was continued during the past year. This inspection covered every property in Merion, and a written notice was sent to each property owner whose trees needed attention. That this service, which is free to the members of this Association, has accomplished satisfactory results is evidenced by the following clause in the last report of the expert who made the inspections:

"In some cases individual trees are in bad condition, but as a whole they are in excellent shape. Among the many communities in which I work I have found none in which the trees generally are in as satisfactory a condition as they are in Merion."

WYNNEWOOD AVENUE TREES

One of the outstanding achievements of the year was the forestalling of the removal of the row of fifty-eight trees on the Wynnewood Avenue front of the St. Charles Seminary. Many of these trees are more than a hundred years old, and they are among the most beautiful shade trees in Merion.

The Seminary authorities had contracted for the cutting down of this row on the recommendation of an engineer, who reported them to be in such bad condition that they could live only a few years more.

This proposed destruction was not heard of by your Association until the work was begun and two trees were cut. An appeal to the office of Cardinal Dougherty resulted in the immediate suspension of the work. Your Association then arranged for the inspection of the trees by the Andorra Nurseries, which reported that they were well worth saving, and submitted an estimate of \$600 for trimming and treating them. A conference was held with Cardinal Dougherty, who promised that the trees should not be removed and agreed that the Seminary would bear one-

third of the total cost of \$600 for treating them, with the understanding that the remaining two-thirds would be shared equally by the residents of Wynnewood Avenue and the Merion Civic Association.

Within a few days the tree surgeons were on the ground, and, instead of destroying the trees, they have put them in good condition, thereby lengthening their lives perhaps by a generation.

This was a service to the whole community as well as a direct benefit to the residents of Wynnewood Avenue. It is just such things as this that your Association is doing to preserve the beauty of the community.

MAP OF MERION

The publication of the map of Merion and its inclusion in the last year book were enthusiastically received. The demand for additional copies of the map were so numerous that your Board has had it brought up-to-date and included in the 1923 Year Book. Each member is requested to preserve his copy so that it may be available for use when needed. Copies of the map will be sent to the delivery departments of the stores serving this community.

FLY AND MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN

The cost to your Association of last summer's fly and mosquito campaign was \$100. This was used to pay a portion of the salary of a special health officer, who made frequent and regular inspections of every property in Merion for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the owners or tenants the breeding places of flies and mosquitoes. These places were in most cases cleaned up. The inspections were made for faulty garbage receptacles, unprotected manure piles, stagnant water, tin cans and decaying matter.

This work is of so much importance to the health and comfort of every home that your Board has seen fit to include an appropriation for this purpose in the budget for the year 1923. The State Board of Health is urging all communities to persist in this campaign against these carriers of filth and disease.

Much credit is due to the Merion Troop of Boy Scouts for the valuable assistance rendered in distributing literature and fly swatters to every house in Merion.

VISITING NURSE SERVICE

Your Association's contribution to the support of the Main Line Visiting Nurse Service has been \$250 per year, and until the past year no other recognition of the service was made. During 1922, however, several families have called upon the nurse and have found the service to be very satisfactory. A small hourly or daily charge, in accordance with the requirements of the case, is made.

This is an established service along the Main Line and should be used by the residents of Merion. Information may be obtained either from Mrs. T. Wood Andrews, who represents this community on the visiting nurse committee, or from your Secretary.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE

At the instance of your Association, assisted by Mrs. J. C. Sellers, Jr., a member of the School Board of Lower Merion Township, the School Board has agreed to purchase a site in Merion for a school building.

A committee of your Board met with a committee of the School Board and made a careful canvass of all available tracts of ground in Merion for the purpose of recommending to the School Board the most desirable site for a school. Two sites, one on each side of Bowman Avenue near Narberth Avenue, were looked upon favorably by the joint committee, and it is hoped that the purchase soon will be made. It is not proposed to erect the building immediately, but a site will be ready when sufficient demand for the school is made.

MERION POST NO. 545, AMERICAN LEGION

The following report of the Historian of the Post shows the progress made during the year:

The year 1923 brings Merion Post No. 545 into its second year as an established Post of the American Legion, and we are happy to report that the membership in our Post has increased to a total of sixty-six.

The Post held its first dinner on the second Tuesday in November, and had as guest Colonel Franklin D'Olier, the first National Commander of the American Legion.

The new Community House is progressing well and should be completed next fall, when the Post hopes to move into its new home, where we shall have better facilities for more active and useful service.

In looking back over our first year's participation in the American Legion, the Post feels it entirely fitting to express at this time grateful appreciation of the loyalty and devotion of its first Commander, Mr. S. Earle Haines, to whose untiring energy the present established and prosperous condition of the Post is due.

PAUL A. CASEY,
Historian.

The Post Officers for the present year are: T. Wood Andrews, Commander; S. Earle Haines, Vice-Commander; Franklin S. Hovey, Adjutant; Donald H. Lippincott, Finance Officer; Paul A. Casey, Historian.

TENNIS

The tennis courts on the community grounds were in constant use during the season. In the spring a dressing of stone chips was applied to the clay courts and a very smooth and satisfactory playing surface was thereby produced.

The popularity of the courts was such that they were used not only by residents of Merion, but also by players from several of the neighboring communities.

It has been suggested that for financial and other reasons the courts be placed on a self-supporting basis; a committee is now at work on a plan which, it is hoped, will accomplish this for the 1923 season.

The customary spring and fall tournaments were held last year for the several cups donated by individuals of Merion and by this Association. Entrance fees of \$2 were charged for the Men's Senior Singles and \$1 for the Women's Senior Singles. No charge was made for the other events.

The winners of the tournaments were as follows:

EVENT	WINNER
Boys under eighteen years...	Ridgeway Lineaweaver
Men's Junior Singles.....	Louis Scott, Jr.
Men's Senior Singles.....	Paul A. Casey
Women's Junior Singles	Miss Eleanor Beeman
Women's Senior Singles	Miss Mildred Willard

The Women's Singles were subject to a challenge round between Miss Willard and Miss Anne B. Townsend. This match was postponed until the spring of 1923.

The number of entries was large and an enthusiastic crowd of spectators filled the available space around the courts.

The two challenge cups that were presented by this Association for competition among the Juniors each have been won three successive times by Louis Scott and Miss Peggy Patterson, respectively, and, in accordance with the terms on which they were presented they have become their property. Two other cups have been donated, subject to the same conditions as the original cups.

The tennis activities were in charge of the following committee: W. Curtis Bok, Chairman; Paul A. Casey and Franklin S. Hovey.

MERION TRIBUTE HOUSE

While the interest of your Association in the Tribute House that is now being erected on the community grounds on Hazlehurst Avenue is indirect, most of you have a direct interest by reason of your contributions to the "Memorial Fund."

Work on the house, which, together with the grounds, was the gift of Mr. Eldredge R. Johnson, was begun during the autumn of 1922, and, at the present rate of progress, should be completed this year. It is hoped that the next annual meeting of your Association will be held in the beautiful auditorium that is to be one of the features of the building.

There is appended to this report a description of the plan by Messrs. Karcher and Smith, the architects, together with a cut of the front elevation.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

The appreciation of the Association is extended to those who have contributed so generously to this fund during the year.

It is important that a substantial balance is carried, for emergencies frequently arise such as the caring for the trees on Wynnewood Avenue, which can not be met unless a substantial balance is maintained in this fund. Also the removal of the overhead wires and the other work for the permanent improvement of Merion, to which we are already committed, must continue.

An appeal is made to each member who has not contributed to this fund in the last five years to do so now. We should have 250 subscriptions in amounts from \$10 up.

Your new President, who will be elected tonight, should have your co-operation in this matter, and I urgently ask that you send a voluntary contribution to the Secretary. Let it be generous in

proportion to your appreciation of your Association's work in making Merion a model suburb and a beautiful place in which to live.

Your Board of Directors has met monthly during the year, with the exception of the summer months, and has had many matters under consideration bearing on the welfare of the community in addition to those reported herein. The average attendance was fifteen, indicating an active interest and a generous personal service by the busy men and women who constitute your Board.

Your Secretary has reported seventy-five unfilled requests for the Ninth Year Book. These requests came from individuals and associations far removed from the scenes of your activities. This demand indicates that your Association's influence is felt beyond the confines of this community.

In relinquishing the office of President, as I do tonight, I wish to thank each one of you for your generous support of the Association during the year. I trust that you will continue it so that Merion may always be, as Theodore Roosevelt styled it, "A Model in Civic Matters."

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY DELAPLAINE,

President.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 1, 1922, TO APRIL 30, 1923

Balance, May 1, 1922	\$4,956.76
Receipts, May 1, 1922, to April 30, 1923	<u>8,903.37</u>
.....	\$13,860.13
Expenditures, May 1, 1922, to April 30, 1923	<u>8,341.01</u>
.....	\$5,519.12

FUND BALANCES AVAILABLE

General Administration Fund	\$4,909.14
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	<u>609.98</u>
.....	\$5,519.12

Receipts, May 1, 1922, to April 20, 1923

Dues	\$7,805.45
Contributions and Rebates on Lamps	647.60
Contributions for Union Fire Association.....	125.00
Special Contribution for Signs.....	100.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	100.00
Interest on Deposits.....	77.82
Miscellaneous	<u>47.50</u>
.....	\$8,903.37

Expenditures, May 1, 1922, To April, 30, 1923

Special Police (Salaries and Sundries).....	\$2,278.10
Secretary's Salary	1,749.96
Lights, Posts and Installation	903.98
Milk Tests	616.04
Printing.....	385.50
Signs and Posts	314.38
Visiting Nurse, 1923	250.00
Postoffice Alterations and Boxes.....	247.25
Union Fire Association	230.00
Fly Campaign, 1922 and 1923	200.00
Clean-Up and Snow Removal.....	195.77
Boxes, Plants and Care of Same	195.53
Preservation of Trees, Wynewood Road.....	173.34
Water Tests	120.00
Telephone.....	103.78
Painting	80.88
Office Supplies	76.60
Compensation Insurance	48.75
Postage	34.70
Secretary's Expenses	12.13
Miscellaneous	<u>124.32</u>
.....	\$8341.01

W. H. FOLWELL,
Treasurer.

Merion, May 1, 1923

THE MERION WAR TRIBUTE HOUSE

WALTER T. KARCHER AND LIVINGSTON SMITH, ARCHITECTS.

The accompanying sketch was made when Mr. Johnson's gift was accepted by the public meeting in Merion.

The building, which will be completed this year, will probably be the most sumptuous and extensive of any Community buildings erected to date. It occupies a little more than the ground covered by the former Johnson residence.

The old driveway is preserved, and from this there will be two main entrances to the building, one under a porte cochere and the other from the broad terrace across the Southern front. Entering by the porte cochere one is led by a half flight of stone steps to the main floor. On one side of these steps is the office and on the other the women's cloak room. Below the women's cloak room is the men's cloak room, and near this the men's smoking room.

Entering by the terrace entrance one is brought directly into the memorial hall, occupying all the interior of the tower. Thus the two entrances converge to this memorial hall, which forms the pivot of the whole building. This hall will have stone floor and walls, and stone groining and ceiling, and will be lighted from the large leaded window seen on the outside of the tower. Here will be placed the monumental setting in stone for the bronze tablet and the effect will be inspiring. Into this tower, as stated, will lead the two entrances from porte cochere and terrace, and from it will lead the entrances to the auditorium and to the lounge, which in turn will lead to the American Legion room.

The American Legion room will have other entrances from the exterior, so that it can be closed off from the remainder of the building and be a complete entity of its own.

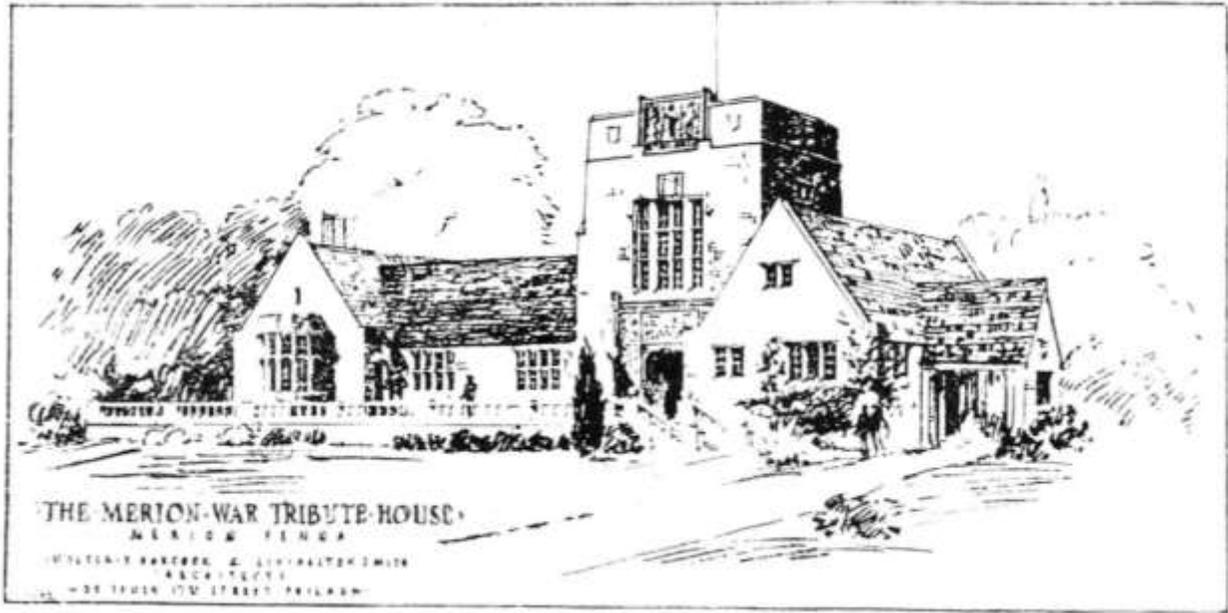
The auditorium will be 38 feet wide by 55 feet long. At the opposite end from the entrances will be the platform, connecting with three dressing rooms below. Under the platform will be storage space for chairs. Above the entrances from the memorial hall will be the movie booth. Ample exits and entrances will be provided. The space has also been designed to accommodate in the future the best organ that could be placed here, although the organ is not a part of this gift.

As a necessary adjunct to an auditorium of this sort, a service pantry with outside entrance has been designed to lie between the auditorium and the lounge, so that it may function either with the lounge for small affairs or with the auditorium for larger affairs. This pantry will also connect by stairway with the basement.

Special attention has been given to the design of the floor in the auditorium in order that Merion will have the finest dance floor on the Main Line.

The lounge will have rough plaster walls and wooden ceiling. It will be lighted by windows on opposite sides of the room and have a generous stone fireplace.

The American Legion room will have stone floor, rough plaster walls, and an open-roof construction, carried on adzed wooden trusses. This room will also have a large alcoved fireplace.



In every part of the building only the most solid and permanent construction will be used, with special attention given to keeping the maintenance cost at the extreme minimum. For example, there will be no wood on the exterior except the doors and their frames; the windows are all metal and have metal frames, and even the wood usually found around the eaves and gables has been entirely eliminated, so that there will be no depreciation. The rafters will be steel in all cases except where the open-roof construction occurs over the Legion room.

An interesting thing about this building is that all the stone is hewn on the ground. This is very unusual, as ordinarily all cut stone comes to a building ready to set. In this case the architects wished to avoid the harsh contrasts and sharp lines of "cut stone" (which is usually limestone), and instead, are having the stone for mullions, jambs and other molded portions cut by hand from the same stone as is used in the walls. As a result all the stone for these parts comes from the quarry in huge boulders and is dressed on the spot. This method has not been used to this extent for probably 400 years, and gives a degree of craftsmanship that is striking and one which is almost never seen in this country.

WALTER T. KARCHER,
LIVINGSTON SMITH.

**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 collectible.

Approved by the Board of Township Commissioners, October 26, 1920.

The following State Dog Law is being rigidly enforced by agents of the State Agricultural Department:

That every dog, six months old or over, must have a license tag at all times. Failure in any case renders the dog liable to seizure. A license costs \$1.00 for a male dog and \$2.50 for a female dog, and may be obtained from the County Treasurer at Norristown.

**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.

**THE REMOVAL OF SNOW
FROM THE WALKS OF MERION**

An ordinance
of the Lower Merion Township
Commission

It shall be the duty of all tenants or occupants of buildings abutting on a paved sidewalk on a public highway and all owners of vacant ground abutting thereon to cause such sidewalks to be kept clear of snow and ice in front of their respective premises; and if any person whose duty it is to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall permit or suffer snow to remain upon the sidewalk more than ten working hours after the snow has ceased to fall, or shall permit ice, dangerous to travel, to remain on the sidewalk uncovered by ashes or sawdust, he shall be subject to a penalty of five dollars, to be collected in the manner provided by law.

The Merion Civic Association has no labor nor money to clear the snow from walks. Immediately after each snowfall it sends a horse-drawn plow to open up the public walks so as to make walking possible. The rest must be done by the occupant of each house or owner of vacant lot.