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The
FOURTEENTH YEAR BOOK
of
THE MERION
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Incorporated June, 1913

MERION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND TWENTY SEVEN

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.”—*The Outlook*.

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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.

IT IS TRUE

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 FOURTEEN 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 three 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; 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;
8. Has started to remove every electric light and telephone pole from the roads of Merion;
9. Has a continuous authoritative analysis made of the milk and cream supplied in Merion;
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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 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 115 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 205 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;



Figure 1: Looking Down North Highland Avenue

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. Created, directly after the Great War, a neighborhood sentiment for a Community House, raised \$81,000 for such a purpose, accepted, on behalf of the community, the munificent gift of Mr. Eldridge R. Johnson, and originated and furthered the idea of a separate organization, The Merion Community Association, for the carrying out and maintenance of Mr. Johnson's gift to the community.

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 etymologist 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 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, post-office building and new waiting room;

50. Created sentiment for the placing of the Township Fire Association under the control of a Fire Marshal.

51. Negotiated with the United States postal authorities and officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for enlarging and improving the facilities of the post office to meet the present and future need of the community.

52. Secured through the result of urgent representations and many conferences with officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company a waiting room and an enlarged shelter shed on the north platform, for the convenience and comfort of westbound passengers.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of The Merion Civic Association was held at Merion, on the evening of Tuesday, May seventeenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven. At this meeting the following reports of Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Association were read and approved.

**REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

May 17, 1927.

*To the Members of
The Merion Civic Association:*

MEMBERSHIP

Your association closes its fourteenth year with 633 members, of which 330 are men and 303 are women, a gain of 38 members, making the total the largest in the history of the Association.

Receipts from dues for 1926 amounted to \$8,447.03.

Although your directors have found it necessary to drop from the rolls the names of members who remain in arrears for an unreasonable period, it is gratifying to be able to state that the delinquent list was comparatively small.

POSTAL SERVICE

The residents of Merion have enjoyed the privilege of free delivery of mail for a year. With few exceptions they have availed themselves of this service and are receiving two deliveries a day. Although the sale of postage stamps at Merion Post Office has met the requirements of the Department, your directors would remind you of the necessity of giving to Merion the full measure of business which properly belongs to it in order that this valuable service may be maintained.

The local postmen are supplied with stamps in protective containers furnished by your association, for the convenience of those who are receiving free delivery.

MERION STATION

To retain for the residents of Merion the privilege of parking at Merion Station, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at the solicitation of your directors provided parking space on both the North and South sides of the railroad, to relieve the automobile congestion at train time.

The new waiting room, in which a public telephone has been installed and the extension of the train shed on the North side of the railroad have contributed greatly to the convenience and comfort of west bound passengers, especially in unfavorable weather.

The shrubbery in the beds at Merion Station have been sprayed and pruned as well as all the beds spaded.

The roses on the railroad banks have been trimmed and leaves and dead twigs removed.

The interior walls of the Post Office have recently been painted and the wood work varnished.

A system of signal bells has been installed at Merion, eliminating the nerve racking signal whistles heretofore in use.

The railroad property between Merion and Overbrook has been cleaned of all brush and weeds, and the dead and broken limbs removed from the trees.

A hand rail has been placed on Bowman Avenue bridge separating the sidewalk from the traffic portion, likewise a sidewalk on both the north and south approaches to the bridge, as far as the railroad property extends.

For these greatly needed improvements and for this evidence of interest in and co-operation with the work of your Association the officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company are entitled to our grateful acknowledgments.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE

The arrangement made by your directors, with the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for free delivery of telegrams in Merion by messenger upon request of residents still is in force.

HIGHWAYS

The condition of the roads of Merion commands the constant attention of your Directors.

The appropriation from the Township for highways this year will be comparatively small, but promises to be sufficient for necessary repairs and this work will be started shortly in addition to which the following roads will be given surface treatment of tarvia and slag chips.

North Highland Avenue
North Latch's Lane
Raynham Road
Greystone Road
Blancoyd Road
Merion Road
Sycamore Avenue
North Bowman Avenue
Beacom Lane
South Latch's Lane
South Highland Avenue
Merbrook Lane
Merbrook Bend
Idris Road
Forrest Road
Berkley Road
Baird Road
S. Bowman Avenue

Old Lancaster Road and Montgomery Avenue from City Line to Gray's Lane, Haverford, will be widened and paved from curb to curb at the expense of the county.

PRIVATE ROADS

Frequent requests are received from members regarding repairs to private roads. It is not generally understood that the cost of maintaining these roads must be borne by abutting property owners who are likewise liable for damages resulting from unsafe condition of roads owned by them.

LIGHTS

Seven new lights from underground cable and two aerial lights will be added this year to the present 205 lights in Merion, making it the best lighted community on the main line.

Florentine glass has been installed in all the lanterns, a distinct improvement over the type previously in use. A number of red panels have been placed at dangerous road intersections.

During the year four lamps, including posts and lanterns, were completely destroyed and two lanterns damaged beyond repair.

In addition, three sign posts were demolished, all due to reckless driving of motor vehicles. The destruction of this property involves an expenditure of \$574.00, in addition to the cost of hauling and installing.

MERION PUBLIC SCHOOL

Merion Public School opened in September with 225 pupils enrolled. The number entering the first grade made it necessary to have two rooms for that class.

The School has become a vital part of Merion life. If the community continues to grow, as it gives evidence of doing, it will be necessary to enlarge the building within the next two years to accommodate the increased population.

Every element of doubt as to the need of a School in Merion has been dismissed, for it has fully justified its existence.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Eleven policemen are regularly on duty in Merion, two of which are maintained by your Association. Three are assigned to the outlying sections while eight patrol the area covered by the activities of your Association.

The salaries of your two special officers have been increased to \$160.00 per month, in accordance with similar increases granted to the Township Officers.

During the year two robberies were reported: one by a sneak thief, who was well known in Merion because of being employed by several families as general utility man. The other was of somewhat less importance.

A few chimney fires occurred, one of which, however, might have proven fatal but for the prompt response and efficiency of our fire companies.

Cards giving the telephone numbers for emergency calls for police and fire service will be sent to members on request.

WATER

The drinking water on both north and south sides has been tested monthly, and, when there is evidence that additional precautions should be taken, samples are taken at more frequent intervals.

MILK

Your directors continue to regard the regular monthly tests of milk served in Merion and the periodical inspection of the dairies and establishments supplying it as one of their most important activities.

During the year 262 samples were taken by indiscriminate purchases from wagons operated by the several suppliers and analyzed by the chemist retained by your Association.



SYCAMORE AVENUE IN SLEET STORM

Figure 2: Sycamore Avenue in Sleet Snow

Although the average for the year showed an improvement in sanitary grade, there were a few instances of fines and prosecution of offending dealers.

SNOW REMOVAL

The police committee of the Township insists upon a strict compliance with the Township ordinance concerning the clearing of sidewalks.

To materially aid the residents in fulfilling this requirement, your Association sends, immediately after each snowfall, a horse-drawn plow through the community to break a path along the sidewalks. The rest must be done by the occupants of each house.

ZONING

The zoning ordinance which has been under consideration for the past two years was adopted by the Commissioners of Lower Merion Township, March 16, 1927, and became effective April 26, 1927.

It is the confident hope of all residents of Merion that the ordinance as administered will give to our community the fullest measure of protection against future exploitation by business enterprise or other encroachments upon the strictly residential character of the neighborhood.

To this end, however, property owners, while properly relying upon your Association for active support, should realize that they must take the initiative in any movement for prevention or redress necessary for the protection of their interests.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. S. W. HOLTON, *President*.

ATTEST:

SARTORI B. MATHES, Secretary

**MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

JANUARY 1, 1926, TO DECEMBER 31, 1926
(CALENDAR YEAR)

Balance January 1, 1926	\$2,933.82
Receipts January 1 to December 31, 1926.....	9,658.68
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	\$12,592.50
Expenditures January 1 to December 31, 1926.....	9,616.34
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Balance January 1, 1927	\$2,976.16
General Administration Fund.....	\$1,342.93
Permanent Improvement Fund	1,633.23
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	\$2,976.16

RECEIPTS JANUARY TO DECEMBER 31, 1926

Dues for 1926.....	\$8,447.03
Dues Paid 1926 for 1927	160.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	635.00
Credits for Post Collisions	144.85
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	93.70
Snow Removal.....	20.00
Credits to Administration Fund.....	143.10
Dues 1925 Deposited January, 1926	15.00
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	\$9,658.68

EXPENDITURES JANUARY 1 TO 31, 1926

Special Officers (Salaries and Sundries.....	\$3,725.65
Secretary's.....	1,999.92
Milk Tests.....	785.73
Lamp Posts and Installation	540.50
Printing	508.85
Care of Station Grounds	440.46
Signs and Posts	255.05
Welfare Federation	250.00
Snow Removal	122.70
Postage	120.11
Clean Up	120.00
Telephone	104.98
Annual Meeting Expense	85.24
Delivering Christmas Packages	85.00
Water Tests	80.00
Trees and Spraying	76.50
Compensation Insurance	55.00
Typewriter	49.00
Main Line Association	5.00
Miscellaneous	206.65
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	\$9,616.34

W. H. FOLWELL, *Treasurer.*

THE MERION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The third season has shown many evidences of increased activities in the Merion War Tribute House and Community Grounds.

The Monday afternoon community dancing classes, attended by children from five to twelve years of age, and the Saturday evening community dancing class, for children from twelve to fourteen years, the latter having its inception this winter and to be continued next season, advancing the age limit to fifteen years, have been a signal success.

The series of Friday evening community dances, a continuation of the subscription dances of the past two years, and the dances for the younger school set have, likewise, been very popular.

Wedding receptions and one wedding, luncheons and bridge parties, dinner and supper dances, concerts and entertainments for charity, commencement exercises of several Main Line schools, and the Mendelssohn Club's annual meeting and supper for the third season. The Merion Branch of the Needle Work Guild also held its annual meeting and exhibit and the League of Women Voters their monthly meetings. Making the total number of entertainments during the winter, with a lapse of five weeks due to the Lenten season, one hundred and fifteen.

The Playgrounds are again open for the children, with the proper inspection and repairs of the sand boxes, slides, swings and tree seats. The ball field is always in demand by the various ball teams of Merion when the season warrants.

The Association is exercising every effort to eliminate unnecessary noises and all nuisances from the grounds and buildings; the first step toward this being the building of a new parking space and engaging the services of a night man who is constantly on duty; also, refusing the use of the grounds or buildings to those who have been in anyway objectionable in the past.

The Board of Directors are endeavoring to operate and maintain the Community Grounds and Buildings in a manner that will be a credit to Merion.

T. DUN BELFIELD, *President.*

**REPORT OF
TENNIS COMMITTEE
OF THE
MERION COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

The six tennis courts adjacent to the War Tribute House are now available and ready for the use of the residents of Merion and members of Merion Post No. 545 of the American Legion.

In the past two years the courts have been entirely reconditioned. They have been resurfaced and new wire has been put in the back stops. New posts and new nets have been purchased. The committee also has secured the services of Mr. J. Townsend Sellers who will take charge of the courts, give instruction free of charge to members, and organize tournaments.

The courts are not endowed so that the committee is obliged to make the following nominal membership charges:

Junior Membership	\$5.00
Senior Membership	10.00
Family Membership	20.00

Those desiring to join may do so by applying to the treasurer of the tennis committee.

Respectfully submitted,
E. G. WYCKOFF, JR., *Treasurer.*

1926 TENNIS COMMITTEE

S. E. Haines	H. T. Greenwood, Jr.
F. S. Hovey	E. G. Wyckoff, Jr.
Vinette Shearer	C. E. Hall, Chairman

**REPORT OF
MERION POST NO. 545
OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION**

Merion Post No. 545 of the American Legion is glad to report progress all along the line as the season of 1926 and 1927 nears a close.

So far, the activities of the Post have been centered along social lines with a view towards promoting community spirit and getting this organization sufficiently interested and ready to support any worthy cause. Prominent men have addressed the Post at our regular meetings and we have in mind sponsoring a series of lectures to be held at the War Tribute House for the benefit of the community at large.

There has been a very healthy growth in the membership of the Post so that we now have 128 members. Also there has been a noticeable increase in interest shown by the members in the activities of the Post as evidenced by large and more enthusiastic meetings. This is due in no small measure to the work of that important Committee, the Entertainment Committee, who in addition to arranging splendid entertainment at our regular monthly meetings, very successfully conducted a series of dances during the winter.

Considerable interest has been shown in the trip to Paris next Fall with the American Legion and it is expected quite a few of our members will avail

themselves of this unusual opportunity to return to France and renew their old associations of the World War.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL CASEY, *Historian*.

Post officers elected for 1926-1927—

Clarence E. Hall,	Commander;
Horace T. Greenwood Jr.,	1st Vice-Commander;
S. Earle Haines,	2nd Vice-Commander;
Robert T. Boyd Jr.,	Finance Officer;
H. M. C. Hewson,	Adjutant;
Paul A. Casey,	Historian.

MERION TROOP NUMBER ONE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Merion Scout Troop. The Troop was started in May, 1917, by Mr. T. Dun Belfield, and has grown from an original nucleus of two boys to its present full quota of thirty-two (32) registered scouts and fifteen (15) associate scouts, the largest in its history and one of the four or five troops in the counties which has a full membership. During the past season there have been many activities beside the regular meetings.

Fifteen scouts went on the trip to Washington to the Baden-Powell meeting. The boys had their pictures taken with the President and were shown all the principal sights of the capital city and Mt. Vernon.

A Father and Son Banquet was given early in June which was attended by all the scouts and their fathers, a total of sixty-five (65) being present. The supper was supplied and served through the able help of Mrs. Anna B. Scott, one of the Troop's most ardent supporters.

The annual trip to Camp Delmont, which was attended by twenty-five (25) boys, closed the spring season.

Meetings started again in the fall and consisted of development of scout work combined with frequent hikes.

A winter week-end trip to Camp Delmont was made on December 18. The boys were quartered in the farmhouse of the "Belfield Tract" division of the Camp.

At Christmas the Scouts supplied and delivered twenty-five (25) Christmas baskets, coal, groceries and clothing were likewise sent to poor families.

On Washington's Birthday the annual pilgrimage to Valley Forge was attended by a number of the boys.

On April 9, twenty members of the troop went on a week-end trip to Gettysburg, spending the night in the Gettysburg Scout quarters and making a very pleasant and instructive tour of the battlefield the next day.

The officers of the troop believe that such trips as have been taken in the past year and the work done in meetings help materially to make the boys better citizens and of more use to their community.

In answer to President Coolidge's appeal the Troop sent a contribution of Fifteen Dollars, through Mrs. Alexander Brown, Chairman of the Main Line Branch of the American Red Cross, to the fund for the relief of the sufferers of the Mississippi Valley flood.

Do not hesitate to call upon us if we can be of service to you: the scout motto is "Do a good turn daily."

ALFRED WALL, *Scoutmaster*.

TROOP COMMITTEE—
Edward W. Bok, H. H. Lineaweaver, T. Dun Belfield.

NEEDLE WORK GUILD OF AMERICA

The third annual meeting of the Merion Branch of the Needlework Guild of America was held on Tuesday, the twenty-third of November, at the Merion War Tribute House. The meeting was conducted by Miss Sydney Wilson, owing to illness of the President, Mrs. Horace T. Greenwood, Jr. The meeting was opened in prayer by Mrs. Pettinos which was followed by a very interesting talk by Dr. Kate Rodelle Buyzolare.

The report of the year is as follows:

No. of garments collected	1610
No. of Members	266
No. of Directors	25
Amount of money collected	\$80.50

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY MANNING ENGLISH, *Secretary*.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN

VOTERS

The Merion branch of the League of Women Voters held a most successful year under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Samuel McCreery. They actively supported the Montgomery County League in the convention at Norristown, the Rummage Sale at Bryn Mawr, the Card Party at the Merion Cricket Club and the Annual Luncheon at Whitemarsh.

The League's Election Committee did splendid work in placing posters and urging the active interest of voters.

There were regular meetings during the winter in the Merion War Tribute House and one in the new school on Bowman Avenue, with speakers on health work, schools and child study, and on questions of local and state government. These meetings were well attended by members and friends, and tea was served by various groups of hostess members. New members and visitors will be most welcome at the meetings of the coming season.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE H. ELIASON, *Secretary*.

REGISTRATION

Registration in Merion is not the same as in Philadelphia

Each year this circumstance, unknown to many new residents of Merion, causes confusion.

The registry books of 1927 will be hung in the Merion Post Office about May 20th and should be examined by all voters to ascertain whether their names and party affiliations appear therein. If not, such names, together with their respective addresses, should be sent to the registry assessor on or before July 19th to qualify for the primary election which occurs this year in the Fall on September 20th. July 19th and 20th being the last days for registration, assessment and enrollment in boroughs and townships for the Fall Primary. It is necessary at this time to designate party affiliation so that it may be entered on the registry list thereby qualifying the voter to vote at the Primary election. The regular Fall election occurs this year on November 8th, and the last day to pay tax to qualify for this election is October 8th. The registry assessor will be at the polling place, Boy Scout House, Community Grounds, on September 6th and 7th from 10.00 A. M. to 3.00 P. M. and from 6.00 P. M. to 9.00 P. M. These are the last days for registration for the November election.

MRS. WILLIAM P. JOHNSTON, (Janet P.),
Registry Assessor
Kenilworth Road, Merion, Pennsylvania.
Telephone—Merion 1462-W

VISITING NURSE SERVICE

This service provides at a moderate cost the services of a graduate nurse, who will give the skilled care required, leaving instructions for the care to be given between her visits.

RULES FOR CALLING THE NURSE

Call the nurse through your physician, or telephone: Ardmore 2098 or 2099, between 8.30 A. M. and 5 P. M.; Bryn Mawr 873, on Sundays and after office hours.

Calls should be received between 8.30 A. M. and 9 A. M., and between 1 P. M. and 1.30 P. M., if the visit is to be made that day.

On Sundays and holidays, patients will be visited only when special or immediate attention is required.

The nurse is not allowed to attend certain contagious diseases, but will give instruction in nursing and every possible assistance to families in which such cases occur.

All other types of cases are cared for, except the Delivery period of Maternity. The staff is not large enough to allow time for attending at confinements.

A charge will be made for the visits when the family can afford it, which is 75¢ a visit. For special treatment the fee is \$2.00 per hour. This money is used for the further development of the work.

Through co-operation with The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, its policy-holders will be visited by the nurse and care and instruction given as needed.

The nurse does not give material relief, but will report all cases needing it to the proper agency.

A nurse is sent in response to every new call, but bedside care is continued only under a Doctor's direction.

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:

DOGS SIX MONTHS OLD AND OVER MUST BE LICENSED

License should be procured on or before January 15th, each year.

Dogs becoming six months of age at any time, should be licensed at once.

License expires January 15th, each year.

License can be procured by making application to County Treasurer at Norristown, or through a notary public, justice of the peace, alderman, magistrate or Township Office, Ardmore.

LICENSE TAG MUST BE AFFIXED TO A SUBSTANTIAL COLLAR AND KEPT ON DOG AT ALL TIMES.

Individual licenses issued for one dog cannot be used on another.

OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DAMAGE CAUSED BY THEIR DOGS.

The word "OWNER" when applied to the proprietorship of a dog shall include every person having a right of property in such dog, and every person who keeps or harbors such dog or has it in his care, and every person who permits such dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.

THE PURPOSE OF THE "DOG LAW" IS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AND THEIR PROPERTY, THROUGH THE PROPER CONTROL OF DOGS, AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PROPERLY LICENSED AND TAGGED DOG.

Violators of the "DOG LAW" are liable to a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding thirty days or both.

HAVE YOUR DOG PROPERLY LICENSED AND TAGGED; KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL AND AVOID THE PAYMENT OF DAMAGES OR PROSECUTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE LAW.

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.

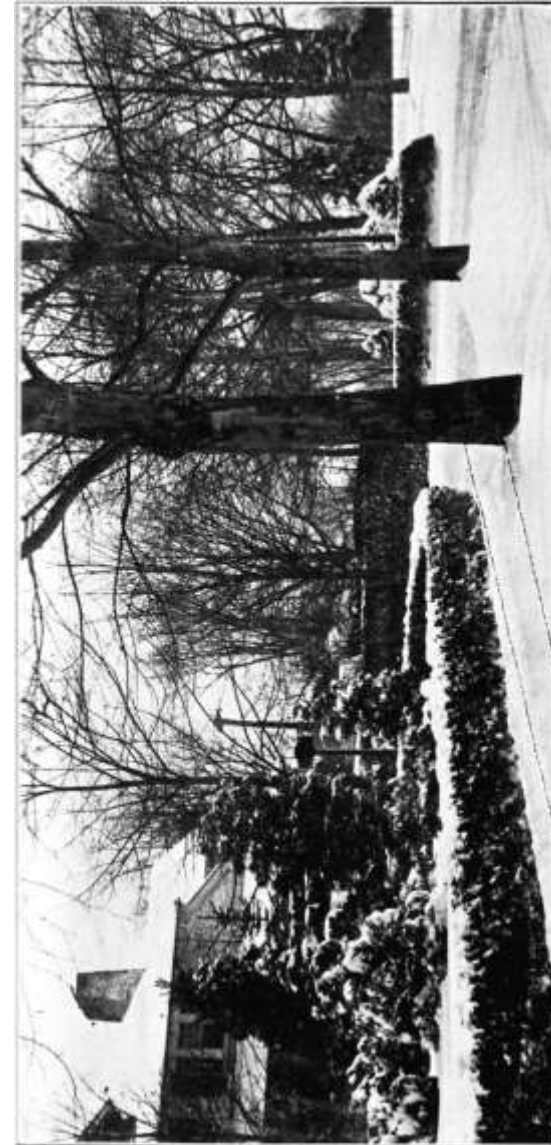
THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

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.



Cross-Roads in Linden Lane

Figure 3: Cross-Roads in Linden Lane