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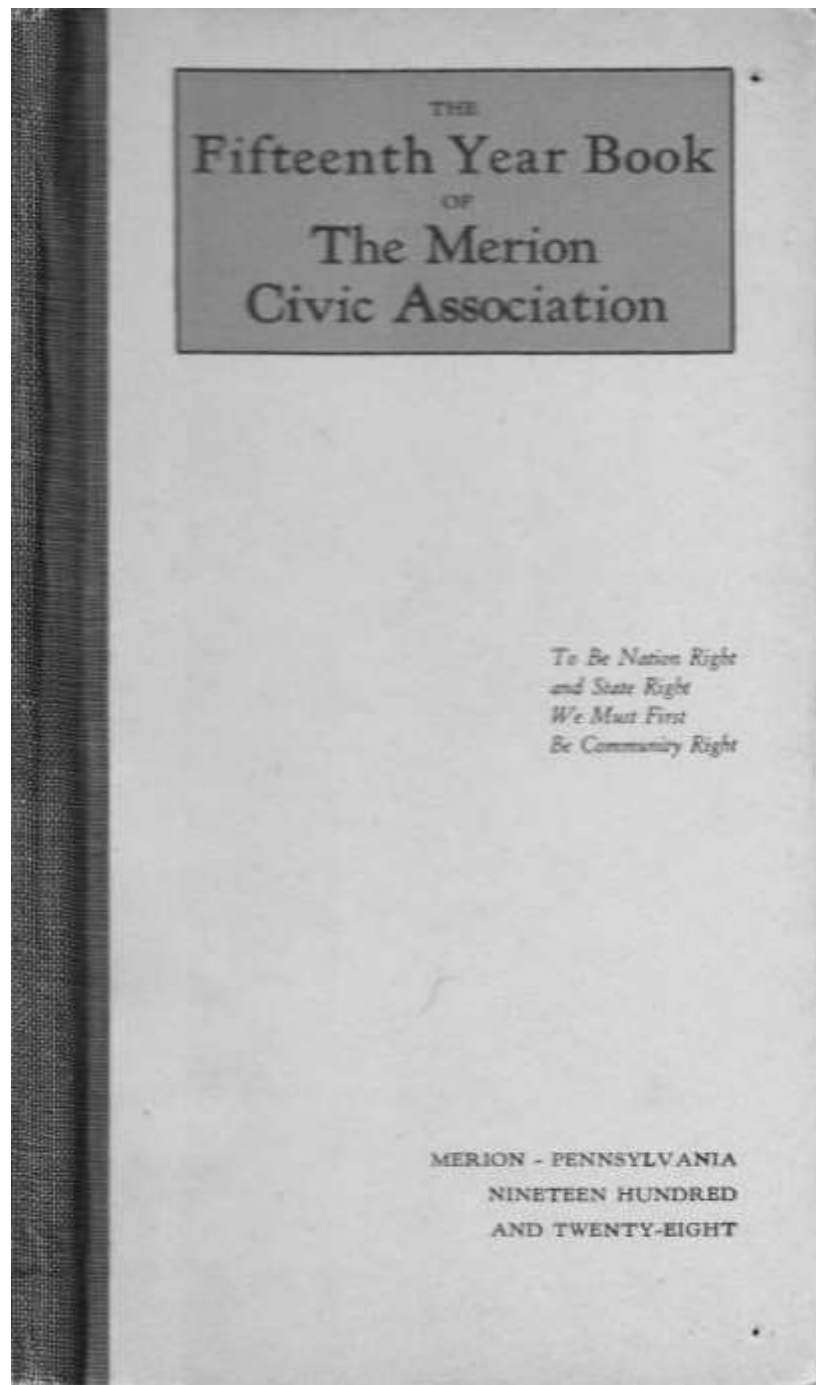
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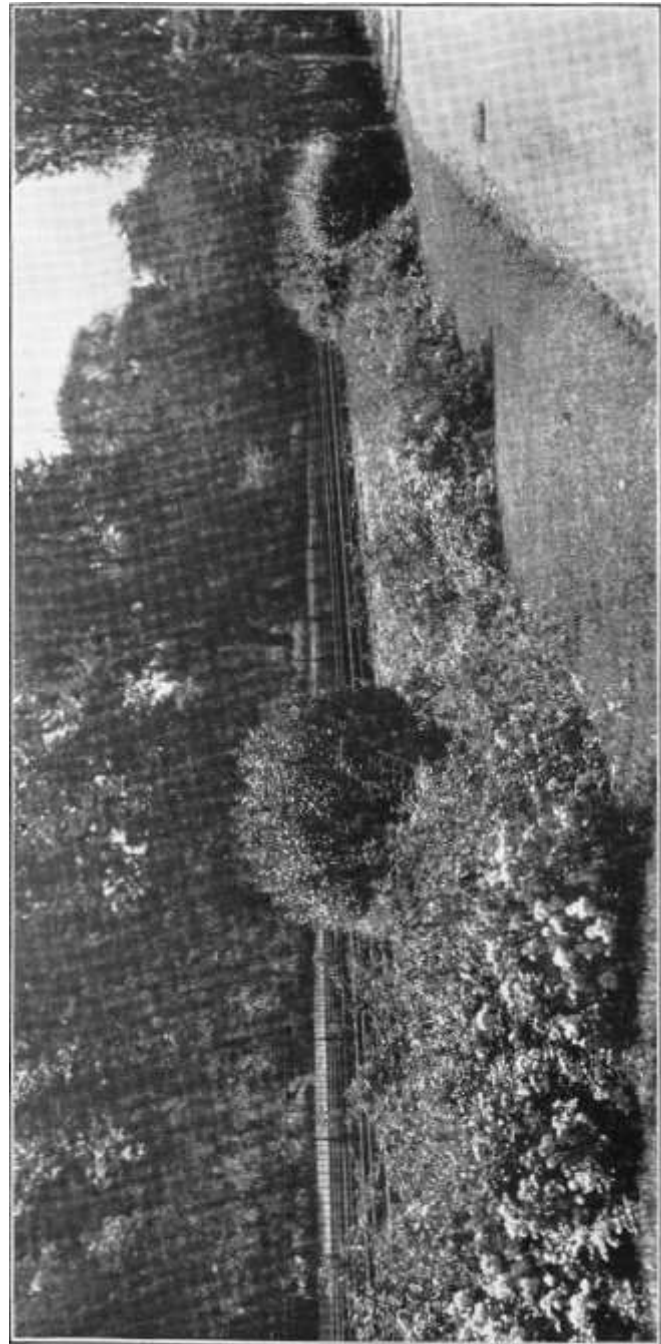
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THE  
Fifteenth Year Book  
OF  
The Merion  
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*To Be Nation Right  
and State Right  
We Must First  
Be Community Right*

MERION - PENNSYLVANIA  
NINETEEN HUNDRED  
AND TWENTY-EIGHT



ROSE BEDS ON THE BANKS OF THE RAILROAD

Figure 1: Rose Beds on the Banks of the Railroad

The  
FIFTEENTH YEAR BOOK  
of  
THE MERION  
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Incorporated June, 1913

MERION  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA

NINETEEN HUNDRED  
AND TWENTY-EIGHT

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 FIFTEEN 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 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;

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;

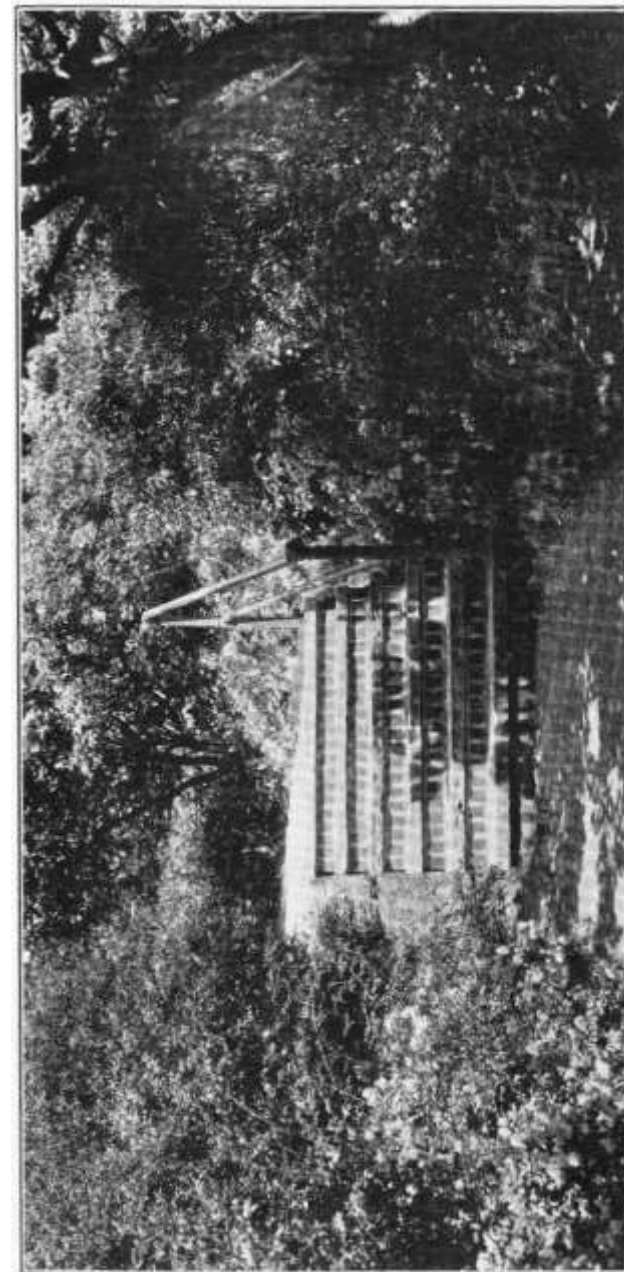
29. Has had a path made through the snow on every sidewalk with a plow drawn by a horse after each snowfall;

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;



THE STEPS AT MERION RAILROAD STATION

Figure 2: The Steps at Merion Railroad Station

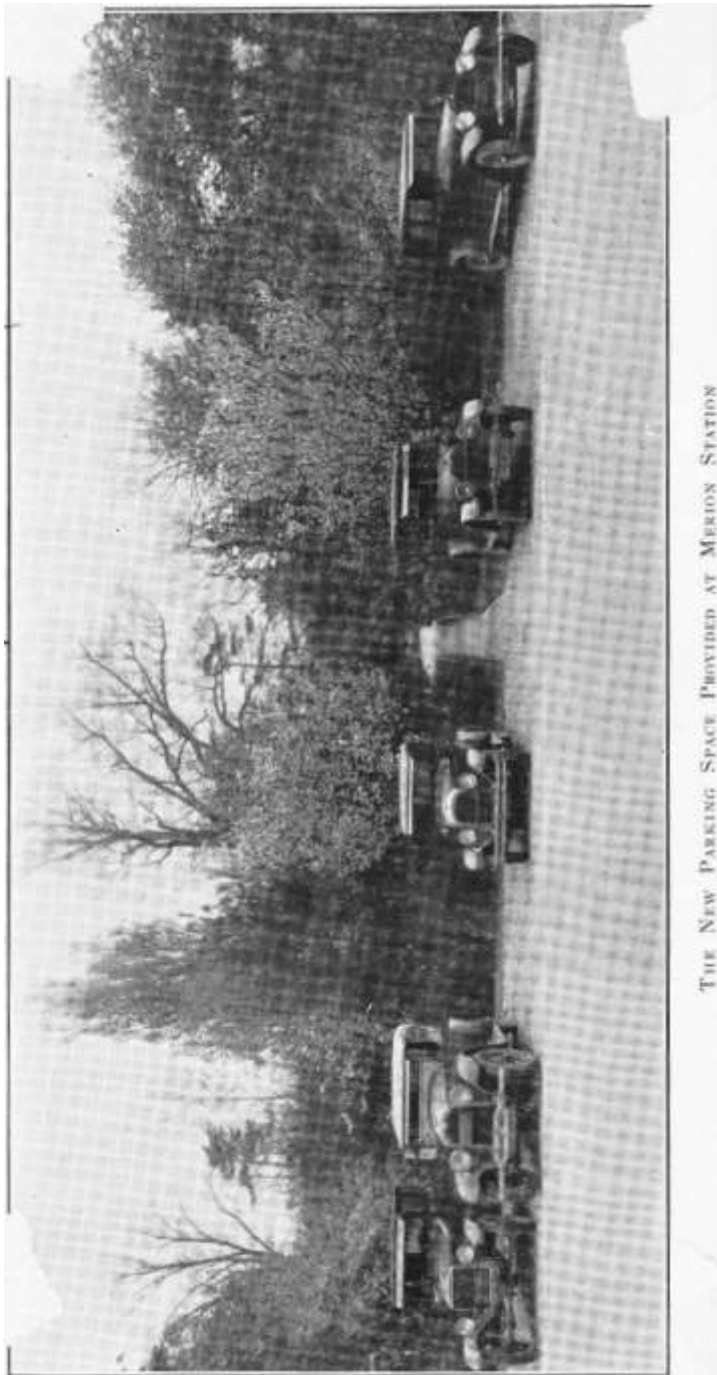


Figure 3: The New Parking Space Provided at Merion Station

34. Secured a separate Commissioner for Merton'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 39 war gardens for those of moderate incomes 111 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 entomologist 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 FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of The Merion Civic Association was held at Merion, on the evening of Tuesday, May fifteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight. 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 15, 1928.

*To the Members of  
The Merion Civic Association:*

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Your Association closes its fifteenth year with a membership of 630, of which 331 are men and 299 are women.

Receipts from dues for 1927 amounted to \$8,542.50.

### **MERION STATION**

The rules governing the parking spaces generously provided by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company have been reasonably observed by residents. This privilege will be continued if not abused.

The convenience and comfort of the new waiting room and enlarged train shed on the north platform have been the subject of many expressions of appreciation.

The shrubbery and flowers, including the window boxes at the station and post office are receiving the care necessary to preserve their beauty in its fullest measure.

### **POSTAL SERVICE**

The residents of Merion have enjoyed the privilege of free delivery of mail for two years. This service has recently been extended to that part of Merion adjacent to City Line and also to the outlying sections--Merion Park and Winding Way. For the convenience of all who are receiving free delivery postman continue to be supplied with stamps in protective containers furnished by your Association.

### **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 is still in effect.

## **HIGHWAYS**

Your Directors have continued to give careful attention to the condition of highways. The following road work is planned for 1928:

#### **SOUTH HIGHLAND AVENUE**

Concrete gutters from Idris Road to the top of the Hill.

#### **SYCAMORE AVENUE NEAR CROSSROADS**

An obstruction in the gutter will be removed to relieve an unsatisfactory drainage condition.

#### **NORTH BOWMAN AVENUE NEAR LINDEN LANE**

A new inlet will be built.

#### **NORTH HIGHLAND AVENUE**

Repairs to the surface from Old Lancaster Road to Merion Road.

The following roads, after necessary patching will be given a surface treatment of "tarvia" and slag chips or asphalt:

Raynham Road  
Blancoyd Road  
Greystone Road  
North Latch's Lane  
Sycamore Avenue  
North Bowman Avenue  
Merion Avenue  
Rockland Avenue  
South Bowman Avenue  
Wynnewood Avenue

Merbrook Lane  
Merbrook Bend  
South Latch's Lane  
Beacom Lane  
Idris Road  
South Highland Avenue  
Baird Road  
Heath Road

Anthwyn Road from Avon Road to Oak Road will be re3paved and dedicated to the public, the cost to be divided between the property owners and the township.

### **PRIVATE ROADS**

Requests continue to be received from members for repairs to privately owned roadways. After these roads are made public by dedication, their maintenance becomes an obligation of the Township, but until they are dedicated to the Township, the cost of maintenance must be borne by abutting owners.

The Private Roads in Merion are Meadow Lane, Orchard Way, Cherry Bend, Brookway, Calvert Road, Valley Road, Lapsley Road, Berwick Road, Sycamore Avenue from Merion Road to Valley Road, Linden Lane, Melrose Road, Cross Roads, Hazlehurst Avenue, Mallwyd Road, Zollinger Way and Woodley Road.

### **LIGHTS**

Five lights from underground cable have been secured for Meadow Lane, which with the 205 previously installed, constitutes the present lighting of Merion Roads.

For all new lights, your Association is required to furnish the ornamental standards and lanterns at a cost of \$86 each, in addition to paying one-half of the first year's rental.

During the year, three lights, including the lanterns and posts, were destroyed and four lanterns damaged beyond repair. Three sign posts were demolished and four top pieces broken, all due to reckless driving. The destruction to this property imposed upon your Association an expenditure of \$529.

### **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.

Several robberies were reported, all occurring within a short time. In each instance only small articles of apparel were taken. Cards giving the telephone numbers for emergency calls for police and fire service will be sent to members on request; likewise, a police whistle to be used if needed.

### **FIRE PROTECTION**

Merion has no fire department and is entirely dependent upon the fire companies of Cynwyd and Narberth for protection.

Your Directors have therefore made a contribution of \$50 to the equipment fund of each of these Companies. This contribution, however, is not commensurate with the service rendered and your Directors express the confident hope that each householder will contribute to the fund now being raised for new equipment urgently needed for the efficient protection of life and property.

All fire plugs have been painted and tested and the pressures found to be satisfactory. Four new ones will be installed during the summer.

During the year several small chimney fires occurred, resulting in only slight damage.



## **MERION PUBLIC SCHOOL**

The Merion Public School has become thoroughly established, and is an important part of our Community life. The enrollment of 250 children with especially large groups in the first three grades has made necessary the enlarging of the building during the coming year.

The plans provide for twelve additional classrooms, seven on the upper floor and five on the lower. Included in the latter will be the woodworking shop, the cooking and sewing rooms, and the health and medical inspection departments. When this addition has been completed, the corridor will extend in the form of a rectangle about the gymnasium and open court. The latter will have a mastic top over concrete, making a satisfactory outdoor basketball court. When completed the Merion School will accommodate, without crowding, approximately five hundred pupils.

## **WATER**

Samples of drinking water taken from both North and South sections have been tested monthly and special attention is given to localities where there are dead end mains. The supply throughout the year has been uniformly satisfactory.

## **MILK REPORT**

The Association has continued its annual inspection of dairies and milk plants supplying Merion residents. A monthly average of twenty samples of milk and cream were purchased by the Association and examined by Dr. Horn, the chemist engaged for that purpose, The milk and cream supplied during the year have adequately conformed to prescribed standards, with occasional

exceptions, especially in warm weather, when dealers were notified and in some instances prosecuted.

The Association has included in its inspections the milk supplied to the Merion Public School.

## **HAZLEHURST AVENUE HILL**

The dangerous curve at the intersection of Hazlehurst Avenue and the approach to Merion Station has been a matter of concern to your Directors.

Negotiations are pending for necessary easements, which it obtained, will insure greatly improved conditions for both vehicular and pedestrian travel.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has generously consented to co-operate with your Association in accomplishing this urgently needed improvement.

## **ROAD SIGNS AND LAMP POSTS**

Perhaps no single improvement to the credit of your Association has attracted such wide attention and commendation as the Merion road signs and lamp posts. From almost every part of the country constantly come requests for sketches or permission to copy. In order to insure their durability, your Directors have made it a rule that all road, danger and boundary signs, lamps, stand pipes, refuse cans, fire gangs and bulletin boards, a total of 347 units, shall be painted in the early part of each year.

**SNOW REMOVAL**

The Police Committee of the Township insists upon a strict compliance with the ordinance requiring the cleaning of sidewalks after each snowfall. Compliance on the part of residents will not only contribute to the comfort of pedestrians but will avoid the annoyance that follows a summons for violation of the ordinance. Your Association maintains and operates a horse drawn plow to break paths through the snow and make its removal easier.

**AN APPEAL**

Your directors again appeal not only to our members, but to all residents of Merion to aid your Association in maintaining the reputation we now enjoy of being the most ideal community of suburban Philadelphia by painstaking care of their individual properties including buildings, shrubbery, lawns, sidewalks and other environment so that we may continue to merit the comment of the late President Roosevelt, in which he described us as "A model in civic matters."

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, 1927, TO DECEMBER 31, 1927

Balance January 1, 1927.....	\$2,976.16
Receipts January 1, 1927, to December 31, 1927 .....	8,993.13
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	\$11,969.29

Expenditures January 1 to December 31, 1927 .....	8,931.03
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	\$3,038.26

General Administration Fund .....	\$2,013.7
Permanent Improvement Fund .....	1,024.47
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	\$3,038.26

RECEIPTS JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1927

Dues for 1927 .....	\$8,542.50
Dues Paid 1927 for 1928 .....	95.00
Donations.....	235.00
Interest on Bank Deposits .....	110.63
Sale of Revolver .....	10.11
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	\$8,993.13

EXPENDITURES JANUARY I TO DECEMBER 31, 1927

Special Officers (Salaries and Sundries) .....	\$4,014.85
Secretary's Salary and Sundries .....	2,009.25
Lamps and Posts .....	828.76
Milk Tests .....	607.35
Supplies and Printing .....	416.10
Care of Station Grounds .....	224.00
Telephone .....	116.01
Compensation Insurance .....	104.00
Welfare Federation .....	100.00
Annual Meeting .....	88.09
Snow Removal .....	80.20
Postage .....	59.13
Clean Up .....	50.00
Water Test .....	45.00
Miscellaneous .....	188.29
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	\$8,931.03

W. H. FOLWELL, *Treasurer.*



ONE OF THE COMMUNITY DANCING CLASSES

Figure 4: One of the Community Dancing Classes

## **THE MERION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The middle of June brings to a close the fourth season of activities at the Merion War Tribute House.

One of the big features of the year was "Open House" on April 11th, for the residents of Merion and members of the Merion Post of the American Legion, when with the combined efforts of the Merion Community Association and Merion Post of the American Legion a concert of lovely music was given on the newly installed Auditorium Orthophonic Victrola, recently acquired through the generosity of Mr. Eldridge R. Johnson. Cards and dancing with prizes, and refreshments, followed this hour of music. The response was evidence of the appreciation felt by the community.

The Monday afternoon Community Dancing Classes were attended this year by one hundred and twenty-three children, from four to twelve years of age; and the Saturday evening Community Dancing Class by one hundred and four, ranging in ages from twelve to fifteen. Especially enjoyed by the young people was the costume dance, a feature of one of the guest evenings. These classes are sponsored and chaperoned by the mothers of the community, who comprise the Dance Committee.

The Friday evening Dancing Class of former years developed this year into a series of monthly dances. These dances are, also, under the patronage of Merion mothers.

The Merion Branch of the League of Women Voters' monthly meetings, followed by tea; the annual meeting, with exhibition of work accomplished, of the Needle Work Guild of Merion; the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors

of the Merion Civic Association; the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Merion Community Association; and the monthly dances by the Merion Post of the American Legion were held during the winter.

Benefits during the year were for the Home for Incurables; International Students House of the University of Pennsylvania; Young Men's Christian Association on Americanization; Hahnemann Hospital; Bala-Cynwyd Post of the American Legion for disabled soldiers; and others.

The Mendelssohn Club, Treble Clef Club and Philadelphia Club of Advertising Women held their annual meetings with dinner and dancing. Sayward School's spring play; Lyman and Holman Schools' Commencement Exercises; together with wedding receptions, dinner and supper dances, luncheons and bridge, cards and tea; maxing the total number of entertainments from October 5th to June 9th, with a lapse of six weeks during the Lenten season, one hundred and five.

We might add here, that the rules in connection with the use of the house and grounds have necessitated the refusal by the Association of a large number of applicants desiring to rent.

It may be of interest to know that the Organ is again in first-class playing condition and may be rented by the hour for practise purpose, if qualified through experience; as well as for lessons.

The Orthophonic may, also, be rented for dances, concerts or any other entertainment.

The Community Grounds are now showing signs of renewed activity. New sand boxes have been built and new white beach sand purchased, for the

children. A canvas top has been attached to these boxes which may be easily rolled on and off, thereby protecting and keeping the sand clean. The swings, sliding boards and tree seats have been thoroughly inspected and all necessary repairs made.

The piece of property belonging to the Merion Community Association, facing Heath Road, formerly rented as a nursery, has recently been sold to Mr. S. Earle Haines; the Association retaining a portion as right-of-way from the Community Grounds to Heath Road, which is accessible to the public. The children, when wishing to make a short detour through the grounds to and from school, may use this right-of-way.

The Board of Directors earnestly desire to operate and maintain the Community House and Grounds in a manner befitting Merion, and ask the co-operation of the Community, individually and in their organizations, to make this aim their goal.

T. DUN BELFIELD,  
*President.*

REPORT OF  
TENNIS COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
MERION COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION

Residents of Merion and members of the Merion Post No. 545, of the American Legion, are cordially invited to join the Tennis Membership and use the six tennis courts adjacent to the War Tribute House, which are now ready for use.

The Committee is obliged to make the following nominal membership charges to maintain the courts:

- Junior Membership ..... \$5.00
- Senior Membership .....\$10.00
- Family Membership .....\$20.00

The courts will be kept in good condition and there will be a man in charge who will give free instruction to members and will organize tournaments. Those desiring to join may do so by applying to any member of the Tennis Committee listed below:

1927-1928

- |                   |                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| G. H. Coughlin    | S. Earle Haines                      |
| Gerard M. English | E. G. Wyckoff, Jr.                   |
| Louise Felton     | Clarence E. Hall,<br><i>Chairman</i> |

REPORT OF  
MERION POST NO. 545  
OF THE  
AMERICAN LEGION

With a total active membership of 135, Merion Post is bringing to a close one of the most successful seasons in its history.

The monthly meetings and social functions have been exceptionally well attended and it is hoped that during the coming season all ex-service men who are now residents of Merion will enjoy the benefits of Legion membership by becoming affiliated with Post 545.

Although there are numerous members who do not reside within the confines of Merion, the By-Laws of the Post state that a majority of the members must be residents of Merion. Consequently, every eligible resident of Merion should be enrolled if the Post is to continue its growth.

As concrete evidence of the desire of the Merion Post to co-operate in community and national affairs, during the past season, the Post:

Made a cash contribution in support of the Main Line Boy Week;

Forwarded the annual contribution to the American Legion Child Welfare Fund;

And gave a very substantial contribution to the Legion Forestry Rehabilitation Committee, whose purpose is to afford crippled and tubercular veterans an opportunity to live and work in the forests of Pennsylvania.

The Merion Post Legion Medal, annually awarded for scholarship and leadership to a student of the Merion Public School, was presented this year to Herbert Alvin Young.

Merion Post was represented at the Legion Convention in Paris last September and this Fall

will undoubtedly have its representation at the National Convention to be held at San Antonio.

The Post Officers elected for 1927-1928 are:—

- Commander ..... Horace T. Greenwood, Jr.
- 1st Vice Commander ..... Robert T. Boyd, Jr.
- 2nd Vice Commander..... Edward G. Wyckoff, Jr.
- Adjutant ..... George F. Shaw
- Finance Officer ..... Edgar W. Freeman
- Historian ..... W. Allen Anderson

*Executive Committee:*

- T. W. Andrews                      Clarence E. Hall
- Dr. Geo. D. B. Darby              Earle Hepburn
- Donald E. French                  Franklin S. Hovey
- S. Earle Haines                    J. Zopher Howell
- Jas. Spencer Halkett              Norman Hunnewell
- Dr. Gustave A. Van Lennep

Respectfully submitted,

W. ALLEN ANDERSON.

## MERION TROOP NUMBER ONE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

REPORT SEASON 1927-28

The Boy Scouts, Troop No. 1, Merion, have had a very busy season this past winter.

We closed up the last season with a ten-year anniversary "Father and Son" banquet at which there were about sixty people present. After a delightful dinner furnished through the courtesy of Mrs. Anna B. Scott, we had speeches and a movie show to complete the evening.

At the annual spring encampment there were twenty-five scouts present.

After a summer recess we started meetings on October 1, with a general reorganizing of patrols.

On the 16th of October twenty-two boys were present at the parade and reunion in the Academy of Music. During the exercises Colonel Lindbergh was presented to the Scouts by Director Elliott.

A handicraft contest was held at which three prizes were awarded to scouts Maxwell, B. Troutman and Mills.

In November the troop welcomed a new Assistant Scoutmaster, Mr. John A. Snyder.

Due to the general condition of business the scouts increased their Christmas baskets to take care of twenty-two needy families.

On January 1, 1928, the "Sea Scout Patrol" of the Merion Troop was formed with Louis W. Scott, the past cadet captain of the Pennsylvania Nautical School Ship Annapolis, as skipper. This is a new department in the Merion Troop and we wish it the greatest success.

At one of the January meetings, Mr. S. Earle Haines gave a talk on the modern rifle as an incentive to the marksmanship merit badge.

On January 13, the troop had a perfect personal inspection, 100% being present in full uniform. This is something that has never happened before in the history of the Delaware and Montgomery scouts.

February 9 marked the anniversary of scouting, and a general mobilization was called for this occasion. Through the courtesy of Mr. Boericke and Mr. Pettinos, all those scouts present (95%) were taken to see the play "Wings." On the following Sunday, "Scout day in Church," (90%) of the troop attended the scout service.

At a special Lincoln's Birthday meeting the troop had as their guest "The Narberth Troop." Mr. Lineweaver gave a talk on Lincoln which was followed by movies and refreshments.

There were twenty boys present at the Annual Valley Forge Pilgrimage.

On April 6, 7, 8 the troop had its annual Easter trip. This year twenty scouts went to "The Endless Caverns," Va., by way of Gettysburg, Harper's Ferry and Winchester, returning through Washington and Conowingo. This trip was taken in a truck furnished by the help of Mr. Musselman, one of the troop's most substantial supporters. The trip will always be remembered by those who were on it as a highlight in their scout career.

During "Boy Week" members of the troop played an important role in the government of the township. The troop won a beautiful plaque, with its Sea Scout ship float, as second prize for the Boy Week parade.

Merion with a total of 912 out of a possible 1000 points was third in the annual spring camping jamboree.

About forty-five merit badges were secured by members of the troop this past winter.

The scouts are now endeavoring to raise money for the purchase of a low-wave radio equipment to put Merion "on the air" as the first scout broadcasting troop in the country.

The troop now has a total enrollment of about fifty active and associate members.

We cordially invite anyone to come in and see our meetings any Friday night, between eight and nine o'clock.

LIBERTY TROOP, MERION No. 1

ALFRED S. WALL, *Scoutmaster.*



## NEEDLE WORK GUILD OF AMERICA

The fourth annual meeting of the Merion Branch of the Needlework Guild of America, was held on Tuesday, November the fifteenth, at the Merion War Tribute House. The meeting was addressed by the late Mrs. M. Y. Smith who was at the time a member of the board of the Northern Home for Friendless Children.

Reports were read by the chairmen of committees on the five institutions which are helped by the Merion Branch.

This year a junior Branch was organized for children from infancy to sixteen years, under the leadership of Mrs. Howard Mitchell.

The efforts of the members resulted in a most successful year as the number of this years contributions is nearly double that of 1926. This was in a large measure due to the fine work done by the juniors.

The report of the year is as follows:

No. of garments collected .....	2684
No. of members .....	308
No. of .....	42
Amount of money collected .....	\$66

Respectfully submitted,  
DOROTHY MANNING ENGLISH, *Secretary*.

## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The Merion Branch of the League of Women Voters finished a very successful year under the chairmanship of Mrs. Samuel McCreery.

There were five meetings held at the War Tribute House, the first one a card party, and the others made up of programs of interest in the work of the League for which outside speakers were secured.

The local League co-operated with other branches in the Township in starting a chain of parties to raise the Township quota, also with the County League for the Institute of Politics held at Bryn Mawr College, and in the Annual Spring Luncheon held this year at the William Penn Inn.

There is a membership of 199, with 14 new members, and the officers for 1928-1929 are as follows:

<i>Chairman,</i>	Mrs. David Soliday;
<i>Vice-Chairmen,</i>	Miss Merion Calloway, Mrs. Thornton Lewis, Mrs. Samuel McCreery, Mrs. E. Holt Eliason;
<i>Secretary,</i>	Mrs. Norman F. Hunnewell;
<i>Treasurer,</i>	Mrs. Harry B. Maxwell.

Respectfully submitted.  
JENNIE H. ELIASON, *Secretary*.

## REGISTRATION FOR VOTING

Registration for voting in Merion is not the same as in Philadelphia. This fact is confusing to many new residents of Merion who are not aware of this difference. The registry books for 1928 will be hung in the Merion Post Office about June first and should be examined by all voters to ascertain whether their names and party affiliations appear therein. They will remain there until the first of September. September 4th and 5th are the last days to be assessed for the November election. The Registry Assessor will sit at the polling place, The Boy Scout House, Community Grounds, on these dates from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and from 6 P. M. to 9 P. M. (Standard Time). October 6th is the last day to pay taxes to qualify for the November election.

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

## VISITING NURSE SERVICE

1. The Health Service provides graduate, registered nurses, who give skilled nursing care in the home; instruction in personal hygiene, sanitation and the prevention of disease; maternity service including prenatal and postnatal care; supervision and instruction in the care of infants and the preschool child; adult health supervision.

### 2. Office Hours—

Week Days, 8.30 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Sundays and holidays, 8.30-9 A. M. and 1-1.30 P. M.

Only very ill patients are seen on Sundays and holidays.

Call Ardmore 2098 before 9 A. M. if case is to be seen in the morning and before 1.30 P. M. if it is to be seen in the afternoon.

3. The cost of a nursing visit is about \$1.00; for maternity cases, \$1.25, which includes care of the baby.

The nurse collects as large a part of the fee as the patient can afford to pay. The same service is given to those who are not able to pay.

### 4. Hourly Nursing Service—

The Association will endeavor to send a nurse as near the time requested as possible.

The cost for this service is \$2.00 for the first hour and \$1.00 for each succeeding hour or part of an hour.

The office should be notified before 9 A. M. for a morning visit and before 1:30 P. M. for an afternoon visit.

Attendance at minor operations, \$5.00.

5. A nurse is sent in response to every new call, but nursing care is continued only when a physician is in attendance.

## WELFARE FEDERATION OF PHILADELPHIA

The seventh annual campaign extended from October 24th to November 7th, 1927. Twenty-eight volunteer collectors solicited from house to house. As each year the Welfare is better known and better understood the work becomes increasingly easy, owing to the courtesy and readiness of the people of this community.

Through the generosity of the 412 contributors, we were able to return for Merion the splendid sum of \$72,526.25.

FLORENCE MCNEELY,  
*Chairman of North Side.*

MARY HARRIS SMITH,  
*Chairman of South Side.*

## 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 RESRONSIBLE 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.

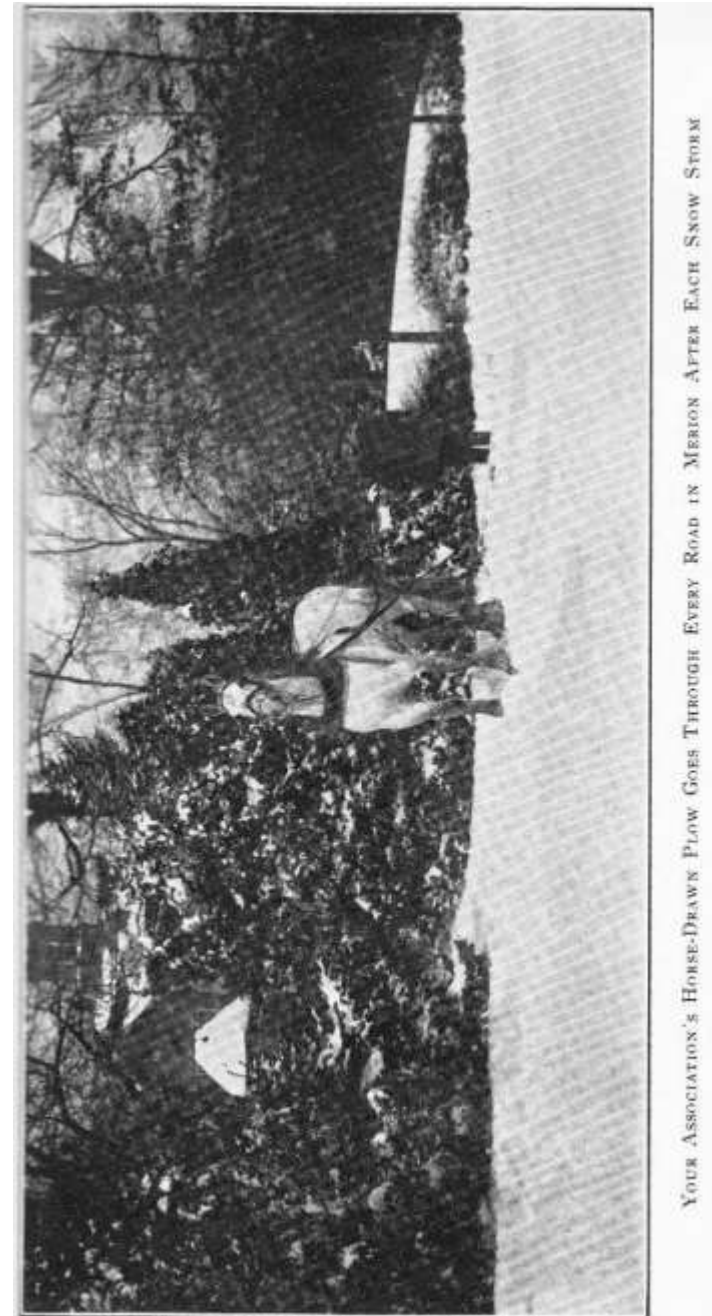
THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## 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.



YOUR ASSOCIATION'S HORSE-DRAWN PLOW GOES THROUGH EVERY ROAD IN MERION AFTER EACH SNOW STORM

Figure 5: Your Association's Horse-drawn plow goes through every road in Merion after each snow storm