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THE ASSOCIATION’S MOTTO:
TO BE NATION RIGHT AND
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“THE MOMENT
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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 house 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 SEVENTEEN 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. 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;

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

18. Has induced property owners to lay uniform sidewalks;

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

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

21. 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;
22. Erected 208 new electric lamps, which have been pronounced by experts and architects to be the most beautiful and practical lamps ever designed for any community;

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

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

25. 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;

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

27. Has started the uniform tree planting of roads;

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

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

30. 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;

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

32. 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;

33: Secured a separate Commissioner for Merion's own representation on The Lower Merion Township Commission;

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

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

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

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

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

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

40. 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.

41. Inaugurated a company of 10 “Minute Men”; residents of Merion sworn in as special policemen with power to arrest in emergencies;
42. Arranged for weekly pistol practice for the policemen of Lower Merion Township, in specially constructed concrete range, contributing ammunition;

43. Arranged for the establishment of the Merion Post of the American Legion;

44. 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;

45. Secured a Merion Representative on The Lower Merion Township Board of Health;

46. Placed in the hands of every member of The Merion Civic Association a complete map of Merion, showing the name of each property owner;

47. induced Commission of Lower Merion Township to have a research made of the township government;

48. Placed flower boxes at the windows of the railroad station, post-office building and new Waiting room;

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

50. 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.

51. 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 SEVENTEENTH
ANNUAL MEETING

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of The Merion Civic Association was held at Merion, on the evening of Tuesday, May twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and thirty. 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

To the Members of
The Merion Civic Association:

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

From a membership of 148 and an income of $1,480.00 in 1913—when the Association was formed—it has grown to a membership of 591 in 1930, and an income of $8,531.25 for the year 1929.

This growth, in itself, is a recognition of the service of your Association in behalf of the welfare of Merion.

However, the growth has been no more than absolutely necessary to enable the Association to maintain its work and keep pace, in its activities, with the development of our community, during the past seventeen years.

There must be each year a steady increase in membership, in the interest of members, and in income, in order that the results of the Association’s work during the past shall not be lost, that the various items of service inaugurated for the benefit of its members can be continued at their maximum efficiency, and that your Association shall be in position to deal effectively with the increasing problems of the community in the future.

We, therefore, bespeak not only the continued support of all present members, but their co-operation and assistance in enlisting the support of all newcomers in Merion and of any other residents who are not now on our membership roll.

We also ask that dues be paid promptly; otherwise the Association is handicapped in carrying out its obligations under its budget.

MERION STATION GROUNDS

Through the co-operation of the officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company the plot of ground in the rear of the baggage room has been improved; the old willow tree was removed and the plot cleared.

The flowers and shrubbery which add so much to the beauty and distinctiveness of the station and railroad grounds are being well maintained, the shrubbery has been sprayed and pruned and all beds kept well spaded.

The window boxes at the Station, Post Office and Waiting Room continue to receive the necessary care 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 being kept in effect.

HIGHWAYS

The condition of all roads of Merion has been before the Board at all times.

The highways are receiving the necessary repairs by the township and all those with permanent surfaces will be given a surface treatment of tarvia and slag chips during the summer.

PRIVATE ROADS

Under a new ruling the Township Commissioners will agree to accept a number of private roads each year and pay 50% of the cost of any reconstruction necessary to make them acceptable provided each property owner deposits with the Lower Merion Township Commissioners a sum sufficient to cover his or her portion of the cost.
With the co-operation of your Association, Calvert and Valley Roads have recently been taken over by the Township on this new basis.

Plans are being pushed to have the following roads similarly taken over: Cherry Bend, Orchard Way, Brookway from Montgomery Avenue to Orchard Way, and Woodley Road.

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

It is urgent that residents living on these Private Roads take the necessary steps to have them accepted by the Township. Residents can thus be relieved of the burden of further maintenance of such roads, while the upkeep of the roads can be standardized in the hands of the Township.

LIGHTS AND SIGNS

Three additional lights have been secured for Cherry Bend, which, together with the 217 previously installed along Merion roads, assure adequate illumination.

For all lights installed your Association furnishes at substantial cost, the ornamental standards and lanterns of the distinctive design heretofore created and adopted by the Association, and in addition is required to pay one-half of the first year’s maintenance charge.

During the year, four lights, including both the lanterns and standards, were destroyed, and two lanterns were damaged beyond repair.

In addition, three sign posts were demolished and twelve sign plates broken, all due to reckless driving.

The replacement to this property which, as you are aware, belongs to your Association, has necessitated an expenditure of $510.00. As an act of prevention all lights and signs will hereafter be placed farther back from the roads.

The co-operation of all members is requested in our efforts to discover those damaging Association property, so that they can be held responsible. All such information should be promptly reported to the Secretary.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Eleven policemen, two of which are maintained by your Association, are regularly on duty in Merion during each twenty-four hours. 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 police officers have been increased to $2,000.00 a year, in accordance with similar increases granted to the Township policemen.

While this protective measure entails a considerable expense to your Association, your Directors are convinced that the expenditure is well warranted.

FIRE PROTECTION

Twenty-six small fires occurred during the year, any of which might have caused considerable damage, but for the prompt response and efficiency of the fire companies, the total loss amounting to less than Eight Thousand Dollars. All were extinguished by chemicals with the exception of one.

Your Directors have made a contribution this year of $25.00 to each of the fire companies of Cynwyd and Narberth, on behalf of your Association.
A new method of reporting fires by telephone is being established by the Lower Merion Township Commissioners. Arrangements have been completed with the Bell Telephone Company for the installation of a special switchboard in the Township Building, Ardmore. The new fire board will be placed beside the existing police switchboard, insuring immediate response to fire calls, at all hours of the day and night. The operator at police headquarters on receiving such a call, will then call the nearest fire company according to the location of the fire.

Merion residents wishing to report a fire will call “Merion 20.” The name of the exchange from which the call is made, followed by 20 is the new emergency number for reporting fires within the Township.

The new method necessitates the changing of the present police number (Ardmore 20) to “Ardmore 4200.”

Your Association will furnish all members with new Police and Fire Cards with the Emergency numbers as soon as authorized by the Police and Fire Committee of Lower Merion Township.

EXAMINATION OF MILK

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

During the year 243 samples were taken by indiscriminate purchases from wagons operated by the several suppliers and analyzed by the chemist retained by your Association.

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

MONTHLY EXAMINATION OF THE DRINKING WATER

Samples of water have been taken each month both from residences on the north side and south side of the railroad and have been tested in a chemical laboratory employed by your Association. Special attention is given to this phase of the Associations activities during the months when the water supply is more likely to be contaminated. The results of the tests this year have been quite satisfactory.

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 snow fall. Your Association wishes to direct particular attention to this matter because of the annoyance that follows a summons for violation of this ordinance. In order to break the paths through the snow and make its removal easier, your Association’s horse drawn plow goes through every road in Merion after each snowstorm. This service alone is frequently worth more to a member than the amount of his annual subscription to your Association.
DEATH OF MR. BOK

Your Association has suffered a great loss during the year through the death of our esteemed Director and member, Mr. Edward W. Bok. As a tribute to Mr. Bok your Directors unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Edward W. Bok, one of our founders, and for many years a resident of Merion, departed this life on January 9th, 1930

Resolved, that the following Resolution be spread upon the minutes:

Resolved, that the death of Edward W. Bok on January 9th, 1930, has taken from our midst one of the founders of this Association, and its prime mover, and main support during the life of the Association. That the Board of Directors especially feel the loss of one whose wonderful initiative, never-flagging interest and zeal for the objects of the Association, has left a gap in the Association and in the Board of Directors, not capable of measure or replacement, and this Board in perpetuation of his memory and in testimony of his unselfish service of such inestimable worth, desires to record in this Resolution, its feeling in this respect, and at the same time express to his immediate family the sorrow of the Board, and the sympathy of the Board, for the loss they have suffered.

This is necessarily but a brief resume of the more important phases of the activities of your Directors. There are a great variety of other matters affecting the community welfare, which receive their attention during the year, but which are not set forth here either in the interest of brevity or because the results for which your Directors have been working are not yet ready for report.

Your Directors are glad at all times to discuss current problems with members, and information can also be obtained by applying to the Secretary.

Members’ suggestions are always earnestly solicited.

John D. Myers,
President.

Attest:
Sartori B. Mathes,
Secretary.
MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION
TREASURER’S ANNUAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 1929 TO DECEMBER 31, 1929

Balance ................................................................. $3,865.42
Receipts Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1929 8,830.78
$12,696.20

Expenditures Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1929 ........................................... 8,323.38
$4,372.82

ANNUAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 1928
(One Year Ago)
Balance, January 1, 1928 .................................................. $3,038.26
Receipts Last Year ....................................................... 9,036.39
$12,074.65
Expenditures Last Year ................................................... 8,209.23
$3,865.42

FUND BALANCES AVAILABLE
General Administration Fund ......................... $3,189.85
Permanent Improvement Fund ......................... 1,182.97
$4,372.82

RECEIPTS JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1929
Dues for 1929 ........................................................ $8,531.25
Donations .............................................................. 100.00
Bank Interest .......................................................... 199.53
$8,830.78

EXPENDITURES JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1929
Special Officers (Salaries and dries) ................................... $4,020.99
Secretary (Salary and Expenses) .................... 2,015.68
Milk Tests ........................................................... 631.32
Year Book ............................................................ 384.86
Donations ............................................................ 250.00
Care of Station Grounds ...................... 181.00
Annual Meeting ................................................... 103.23
Telephone ............................................................ 98.26
Snow Removal ....................................................... 89.00
Water Tests .......................................................... 88.00
Postage ............................................................... 63.32
Stationery and Printing ...................... 47.88
Compensation Insurance .................... 44.16
Miscellaneous Expense .................... 305.68
$8,323.38

W. H. FOLWELL,
Treasurer.
REPORT OF THE MERION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

As the sixth season of activities at the Merion War Tribute House has closed for the summer, the Merion Community Association again takes the opportunity of thanking all whose sincere efforts helped to enforce the rules and uphold the standard to which the Board of Directors aims in the management of the Community House and Grounds.

For the purpose of further assuring order and eliminating unnecessary noises on the grounds, the Association has continued in its service and on its payroll Police Officer David Maxwell. While he is responsible to the Association he is under the supervision of the Lower Merion Township Police, to whom he reports hourly when on duty.

The Merion Community Dancing Class Committee contemplates certain changes for next winter.

The afternoon classes, however, will remain the same—three meetings every alternate Monday afternoon from 2.45 until 6.15 o’clock, under the direction of Mrs. S. Naudain Duer and in charge of an Afternoon Committee.

The early and late evening classes of the past few years have practically been consolidated insofar that the hours and ages of the early class have been changed—for next year the hours will be from 8.00 until 11.00 o’clock and the ages 13 to 15 years for girls and 13 to 16 years for boys. These classes will meet every alternate Saturday evening, as formerly, and continue under the direction of Mrs. S. Naudain Duer and an Assistant. The evening committee is separate and distinct from the afternoon committee.

The late evening class has been discontinued and a new committee formed to take charge of a series of dances which, although not under the direction of the Merion Community Association, will take the place of these classes and be held once a month on a Friday night from 9.00 until 1.00 o’clock, admitting boys and girls, by invitation, past sixteen years of age.

Through the generosity of the Merion Community Association and Merion Post 545 of the American Legion the Merion Girl Scouts held their meetings every Tuesday after school hours, during the winter, in the Legion room instead of the Boys’ Scout House, still retaining the exclusive use of one room in the Scout House for the storage of their equipment. Tea was served one afternoon by the Girl Scouts to which were invited the Mothers and Mrs. Newhall, Field Captain of the Main Line Girl Scouts, who examined and advanced those passing the test of a Tenderfoot.

During the Season many interesting affairs were held at the Tribute House sponsored by Merion Residents, such as:

The Merion Branch of the Needle Work Guild’s annual meeting and exhibition of garments,

The Merion Branch of the League of Women Voters’ meeting, once a month, finishing the year with a political meeting.

The Merion Post 545 of the American Legion, a meeting to which were invited all the members and their families of the Post and The Merion Civic Association to an illustrated talk by Mr. Robert Farnham, Chief Engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad Terminal Improvements, which was of great interest as he described in detail the construction work in progress by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Philadelphia. The Post held its business meetings every first Tuesday of each month, and dances throughout the winter.
A meeting of the Captains of the Welfare Federation to discuss and formulate plans for the Welfare Drive, followed with tea.

A dance to raise funds for the Gown Shop of the Devon11 Horse Show for the benefit of Bryn Mawr Hospital,

The Seamen’s Institute Building Fund, showing Tony Sarg’s Marionettes and selling cakes and candy, all of which delighted the little folks.

The third annual meeting of the Treble Clef Cafe Chantant by the juniors.

The Women’s Auxiliary of St. Luke’s and Women’s Homeopathic Hospitals two benefits—a concert in the early fall and cards and tea in the early spring.

The Merion Dances for the school set held its fifth series during the winter.

A Sunday Musicale, by invitation, attracting a most interested and appreciative audience, and

A business meeting of the Penn Valley Association to organize and form plans for the development of Penn Valley along the lines of The Merion Civic Association.

The entertainments sponsored by non-residents of Merion were:

A Play by the students of Dr. Ann Thomson Gibson’s Camp,

Reception of the Faculty of Friends’ Central School,

Daughters of the American Revolution—a talk on National-Defense by Mrs. Finley-Shepard,

“A Night Over There,” cards and dancing, for the benefit of the Harold D. Speakman Post of the American Legion of Narberth, which was a tremendous success.

The School Commencement exercises were:

Lyman School, a Play “Much Ado About Nothing,” produced-on the lawn with the formal garden for its background, giving it a very attractive setting.

Holman School, graduation exercises,

Dances by Haverford College, Swarthmore College, Private Schools, Lower Merion High School, Graduation Dances and Private Dances; Children’s afternoon parties and the usual number of concerts and tea, luncheons and bridge, cards and tea and dinners. The past year has seen quite an increase in the number of wedding receptions, the beautiful surroundings lending themselves so well to such affairs is the expression of many of the guests attending these receptions.

The Organ is in first class playing condition and may be played even in the summer months when the thermostatically controlled heaters keep the atmosphere of the organ chambers at the proper temperature.

The Tennis Courts are in good shape to play on and are again under the supervision of the young man who attended them last summer. He is on duty daily until the courts are closed at dusk.

The Association has renewed all the tree seats, refilled the sand boxes with Cape May beach sand and had the swings overhauled for the safety of the children playing on the playgrounds.

The Ball Field is as ever the popular playground for baseball and football.

The total number of entertainments held at the Merion War Tribute House during the past season, from October 4th, 1929, until June 19th, 1930, with a lapse of about six weeks during Lent, were one hundred and sixteen.

T. Dun Belfield,
President.

Attest:
HELEN I. SCHAFER,
Secretary.
REPORT OF
TENNIS COMMITTEE
FOR SEASON OF 1930

The Tennis Committee of the Merion Community Association is pleased to report one of the most successful seasons that it has yet enjoyed.

The Courts were opened for play about May 1st, under the efficient management of Ridgeway Lineaweaver, who gave instructions to all those who wished to avail themselves of the opportunity. These lessons were given without charge.

The total memberships showed an increase over last year, and the number of guests who used the Courts was considerably larger than heretofore. We feel that the interest was decidedly more widespread than in any previous season, a fact which more truly fulfilled the purpose for which the Courts were intended. The dues, of course, are quite nominal, and this year for the first time were sufficient to cover running expenses.

In addition to the regular members, over 300 guests played on the Courts during the season.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARENCE E. HALL,
Chairman.

Balance from 1929 ........................................ $59.31

RECEIPTS

Merion Community Association $150.00
Membership Dues:
  34 Senior .................. $335.00
  24 junior .................. 120.00
  16 Family .................. 320.00
  Guests .................. 159.40
                      ————  934.40
Sale of Balls .................. 54.05
                      ————  1,138.45
$1,197.76

EXPENDITURES

Conditioning .................. $132.40
Supplies .................. 128.23
Maintenance .................. 566.00
Announcements .................. 47.50
                      ————  874.13

Balance on hand, September 30 1930 ....... $323.63
MERION PUBLIC SCHOOL

Fourteen years ago just six children from Merion went to public school and they were transported at the school’s expense to Cynwyd. This year the enrollment at the Merion Public School is 373—there are also 67 Merion boys and girls in the Senior High and 64 in the Junior High Schools at Ardmore. The Merion School is beginning its fifth year. The original building has already been doubled in capacity and now contains 20 class rooms and departments for cooking, sewing and elementary wood Work. These last departments are very popular with the children who begin this work in 4th grade.

A large, well-equipped cafeteria, offices, retiring rooms, lockers, showers, bicycle room and a gymnasiu-
auditorium add to its utility and attractiveness. For the year 1930-31 there are 16 full-time teachers and 4 part-time.

Owing to an ever-increasing demand in the community the School Board this fall installed kindergartens in six elementary schools. In the Merion School there are 49 four and five year olds enrolled.

Besides school work there is a school orchestra with weekly instruction for which the school provides instruments except where children have their own. A group of older boys was coached in basketball last winter.

All pupils beginning with second grade are trained to use the School Library.

We feel that the Merion Public School has very definitely established its place in the community and endeavors to uphold the high standards for which Merion is recognized.

It is fitting to add that the school is another project for which Mr. Bok worked and its success has proved the unerring accuracy of his foresight.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. SELLERS,
Beacom Lane, Merion.
Another successful year in the history of this Post brought several things worthy of recall by the members and of interest to the residents of Merion.

At the opening of the season in September, an open letter was sent to every home in Merion, addressed to anyone who had been in World War service, inviting him to an open house meeting in November, for which a great effort was made to provide an entertaining program and an especial welcome. We were fortunate in being able to get Mr. William Zimmerman, Commander of the Ninth District of the American Legion, as a guest speaker. This proved to be a most successful meeting, as measured by the enjoyment of the members and guests and by the number of applications for membership that resulted.

In December there was inaugurated a novel plan to promote fellowship and entertainment among the members. All of the members were invited to enroll in a Sports Program. Those who responded were divided into two teams that remained the same throughout the Season and that met successively at golf, bowling, squash, tennis and bridge. It was surprising how the varying proficiency of the team members at these various sports averaged up,
so that the running balance of points kept for each of
the contests showed but a slight margin in favor of
one of the teams at the end of the Season.

That splendid motion picture, “A Man Without a
Country,” was shown, through the courtesy of the
Post, at the Community House to an audience of 150
school children, and on another occasion, to
members of the Post and their guests.

The Entertainment Committee throughout the
Season provided outstanding programs, in which
education and amusement were aptly balanced. Of
special note were talks by Director of Public Safety
Schofield, on police methods in Philadelphia, one by
Commander Jack Richardson, who described and
illustrated with pictures the historic trip of the Graf
Zeppelin around the world, on which he was
representative of the United States Navy, an address
by Robert Farnhain, Engineer of the Pennsylvania
Railroad, who described the plans and progress of
the new Philadelphia terminal project, and an
address by Colonel Goss on Chemical Warfare.

The major contribution of the Charities Committee
was one to the sufferers in the very serious Devon
explosion.

As usual, the Legion gave four dances for members
and guests, which were even more successful than
those of the past.

For two of the especially interesting addresses,
open invitations were sent to the residents of
Merion, in the hope that they might enjoy with the
Legion members the splendid facilities which they
had made possible to the Legion.

That these facilities are envied by other Posts of
the Legion is evidenced by the interest of the
American Legion Weekly in soliciting and publishing
pictures and descriptions of the Community House.

The Post again acknowledges its appreciation,
especially to those members of the Community
Association and residents who provided the Post
with such outstanding quarters and surroundings,
and renews its annual plea to all of those residents
of Merion who served in the World War, and are not
now members of the Post, to make themselves
known to any member or through the office of the
Community Association, so that they may be
personally invited to join the Post.

DONALD FRENCH,
Historian.
MERION TROOP NUMBER
EIGHTEEN
GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The 1929-1930 activities of the Girl Scouts of Merion have come to a close. Many interesting things were achieved, and under the stimulus of new officers and increased membership, we hope to accomplish even more in the Fall.

Merion had a splendid opportunity of seeing what the Scouts can accomplish, when the public was invited to the display of gifts collected for the Christmas Party for poor children given by the Police Force of Lower Merion Township. Our contribution amounted to nearly 200 gifts for boys and girls. As we are not allowed any house to house soliciting, we feel this was a remarkable display, and we are hoping the people of Merion will help us give an even greater number this year, as we hope to make this Christmas Party an annual event with us. New or used toys or money are asked for. Many of the dolls sent us were fitted out with complete wardrobes—the girls winning their merit badges in sewing in this way.

With the new year came a new organization of the Troop. New leaders, new officers, new patrols, and a new spirit. Helen Sellers and Betty Lewis were our Patrol Leaders, Natalie Beyer, Troop Treasurer and Carolyn Beyer, Scribe.

Our activities have been divided into three classes, Scout Work, Pleasure, and Service. Seven of our Troop acted as ushers at the Tony Sarg Marionette Show this Spring.

We have been able to accomplish quite a bit of Scout work with the younger girls, ten have passed the Tenderfoot Tests and been invested as Girl Scouts. The Second Class girls have helped in this work and been able to do some work toward their First Class work. This time next year we hope to have some First Class Scouts in the Troop.

Most of our work would come under the pleasure class. We were all new to each other and one of the best ways to get acquainted is to have good times together, and we did.

One afternoon we gave a tea for the Mothers and Troop Committee. Although inexperienced in outdoor cooking we entered one Patrol in the District Hike and Cooking Contest.

They deserve a great deal of credit for the wonderful fire they built and the delicious supper they cooked. In fact they came very near winning the contest.

Just a week after the Contest Hike we journeyed back to the same spot as a troop and had a marvelous picnic of our own. Each girl took one thing to cook. After supper we played games and had just a good time.

Best of all was our Farewell Dinner, given at the Cottage Tea Room in Bryn Mawr. The Captain and First Lieutenant were the guests of the Dove Patrol. The Troop presented them with lovely corsages.

We wish to thank the Merion Community Association and the American Legion for such a lovely place to hold our meetings.

We are looking forward to next year’s work and we will welcome all girls 10 years old or older at our first meeting next fall. Natalie Beyer, whose work in the Troop has been untiring, is to be made Second Lieutenant. She and Cecelia D. Cande, the First Lieutenant, have been the ones who have “carried on” the Troop and we can not give them enough praise and thanks for what they have done.

S. Mildred Wolfe, Captain.
THE MERION BRANCH OF THE NEEDLEWORK GUILD OF AMERICA

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Merion Branch of the Needlework Guild of America was held at the Merion "War Tribute House on Tuesday, the Twenty-ninth of October.

The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Horace T. Greenwood, Jr., and Mrs. Helen Fowler, the Superintendent of Broomal Convalescent Home. The Secretary and Treasurer’s reports were read for the junior and Senior Branches. Prizes were awarded to the junior member having the largest collection and the best collection of garments.

A display of garments showed a total of 4,845, which were distributed among the following institutions:

Broomal Convalescent Home .................... 519
Episcopal Hospital, Kensington ................ 236
Graduate Hospital ................................ 200
St. Luke’s Hospital ............................... 236
Temporary Shelter .............................. 578
West Philadelphia Hospital .................... 348
Individual Families ............................. 954
Home for Friendless Children ................. 500

.......................................................... 4,845

which is a gain of 1,067 garments over 1928. Tea was served at the close of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY MANNING ENGLISH,
Secretary.

WELFARE FEDERATION OF PHILADELPHIA

The Ninth Annual Campaign for The Welfare Federation commenced October 23rd and continued until November 5th, 1929.

Thirty-five residents of Merion gave their time and services soliciting the necessary funds, making every effort to impress upon the people the dire needs of the 126 charities whose support depended upon the Federation. Thanks to many generous contributions we were able to obtain the grand total of $78,910.00 through 369 subscribers.

MRS. EDWARD A. SHUMWAY,
Chairman (North Side).

MRS. OSWALD SMITH,
Chairman (South Side).
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The Merion Branch of the League of Women Voters has completed a profitable year. In pursuance of its aim, the education of the women of the community in civic and political matters, the Merion Branch has had very worth-while meetings.

During the year, the township organization was given up so that our Branch was strengthened by the addition of members from Bala, Cynwyd, and Wynnewood.

In the fall a delightful bridge party was held to welcome new members. In the following meeting such matters as law enforcement, disarmament, international relations, and the issues to be decided in the primaries were presented. Mr. James W. Price gave two of his usual clear and convincing discussions on current political matters.

The season was closed by an evening meeting for the entire community at which the candidates for office in the primary election were heard. This meeting was well attended and much appreciated by the community.

The officers elected for 1930-31 are as follows:

Chairman, Miss Florence Evans.
Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. W. M. Gehmann, Mrs. J. Alden Tiff, Mrs. W. Gordon Smith.
Treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Maxwell.
Secretary, Mrs. Gwynne E. Shepperd.
Chairman of Social Committee, Mrs. Earle Hepburne.

During the coming year, groups are being formed to study such subjects as disarmament, international relations, juvenile delinquency, election laws and the Edmonds Act.

All Merion women who are interested in civic and political education looking toward improvement of conditions in community, state and nation are cordially invited to join with us during the coming year in a program which we hope to make the most worthwhile in our history.
REGISTRATION FOR VOTING—
1930

Registration for voting in Merion is not the same as in Philadelphia or cities of the first class.

Here in Merion during May of each year the Registry Assessor registers new residents who have moved in the district since the last assessment and the registry books for the year will be hung in the Merion Post office about June 1st. These should be examined by all voters to ascertain whether their names and party affiliations appear therein. The books will remain there until September 1st.

Should there be necessity for any changes, additions or corrections in the list as posted, residents should call at the polling place, the Boy Scout House, Community Grounds, and see the Assessor on the following dates-March 18th and 19th or September 2nd and 3rd, from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. and from 6 to 9 P. M. (Standard Time).

MRS. WILLIAM P. JOHNSON (Janet P.),
Registry Assessor.

Kenilworth Road, Merion, Pa.
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 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.
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.


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.
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.

Figure 4: Auditorium--Merion War Tribute House
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.