The EIGHTEENTH YEAR BOOK
of
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Incorporated June, 1913

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

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and THIRTY-ONE
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
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Mrs. Frank S. Nickerson  Mrs. James J. O’Brien  Mrs. Mrs. W. S. Pardoe
Mrs. Samuel L. Clark  Mrs. Frank H. Jones  Mrs. Frederick S. Park
Mrs. Vincent B. Coffin  Mrs. Thomas L. Kane  Mrs. W. H. Patterson
Mrs. James A. Connelly  Mrs. Walter T. Karcher  Mrs. Frank C. Pequignot
Mrs. W. W. Connelly  Mrs. James Kater  Mrs. George F. Pettinos
Mrs. Leo I. S. Conway  Mrs. William Keeler  Mrs. William V. Pfeiffer
Mrs. C. P. Cook  Mrs. J. S. Keller  Mrs. William A. Powell
Mrs. Thomas Cooper  Mrs. Richard H. Kern  Mrs. Ormond Rambo, Jr.
Mrs. George H. Coughlin  Mrs. R. J. Kimble  Mrs. J. H. Reading, Jr.
Mrs. William H. Crane  Mrs. Edward C. Kirk  Mrs. B. B. Reath, 2d
Mrs. Richard Darlington  Mrs. Charles S. Krumrine  Mrs. E. Burnell Rhoads
Mrs. George N. Degerberg  Mrs. Warren P. Laird  Mrs. Robert F. Ridpath
Mrs. G. N. Degerberg  Mrs. John H. Lawson  Mrs. J. Madison Riley
Mrs. Eric M. DeSherbinin  Mrs. L. T. Layton  Mrs. Verus T. Ritter
Mrs. Joseph S. Dougherty  Mrs. William Lilley  Mrs. Thomas Robins
Mrs. H. J. Douglas  Mrs. Karl E. Lindgren  Mrs. S. F. Scattergood
Mrs. H. S. Drinker, Jr.  Mrs. L. J. List  Mrs. Alex. S. Shand, Jr.
Mrs. Harry M. Eberhard  Mrs. William H. Lutz  Mrs. E. A. Shumway
Mrs. Archibald C. Eglin  Mrs. Percy G. Maddock  Mrs. Fred W. Smith
Mrs. E. Holt Eliason  Mrs. W. LeRoy Marshall  Mrs. Oswald Smith
Mrs. Frank R. Elliott  Mrs. John J. Marshall  Mrs. Sidney E. Smith
Mrs. Gerard M. English  Mrs. P. E. Matthes  Mrs. David S. Soliday
Mrs. Samuel M. Felton, Jr.  Mrs. Louis I. Matthews  Mrs. John Speece
Mrs. W. W. Finley, Jr.  Mrs. Frank H. Maurer  Mrs. Frederick Stanger
Mrs. H. B. Frazer  Mrs. Harry B. Maxwell  Mrs. Andrew L. Steele
Mrs. Edgar W. Freeman  Mrs. Philip F. Murray  Mrs. Frank P. Zurn
Miss Lillian Gest  Mrs. G. W. McClelland  Mrs. Joseph Steilwagon
Mrs. Lawrence Gleeson  Mrs. John McConaghy, Jr.  Mrs. Harry Steilwagon
Mrs. William C. Gray  Mrs. M. J. McCrudden  Mrs. Mrs. W. Frederick Stoer
Mrs. Horace P. Griffith  Mrs. R. T. McDonnell  Mrs. J. C. Strawbridge
Mrs. George H. Grow  Mrs. Joseph F. Pettinos  Mrs. Kenneth E. Stuart
Mrs. Joseph H. Gumbs  Mrs. Howard G. Mitchell  Mrs. Raymond Swenk
Mrs. S. Earle Haines  Mrs. Gilbert W. Molloy  Mrs. Walter H. Thomas
Mrs. W. H. Haines  Mrs. R. N. Morrell  Mrs. Nicholas Thouron
Mrs. Clarence E. Hall  Mrs. Martin J. Mulkin  Mrs. J. Alden Tifft
Mrs. Henry R. Hallowell  Mrs. Eugene Muller  Mrs. Richard D. Tifft
Mrs. Rosewell Hammond  Mrs. William G. Murdoch  Mrs. Charles C. Trump
Mrs. Robert Harrison  Mrs. D. J. Murphy  Mrs. Louis B. Tucker
Mrs. Leon S. Herbert  Mrs. John A. Murphy  Mrs. Charles R. Turner
Mrs. Leon Herman  Mrs. John D. Myers  Mrs. A. S. Vane
Mrs. Arthur Hopkins  Mrs. Neale MacNeill, Jr.  Mrs. James M. Wallace
Mrs. S. P. Hutchinson  Mrs. Joseph F. Newton  Mrs. Edward A. Walz
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FIVE DOLLARS
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 EIGHTEEN 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;

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 222 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 entomologist 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 EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL MEETING

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

For eighteen years The Merion Civic Association has served you and the residents of Merion. But for the Association’s activities Merion would not be the model community that it is today.

The past year has been a difficult one for the Association—as it has been for nearly everyone. Under the present trying conditions your maximum co-operation and support are vitally necessary in order that the Association’s work may be maintained at its high standard and that you may not lose any of the community advantages which you are now enjoying.

We also ask your assistance in bespeaking the support of any residents who are not now Association members.

The continued success of the Association rests upon the number and the interest of its individual members. It depends too upon the maintenance of the Association’s income from membership contributions—which are its only source of revenue.

MEMBERSHIP

Your Association closed the year 1930 with a membership of 573 members of which 290 were men and 283 were women.

Receipts from dues for 1930 amounted to $8,145.00.
MERION STATION

Our residents were recently circularized by your Association regarding the importance of purchasing their railroad tickets at Merion Station and warned that by failing to do so they are jeopardizing the local railroad facilities and service provided for their convenience.

The Merion ticket office is equipped to sell tickets between any two points on the Pennsylvania Railroad or its connecting lines, to make all accompanying Pullman reservations, and to give the same service as Philadelphia ticket offices.

You are urged to patronize the Merion ticket office as much as possible both for your own convenience and in the interest of Merion.

Arrangements can be made for tickets and Pullman reservations by telephoning the Merion Ticket Office.

MERION STATION GROUNDS

The window boxes at the Station, Post Office and Waiting Room continue to receive the necessary care by your Association.

The flowers and shrubbery which beautify the station grounds and the banks at the sides of the tracks are being well maintained through the cooperation of the officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

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 being continued.

POSTAL SERVICE

Your Directors are gratified at the prompt response to the appeal which they made to all residents for the purchase of their stamps at the Merion Post Office.

The extent of Merion's postal facilities and its right to free delivery of mail would be endangered if the volume of stamp sales at our local Post Office is not maintained.

It is not even necessary to go to the Merion Post Office for your stamps, as they can be obtained from the postal carriers when they are delivering mail at your residence, or by telephoning the Merion Post Office you can have the carrier stop at your residence to sell you stamps on his next round.

For your convenience your Association furnishes the Merion Post Office with protective containers in which the stamps are delivered.

HAZELHURST AVENUE HILL

Your Directors have been endeavoring for some time to eliminate the dangerous curve at the intersection of Hazelhurst Avenue and the approach to Merion Station.

It is gratifying to report after prolonged negotiations an agreement satisfactory to the Trustees of the Richards' Estate and your Directors has been reached and is now in the hands of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for their consideration.

HIGHWAYS

Practically all the highways, that is, public roads in Merion will be given surface treatment before the end of the year, with special attention to the paving of North Latch's Lane from Merion Road to Old Lancaster Road and Wynnewood Avenue from South Highland to City Line.
Negotiations are being pushed to eliminate, if possible, the dangerous traffic condition existing at the intersection of Wynnewood Avenue and City Line by rounding the Northeast Corner from Wynnewood Avenue to a point near the approach of the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge on City Line.

PRIVATE ROADS

Frequently requests are received from members regarding repairs to roads on which they live. In the case of Township roads repairs are made promptly. But in the case of roads that have not been dedicated to the Township the cost of repairs and maintenance must be borne by the abutting property owners.

The Township Commissioners continue to accept a number of private roads each year and agree to pay 50 per cent. of the cost of any reconstruction necessary to make them acceptable, provided each abutting property owner deposits with the Lower Merion Township Commissioners a sum sufficient to cover his or her portion of such cost.

With the co-operation of your Association Calvert Road, Valley Road, Cherry Bend, Orchard Way, Woodley Road and Brookway from Montgomery Avenue to Orchard Way have been taken over by the Township on this basis.

The residents along a portion of Linden Lane have recently petitioned the Township Commissioners to take over the same and make it public.

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

There is no reason why any road in Merion should not be public. Your Association stands ready to assist you in this matter.

MISUSE OF HIGHWAYS

Your Directors have included in the Year Book a copy of the Township ordinance providing a fine of ten dollars for permitting paper or litter of any kind to be scattered over the highways or over adjoining property.

It is the purpose of the Township Commissioners rigidly to enforce this ordinance, and hence we have deemed it wise to bring it directly to your attention as a protective measure.

For your further information there is also printed in the Year Book a copy of another ordinance with which you may not be familiar, which prohibits the burning of leaves, brush, paper, rubbish or other material, or the lighting of any fire upon public roads in the Township; violators of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars.

MILK SERVED IN MERION

One of the most important activities of your Association is the monthly tests of the milk and cream served in Merion—during the year laboratory tests of 237 bottles of milk and cream are made by The Association's Chemist. This activity involves a considerable part of your yearly budget, but your Directors feel that this is money wisely expended for the health of the Community.
Where the tests show the milk or cream to be below the required standard, as has happened in several instances during the past year, the matter is immediately taken up with the Milk Control Officer of the Township, for the prosecution of the offending dealers.

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

The reports of the monthly tests are always available to any member of the Association.

EXAMINATION OF THE DRINKING WATER

The valuable monthly tests of the drinking water supplied in Merion which your Association has had conducted for the past seventeen years, have been continued this year with satisfactory results. Special attention is given in these tests to such places in Merion where there are dead ends of mains, and samples of water are taken from nearby residences.

LIGHTS AND SIGNS

The Township Commissioners authorized the installation of two new lights during the year, both from underground cables. There are now 222 lights on Merion roads, giving unusual protection to those who use them at night.

For all new lights, your Association is required to furnish the ornamental standards and lanterns at a cost of $86 each.

During the year three lights, including both the lanterns and standards, were destroyed.

In addition four sign posts were demolished and six sign plates broken, due to careless driving. The replacement to this property necessitates an expenditure of $363.50.

To take care of the steady growth of the Community, The Philadelphia Electric Company is installing heavier underground cables throughout Merion.

During the spring all the light poles, signboards, fire plugs and bulletin boards were freshly painted and kept up to the standard for which your Community has become noted.

FIRE PROTECTION

Your property is protected from fire by nearby volunteer companies—The Union Fire Company of Cynwyd and the Narberth Fire Company.

Your Directors express the confident hope that each householder will contribute at least, to the support of the one of these companies nearest his or her residence.

Merion residents wishing to report a fire, should call “Merion 20.” All such calls go to the new fire switchboard which has been installed in the Township Building, beside the existing police switchboard, and are transmitted at once to the nearest fire company according to the location of the fire.

With the appointment of an experienced, paid Fire Marshal for Lower Merion Township—a step initially suggested and sponsored by your Association—the installation of the new Central Fire Alarm System, and the employment of two paid firemen for each of the Volunteer Fire Companies, the Commissioners have effected a substantial improvement in fire protection in the Township.
PUBLIC SAFETY

Merion is one of the best protected communities in the vicinity of Philadelphia.

In addition to the eleven policemen regularly on duty in Merion during each twenty-four hours, two of which are maintained by your Association, there are three Sergeants and two Lieutenants who give daily supervision and three motorcycle police who patrol the main traffic roads.

While the maintenance of the two extra policemen continues to be the largest single item in the Association's budget, it is one of your Association's most important activities because of the additional protection afforded at night to our residents and their property.

SNOW REMOVAL

The Township authorities insist 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.

TOWNSHIP PLANNING

Your Directors have appointed a committee which has been ably representing your Association on the Citizens’ Committee on a plan for Lower Merion Township. Your Board recognizes the importance of having a carefully prepared plan for the future development of the Township, and has endorsed the action of the Citizens’ Committee in requesting the Township Commissioners to appoint a Planning Commission.

THE LOSS OF MR. McCONAGHY

Your Association suffered a loss during the past year in the death of Mr. John McConaghy, Jr., and as a tribute to Mr. McConaghy your Directors unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. McConaghy has served the Association as a member of the Board faithfully and efficiently since May, 1925, has given cheerfully of his time, has assisted the Board on many occasions by advice on legal questions, and has at all times displayed a keen interest in the problems of the Community, and its general welfare:

RESOLVED, That the Board does hereby express its sense of loss and the loss of the Community in his decease and extends its sympathy to the family in their sorrow.

JOHN D. MYERS,
President

Attest:
SARTORI B. MATTHES,
Secretary.
MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1930, TO DECEMBER 31, 1930

Balance January 1st, 1930 .................. $4,372.82
Receipts January 1st to December 31st, 1930 .................. 8,662.01

$13,034.83

Expenditures January 1st to December 31st, 1930 .................. 8,387.58

$4,647.25

ANNUAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 1929
(One year ago)

Balance January 1st, 1929 .................. $3,865.42
Receipts Last Year .......................... 8,830.78

$12,696.20

Expenditures last year ..................... 8,323.38

$4,372.82

FUND BALANCES AVAILABLE JANUARY 1ST, 1931

General Administration Fund ................ $3,552.28
Permanent Improvement Fund ............. 1,094.97

$4,647.25

RECEIPTS JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1930

Dues for 1930 .............................. $8,145.00
Dues for 1931 .............................. 200.00
Donations .................................. 100.00
Bank Interest .............................. 217.01

$8,662.01

Expenditures January 1st to December 31st, 1930

Special Officers (Salaries and Sundries) ........... $4,169.38
Secretary (Salary and Expenses) ................ 2,007.50
Milk Tests .................................. 623.61
Year Books .................................. 352.26
Lamps, Posts and Signs ......................... 188.00
Care of Station Grounds ....................... 166.00
Donations .................................. 150.00
Annual Meeting ............................. 109.99
Telephone .................................. 84.65
Printing and Stationery ....................... 82.06
Water Tests .................................. 72.00
Snow Removal ................................ 66.40
Postage ...................................... 52.00
Compensation Insurance ....................... 44.16
Miscellaneous Expense ....................... 219.57

$8,387.58

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

The Merion Tribute House has again been the center of many activities during the past season.

The Merion Community Dancing Classes—three afternoon classes under the direction of Mrs. S. Naudain Duer, assisted by Mrs. E. M. Varker, meeting every alternate Monday afternoon from 2.45 until 6.15 o’clock for children from five to twelve years of age, and

The evening class, under the direction of Mrs. S. Naudain Duer and Mrs. William Woodlock, meeting alternate Saturday evenings from 8.00 until 11.00 o’clock, for children between the ages of thirteen and sixteen years—have had a larger membership this year than any previous year.

The Cymry Dances which were formed last winter from the late evening dancing class of the previous winter were a great success and the committee has already made plans to continue them during the winter of 1931-1932. To these dances are invited boys and girls past sixteen years of age, and while not under the direction of a teacher are chaperoned by members of the Dance Committee; the hours are from 9.00 until 1.00 o’clock.

Through the continued generosity of the Merion Community Association and the Merion Post of the American Legion the Merion Girl Scouts again held their meetings every Tuesday after school hours in the Legion room instead of in the Boy Scout House, but they still retain one room in the Scout House for the storage of their equipment. One afternoon, during the winter, ice cream was served by the Girl Scouts to which were invited the mothers and the Field Captain of the Main Line Girl Scouts who examined and advanced those passing the necessary test.

The Advanced Girl Scouts met on the first Wednesday evening of each month instead of on the usual Tuesday afternoon.

To take care of the increasing membership it is planned to divide the troop—the older group to meet on Tuesday afternoons and the younger group on Wednesday afternoons.

The Annual Meeting of the Merion Branch of the Needle Work Guild was held at which time donations of garments were received and distributed to the various Hospitals and Homes for the poor.

The Merion Branch of the League of Women Voters met on the third Tuesday afternoon of each month.

The Merion Post of the American Legion held its business meetings on the first Tuesday evening of the month, and Legion dances throughout the year.

The Board of Directors of the Merion Civic Association, its regular meetings on the second Monday evening of each month, with the Annual Meeting in May, and The Board of Directors of the Merion Community Association held its meetings when called by the President.

The benefits sponsored by Merion residents were for

The Bryn Mawr Hospital—cards and tea with donations of prizes, cakes and candies, followed by a Fashion Show under the supervision of Mrs. John Kendrick Bangs, which was sponsored by the Gown Shop Committee of the Devon Horse Show. The Tribute House not being large enough to take care of the four hundred and fifty guests playing bridge, a room in the Scout House was thrown open for additional tables. One hundred more guests arrived for the Fashion Show, many of the suits and gowns being modeled by the older, as well as the younger, group in Merion.
St. Luke's and Children's Homeopathic Hospitals—a musicale and tea, by the Junior Auxiliary.

Overbrook Presbyterian Church—bridge given by the Ladies’ Auxiliary.

Raising funds to carry on the Propagation of Peace throughout the country—a play by the Rose Valley Marionettes, under the auspices of the International League of Women, which was greatly enjoyed, especially by the children.

To further Patriotic Education—a lecture by Miss Janet Richards, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Republican Women and Teachers, and

St. John's Day Nursery—a dance.

Entertaining were the Mendelssohn Club, School of Industrial Art, the Faculty of Friends’ Central School, a New Year’s Eve party by the Merion Dance Committee, dances by the students of Haverford College, Swarthmore College, Alumnae of Cecilian Academy and Alumnae of Mater Misericordia Academy and others—some by invitation, others by subscription; dinner parties and wedding receptions; also

A series of weekly classes, on Saturday mornings during the winter, specializing in tap, toe and fancy dances, under the direction of Mrs. Cornelius Whetstone, and a small private dancing class on alternate Monday afternoons, supervised by Mrs. S. Naudain Duer, and

The Lyman School and Holman School Commencement Exercises, making the total number of affairs from October 13th, 1930, until June 20th, 1931, with the usual lapse during the Lenten Season, one hundred and twenty-three.

The organ has been in better condition this year than any previous year, and may be played if one is qualified, or used for practice if accompanied by a teacher, arrangements to be made in advance. The charge an hour is 75c.

The Tennis Courts having been reconditioned and the backstops newly painted and wired will be ready to play on, if the weather permits, May 10th. They will be under the supervision of Mr. Eliot Westlake during the summer, who will be on duty until the courts are closed at dusk. Acting as Treasurer for the Tennis Committee this season will be the Secretary of the Association, Mrs. E. V. Schafer.

Playgrounds—The sand boxes have been overhauled and put in a safe condition for the children to play in; the swings have also been thoroughly inspected and a new sliding board will be added this year.

There is little need to report on the ball field, for it is used throughout the year, depending on the weather, by the boys after school hours and on holidays for both baseball and football.

Greenhouses—Their upkeep has always been a source of great expense to the Association, and the inability to obtain a suitable tenant for them has forced the Board of Directors to approve an offer to sell. The purchaser will demolish them, remove all debris, grade the ground and sow grass seed.

In order to stop the trespassing on Mr. McAbee’s property, in making a short cut to the Community Grounds, the Association has erected, at its own expense, an iron English hurdle fence between his and the Association’s property.
In conclusion, the Board of Directors of the Merion Community Association wishes to express its appreciation to all who have co-operated in maintaining order and enforcing the rules laid down by this Board, when using the Merion Tribute House and Community Grounds during the past year. To further assure that these aims and purposes are carried out, the Association has continued in its service at night Police Officer David Maxwell.

T. Dun Belfield,
President.

Attest:
Helen J. Schafer,
Executive Secretary.

REPORT OF TENNIS COMMITTEE

The Tennis Courts on the Merion Community Association grounds attracted a large number of players during the past season, and furnished a source of healthful outdoor exercise and play for tennis members of the Association and their guests.

The Courts were under the supervision of Mr. F. Eliot Westlake, and a number of younger children received instruction in the game under his direction.

The Courts were reconditioned and opened for play on May 15th, and were not closed until the latter part of October. The dues from tennis members were not sufficient, by a small margin, to pay for reconditioning the Courts and their maintenance during the entire season. This deficiency, however, was met by a contribution from the Merion Community Association.

Respectfully submitted,
G. H. Coughlin
Gerard M. English
Mrs. Samuel M. Felton, Jr.
S. Earle Haines
E. G. Wyckoff, Jr.
Clarence E. Hall, Chairman.
THE MERION SCHOOL

The Merion Public School, now in the seventh year of existence, has at present an enrollment of 374 girls and boys—40 of whom are in the kindergarten.

The well-equipped building whose capacity had to be doubled three years after its opening is now thoroughly adequate for the needs of the community.

The staff consists of principal, 16 full-time teachers and 6 part-time teachers—three of the latter teaching music.

In addition to the regular curriculum there are 63 pupils receiving instruction in instrumental music with a school orchestra their goal. These children are supplied with instruments except in cases where they already own instruments.

An interesting feature greatly enjoyed and most helpful consists of trips to the Commercial Museum. The members of the 5th, 6th and 7th grades are taken, each class separately, twice a month, by school buses to the Museum where a special teacher shows and explains material relative to the geography studied at the time.

Beginning in January similar expeditions will be made to the Pennsylvania Art Museum. Merion is also well represented in the higher schools of the township, there being 75 pupils in the Senior High, and 63 in the Junior High School. Many of these have gone through the Merion School and are taking a prominent part in all the activities as well as upholding a high scholastic standard.

Mrs. James C. Sellers, Jr.,
Vice-President, Board of Education
Lower Merion Township.

November, 1931.

MERION POST, No. 545,
AMERICAN LEGION,
MERION, PA.

OFFICERS FOR 1931

Commander ......................... W. Allen Anderson
First Vice-Commander ............ Edgar W. Freeman
Second Vice-Commander .......... J. Spencer Halkett
Adjutant ................................ Philip B. Wilson
Finance Officer ..................... Franklin G. Hovey
Historian ............................ William G. Murdock

The year 1931 was both enjoyable and prosperous. Twenty new members were brought into the post, which, however, lost four members by resignation and one by death, making the total net membership 129, a substantial increase over the previous year.

The monthly meetings were all well attended, averaging 32. During the year the Post published a roster of the membership giving the home and business address of the members.

Substantial contributions were made by the Post to the Welfare Fund of Narberth Post, the Main Line Federation of Churches, the Salvation Army Drive, the Police Pension Fund of Lower Merion Township, the Main Line Red Cross and also a contribution to Fort Necessity, which is being restored for the Washington Bi-centennial.

At the April meeting the Post unanimously went on record as opposing any legislation for the appropriation of public funds for World War Veterans who are not physically disabled. Among the entertainments provided for the Post, in addition to several interesting speakers, was a Hard Times Dance, indoor golf, Monte Carlo nights, bridge parties, bowling matches, a trip up the Delaware, an outing at the Aronimink Golf Club, moving pictures, and revolver match at Comrade Haines’ gallery.
The Post was represented at the State Convention at Easton, in August, by Comrades Anderson, Wilson, Shubert and Murdock, and at the National Convention, at Detroit, by Shubert.

The meetings of the Executive Committee, which are held at the Arcadia, in Philadelphia, have been well attended and many of the details in connection with the management of the Post are transacted there.

The Post has developed into a real factor in the community life of Merion and has established an acquaintanceship among its members which would not have been possible through any other agency.

The officers of the Post for 1932 are:
Commander ................................ Edgar W. Freeman
First Vice-Commander ..................... J. Spencer Halkett
Second Vice-Commander............... Harry Atmore Prizer, Jr.
Adjutant .................................................. Earle Hepburn
Finance Officer ................................. Harry A. Ferreira, Jr.

The following have been Commanders of the Post since it was chartered in 1920: Dr. George D. B. Darby, S. Earle Haines, T. Wood Andrews, Dr. Gustav A. Van Lennep, Franklin S. Hovey, Clarence E. Hall, H. T. Greenwood, Jr., Robert T. Boyd, Jr., Edward G. Wyckoff, Jr., W. Allen Anderson, and now Edgar W. Freeman.

WILLIAM G. MURDOCK,
Historian.

MERION TROOP NUMBER EIGHTEEN
GIRLS SCOUTS OF AMERICA

To give a report of the Merion Girl Scouts is both a privilege and an undertaking. Last year we had one troop, this year we have two troops, and one of these divided into a junior and senior group. The troop which started as a whole last October grew so large that it was decided to form a new troop of the younger girls, under Mrs. Kane as captain and Mrs. Shumway as Lieutenant. All the girls who had joined the troop before February remained in my troop, which was again divided so that the older girls who were unable to attend afternoon meetings could still continue their scout work. They have met once a month on Wednesday evenings, besides taking special work on Saturday mornings at the Scout Headquarters and a First Aid Course on Monday afternoons at the Bryn Mawr Hospital.

When we started our work last October the majority of the girls were still tenderfoot scouts. With the invaluable help of Natalie Beyer, who has been a Merion Scout for a number of years and who has been our Lieutenant this year, we have worked hard. When we end the year we hope to leave no one lower than a Second Class Scout. This has been hard work and every girl has worked well to accomplish all Second Class work.
“Do a good "turn daily" is our slogan and then we add on an extra one for the year. Again last November and December we worked to make Christmas more cheerful and more joyful for boys and girls in our vicinity. We collected toys, we dressed dolls, we bought presents from our savings, and when we were through we had a regular toy store. Our collection was open for the people of Merion to see, and may I urge all to come and see next year's display, as I am sure that it is a work the girls will “carry on.”

In February we gave a tea to our mothers, which I hope they enjoyed as much as the girls did. And now I must not fail to mention the hike which was held May 9th. We all have memories of it—all unforgettable ones. We are planning to end the year with a supper party.

We have all enjoyed the year together and, above all, we appreciate the welcome we have always had at the Tribute House. We give the troop over to a new captain and a new lieutenant and with them go all our good wishes for one of the finest troops in District 7.

S. MILDRED WOLF,
Captain.
MERION TROOP NO. 1
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Merion Troop has 32 registered Scouts, most of whom have advanced to First Class Scouts this year. They are all real boys—full of high spirits, and will make excellent citizens.

During Christmas week the Scouts personally delivered plentifully packed baskets to eighteen needy families. Each basket contained two four-pound chickens, in addition to enough other food to last a week. The food was purchased by money raised through a moving picture benefit. The tickets were sold by the Scouts through the generous co-operation of all our neighbors in Merion and Narberth.

A call for volunteers was met by Merion Troop in sending some of the Scouts to repair, paint and wrap Christmas toys for the Welfare Committee.

Several week-end hikes were taken during the year, the last one, in April, being to Medford Lakes, N. J. All meals were prepared by the Scouts. The Chairman of the Court of Honor complimented the Merion Scouts by making a special trip to examine them for marksmanship while they were there.

The four patrols are working on four ten-foot totem poles as a troop project.

Camp Delmont, a beautiful camp for Scouts of Delaware and Montgomery Counties, will be the closing trip the Merion Scouts will take this year, on June 5th, 6th and 7th.

The Father and Son Banquet will be held on June 18th, being the last meeting until the first Friday in October.
A beautiful silk American flag was presented to the Troop by the Troop Committee, consisting of Messrs. T. Dun Belfield, Chairman; H. H. Lineaweaver and Cary Bok. This was carried on the annual pilgrimage to Valley Forge and the reunion at the Academy of Music.

Mr. Alfred S. Wall, who was for five years Scoutmaster of Merion Boy Scouts, has been since last year connected with the executive work of organizing Sea Scouting for Montgomery County. In addition he has organized and has become Skipper of the Merion Ship, “Liberty,” at the Merion Scout House. A Sea Scout base has been secured at Centerton, N. J., through the generosity of Messrs. George Pettinos and George Pettinos, Jr.

The Merion Scout Troop meets at 7.30 P. M. on Friday evenings and welcomes visitors.

Any man who is fond of boys will be intensely interested in Scouting. The Troop would be glad to have some Assistant Scoutmasters to help along the excellent work now being done by the Scribe and the four Patrol Leaders.

As the troop is limited to 32 Scouts over 12 years of age, there is a waiting list from which vacancies are filled. If you know of eligible boys the Troop will be very glad to have their names.

J. ALEN TIFFT,
Scoutmaster.

THE MERION BRANCH OF THE NEEDLEWORK GUILD OF AMERICA

The seventh annual meeting of the Merion Branch of the Needlework Guild of America was held at the Merion War Tribute House on Tuesday, October 14th, at three o’clock.

The members were given a very interesting talk by Miss Agnes Heard, Superintendent of the Temporary Shelter for Women.

A display of garments showed a total of 4468 articles, of which 1584 were collected by twenty-two Junior Directors. There are forty-seven Senior Directors.

The two Junior Directors who had collected the greatest number of garments were awarded prizes. Mary Blanche Mitchell had collected 256 garments, Betty Myers 210 garments.

The Needlework Guild sent articles to:
The Convallescent Home of Broomall.
The Temporary Shelter for Women.
The Episcopal Hospital.
St. Luke’s Hospital.
The Family Society of Philadelphia.
The Northern Home for Friendless Children.
The Main Line Visiting Nurse Association.
The West Philadelphia Hospital for Women.

And through the aid of the Merion Civic Association and the Lower Merion Police Department were able to send garments to over a hundred needy families of the Main Line.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUISE K. SOLIDAY,
Secretary.
WELFARE FEDERATION OF
PHILADELPHIA

The Welfare Federation entered upon its tenth year and opened its campaign with an Anniversary Luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford with over nine hundred volunteer workers present (each worker paying for his own luncheon). Owing to the unemployment problem great stress was laid upon the necessity of securing funds for the one hundred and twenty charities whose budgets, if possible, must not be reduced, as hospitals, children’s aid and various other charitable organizations connected with the Welfare Federation will need more help this year than ever before. When the Federation started in 1921 they had 59,600 subscribers, with a total of $1,955,533; this year there were 122,547 subscribers and the total collected was $3,231,941.76. Out of this sum we in Merion contributed $78,910, with 369 subscribers.

District Chairmen—

MRS. EDWARD A. SHUMWAY
(North Side.)

MRS. OSWALD SMITH
(South Side.)

THE MERION BRANCH
OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS
MERION, PENNSYLVANIA

The Merion Branch of the League of Women Voters has had a most successful year. Seven meetings were held during the year, one at the home of Mrs. Charles V. Bergh, another at the home of Mrs. I. Alden Tifft and the rest at the War Tribute House.

This year the plan for study groups advocated by the National League was followed. One group, under the leadership of Mrs. William Gehmann, studied living costs, including public utilities. Another, under Mrs. Gwynne E. Shepperd, studied child welfare, and a third, under the leadership of the chairman, took up international relations. These groups then reported, each at a different meeting of the Merion League. The study proved so interesting to the members that they decided to continue it next winter. However, new members will be welcomed to any of these groups and new groups may be formed.

In order to be informed on local affairs, the League secured Mr. Peter Hess, Treasurer of Lower Merion Township, as a speaker at one meeting. At another the League acquainted itself with local educational affairs by listening to interesting talks from Superintendent Downes, and Mr. George H. Gilbert, principal of the Lower Merion High School.
The Merion League has now a paid-up membership of one hundred and thirty-three members and looks forward to another successful year.

The officers of the Merion League are:

Chairman—Miss Florence Evans.
Vice-Chairmen—Mrs. William Gehmann, Mrs. J. Alden Tifft, Mrs. W. Gordon Smith.
Secretary—Mrs. Gwynne E. Shepperd.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. B. Maxwell.
Registrar—Mrs. Charles V. Bergh.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Evans,
Chairman.

REGISTRATION FOR VOTING—1931

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—July 15th and 16th or September 1st and 2nd, 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 1933.

IMPORTANT

In the year when a Presidential election occurs, Primaries are held in the Spring. This year, 1932, the primaries are on Tuesday, April 26th, from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, at the Scout House at the rear of the Merion War Tribute House.

Please come out and vote. Do you realize that the larger the vote polled in Merion, the greater the influence your Representative in Harrisburg has and the easier it is for him to get things done for Merion? Think about this, and come out and VOTE.
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.
   - Nurse is on call at night only for "delivery service" between 5 P. M. and 8.30 A. M. Call Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr 1800.

3. The cost of a nursing visit is about $1.00; for maternity cases, $1.25, which includes care of the baby; for giving colonic irrigations, $1.50.
   - 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.
   - Hourly appointments must be made 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.

MATERNITY SERVICE

**Before Confinement**—The nurse should be called as early in pregnancy as possible. She will visit at intervals to supervise and instruct the patient as to the proper care of herself and preparation for the baby.

**At Time of Confinement** — The nurse should be called when the doctor is called. She will come with him and will go after delivery when the necessary care has been given to the mother and baby. *The nurse is not expected to remain with the patient before the delivery except when the doctor also is needed.*

The charge for nursing service at confinement is $5.00. After the first five hours, the charge will be at the rate of $1.00 an hour up to $10.00. (If the nurse is called so late that she arrives after the baby is born, the same charge is made.)

If a nurse is called on a case during the night, it is necessary for her to use a taxi. Patient is expected to pay this additional sum when possible.

**After Confinement**—The nurse will visit to give care to mother and baby as long as is necessary. The charge for this service is $1.25 for each visit.

**To Obtain Nurse for Delivery Service:**

Between 8.30 A. M. and 5 P. M. call Ardmore 2098.

Between 5 P. M. and 8.30 A. M., also Sundays and holidays call nurse through Bryn Mawr Hospital—phone Bryn Mawr 1.
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.
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.