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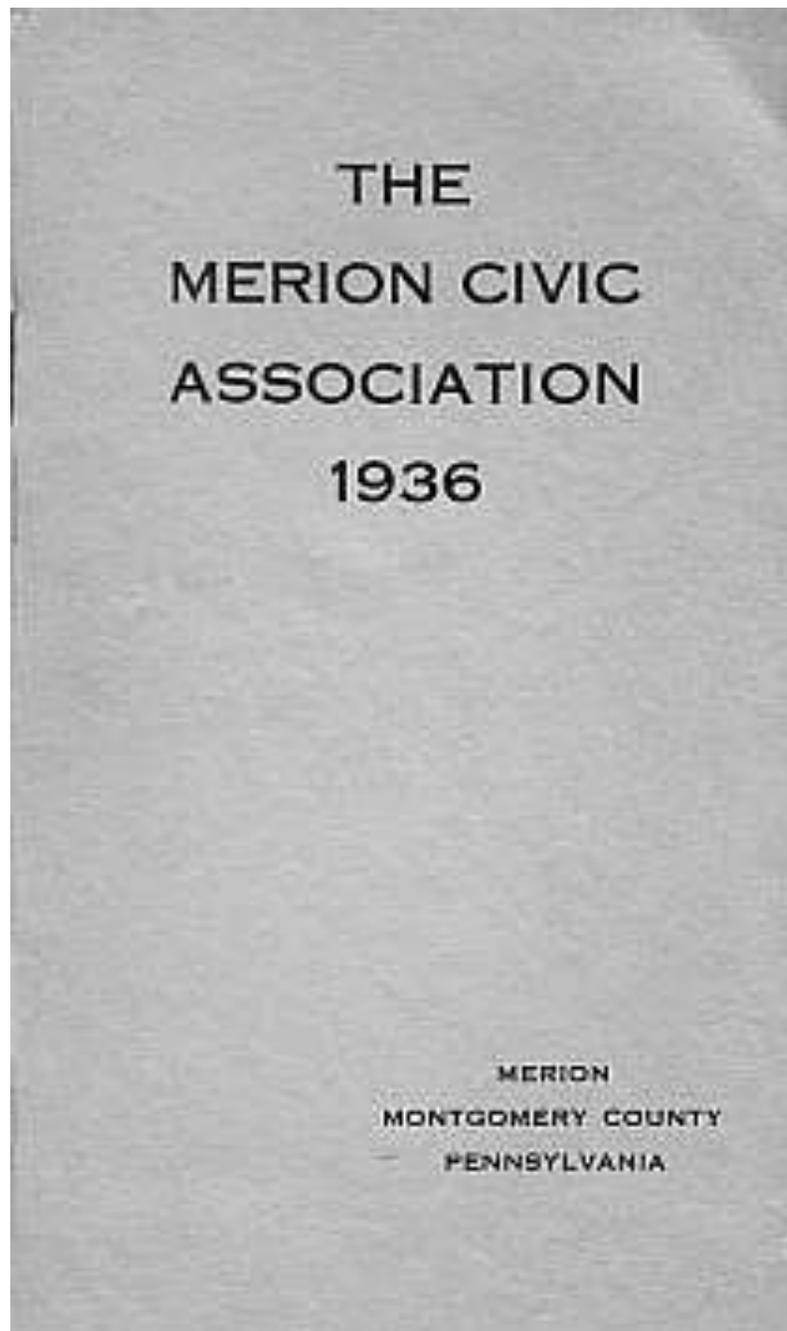
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THE  
TWENTY-THIRD  
ANNUAL REPORT

**1935-1936**

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

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## **TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING**

The Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Merion Civic Association was held at Merion on the evening of Wednesday, May thirteenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-six.

At this meeting the following reports of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Association were read and approved.

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### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION;

At the close of the twenty-third year there are enrolled in your Association 412 members.

Though you have the satisfaction of knowing that the most progressive element of the community are members in your Association, and that it stands today as thoroughly representative of the best interests of Merion; however, we have experienced no material gains in membership, which indicates a lack of knowledge of the activities of the Association.

#### **Merion Station:**

The planting of the Railroad Station Grounds was indirectly the work of your Association, a gift to the people of Merion from one of your Directors and for many years maintained by this Director.

The window boxes at the station, post office and waiting room continue to receive the customary care of your Association, and contribute greatly to the appearance of the community.

Through the cooperation of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the shrubbery which beautifies the station ground has been pruned and the beds spaded.

#### **Postal Service:**

The residents of Merion have enjoyed the privilege of free delivery of mail for ten years. The service has been extended to Merion Park and Winding Way. Recently

the residents of Anthwyn Farms section have petitioned for delivery from Merion Post Office. Your Directors would urge that all residents of Merion should bear in mind that, by purchasing your stamps at Merion Post Office your local Post Office will be receiving its full measure of business. For the convenience of the residents of Merion, protective containers for stamps are furnished by your Association.

#### **Merion Station Map:**

New maps of Merion are printed each year and copies are framed and hung at the Post Office, Railroad Station and Police Station at Ardmore.

The Station Maps have been colored to show the properties of residents supporting the activities of the Association.

#### **Idris Road Improvement:**

The improvement on Idris Road has been completed since your last Annual Meeting, extensive grading and the planting of 105 hemlocks, furnished by your Association, as an informal hedge along the railroad, and the placing of heavy river boulders from Beacom Lane to Merion Station to protect this planting has been carried out through the cooperation of the Shade Tree Commission, The Highway Department, and The Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

#### **Protective Service:**

Ten policemen are regularly on duty in Merion. In addition, there are three Sergeants and two Lieutenants, who give daily supervision, and nine motorcycle police, who patrol the main traffic roads.

To further improve the Township and Civic Police Protection in Merion, your Township Commissioners have recently placed five police cars on the roads of Lower Merion Township, equipped with radio sets, establishing direct communication between the police station in Ardmore, where the broadcasting apparatus is installed.

The system operates on a ten-meter wave length, with the receiving sets in the patrol cars set on a fixed tuning, permitting them to receive only the broadcasts from Police Station.

Two officers make their rounds continuously in each of these cars. This system has proved to be of much value in police work, as it enables the officers to get on the job with great saving of time.

As a result of the appointment of an experienced Fire Marshall for Lower Merion Township, the installation of the Central Fire Alarm System, operated from the Police Station at Ardmore, fire protection in the Township has improved.

Cards giving the telephone numbers for emergency calls for police, fire and hospital service are furnished by the Association.

#### **City Line Traffic Lights:**

Largely through the efforts of your Association, additional traffic lights were installed at all dangerous intersections on City Line, between Lancaster Avenue and Old Lancaster Road.

#### **Private Roads:**

Frequent requests are received from Members regarding repairs to roads on which they live. In the case of roads that have been made public by dedication, the repairs are made as promptly as possible by the Township. But in the case of roads that have not been dedicated to the Township, repair and maintenance work must be done by the property owners.

Your Association stands ready to assist the residents living on private roads to take the necessary steps for petitioning the Township to make these roads public and thus relieve the property owners of the burden of their maintenance.

The private roads in Merion are: Meadow Lane, Cross Roads, Melrose, Lapsley Road, Berwick Road, Brookway from Merion Road to Calvert Road, Sycamore Avenue from Merion Road to Valley Road, Hazlehurst Avenue, Mallwyd Road, Zollinger Way and Bedford Place.

#### **Road Improvement:**

The widening and repairing of Bowman Avenue from Merion Road to Baird Road has been completed. A Township ordinance was introduced and passed calling for the laying of a sidewalk from Merion Road to Baird Road.

A general survey of all the storm waterways throughout Merion with the idea of improving road conditions has resulted in the following proposed program:

The construction of a culvert from Valley Road to the stream in the rear of the Valley and Calvert Road properties has recently been completed.

Plans have been completed for constructing a 8' by 6' flume and culvert along the stream near Valley Road, from Bowman Avenue to Civic Circle, an improvement your Association has been interested in for many years.

Two new storm drains will be constructed this summer:

At the intersection of Merion Road and Meadow Lane a new concrete culvert will be built and piped to the stream.

The culvert on Merion Road, north of City Line, will be rebuilt and larger pipes installed. Both these projects will improve road conditions in stormy weather.

In addition to the above improvement, the Township will carry on the regular maintenance work, repairs, patching of roadway and surface treatments where needed.

#### **The Rockland Road Bridge:**

Your Directors have been endeavoring for several years to eliminate the dangerous condition on Rockland Road Bridge; it is gratifying to report that through the co-operation of the Township Commissioners, the Borough of Narberth Council, and Officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, plans for the improvement of Rockland Road Bridge are progressing rapidly.

**Shade Trees:**

During the year, the Shade Tree Commission pruned all the trees on the following roads: Brookway, Forest, Beacom Lane and Merion Road. The Horse Chestnut Trees along Merion Road have been sprayed twice, last summer for Japanese Beetle and this spring a dormant spray, endeavoring to control the San Jose and Oyster Shell Scale.

As a safety measure, eight Oriental Plane trees were removed: six on Cheery Bend and two on Sycamore Avenue.

These trees were killed by the new blight, known as the Sycamore disease, which is killing trees all over the Township. At the present time there is no known control for this disease.

The Shade Tree Commission, in co-operation with Dr. W. L. R. Jackson, of the United States Department of Agriculture, is carrying out a number of experiments in an effort to find some control for this very serious disease.

**Water and Milk Analyses:**

In order to reduce expenses, your Directors have discontinued, for the present, your Association's monthly water and milk analyses. They have, however, arranged through a member of the Board of Health, Dr. Richard A. Kern, who is likewise a member of your Board of Directors, to use the Lower Merion Township analyses which are regularly received and carefully scrutinized by your Directors, and any adverse conditions are immediately reported to the members of your Association.

The reports of these tests are available to any member of the Association at all times.

**Removal of Snow:**

The severity of the past two winters, the early ice storm, followed by heavy snow, placed an additional burden on your Association in its efforts to carry out its long-established policy of assisting residents in snow removal.

The Association has never undertaken to entirely clean private sidewalks, but it has always arranged and will continue the practice of sending a plow over all sidewalk areas to remove in that manner the bulk of the snow and thus make walking less difficult. It is, of course, impossible to do more than this, and property owners, after having been thus relieved, are expected to complete the work of cleaning their sidewalks in conformity with Police Regulations.

The Association undertook also to employ road plows at night to relieve snow conditions on private roads.

**Control of Tent Caterpillars:**

For the past few years the Directors of your Association have given attention to the problem presented by the increasing number of Tent Caterpillars on trees and bushes. Men have been employed to survey the district and remove all caterpillar tents, with satisfactory results.

**Vacant Lots:**

Your Association has been active in having vacant lots cleared of weeds and long grass, and having rubbish removed.

The use of vacant lots as dumping grounds for gardeners and employees should be discouraged and unsightly conditions reported to the Secretary of the Association.

Your Association's Motto is:

"To be Nation right and State right,  
we must first be Community right."

The co-operation of our Members and of all Residents of Merion is earnestly desired by your Board of Directors.

CLARENCE E. HALL, *President.*

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

### *January 1, 1935, to December 31, 1935*

Balance January 1, 1935 .....	\$3,411.04
Receipts January 1 to December 31, 1935 .....	4,095.00
	\$7,506.04
Expenditures January 1 to December 31, 1935 .....	4,391.24
	\$3,114.80

### *Annual Report December 31, 1934 (one year ago)*

Balance January 1, 1934 .....	\$3,194.19
Receipts, 1934 .....	4,711.60
	\$7905.79
Expenditures, 1934 .....	4,494.75
	\$3,411.04

### *Fund Balances Available January 1, 1936*

General Administration Fund.....	2,287.26
Permanent Improvement Fund .....	827.54
	\$3,114.30

### *Receipts January 1, 1935, to December 31, 1935*

Dues for 1935.....	\$4,075.00
Dues for 1936.....	10.00
Mr. Birch's check for cleaning lots.....	10.00
	\$4,095.00

### *Expenditures January 1, 1935, to December 31, 1935*

Special Officer (Salary and Sundries) .....	\$1,528.85
Secretary .....	1,599.96
Telephone .....	91.75
Stationery and Printing .....	85.25
Postage .....	51.50
Annual Year Book .....	262.25
Donations .....	135.00
Subscriptions .....	12.00
Care of station grounds .....	193.00
Snow removal .....	65.45
Compensation insurance .....	35.00
Care of triangles .....	8.20
Caterpillar extermination .....	24.80
Lots cleaned and burned .....	55.20
Light standards .....	38.93
Trees for Idris Road .....	157.50
Iron signs and holders .....	36.00
Miscellaneous .....	10.60
	\$4,391.24

W. H. FOLWELL, *Treasurer.*

### ROSTER OF NEW MEMBERS, 1936

Mr. L. M. Strauss .....	\$10.00
Mr. Joseph N. Susskind .....	50.00
Mrs. Joseph N. Susskind .....	10.00
Mr. Frank D. Levering .....	10.00
Mrs. Frank D. Levering .....	5.00
Mrs. Rogers Williams .....	10.00
Mr. Frank H. Davis .....	10.00
Mr. Grover D. Davis .....	10.00
Mrs. Grover D. Davis .....	5.00
Mr. H. W. Haydock .....	10.00
Mrs. H. W. Haydock .....	5.00
Dr. Henry K. Pancoast .....	10.00
Mrs. Henry K. Pancoast .....	5.00
Mr. John A. Lafore, Jr. ....	10.00