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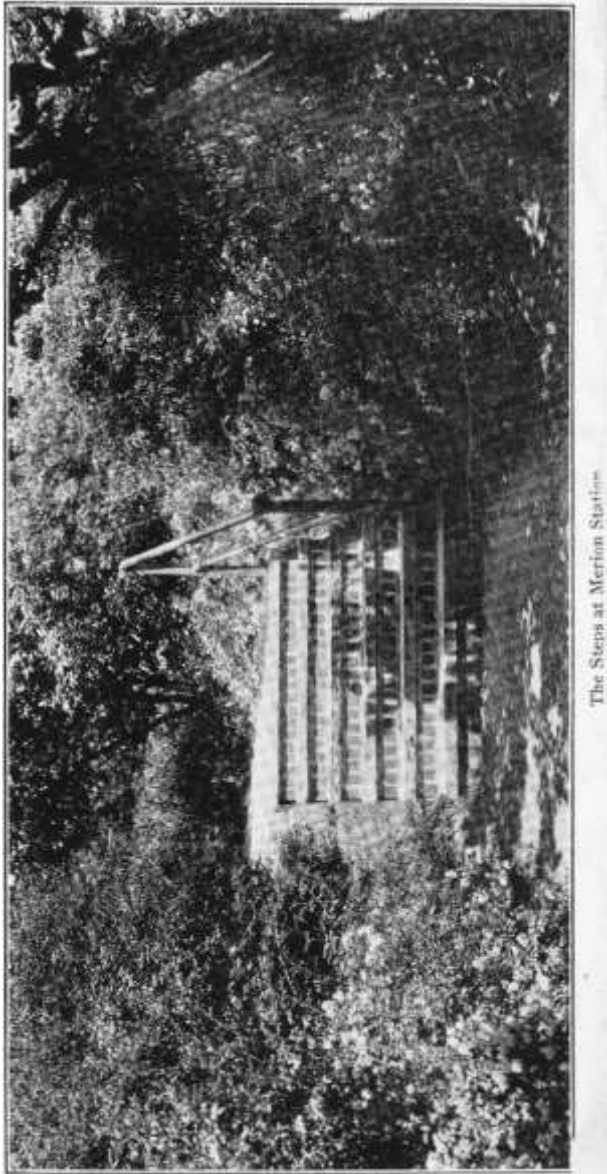


Figure 1: The Steps at Merion Station

*The*  
TWENTY-FIRST YEAR BOOK

*of*  
THE MERION  
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Incorporated June, 1913

1936 - 1937

MERION  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA

A model in civic matters.

Theodore Roosevelt.

THE ASSOCIATION'S MOTTO:

TO BE NATION RIGHT AND  
STATE RIGHT WE MUST FIRST  
BE COMMUNITY RIGHT

“THE MOMENT  
ONE PASSES INTO MERION

the change due to the work of The Merion Civic Association is noticeable. Merion has become a model suburb. . . Merion may standardize ideal suburban life, certainly for Philadelphia, possibly for the United States.”—*The Outlook*.

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OF  
THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

**MEN—194 MEMBERS**

(Supporting memberships are divided into six classes—\$100, \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15 and \$10 a year. Each amount entitles a member to full privileges in the Association. The amount is left to the generosity of the member for the support of the Association, which depends entirely for its general expenses on its income from supporting membership contributions.)

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**YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS BRING  
YOU THESE EXTRA AND  
UNUSUAL CIVIC SERVICES**

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.

**WHAT HAS BEEN DONE  
IN TWENTY-FOUR 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%;

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 226 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 TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING**

The Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Merion Civic Association was held at Merion, on the evening of Wednesday, May twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven. At this meeting the following reports of the 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**

The membership for 1936 totaled 346 members. Losses and additions during the year have resulted in a net gain of 20 members.

The Association finds itself in 1937 with a membership of 366, and an income of \$3,790.00.

#### **MERION STATION**

The flower 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 roses on the railroad banks have been trimmed and the flowers and shrubbery, which beautify the station grounds, are being well maintained.

The path from Hazelhurst Avenue to the station platform has been resurfaced.

The pedestrian tunnel under the railroad tracks will be repaired and painted.

At the urgent request of the Association the safety fence at Merion Station has been replaced, a contribution to the safety of children and others using the station.

### **NEW STATION MAP**

New maps of Merion are published each year. Through the cooperation of the Postmaster at Merion, a complete check up of all householders is made and the map brought up-to-date.

Copies are framed and hung at the Post Office, Railroad Station and the Police Station at Ardmore. The station maps have been colored to show the properties of residents who support the activities of the Association.

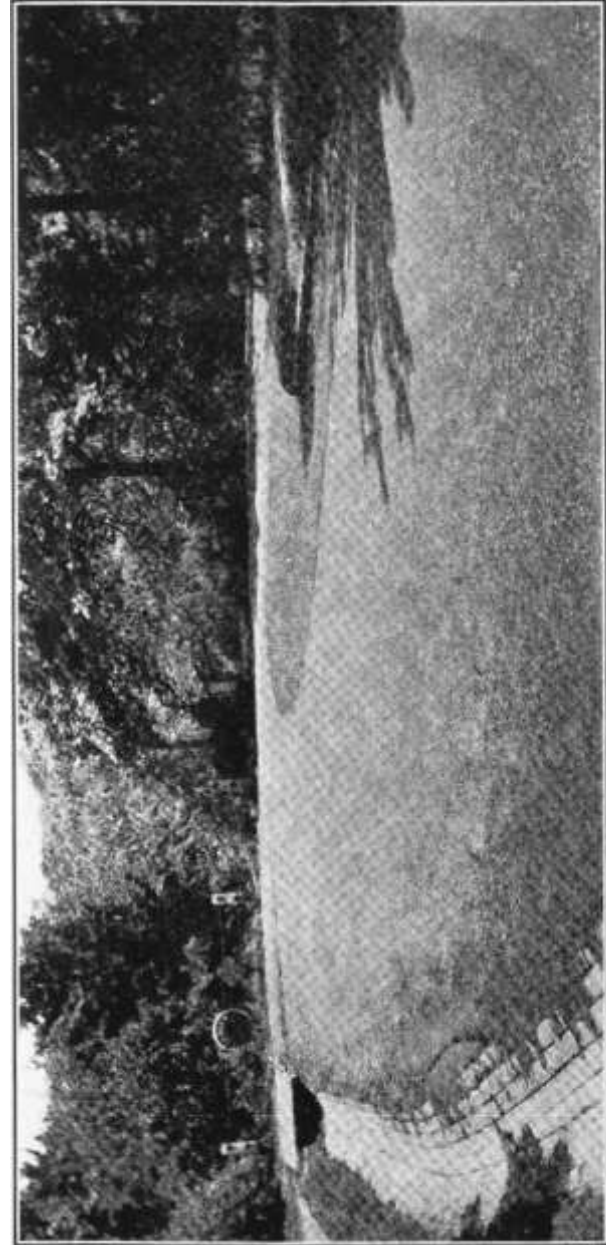
### **STATION HILL IMPROVEMENT**

After many years of patient effort on the part of the Association, the improvements at the intersection of Hazelhurst Avenue and Station Hill have been completed. These include the increase in the radius of the curb, guttering and the removal of trees which obstructed the view of approaching vehicles. The ultimate arrangements were accomplished by the Association's making a contribution to the Richards Estate, and by cooperation with the Pennsylvania Railroad. The results are that an extremely dangerous condition at this point has been eliminated; visibility of approaching vehicles increased, and the neighborhood considerably beautified by these improvements.



Hazelhurst Avenue Before the Intersection Improvement

Figure 2: Hazelhurst Avenue Before the Intersection Improvement



Hazelhurst Avenue Intersection Improvement

Figure 3: Hazelhurst Avenue Intersection Improvement

## **ROCKLAND AVENUE BRIDGE**

As the result of a petition filed by your Association, and with the cooperation of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Lower Merion Township and the Borough of Narberth, the improvement of Rockland Avenue Bridge is now assured. The dangerous condition of the Bridge has been a constant threat to the safety of pedestrians, particularly the children attending the public school, and the order of the Public Utilities Commission has authorized the completion of the work in accordance with plans prepared and approved. By the beginning of the new school year, Rockland Avenue Bridge will have a substantial footway with improvements to the approaches at both ends.

## **WOMEN'S COMMITTEE**

The Association sponsored a Reception and Tea, given by the members of the Women's Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Bok, who acted as hostess on this occasion, on Tuesday afternoon, February 28th, to all residents of Merion.

## **THE LOSS OF MR. PEQUIGNOT**

Your Association suffered a great loss during the year in the death of Mr. Frank C. Pequignot, one of its Vice-Presidents and a member of the Board of Directors for twenty years.

## **VISITING NURSE SERVICE**

Your Association contributes each year to the Community Fund for the Visiting Nurse Service of the Community Health and Civic Association of the Main Line. This service has been in constant demand by Merion families during the past year.

## **BOWMAN ESTATE**

With the sale and development of the Bowman Estate, one of the old land marks has disappeared. Plans have been

approved for the building of 24 houses, eight on Bowman Avenue and sixteen on the new road which is a continuation of Winding Way.

## **HIGHWAYS**

The appropriation from the Township for highways this year will be comparatively small, but sufficient for all necessary road repairs. A number of roads will be given surface treatment of tarvia and slag chips.

## **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

A culvert and storm drain will be constructed at the intersection of Merion Road and Meadow Lane and piped to the stream.

The culverts on Heath Road will be rebuilt and a 36 inch pipe installed to the railroad.

## **PRIVATE ROADS**

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

## **STORM WATERWAYS**

The flume and culvert along the stream near Valley Road, from Bowman Avenue to Civic Circle, will be completed this summer. This improvement, when finished, will take care of the excess water that has caused considerable damage, after each heavy storm, to the properties bordering the waterway.

## **HEALTH—MILK AND WATER**

Due to change in residence the resignation of Dr. Richard A. Kern, as a member of the Board of Directors, was accepted with regret. Dr. Kern will, however, continue to report to the Board regularly and will represent Merion on the Board of Health. These reports will be filed with the Secretary and the information will be available for members.

## **PROTECTIVE SERVICE**

With many crimes being committed on every side, Merion has been free from any robberies. This is due, in large measure to the patrols—Township and Civic—which guard Merion day and night.

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

## **EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Board has been asked to extend the boundaries of the Merion Civic Association to include that section of Merion beyond Bowman Avenue. Those residing in this section who desire to join and take part in the activities of the Association may communicate with the Secretary. Mrs. Matthes, Merion 441, and she will be glad to assist with any community problems.

## **THE MERION MESSENGER**

Your Board of Directors has caused to be published a periodical bulletin which has been named *The Merion Messenger*. Through this bulletin members are kept informed as to the activities of the Association, and special announcements are made through this medium.

## SHADE TREES

Sycamore disease which has attacked many trees in Merion, is being combated by the Shade Tree Commission, 111 trees out of 149, which were pruned during the spring, were Oriental Planes which had been attacked by the Sycamore disease.

The trees which were trimmed are located on Orchard Way, Cherry Bend, Linden Lane and Sycamore Avenue.

The trees on Merion Road have been sprayed for scale.

Sixteen new shade trees have been planted along Valley View Road.

The hemlock trees planted by the Association on Idris Road have been cultivated and fertilized and all are in perfect condition.

## CATERPILLAR CONTROL

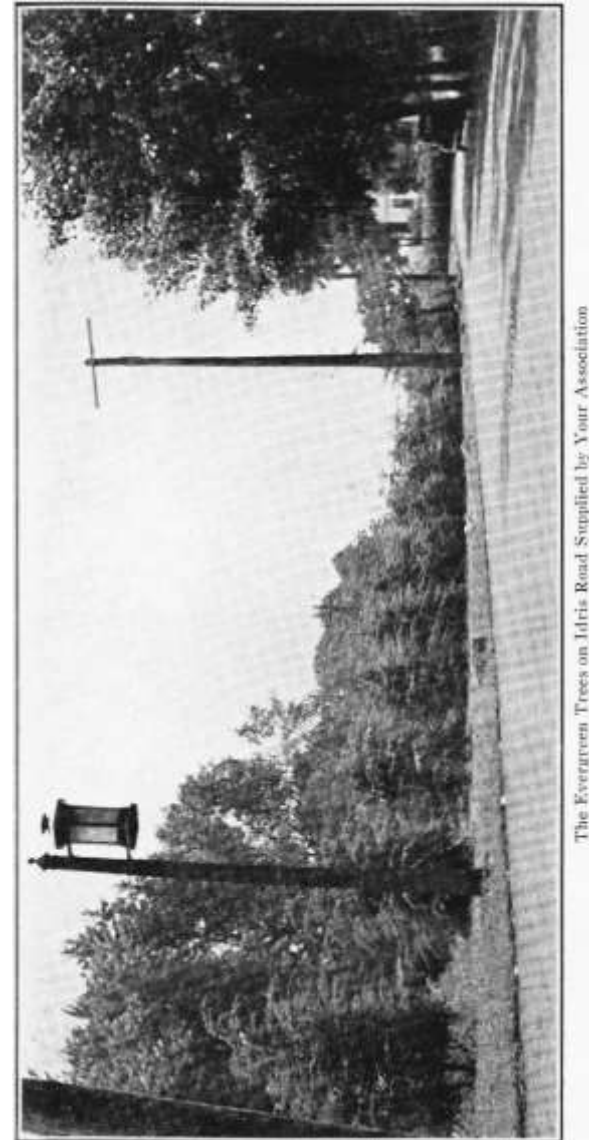
Your Directors continue to employ men to survey the district and remove all caterpillar tents from roadsides and vacant lots.

## SNOW REMOVAL

Your Association maintains and operates a horse drawn plow to break paths through the snow and make its removal easier.

The Police Committee of the Township insists upon strict compliance with the ordinance requiring the cleaning of sidewalks after each snow fall.

Arrangements have been made to have a road plow open all the private roads in Merion after each heavy snow fall.



The Evergreen Trees on Idris Road Supplied by Your Association

Figure 4: The Evergreen Trees on Idris Road Supplied by Your Association

## **VACANT LOTS**

Your Association has been active in having vacant lots cleaned of weeds and long grass and all 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.

## **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion it may be said that the fiscal year just closed has shown very tangible results. The membership of the Association has increased substantially; the condition of the treasury shows a marked improvement and is highly satisfactory; Merion, by reason of its exceptionally fine police protection, has had no crimes of a serious nature occur within the year; the safety fence at the Station has been replaced; the improvement at Hazelhurst Avenue and Idris Road has been completed; the Rockland Avenue Bridge is now assured, and the necessary authorities and appropriations have been secured; in addition to which the Association has maintained a high degree of efficiency in many services to the Community, which have been its responsibilities in the past.

CLARENCE E. HALL

*President.*

Attest:

SARTORI B. MATTHES,

*Secretary.*



## THE WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors of The Merion Civic Association the question was asked "Has it ever been considered that a Women's Committee might be helpful in furthering the work of the Association?"

The idea seemed worth trying, and I was asked to form a Committee and serve as its Chairman.

After conferring with our President, Mr. Clarence E. Hall, and Mrs. Matthes, a Committee was chosen that is fairly representative of all sections of Merion, and is, in the main, a group of young women. Its members today are:

MRS. EDWARD C. DEARDEN, JR.  
MRS. GERALD ENGLISH  
MRS. SAMUEL FELTON  
MRS. S. EARLE HAINES  
MRS. J. WALLACE HALLOWELL  
MRS. H. BOARDMAN HOPPER  
MRS. THOMAS LEO KANE  
MRS. HARRY E. KOHN  
MRS. J. A. LAFORE, JR.  
MRS. WILLIAM LILLEY, JR.  
MRS. JOHN H. READING  
MRS. L. C. SCHEFFEY  
MISS FLORENCE THOMAS  
MRS. JAMES M. WALLACE  
MRS. EDWARD BOK, *Chairman*

Our first activity was to arrange a reception to all residents of Merion—The Merion Civic Association having Open House Sunday afternoon, February 28, 1937. There was an attendance of at least 150, the members of our Committee

being hostesses. Tea, cookies and the contents of a mysterious punch bowl were served. Then there was an informal talk on the history and aims of the Civic Association, by Mrs. Bok. To the surprise of every one, we had a world famous guest, Helen Keller, who being in the neighborhood and hearing of our meeting, wished to attend. She voluntarily addressed the audience, telling us that if there were more Civic Associations like ours throughout the country American life would be better for it.

Many of our Committee members helped in the recent United Campaign work of Merion, as did others earlier in the collection of articles and moneys for Flood sufferers.

We are happy to act again as hostesses at this Annual Meeting of the Association, and to arrange a half hour of music and light refreshments.

We hope to acquaint and impress the community with the work of our Association, and if by creating a spirit of goodwill toward it, we can help build up its membership, we hope to justify the faith of the Board in us.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY BOK

26 May 1937

# MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1936, TO DECEMBER 31, 1936

Balance January 1, 1926 .....	\$3,114.80
Receipts January 1 to December 31, 1936 .....	3,932.93
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	\$7,047.73
Expenditures January 1 to December 31, 1936.....	3,789.37
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	\$3,258.36

ANNUAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 1935

(One year ago)

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

FUND BALANCES AVAILABLE JANUARY 1, 1937

General Administration Fund.....	\$2,430.82
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	827.54
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	\$3,258.36

RECEIPTS JANUARY 1, 1936 TO DECEMBER 31, 1936

Dues for 1936.....	\$3,875.00
Interest 1936.....	57.93
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	\$3,932.93

EXPENDITURES JANUARY 1, 1936 TO DECEMBER 31, 1936

Special Officer (Salaries and Sundries).....	\$1,530.00
Secretary .....	1,599.96
Telephone .....	76.58
Stationary and Printing .....	48.02
Postage .....	54.43
Annual Year Book.....	60.50
Donations.....	100.00
Subscriptions.....	9.00
Care of Station Grounds .....	149.00
Snow Removal .....	70.30
Care of Triangles .....	6.80
Caterpillar Extermination .....	15.20
Lots cleaned and burned .....	33.40
Compensation Insurance .....	34.18
Miscellaneous .....	2.00
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	\$3,789.37

HAROLD W. SCOTT,

*Treasurer.*

## THE MERION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

i in the Merion Tribute House will close in June and the House remain closed until September when it will reopen with the first of a series of dancing classes. During the summer months all activities are confined to the tennis courts, ball field and playgrounds.

The *Dancing Classes*, during the past season, were taken over by the Lucille Stoddart School of Dancing: Miss Stoddart paying to the Association a monthly rental for the use of the Tribute House; and as this arrangement proved so successful the Committee in Charge (comprised only of Merion ladies), has again made plans with Miss Stoddart for next year.

The *other Activities* from which funds are raised to help defray the expenses incurred for the maintenance of the Tribute House, Scout House and grounds, were teas and cards, private and school dances, receptions and the annual meeting of the Needlework Guild.

The *Organizations* using the Tribute House from which we receive no revenue, are: The Merion Civic Association for its Board of Directors' meetings, the Women's Committee meeting and the Annual Meeting in May. The Merion Legion Post for its monthly business meetings, bridge tournament, dances and "Open House" on Decoration Day; and this year the Merion Boy Scouts held their Twentieth Anniversary celebration with a display of their handicraft; and the Merion Girl Scouts will hold their Award Night, with refreshments and entertainment in June. Although[sic]

The *Scout House* is the headquarters for both the Boy and Girl Scouts where they have their weekly meetings.

The *Scout House* is also used by the voting district on election days; and by the Merion Post Office during the mail rush a week preceding Christmas; both of which pay the Association a nominal rental.

The *Tennis Courts* opened on May 1st; Mr. Skillen is in charge again this summer and will be on duty seven days a week, from 10 o'clock in the morning until dusk. He will give instructions to those desiring lessons in tennis.

*Improvement of Grounds.* We wish to call to your attention the improvement recently made at the driveway entrance to the community grounds. It has been widened, the drain pipe along the gutter removed and regraded. This improvement has eliminated a hazard which caused many complaints, one directly from our Commissioner. But due to lack of funds in the Association's Treasury, we were unable to do the work, until, through the untiring efforts of the Chairman of the Grounds, Mrs. Haines, we procured the cooperation of the Merion Legion Post, who donated \$150.00; and the Committee of the Dancing Classes, who gave the balance of \$207.00; we were then able to go ahead with the work.

The Board of Directors of the Merion Community Association appreciating Mrs. Haines' help in this matter extends a vote of thanks to her and to the Merion Legion Post for its generous donation.

Submitted by

T. DUN BELFIELD,  
*President.*

Attested by:

HELEN J. SCHAFER,  
*Executive Secretary*

## REPORT OF TENNIS COMMITTEE

The Tennis Courts on the Merion Community Grounds opened on May 1st, and are again under the direction of Mr. Randall Skillen, who managed them so ably last summer. These courts are for the use of the residents of Merion and their children and the Members of the American Legion Post 545 and their families.

The results of the past years' activities have fully justified a continuance of this very desirable feature of Merion, as the Courts afford much wholesome exercise and keen competitive sport for those who avail themselves of these facilities.

Mr. Skillen will be on duty seven days a week, from 10 o'clock in the morning until dusk, and will be glad to instruct anyone desiring lessons in tennis.

It is hoped there will be an increase in membership this year, for the Courts are in splendid condition.

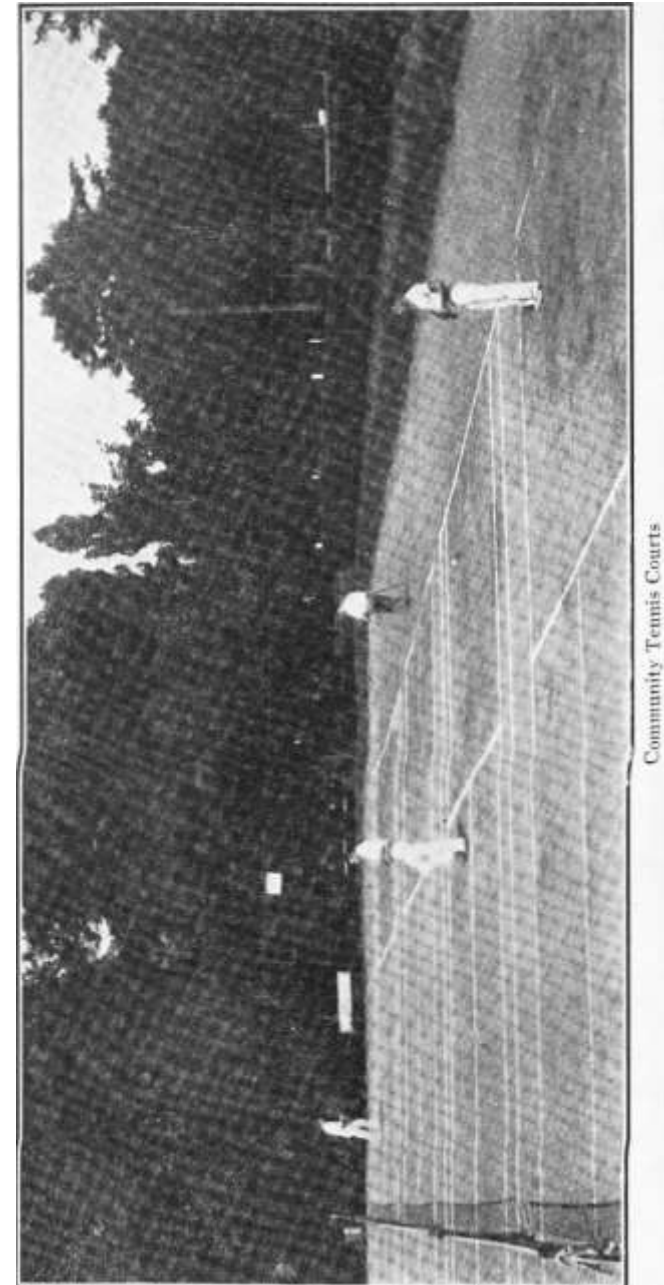
The membership subscription:

Family .....	\$15.00
Senior (fifteen years of age and over).....	8.00
Junior (under fifteen years) .....	4.00
Guest (and must be accompanied by a member) .....	.50

Information and application for membership may be procured by addressing the Merion Tribute House, or telephoning Merion 1267.

### *Committee*

GERARD M. ENGLISH,  
LOUISE G. FELTON,  
JANET HAINES,  
E. G. WYCKOFF, JR.  
CLARENCE E. HALL, *Chairman.*



Community Tennis Courts

Figure 5: Community Tennis Courts

## **THE MERION SCHOOL**

The Merion School is located on Bowman Avenue on a 5 3/4 acre plot which was purchased in 1924 at a cost of \$57,451.28. The first unit, a one story building of native stone contained eight classrooms, a cafeteria and gymnasium. The second unit was completed in 1928. As complete the building contains 20 rooms, facilities for woodworking, cooking, sewing and corrective gymnastics, a large cafeteria, offices, retiring rooms, lockers and showers, gymnasium, auditorium, dressing rooms, balcony and moving picture booth, and an enclosed court filled for outside basket ball. There is a school orchestra for which pupils are given instruction in the various instruments. At the present time there are 16 teachers, including the principal in the Merion School with an enrollment of 416, divided as follows: kindergarten 50, first grade 48, second grade 50, third grade 57, fourth grade 47, fifth grade 61, sixth grade 48, seventh grade 55. Upon the completion of the seventh grade the children are promoted to the Junior High School which includes the eighth and ninth grades. From there they go to the Lower Merion Senior High. At the present time there are 73 Merion pupils at the Junior High School, and 96 at the Senior High School. Transportation by bus is provided for both Senior and Junior High Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

**MRS. J. C. SELLERS, JR.**

*Vice President, Lower Merion  
Board of Education*

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

**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR 1936-1937**

In reporting the activities of the Post, the following will be the order of consideration:

1. Membership
2. Legion Activities and Monthly Meetings
3. Social
4. Civic Affairs

**MEMBERSHIP**

The members of the Post appreciate and are fully aware of the unique position enjoyed. We have the use of the Merion Tribute House which is one of the finest Post Homes in the United States, without cost. The Post has a rule which is strictly adhered to that for every non-resident member admitted a Merion resident member must come in at the same time. The applicant proposed must also be presented at a regular meeting of the Post, and the application must be favorably acted upon by the Membership Committee, comprising five members. At the beginning of the year we had 234 members, and the present membership is 249 by reason of the admission of 17 new members. We suffered a loss of two members through death. The greater loss was as to friendship and comradeship. George Stiles and Ralph Light were outstanding examples of the highest order in respect to character, integrity and faithfulness to the Post.

**LEGION ACTIVITIES AND MONTHLY MEETINGS**

The National organization sponsors certain worthwhile activities which Merion Post endorses heartily. Many Posts take active interest in junior Baseball Teams, Boys Camps, Celebrations of holidays and Americanization programs. In this community it is realized that much of this phase of the Legions program would be out of place. The officers of the Post receive literature and announcements issued by National and State Headquarters and the members are advised of the activities promoted by Headquarters. No specific action is being taken at the present time relative to legislation sponsored by the Legion in respect to universal service in time of emergency, protection of widows and children of deceased veterans and national defense.

At our monthly meetings it has been our practice to have speakers address the members and We have been fortunate in having some very worthwhile speakers. The following subjects were discussed at the several meetings:

Communism in the United States Today—Mr. G. H. Glasser of the National Republic Coalition

Conditions in Italy and Spain—Colonel Jerome G. Pillow, Military Attache at Rome

The Sales and Social Value of Remembering Names and Faces—Mr. Robert H. Nitt

Latest Developments as to Submarines—Lt. Ralph A. Sentman, U. S. Navy—Retired

We also enjoyed talks by Mr. Wilmer G. Crowell explaining particularly the method used in broadcasting football games and by Mr. Van Campen Heilner whose talk on salt water fishing was illustrated with motion pictures. At our February meeting the members and wives were entertained by the Penn A. C. Glee Club.

## **SOCIAL**

Monthly outings are held at various Country Clubs and Golf is played during the season followed by dinner and cards, with bowling during the winter. We hold four formal subscription dances during the year, with average attendance of two hundred members and their friends. For the past several years one dance has been held for members only. A Contract Bridge Tournament during the winter months patronized by Post members has an average of twelve to fifteen tables.

## **CIVIC AFFAIRS**

Due to the fact that other organizations in Merion have long since assumed responsibility in civic affairs, the position of the Post in this connection has necessarily been one of cooperation. However, the Post provides a medal to be awarded each year to the scout of the Liberty Troop showing the greatest advancement in Scouting, and this year is providing funds to send a scout to the National jamboree in Washington in July. Open House is maintained on Memorial Day and all of the children of the community are invited, together with the boy scouts to participate in games. Refreshments are served. A baseball game is played between the boy scouts and the Post. This celebration has become an unusual affair.

The Post is naturally interested in the Boy Scouts due in a great measure to the fact that Alden Tifft is a member of the Post and serves as chairman of our Scout Committee.

During the present year, the Post agreed to sponsor the Merion Sea Scout Ship and a committee of six Post members has been appointed to guide the activities and be responsible for the Ship.

During the course of the year, although it is realized that our members contribute liberally individually, the Post has made contributions to the Police Pension Fund, the Salvation Army, the United Campaign, and for Flood Relief. We were also glad to furnish part of the funds necessary to move the gale posts and widen the entranceway to the Tribute House grounds.

In closing I wish to take this opportunity to express on behalf of the Post our appreciation of the advantages enjoyed, and our willingness to cooperate in civic affairs with the other organizations, and in particular with the Merion Civic Association.

HOWARD H. MCCONNELL,

*Commander.*

## REGISTRATION FOR VOTING

1937

### **MERION VOTERS! ATTENTION!**

This is to advise you that all voting registrations are made void by recent Act of Legislature and that a new Permanent Registration Act is now in effect. There will hereafter be no voting "on affidavit." Therefore, in order to be able to vote at the primaries in September, the general election in November and subsequent elections, you must appear personally before the registrar on any of certain fixed days before September 1, 1937. The days fixed are June 23rd and 24th, July 21st and 22nd, August 11th and 12th. We urge you to avail yourself of one of the registration days and to note that *present registrations are void*. Please see that everyone in your home appears personally—at Boy Scout House, Merion Community Grounds from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. D. S. T.

## **MERION'S GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES**

*Township Commissioner*

T. WOOD ANDREWS  
308 Berkley Road, Merion, Pa.

*Harrisburg Representative*

LAMBERT CADWALADER (R)  
Capitol Building, Harrisburg, Pa.

*Harrisburg Senator*

THEADORE LANE BEAN (R)  
Capitol Building, Harrisburg, Pa.

*National Representative*

J. WILLIAM DITTER (R)  
House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

*National Senators*

JAMES DAVIS (R) and JOSEPH GUFFEY (D)  
Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.



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

**MERION, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ANNUAL REPORT 1936-1937**

Our organization reports nine monthly meetings and nine board meetings held during the year. The members who gave the use of their houses for meetings were: Mrs. John Lafore, Miss Florence Evans, Mrs. Bruce Byall, Mrs. Stella Griffiths, Mrs. L. G. List, Mrs. Arthur Goldsmith. One meeting was held at the Bala Cynwyd Women's Club.

The speakers at the monthly meetings, each of which is in charge of one of the League's six departments were:

Mrs. Grace Dercum Watson, Foreign Policy Department.

Subject: "Present Conditions in Europe."

Mrs. Herbert A. Miller, Foreign Policy Department. Subject:

"Russia as We Saw It."

Mrs. Willis T. Spivey, State Chairman Department of Economic Welfare. Subject: "The League of Women Voters 'What and Why.' "

Miss Irene Liggett, Children's Aid Society, Child Welfare Department.

Miss Ella Harris, Ex. Sec. Council of Social Agencies. Subject: "The Goodrich Plan."

Miss Virginia Atmore, County Chairman of Government and Its Operation. "The Merit System."

Dr. Clarence Atlee, Bills affecting education which are to come before the legislature.

In April a group of members gave a graphic study of the situation in regard to new legislation affecting food, drugs and cosmetics. Mrs. Wetherald gave a brief resume of the food, drugs and cosmetics bills now pending.

Richard Halliburton was the lecturer at our money raising event. The Bala-Cynwyd Women's Club cooperated with the League in giving this lecture. The Leagues share of the proceeds was \$51.40. Two members of the League, Mrs. Wetherald and Mrs. Tiff: attended the State Convention in Altoona May 17, 18, 19.

**GOODRICH COMMITTEE AND EMERGENCY PEACE COMMITTEE**

The League proposes to obtain and distribute as usual information about the candidates coming up for election in the Fall.

**LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS TO REPRESENTATIVES**

We are happy to report greater attendance at meetings and more interest and desire to learn among our membership.

Respectfully submitted,

RITA S. TIFFT,  
*President.*

## THE MERION BRANCH OF THE NEEDLEWORK GUILD OF AMERICA

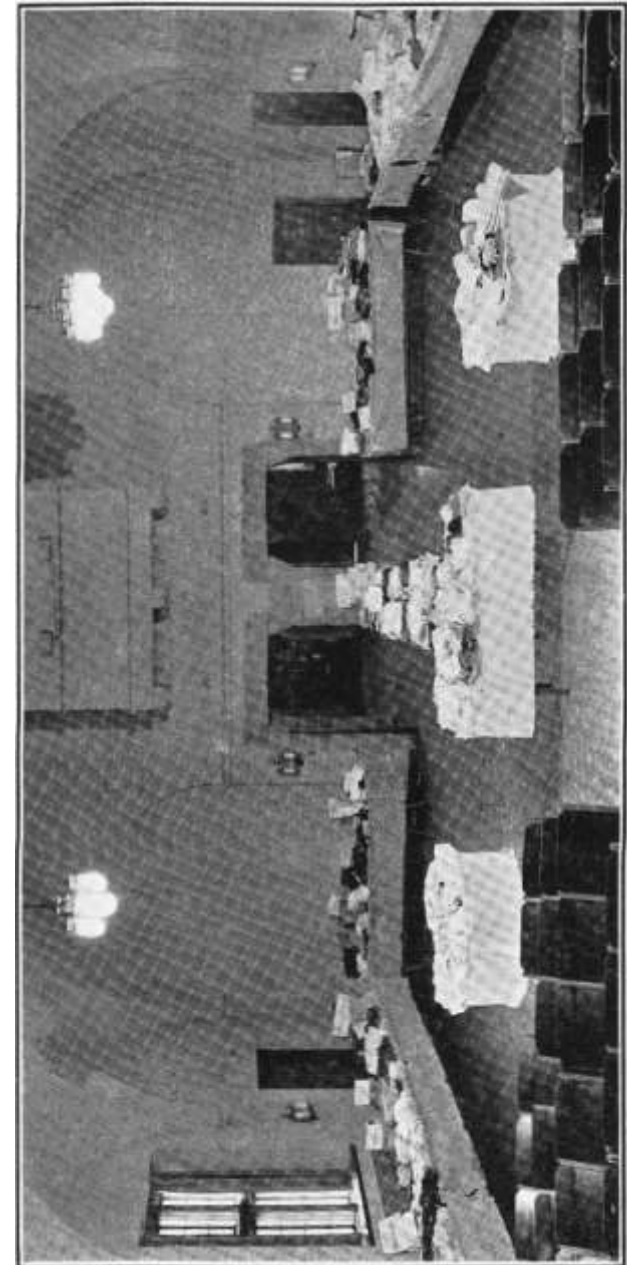
The thirteenth annual meeting and exhibition of garments of the Merion Branch of the Needlework Guild was held at the Merion Tribute House on November 10, 1936.

Mr. Benjamin Hoffman, president of the Board of Trustees of the Chapin Home for the Blind was the speaker of the day.

Mrs. Charles Wenz of Merion entertained us with piano solos and Mrs. Horace Greenwood with monologues.

Fifty-four senior directors contributed 3467 garments—twenty-two junior directors 1010. Making a total of 4477 garments, which were distributed to the following charities:

- The Babies Hospital
- Broad Street Hospital
- Broomall Convalescent Home
- Children's Hospital
- Children's Heart Hospital
- Chapin Home for the Blind
- Episcopal Hospital
- Family Society
- Four (4) Individual Families
- Lincoln Day Nursery
- Main Line Federation of Churches
- Main Line Visiting Nurse Association
- Mother's Assistance Fund of Montgomery County
- Merion Civic Association
- Northern Home for Friendless Children
- St. Lukes Hospital
- West Philadelphia Hospital for Women
- Salvation Army



Needlework Guild Exhibit

Figure 6: Needlework Guild Exhibit

The distribution of garments (all new wearing apparel and household linens) to the above charities includes all creeds and races, and all ages from new born infants to ninety-two year old men and women.

Mrs. Horace Greenwood awarded prizes to the following juniors for their collection of garments:

Mary Bazemore	Elizabeth Wallace
Jean Schoene	Ann Wilkinson
Harriet Pfeiffer	Carrol Soliday

The meeting was adjourned and tea was served in the lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL MARIE STANGER.

**Note:** The donation of two new articles of wearing apparel or household linen constitutes membership in the Merion Needlework Guild.

## MERION GIRL SCOUTS REPORT

Troop 230 has 32 registered scouts. They contributed to the Red Cross for flood relief and filled a Christmas basket.

Troop 18 the older girl troop has 12 members. They gave a Welfare donation and as usual sent a Christmas basket, toys and clothing to a family with three children.

Troop 207 has 26 registered scouts. They have contributed to the Needlework Guild and the Juliette Low Fund. They are looking forward to their last meeting when they are having their own celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Scouting. A number of proficiency badges and class ranks will be awarded at that time.

The three troops have also contributed to the United Campaign Fund. In appreciation for the use of the Boy Scout House the three Merion Girl Scout Troops have purchased another spring for the Scout House door.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HOMER EACHUS, *Captain* 230 and 18.

MISS NATALIE BEYER, *Captain* 207.

MISS CAROLYN BEYER, *Lieutenant* 207.

May 26, 1937

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA LIBERTY TROOP No. 1

The troop's first meeting was held in the Scout House on September 28, 1936 under the leadership of Russell Belfield as Scoutmaster, and Wm. E. Ferguson and Sam Blakeman as Assistant Scoutmasters. He had the backing of the most active troop committee in the history of the troop. The members of that troop committee are: T. Dun Belfield, Chairman, J. Alden Tiff, Chris Custer, Ray Watrous, E. N. Strang, and Wm. B. Brendlinger as Treasurer.

The troop registered 57 boys of which but 10 or 15 were associates and, coupled with the boys who have dropped out and the new ones we have taken in we still retain our original number.

Our first job was the Fall Round-up which was the last in the series of four streamers awarded by the Valley Forge Council, of which we are members, for 21 troop's activity during the year. We were awarded this streamer and stood high in the ratings for this work.

Our annual movie benefit was the second largest in the history. The boys sold all the tickets and turned in enough money to allow us to give 25 Christmas baskets to poor and deserving families and to have a bit left over with which the boys painted their own patrol rooms.

At the Scoutmasters Banquet held at the Penn A. C., we were awarded the Council Activities Award, and some of the boys from the troop put on a skit for the benefit of those present.

Our collections for the American Red Cross for Flood Relief were among the largest given by any similar organization on the Main Line.

We attended a Sunday Church service at the Merion Friends' Meeting House as the guests of Merion No. 2 as an observance of Boy Week.

On Washington's Birthday we were awarded the first of the 1937 streamers when we were presented with the Valley Forge Pilgrimage Award.

Scout Paul Blakeman was presented the American Legion Award for the Scout showing the most advancement during the year and Scout John Mraz was chosen as the Scout to be sent to the national jamboree in Washington. The money for this scout's trip was generously donated by the American Legion Post of Merion.

In March we felt severely the loss of Russ Belfield as Scoutmaster when he had to move because of business. Wm. E. Ferguson was chosen by the Troop Committee to succeed Mr. Belfield.

In April we collected close to \$100 for the United Campaign and distributed 1000 pieces of United Campaign literature to the residents of Merion.

Our Camporee part of the Council activities started in March and we finished it up well in May by receiving two camporee streamers at the Council Camporee at Valley Forge on May 22d and 23d.

On May 17th we held our 20th Anniversary Celebration in the Tribute House which was a memorable evening for those who attended. That included former Scouts, the American Legion members of the Civic Association, the present Troop and their parents, and parents and friends of the Troop.

Our Troop is at the top in advancement and we are practically ready to form an Eagle Patrol which will mean that there will be more Eagle Scouts in the Troop at one time than there have been in the entire history of the Troop put together.

We realize that there are many improvements that will have to be made during the coming year. but we are rapidly advancing toward that goal which we have set for ourselves. However, the residents of Merion have 2: Scout organization which is unrivalled by any Troop on the Main Line or in the history of Merion. You should and can be proud of them for they are all fine, hard-working, fun-loving boys and I say this from the bottom of my heart.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. FERGUSON,  
*Scoutmaster, Merion Liberty Troop.*

*Troop Committee*

WM. B. BRENDLINGER

CHRIS R. C. CUSTER

EVERETT N. STRANG

J. ALDEN TIFFT

RAYMOND L. WATROUS

T. DUN BELFIELD, CHAIRMAN

## **UNITED CAMPAIGN 1937 FUND**

Two hundred and fifty-five subscribers contributed \$12700 to the 1937 United Campaign Fund. Although this did not reach the Merion quota, it does show an increase of approximately \$1000 over 1936.

It does not represent all the contributions from Merion. A large number of individuals give through their business organizations in Philadelphia. Also, some of the largest contributors are not credited to this community, but are included in Philadelphia under special contributions.

The inclusion of these big contributions would multiply the total amount from this community three or four times. On the other hand, the inclusion would add to the burden of the quota, which is automatically increased each year by about 20 per cent, based on the previous year's total.

It would be a pleasure to mention the 45 workers individually if time permitted. Special mention, however, should be made of the work done by the Co-Captains, Mrs. H. Boardman Hopper and Mrs. John LaFore, Jr., who gave so generously of their time and effort in the handling of the work on the South and North side of Merion respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. KANE.

## **VISITING NURSE SERVICE**

Telephone, Ardmore 2098

### **CARE OF THE SICK**

The Health Service provides skilled nursing care by graduate, registered nurses to any member of the family when ill at home and under the care of a physician. Instructions in personal hygiene, sanitation and the prevention of disease are given.

### **MATERNITY SERVICE**

Prenatal visits are made to help safeguard the health of expectant mothers and secure the best start in life for the baby.

Nurses will assist physicians in home confinements any hour, day or night. This service is limited to patients whom the nurses have attended during the prenatal period.

Visits will be made to render after-care to mother and baby.

### **CHILD HEALTH SUPERVISION SERVICE**

Visits are made to help keep infant and preschool children well through instructions in general hygiene, good nutrition, methods of preventing disease and the importance of correcting physical defects.

### **FEES**

The cost of a visit to render nursing care or treatment to 21 single case is \$1.00; to a mother and baby, \$1.25; for giving colonic irrigations, \$1.50; Part pay and free visits are given when indicated.

The Association has a contract to give care to policyholders of the John Hancock and Metropolitan Life Insurance Companies subject to the rules of each company.

Appointment service is available to any one desiring a nurse at a stated time between 8.30 a. m. and 5 p. n1., and for this convenience a higher fee is required—\$1.50 per hour.

For assistance at time of confinement a charge of \$5.00 is made for five hours or less. Patients are asked to pay taxi fare for night calls.

### **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.

To secure a nurse for confinement service in the night or when the Health Service office is closed telephone the Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr 1800.

The following State Dog Law is being rigidly enforced by agents of the State Agricultural Department:

### **DOGS SIX MONTHS OLD AND OVER MUST BE LICENSED**

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

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

License expires January 15th, each year.

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

*License tag must be affixed to a substantial collar and kept on dog at all times.*

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

Owners are responsible for all damage caused by their dogs.

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

*The purpose of the "Dog Law" is /or the protection of the public and their property, through the proper control of dogs, and for the protection of the properly licensed and tagged dog.*

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

*Have your dog properly licensed and tagged; keep it under control and avoid the payment of damages or prosecution for violation of the law.*

**THE SCATTERING OF PAPER ON  
THE ROADS OF MERION**

**AN ORDINANCE**

That if any person shall carelessly or negligently permit or suffer waste paper, shavings, sawdust or rubbish of any kind to be carried by the wind or otherwise scattered over the public highways, or over the adjoining property of any person, he shall be subject to a penalty of ten dollars; to be recovered in the same manner as other penalties for breach of Township Ordinances.

This is an ordinance of the Lower Merion Township Commission, and as its enforcement hereafter is to be insisted upon, it is here published for the benefit of our members in a protective sense.

THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

**DANGEROUS CORNERS**

For the information and protection of the members your Directors would call attention to an ordinance, approved by the Board of Township Commissioners, March 16, 1927, which reads:

“On any corner lot, no wall, fence or other structure shall be erected or altered, and no hedge, tree, shrub or other growth shall be maintained, which may cause danger to traffic on a street by obscuring the view.”

**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.