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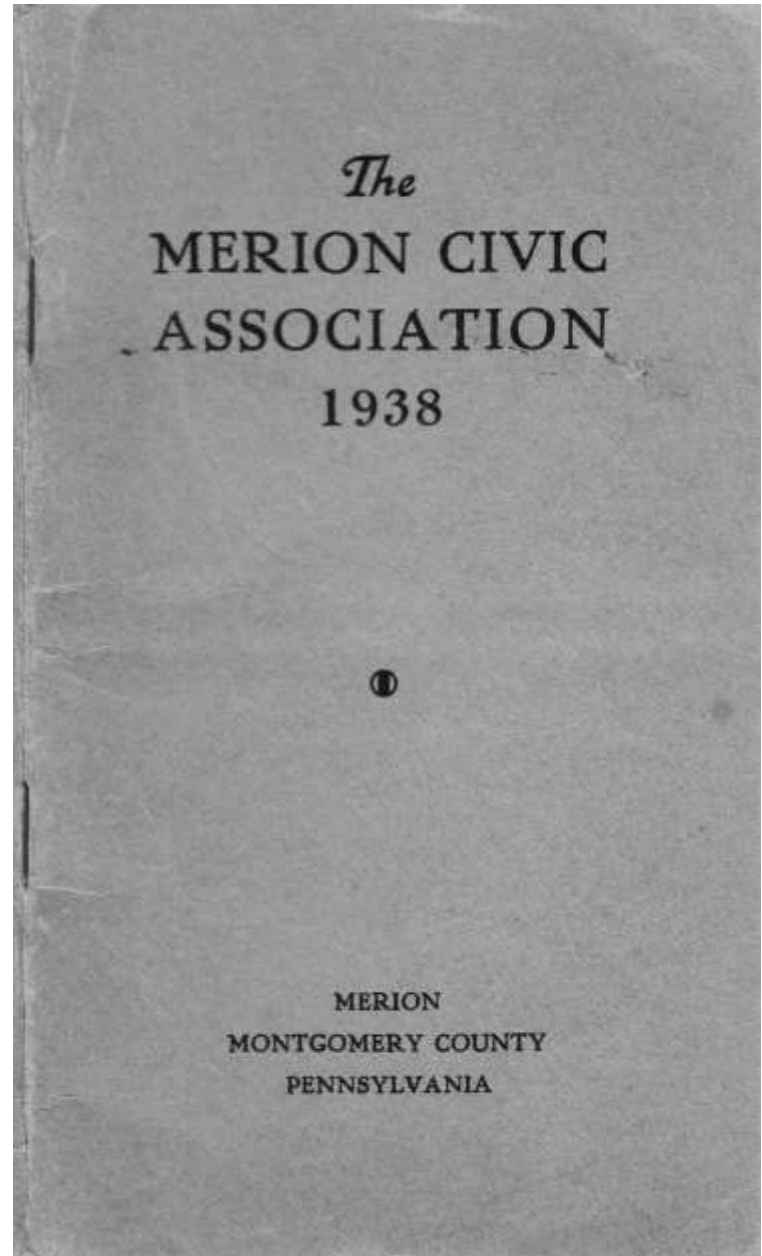
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The Twenty-fifth Annual Report

1937-1938

*"To be nation right and state right
we must first be community right"*

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MEDICAL ADVISOR TO THE BOARD

DR. RICHARD A. KERN

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Merion Civic Association was held at Merion, on the evening of Friday, May twentieth, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight. 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:

Your Association closes its twenty-fifth year with a membership of 375 members.

Receipts for dues for 1937 amounted to \$3,977.00. The financial position of the Association is fully outlined in the Treasurer's report, hereto appended.

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 which was for many years maintained by that Director.

These grounds continue to receive the customary care of your Association.

The installation and maintenance of the flower boxes at the Station, Post Office and Waiting Room is the work of your Association and they are constantly renewed and cared for to preserve their beauty.

The flower boxes and the Civic Flag Pole have all been painted this year.

Your Directors have decided on a long time planning program to make Merion Station Grounds one of the outstanding beauty spots of the Community.

Through the cooperation of the officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the rose bushes on the railroad banks are trimmed, and leaves and dead twigs removed.

Merion Station Map:

In an endeavor to correct and bring up to date many of the changes in property lines, brought about through the sale and development of some of the large estates, your Directors have arranged to have a new tracing made of the Merion District.

Copies of the Map will be framed and hung at the Post Office and Railroad Station.

The Station Maps will be colored to show the properties of residents who support the activities of the Association.

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, but we are glad to report that Dr. Kern continues to represent Merion on the Board of Health of Lower Merion Township and is the Medical Advisor to the Board on all Health matters.

From Dr. Kern, the Board of Directors of the Association receive each month a full and complete report as to the health of the Community and the condition of the milk and water supplied to Merion. Information regarding these matters will be furnished to the members of the Association upon request.

Road Improvement:

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

The grading and reconstruction of North Bowman Avenue from Merion Road to Montgomery Avenue will be completed this summer.

In addition the Township will carry on the regular maintenance work, repairs, patching of roadway, surface treatment when needed, and street sweeping.

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. Zollinger Way, Cross Roads—and Melrose from Cross Roads to Highland Avenue were repaired, thanks to the cooperation of owners whose properties abut upon these roads.

The Shade Tree Commission have agreed to trim and to give the necessary care to trees on Private

Roads, if granted permission by the property owners. Your Directors sincerely hope that all property owners will cooperate and that all trees on highways be kept trimmed so as to allow sufficient clearance for the police radio cars to receive uninterruptedly all messages from the Police Station.

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

Storm Waterways:

A general survey of all Storm Waterways throughout Merion with the idea of improving road conditions has resulted in the following proposed program.

Three new storm drains will be constructed this summer. Culverts on Heath Road will be rebuilt and 1400 feet of drain pipe installed from Zollinger Way to Baird Road.

The Culvert on Glenwood Road will be rebuilt and 160 feet of 20 inch pipe installed to improve drainage conditions.

The construction of an 18 inch storm drain on Linden Lane from Bowman Avenue to Brookway. Complete the construction of the flume and culvert along the stream near Valley Road from Sycamore Avenue to Bowman Avenue. These improvements, when finished, will take care of the excess water that has caused considerable damage after each heavy storm.

Protective Service:

Nine policemen are regularly on duty in Merion. In addition, there are three Sergeants and two Lieutenants, who give daily supervision.

To further improve this protection, your Township Commissioners have arranged to place two additional patrol cars on the roads of Lower Merion Township equipped with radio sets—a total of seven cars, two officers in each of these cars. This system has proved to be of much value in police work as it enables the officers to reach any section of Merion in less than five minutes.

Your Directors have contributed \$50 to the Police Pension Fund in recognition of the excellent work done by the Lower Merion Police in Merion,

There are 107 patrolmen in Lower Merion Township under the leadership of Superintendent Gearheart.

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

New Fire Hydrants:

Three additional fire-hydrants have been granted to Merion by the Lower Merion Township Commissioners and installed on Winding Way, North Bowman Avenue and Lapsley Road. These Hydrants are so located that every house in Merion is now within 600 feet of a hydrant.

Shade Trees:

During the year, the Shade Tree Commission pruned 283 trees in the Merion District.

Work on the trees on the following roads has been completed—Orchard Way, Cherry Bend, Linden Lane and South Latches' Lane.

Eight Oriental Plane Trees were so diseased, that it was necessary to remove them.

The Commission likewise removed twenty Lombardy Poplars from Valley Road.

The Horse Chestnut Trees along Merion and Wynnewood Roads have suffered seriously with leaf blotch, a fungus disease, controlled only by spraying. Three applications of fungicide spray along with a dormant spray has been applied in the Spring, and the results have been encouraging.

The Hemlock Trees planted by your Association on Idris Road have been cultivated and fertilized and will continue to receive the proper care. This planting has been one hundred per cent successful. The three triangles, two on Sycamore and one on Cross Roads will be replanted with desirable material.

Dangerous Corners:

Your Directors are giving special attention to the corners in your Community that are rendered dangerous by reason of too thick growth of shrubs and high hedges. Several residents of the Community have cooperated. Two corners at dangerous intersections have recently been improved. Northeast corner of Bowman and Narberth and another at the Northeast corner of Wynnewood and South Highland Avenue.

Ashes and Trash:

Your Township Commissioners continue the

collection of ashes and trash, once every two weeks. A copy of the Township regulations for the collection of ashes and trash will be mailed on a request made to the Townships Building, Ardmore, or to the Association's Secretary.

Snow Removed:

Two new snow plows were purchased last fall and while the open weather last winter required their use but once, both the plows are ready for service whenever there is a fall of snow of three inches or more.

This service does not relieve the property owners from compliance with the Township's snow ordinance which requires all foot walks to be cleared of snow and ice within 10 working hours after the snow has ceased to fall.

The Association likewise employs a road plow to relieve snow conditions on the private roads.

Caterpillar Control:

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

Dividing the Merion Voting District:

Due to the new 1937 Permanent Registration Act, it was found advisable to consider dividing the Merion election district into two precincts, so that all residents of Merion would be afforded the opportunity to vote.

A Committee was appointed to study the question and bring the matter to the attention of the proper authorities.

The petition to divide the district has been approved by the Montgomery County Court and the Montgomery County Election Board—

Polling Places:

1st precinct—Scout house, Merion Community Grounds,

2d precinct—35 N. Narberth Avenue.

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 and the railroad banks as dumping grounds by gardeners and employees should be discouraged.

The cooperation of our members and all residents of Merion is earnestly desired by your Board of Directors.

Scout Awards:

Your Association has always taken an active interest in both the Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops of Merion and are sponsors for the Merion Boy Scout Troop. When it was found necessary to purchase a new heater for the Scout House last winter, your Directors contributed One Hundred Dollars to the Committee toward this indebtedness.

Your Directors have approved an annual award of \$10.00 to both the Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops. These awards will be turned over to the Committee having charge of the Troops and awarded to promote the best interest of scouting.

Visiting Nurse Service:

Your Association through the United Campaign contribute \$100.00 annually to the support of the Main Line Visiting Nurse Service. During the past year a number of Merion families have called upon this nursing service. A small hourly or daily charge in accordance with the requirement of the case is made.

Information may be obtained by calling Ardmore 2098.

Conclusion

In conclusion, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Association, I desire to thank the residents of Merion for their support of the Civic Association during the current and past years. An Association like ours can only accomplish the ideals which it sets out to perform by and with the active cooperation of the residents of the community in which it operates. It has been our hope and desire that through this Association, Merion will become a better and finer place in which to live and rear our children. The Association must not only take an active interest in the government of the community but must also encourage the esthetic side of the community life, neither of which aims could be fulfilled without the encouraging support of our citizens. Therefore, again I thank the members of our community, and especially Mrs. Edward Bok, and her Women's Committee for the fine and excellent work they have given during the past year. I am absolutely sure that with the aid and support of our membership we can

go a long way towards accomplishing our aims and hopes during the coming year.

A. BALFOUR BREHMAN
President

Attest:

SARTORI B. MATTHES
Secretary

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

January 1, 1937, to December 31, 1937

Balance January 1, 1937	\$3,258.36
Receipts January 1 to December 31, 1937	4,037.54
	\$7,925.90
Expenditures January 1 to December 31, 1937	3,695.07
	3,600.83

Annual Report December 31, 1936 (Prior Year)

Balance January 1, 1936	\$3,114.80
Receipts, 1936	3,923.93
	\$7,047.73
Expenditures, 1936	3,789.37
	\$3,258.36

Fund Balances Available January 1, 1938

General Administration Fund	\$3,023.29
Permanent Improvement Fund	577.54
	\$3,600.83

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Receipts January 1, 1937, to December 31, 1937

Dues for 1937	\$3,967.50
Interest 1937	28.14
Contributions—cleaning lots	41.90
	\$4,037.54

Expenditures January 1, 1937, to December 31, 1937

Special Officer—salary and sundries	\$546.90
Secretary	1,599.96
Telephone	95.46
Subscription \$9.00—contributions \$175.00	184.00
Compensation Insurance \$36.90—	
Unemployment Insurance \$31.65	68.55
Rockland Avenue Bridge Expense	35.85
Annual Meeting Expense	20.00
Stationery and Printing	65.55
Signs and castings	27.00
Snow removal	100.40
Snow Plows (2)	40.00
Care of Station Grounds	129.50
Vacant lot and caterpillar extermination	48.10
Merion Messenger and Public Health Report	52.50
Year Book	291.00
Miscellaneous	26.48
Secretary expense—postage, etc.	113.82
	\$3,445.07
Station Hill permanent improvement	250.00
	\$3,695.07

HAROLD W. SCOTT
Treasurer

ROSTER OF NEW MEMBERS, 1938

The Episcopal Academy	\$10.00
Mrs. Greville Haslam	10.00
Mr. Lewis H. Van Dusan, Jr.	10.00
Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusan, Jr.	5.00
Dr. S. S. Huebner	10.00
Mrs. S. S. Huebner	5.00
Mr. Max Levinson	10.00
Mrs. Max Levinson	10.00
Miss Laura M. McAllister	10.00
Dr. H. K. Mahler	10.00
Mr. Lewis R. Gaty	10.00
Mrs. Lewis R. Gaty	5.00
Dr. John H. Reading	10.00
Mrs. H. Boardman Hopper	5.00
Mr. George E. Lallou	10.00
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Mrs. Gerard M. English	5.00
Mrs. Thomas L. Kane	5.00
Mr. Warren S. Barnes	10.00
Mrs. Warren S. Barnes	10.00
Mr. S. A. Kendall, Jr.	10.00
Mrs. S. A. Kendall, Jr.	5.00
Mr. Henry W. Post	10.00
Mrs. Henry W. Post	5.00
Dr. A. E. Blackburn	10.00
Mrs. A. E. Blackburn	5.00
Mr. Maxwell Smolens	10.00
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