

Narberth's Latest Experiment As Viewed By Some of Its Prominent Citizens

An Experience in Co-operative Journalism

The Narberth Civic Association was organized only seven months ago, but this has been long enough to convince those actively interested in its various enterprises of the need of a convenient and regular means of communication between officers and members and between members.

Public meetings are useful for this purpose, and we hope to have them more frequently; but if we are to be limited to this method of disseminating ideas and information, it would be necessary to hold such meetings so frequently that they would in a short time become burdensome to many of our people and thus defeat their own end.

Furthermore, owing to the various business and social interests of our citizens, it is, of course, impossible to set dates for public meetings convenient for all. While the plan of sending out circular letters has been followed quite extensively during the past summer, this is necessarily expensive, and as our membership dues are small, the expense makes the regular adoption of such method prohibitive. It was therefore necessary for us to find some method which would be less burdensome than frequent public meetings, cheaper than communications by mail, and yet combine the advantages of both these methods.

The idea of conducting a newspaper seemed the best solution of this problem, as it offered the advantage of a regular means of communication at nominal cost, perhaps without cost, as it was reasonable to suppose that a local paper in a community of this size, if properly conducted, would be self-supporting. A further advantage lay in the fact that this would offer not only a means of communication between the members of the Civic Association, but also serve the same purposes for every other organization in town and without additional cost to them. By thus combining our efforts, residents may know at all times what is going on not only in their own, but in all other church, social or athletic organizations, and what is being done by their local government officials in the way of new ordinances, etc. Each person can thus be put in close touch with all activities and with matters of general interest, and we hope and believe that with the help of all, this paper may be made the means of firmly establishing in the minds of all of us the advantages and importance of the principle which this association has from the beginning contended was the keynote to the highest type of civic improvement—CO-OPERATION.

In applying the principles of co-operation to journalism, our plan is to organize a staff of contributors by securing the services of at least one person to represent each separate organization or body of persons in town and also a staff of contributing editors to furnish copy on matters of general or public interest. In carrying out this plan, we wish to say that we are highly pleased with the hearty response given by all persons to whom we have so far applied, and also with the interest shown by the people in general. The liberal response to requests for advertising, given by our local business men, assure us of sufficient funds to meet actual operating expenses, all other services being rendered free of charge. At the same time the fact that the many able writers and thinkers, for which this community is noted, have unanimously consented to devote some of their time to the cause, is in itself sufficient

assurance that the reader will get his or her money's worth.

GEORGE M. HENRY.

Narberth's Opportunity

In the past it was not uncommon for our speakers to deplore the lack of public spirit in Narberth. Recent events have shown that they were mistaken, and that our citizens are really imbued with a high degree of public spirit, that responds freely when any occasion arises for its manifestation. The formation of the Narberth Civic Association and the hearty response of the public when the Pageant was proposed last spring have conclusively shown what a splendid esprit du corps exists in our Borough.

The success of the Pageant as a spectacle exceeded the most sanguine hopes of its promoters. It was made possible solely by the hearty co-operation of nearly every individual in our town. The vast amount of hard work that was done in planning the event, making costumes and other properties, attending to countless minor details, was all volunteered cheerfully and uncomplainingly. Our people were brought closely together in the effort to make the Pageant a success; they learned to know one another better, and experienced together the glow of pride that results in taking part in a good work well done.

And now another work that has been going on quietly during the summer months is coming to fruition. The plans for the reclamation of a waste tract of land, and the creation of a beautiful park, proposed by Mr. George M. Henry and endorsed by the Civic Association, seem assured of success by another manifestation of the same public spirit. Nearly enough subscriptions for the required number of building lots have been obtained through the untiring energy of Mr. Henry. A skilled town-planning architect has designed a public park with lovely drives and charming vistas of trees and shrubs, pools and winding stream, interspersed with homes of individual and attractive type. This development, when completed, will be unique in our section of the country, and will place Narberth in the front rank of progressive towns.

It is the Civic Association that gives Narberth its opportunity to become in every respect an ideal community. It is the medium through which any citizen may make suggestions for civic improvement and through which, by intelligent discussion and co-operation with the Borough authorities, many improvements may be accomplished. Those citizens who are dissatisfied with the conduct of our Borough activities may now present their views to the Civic Association, where they will be discussed intelligently, and the co-operation of the authorities enlisted to remove any cause for dissatisfaction.

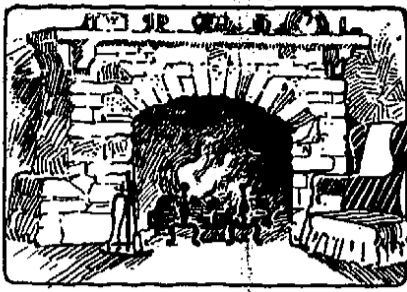
Let us cultivate a spirit of helpful optimism. Mere adverse criticism, without action, is worse than useless. The conduct of our public activities has seemed in the past a thankless task. Those who give their time and energies to public work should be made to feel that the citizens stand back of them. By means of the Civic Association we can keep in close touch with all Borough affairs; the Council and School Board can be advised of the wishes of the people, and helped by their constructive criticism. Let our motto be, "Narberth for Narberthians," and all work together for the common good.

AUGUSTUS J. LOOS.

A Narberth newspaper! It fills a long-felt want. Success, to the enterprise.

CHRIS G. KOPPEL.

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THE FIRESIDE

By Lady Narberth

Walter Nevin, Elm Terrace, who had both jaws broken while playing football with the Narberth eleven at Villa Nova, Saturday, October 3, is doing as well as may be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKeel, Essex avenue, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. Carroll Downes, Woodside avenue, who has been confined to her home for nine weeks with typhoid pneumonia, has passed the critical stages and is rapidly recovering.

Bert Simpson, Narberth's old spit-ball pitcher, and his wife, formerly Miss Martha Lindsey, also of Narberth, are visiting their relatives and friends. Their home is now in Scranton, Pa., where Mr. Simpson is employed in the engineering department of the Bell Telephone Company.

The boys of the Methodist S. S. are planning to conduct a minstrel show in Elm Hall, November 20 and 21.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hamilton and their son Kenneth have returned from summering at Beach Haven. They will remain in Narberth for the winter instead of locating in Malvern, as they had previously planned to do. Mrs. Hamilton is president of the Ladies' Auxiliary and is planning an active program for the coming winter.

Miss Bertha Brill has gone to Mahanoy City, Pa., where she will remain a week or ten days.

The Ki Pi Sorority will present "Tommy's Wife" at Elm Hall, November 13. The girls will also give a tea at the home of Miss Katherine McDowell, Montgomery avenue, Saturday, October 17.

Miss Helen Maxwell, formerly of Narberth, is continuing her studies at Bryn Mawr College.

Mr. O. I. Hampton, assistant secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., and his wife, are now occupying their new home, 89 Windsor avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Prescott, Essex avenue, have returned from a three weeks' stay at their bungalow at Ocean City.

Mrs. Albert Golze, Maple avenue, who has been critically ill for many weeks, is much improved, and can now see friends.

"The Cabin," Mr. Smedley's new real estate office, has been inspected by many visitors who have seemed well pleased with the novelty of the new quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bentz, formerly resident on Woodside avenue, who have frequently delighted Narberth audiences by their joint organ and song recitals, are passing the winter at Berwyn.

The new real estate operation of Mr. Smedley, on Woodside and Elmwood avenues, is progressing very rapidly.

Mrs. William Chase has leased her home on Elmwood avenue for the winter to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, and is boarding with Mrs. Kern, Essex avenue.

Robert C. McQuilkin and family are occupying their new home on Woodside avenue. Mr. McQuilkin is associate editor of the "Sunday-school Times."

Among the youth of Narberth away to school are: Charles Nevin, State College of Pennsylvania; George and Chester Smith and Stuart R. M. Thomson, Delaware State College; Horace Smedley and Leon Darlington, Syracuse; Philip Justice, Lehigh; Marjorie Chase, Buena Vista, Virginia.

Facts About School Question— A Resolution and an Important Query

Facts About the School Question

Notices have recently been posted in various parts of the borough, calling attention to the fact that at the November election we will be called upon to vote on the question of increasing the indebtedness of the School District to the extent of \$54,000, for the purpose of constructing a new school building, repairing the old one, and providing a proper playground for school purposes.

Upon reading this notice, the question naturally arises, what is the present condition of our school plant and how badly are these proposed improvements needed. If they are necessary, we assume that every resident of the "Year-round Home Town" will feel bound to help keep our educational facilities on a high plane by voting for the loan.

Perhaps you have children in school, or sometimes visit the building while school is in session. If so, you are familiar with conditions. If not, here are some facts which will furnish food for reflection, pending the arrival of election day.

The present buildings are so crowded that the first grade has been forced out entirely and has temporary quarters at the Y. M. C. A. The High School is using the Auditorium, and a number of classes use the basement for recitations, with poor light, heat and ventilation. Three children are frequently crowded into seats meant for two, and others are obliged to occupy places meant for none at all. If you need further data to convince you that the loan is needed, call at the school building some day, and have an interview with the principal.

In order that you may become familiar with your duty in the matter, we quote the following from the school code:

"Sec. 401. The Board of School Directors in every school district in this Commonwealth shall establish, equip, furnish and maintain a sufficient number of elementary public schools, in compliance with the provisions of this act, to educate every person residing in such district, between the ages of six and twenty-one years, who may attend."

It will be noted that the above section is mandatory and leaves nothing to the discretion of the Directors. In the event of their failure to provide proper facilities, Sec. 1017, of the Code, provides that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

"Shall have power to condemn as unfit for use, on account of unsanitary or other improper conditions, any school building, school site, or outbuilding in this Commonwealth, and upon failure on the part of the Board of School Directors to remedy such conditions, he shall have power to withhold and declare forfeited all or any part of the annual appropriation apportioned to any such school district."

Of course, all the duties imposed on the School Board are duties imposed upon the residents of the district which the Board represents. And if the residents refuse to assist the Board by giving them the means of performing their duties, the penalty also falls upon us.

At present our share of annual State appropriation is about \$1500. This amount would pay interest at four per cent. on bonds covering the cost of a \$37,500 building, and is therefore an item well worth bearing in mind while making up your mind how to vote.

Let us suppose you vote against the loan, and enough others do the same so that it is defeated. What happens then? Sec. 402 of the Code provides as follows:

"In order to establish, enlarge, equip, furnish and maintain any schools or departments herein provided, or to pay any

school indebtedness which any school district established by this act is required to pay, or to pay any indebtedness that may at any time hereafter be created by any school district, or to enable it to carry out any provision of this act, the Board of School Directors in each school district in this Commonwealth shall be, and hereby is, vested with all the necessary authority and power annually to levy and collect, in the manner herein provided, the necessary taxes required, in addition to the annual State appropriation, and shall have, and be vested with, all necessary power and authority to comply with and carry out any or all the provisions of this act."

It is further provided in Sec. 506:

"The Board of School District in any school district in this Commonwealth, in any year, in order to purchase or acquire proper site or grounds for school buildings, or any lands additional to any present school sites or grounds, or to erect, enlarge, equip, or furnish any school building, or to repair or rebuild any new or old building, or in order to repay or refund any existing indebtedness of any school district, or to pay any indebtedness incurred by any municipality for or on account of any school district or for school purposes, as is herein required to be assumed by any school district hereby established, or to refund as herein authorized to any municipality the amount of any such indebtedness, may create and incur an indebtedness against any such school district and issue bonds to secure the same, for any and all such purposes, or may create and incur an increase of any existing indebtedness against any such school district, for any or all such purposes, to any amount that the total indebtedness of such school district, including the indebtedness of any sub-school or ward school district therein, if any, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property for school purposes therein."

Our purpose in calling attention to the foregoing facts and statutory provisions is to place before you, in condensed form, the most important features of the situation, in order that those who are not already familiar with school conditions may have necessary data upon which to found an intelligent opinion as to the need of the loan. While lack of space prevents further remarks at this time, we hope in the future to give further details, and we welcome any communications bearing on the subject.

A Resolution

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Civic Association, September 21, the following resolution, previously passed by the Executive Committee, was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Narberth Civic Association heartily approves of providing adequate school facilities and pledges its support to any project proposed by the School Board to supply the necessary room and equipment—provided only that the question of the location of the building be submitted to the people.

A Query

At a meeting of some citizens at the house of Mr. Claghorn, the following question was asked: What has become of the School Board's SIGNED promise of last year, to allow the voters to ballot—Whether improvements shall be made to the present school buildings, or by the erection of a new building centrally located for primary grades, and also for purchasing playgrounds if a loan was authorized?

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1914.

GREETINGS

"OUR TOWN" makes its bow to the citizens of Narberth, with a strong, high purpose to be of real service. Bright, up-to-the-minute, and full of things of real value will be its aim.

Non-sectarian, non-partisan, that all may be served without fear or favor. With a heart-felt desire to lend a hand for the uplift and comfort of all, it hopes for the glad hand of welcome from every member of every family where it may make its weekly visits.

One word looms large in the fulfillment of its ambition—CO-OPERATION. Without that "OUR TOWN", like many such high purposes, will be among the things that "might have been."

We ask, in return, open minds and responsive hearts and "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether."

"LADY NARBERTH" will keep us informed of social and other doings of interest, not only to the feminine element but to fathers and brothers also.

CHIEF WINGEBONE, JUNIOR, will help us forget hard times, war, and its depression by jolly little chats, under the caption of "On the 8-14, and Elsewhere in Our Town." You will be looking for them.

Very fortunate are we in having as an occasional contributor MINA THOMAS ANTRIM, a writer of much note and versatility, who is a resident of Narberth and much interested in its welfare. Short stories and essays will come from her pen.

The many newspaper men in Narberth, as well as writers of note (both men and women) will contribute valuable and interesting articles from time to time. New features will be added.

A word for our merchants: No town has better—with excellent goods, fine service and a true desire to please. They should be patronized by all our citizens. We recommend that our housekeepers market in Narberth and so help not only the individual merchants, but further the prosperity of our community.

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the courtesy of Mr. George A. Newman, artist, of Philadelphia, to whom we are indebted for head-line title of our paper, and the sketch of a fireplace; also to the Commercial Engraving Company, of Philadelphia, for reproductions of the same.

Our columns are open for letters and communications of an interesting and helpful nature, always remembering our non-partisan and non-sectarian policy.

School Board Meets.

The School Board met September 28, when Principal Melchoir recommended that consideration be given to the subject of mid-year promotion in grades and advancement in the high school on attainment of certain standards. He suggested also that provision be made for sub-normal and delinquent pupils for whom special instruction may be desired. The establishment of a current literature course is also planned by Mr. Melchoir. These and other recommendations were referred to the Instruction Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted ordinances relating to the proposed school plan for the purpose of constructing a new building, making repairs to heating and plumbing of the present building and furnishing the new school, and also to provide a playground for school purposes, the total cost of all of which will require an expenditure of \$54,000.

Narberth's Latest Experiment

(Continued from page 1)

A Word of Congratulation.

I beg leave to congratulate Narberth generally on its acquisition of "OUR TOWN," which of course will prove worthy of its opportunity and privileges. From a somewhat close opportunity of observation I think it will maintain a high standard of excellence. It now remains only for the residents of Narberth to send in their shekels to the amount of One Dollar, that the enterprise may be a great financial success, winning its way into every home, and cultivating the characteristics that make for the highest values in personal qualities and home life.

C. R. BLACKALL.

Need for It.

Permit me to express, in this initial number of "OUR TOWN," my gratification at the prospect of this local newspaper. There is need for just such a medium of communication among us, and I sincerely hope that the public will enthusiastically support this worthy enterprise. The Civic Association has already done much for Narberth and this paper is but another evidence of their helpful activities. I rejoice in the privilege of being identified with this Association. I assure you that you may count upon my support, in every possible way, in connection with this new and dainty little craft, launched this day upon the great sea of journalism.

Very sincerely,

JOHN VAN NESS,
Pastor of Narberth Presbyterian Church,
Director of Narberth Civic Ass'n.
Oct. 15, 1914.

One Thing Needful.

It is with the greatest pleasure I endorse the new movement of the Civic Association of Narberth, to produce a weekly paper which is to advance local interest and stimulate a desire for more beautiful surroundings.

When I first came to this neighborhood, almost nineteen years ago, Narberth was little more than a village, and I have since watched with interest its gradual development.

I think we are all grateful to the Civic Association for the splendid work it has done and for awakening still further our community interest, and the contemplated paper is I think the one thing needful to unite us in spirit, and to promote good citizenship. I most heartily approve the hoped for production.

Very truly,
CLARENCE T. FARRIS.

A Necessity.

The life of any interest that survives the world's degenerative processes must be centralized. Every progressive community requires a local paper to grip and utilize the free activities of society for the healthy development and maintenance of its organism. Such a paper is a voice, but it is more. It is red blood, hands and feet, head and conscience. To be without it is like talking to the winds. It is the transmission of life's power to particular organs while the others are left to weaken and decay; it is an employment of the hands for other than bodily needs; it is walking and never getting anywhere; thinking but not in touch with fellow-citizens; or moralizing in egotistical silence. The community needs to think and act as a community if it is to be in evidence in the larger life that is moving upward to civilization's brighter day.

EMERSON L. SWIFT.

Steam Back of It.

I learned last evening at the opening night of our Y. M. C. A. (should it not be Y. W. C. A.?), the meaning of the mystic sign "Oct. 15?" and I want to congratulate the Civic Association on another forward step. The new paper, which I understand, is to be under its guidance, will, I am sure, prove an immense success and a great aid to the development of all our local interests.

I overheard someone say last evening, "It is bound 'to go,' for there is lots of 'steam' back of it," and I agree with this sentiment. May "Our Town" continue to grow along the lines of Civic and Righteous betterment. I am

Cordially yours,
HARRY S. HOPPER,
President, Y. M. C. A.

Dr. O. J. Snyder Explains How This Weekly Messenger Might Convey Health Messages to Narberth People.

We assume that none will gainsay the proposition that health is the most important consideration for every human being. It is man's greatest asset as well as his choicest luxury. It is, accordingly, the part of wisdom to strive to maintain ourselves in the best possible physical condition.

There are many factors that operate in producing disease, as well as many that make for good health. Every community has its own peculiar environment that influences the health of its people. Some of these are natural, some are artificial, or due to human agency.

Among the natural influences that bear upon health are vegetation, the topography of the land, the character of the soil, the presence of bodies of water, elevations of land on the outskirts of the community, etc.

Among the artificial factors are the sewerage system, the water supply, sanitary regulations, agencies vitiating the atmosphere, regulations governing the production and marketing of milk and other food supplies.

Upon many of these problems the people of our various communities are not well informed, and take insufficient measures to surround themselves with the proper safeguards. Hence the enlightenment of public opinion upon such matter is highly desirable; and there is no more effective way of accomplishing this than through the medium of a local newspaper.

In it should be printed timely suggestions and instructions that will advise the people how to protect themselves against disease influences and how they can improve their environment and their conditions of life so as to foster health.

These messages of health could and should be supplied by the local physicians, who are supposed to be qualified to advise the community in which they live and whose duty it is to spread knowledge upon such matters. May this be one of the interests of our Narberth constituency that will be subserved by the publication of this weekly messenger

O. J. SNYDER, M. S., D. O.

A Neighbor's Greeting

You certainly have the very best wishes of the Merion Civic Association in all the good things your members and Association do. It seems to the writer that the future of Narberth spells "greatness"—if all your residents will but join the Civic Association and enter into the work of possibilities before you. Your residents should lose no time in this active service, which not only means enhanced valuation to their estates, brought about by improvements, but "the up and doing spirit of all" in any community is ideal. Not one person living in Narberth or interested in property can really afford to be outside your membership roll—and an interested worker. Those who are not members are standing in their own light and cannot, in my estimation, be credited as good citizens to your community—since the work is purely helpfulness, toward better things.

Very respectfully yours,

G. S. STEVENS,
Executive Secretary.

The know when Not to know, is clever.

Great Big Beautiful Dolls are too costly for any man to own.

When have beens, may be's, and are now's meet, stand from under, townsmen.

Scratch a prude and behold a cat. The worst furnished homes cost the most money.

A town to be progressive must sense its limitations first, then broaden them.

The high cost of living is largely a matter of "keeping up with Lizzie."

Paragons and mosquitoes have similar habits within a home.

How not to propose should be "the question," of ineffectual suitors.

DAME RICHTER-RONG.

ON THE 8.14

And Elsewhere in Our Town.

If you want to know how I feel about this "opening gun," think of Ben Franklin "quilling" his first editorial for the old Pennsylvania Gazette—and have pity on me. It may take a lot of courage to read the initial issue of a newspaper, but it also takes a little nerve to start one. That being so let's call it quits. You've got nothing "on me" and I have nothing "on you." Besides, you may find the second paragraph more interesting.

Walking up Chestnut street the other day a man said to me: "What sort of a place is Narberth?"

What would you have told him? I thought for a moment, and then said: "Do you remember those snow storms we had late last winter?"

I had him there! From the expression on his face I think he had very sharp "recollections-in-the-back" of having shoveled tons and tons of the beautiful snow off his side-walk on numerous occasions.

"Yes," he replied rather sadly, "I remember them."

"Well out in Narberth, you know," I explained, "we have a snow-plow and a couple of husky horses and two or three men that are not afraid to get up before breakfast. Result? Sidewalks cleaned and the walk to the station as easy as a stroll through the park on Decoration Day morning."

Maybe that will give you some idea of what kind of a town Narberth is, eh?

Which, by the way, reminds me—Of course, as a matter of fact that snow story doesn't remind me at all, but that's a little trick "we writer folks" have of kidding our readers along. But we can't stop here and have an argument, so we'll admit that it "reminds me" and proceed.

What I started out to say was, have you seen the improvements that the Highway Department, acting under the direction of Council, has made at Wynnewood road and Woodside avenue? The little stone bridge which was picturesque but DANGEROUS is gone, and instead of a sharp and treacherous turn from the avenue into the road and vice versa, there is now plenty of space for a good, wide turn.

That there have been no bad auto accidents at this point has been due more to good luck than anything else. The improvement will make travel safer for pedestrians (yes, there are a few of these antiquated animals still about) and autoists.

Much obliged, Council.

Sometimes I think my friend Mac is a little too belligerent for as peaceful a community as Narberth. This time, though, I think he spoke the gospel truth.

"Do you know what I'd like to do?" he shouted at me.

We were standing along the walk just back of the in-bound side of the station, waiting for the 8.14. I said "no," but admitted that I wouldn't mind knowing. So he told me:

"Well, you see all these letter envelopes scattered around here; looks fine doesn't it? 'Bout as neat as the floor of a newspaper office on election night. Not very inviting or attractive is it? Wouldn't make a very favorable impression on visitors or prospective residents, would it? I'd like to pick up every one of those envelopes and mail each one to the person whose name is written on the address side, with a note saying 'this was found at the station.' I'd do that twice and if it happened the third time I'd post their names on the bulletin boards. I'd show —"

You see, I warned you that Mac was inclined to be a little hot-headed. It may be that he has been reading too much war news. And yet—there's a pretty good point to his remarks. The punishment suggested might be a bit too strong, but if every one were a little more careful, the ground around the station would be a whole lot more attractive.

Chapter XX.

"Fifi looked steadily into his honest brown eyes. Over head the soft summer zephyr zephed its gentle way through the nodding leaves. It seemed as though all creation had labored since the beginning of time for this particular moment and this particular place. For several minutes he gazes steadily out over the green rolling hills and into the deeper blue beyond. Then he turned toward her.

"Fifi," he said, taking her hand in his —"

(To be continued next week.)

CHIEF WINGEBONE, JR.

Home Again!

Vacations are over. Everybody is back again at his post, eager to take on the responsibilities that belong to him.

Play is all right for play time, but—

"Life is real, life is earnest."

New, big tasks await every serious-minded citizen of Narberth this winter. It is a great time and a fine place to be a man.

In taking up the winter's work, don't forget the Church, which underlies most that is best in our American life. Try a whole winter of regular church attendance and work.

Give religion a fair chance at you.

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CHURCH NEWS

All Saint's Church.

Sunday services at All Saints' Church, corner Montgomery and Wynnewood avenues, are as follows: 8 A. M., the Holy Communion; 9:45 A. M., the Sunday-school; 11 A. M., morning prayer and sermon; 4 P. M., evening prayer.

There will be a second celebration of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday of next month, at 11 o'clock.

St. Margaret's Church.

Sundays: Early Mass, May to September, inclusive, 6.30 A. M.; early Mass, October to April, inclusive, 7.00 A. M.; late Mass, 9.30 A. M.

Masses on holydays: 6.30 and 8.30 A. M.; Masses on weekdays, 8.00 A. M. Lenten and other evening devotions, 8 o'clock.

Presbyterian Church.

Next Sunday, 10 A. M., Sabbath School; all departments; two Bible classes.

11 A. M., public worship. Theme of the pastor's sermon, "Resurrected Lazarus."

7 P. M., meeting of the junior congregation, a temperance meeting. Leaders, Kenneth Hamilton and Leslie Smith.

8 P. M., public worship. Pastor's theme: "Does God Delight in Our Suffering?"

The junior congregation has begun its fall work with spirited enthusiasm. A delightful social was held by the young people last Friday evening, which was largely attended. The newly-elected officers are: President, Mr. Walter S. Nevin; vice president, Miss Alma Easton; secretary, Miss Augusta Witherow; treasurer, Miss Dorothy M. Beatty.

The Presbyterian Men's Club recently enjoyed a "hike," starting at Berwyn and walking through the country, visiting historic sites. After a sumptuous dinner at the Duffryn Mawr Hotel, near Malvern, some of the party returned by train, while a number of sturdy "hikers" walked home, covering a distance of twenty-two miles. Mr. E. G. Hoyler, of Cynwyd, addressed the monthly meeting of the club last week.

Baptist Church.

Ten o'clock will be retained as the hour for the Bible school throughout the fall and winter. Men are especially invited to attend the newly formed men's class and women the women's class.

Subject of the sermon next Sunday morning is "The Gospel Defended," that for the evening "The Teen Age." Parents are urged to attend in the evening.

The young people will meet at 7 P. M. Sunday. The subject will be "A Saloonless Nation; Why not? How?" Hab. 2: 1-14.

The annual business meeting of the Young People's Society will be held Friday evening at the home of Miss Maizie Simpson.

The subject of the prayer meeting next Wednesday evening will be "A Contented Life."

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The Senior Opening Night.

The Narberth Building was a scene of a gala occasion on last Thursday evening, October 1st, when the building was opened for the season's work. The decorations consisted of autumn leaves, corn and other emblems of autumn. A reception was tendered to the new physical director, Mr. Edgar Fielding, and Mrs. Fielding; also to Mr. and Mrs. Hampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Emerson. An interesting program was rendered by local talent of Narberth.

Program: Orchestral music, led by Mr. Loos; vocal solo, by Mrs. Bradley; piano solo, Lance Latham, Chester; bass solo, Mr. Crossley, Ardmore.

Gymnasium Schedule.

Business men, 8.30 to 9.30 P. M.
Seniors, 9.00 to 9.30 P. M.
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Narberth in Baseball

For years past the borough has given an excellent account of itself in the realm of sports. Baseball has flourished, and the team representing Narberth has usually been found close up with the leaders in the light for championship honors, and on a number of occasions has brought home the pennant bacon. The past season proved to be no exception, and the championship of the Main Line League was won by our club. This honor carries with it possession of the Reach and Croft cups.

The team of this year was conducted by the Narberth Athletic Association, formed in the spring of 1914, to further the interests of the athletic activities of the borough.

Throughout the Main Line League season only two games were lost, one each to Ithan and Berwyn. The bearing of the boys on the field, and the character of baseball exhibited reflected the utmost credit on the borough and earned much commendation from friend and foe alike. In the finer points of the game, such as the "squeeze" play, hit and run, bunt and run, and general fast work on the bases, the team easily excelled any in the league, and to this fact the winning of the pennant may be attributed.

The team played under the leadership of Charles Coryell, former third-baseman of the Penn Varsity. The infield consisted of Fred Geig, of Swarthmore, at first base; Gene Pennock, of Amherst, at second; Tuck Turner, of State College, at short-stop, and Manager Coryell at third. In the outfield were found Ed Black, Ed Thayer and Bill Haley, all former Pennsylvania players. The bulk of the catching was done by Nig Koons, while the important work required of the pitching staff was handled by Leslie Pierce, Ed Ensinger and Stites, the two latter being Narberth products. Bill Durbin and Harry Simpson, of Narberth, rendered valuable aid to the team, playing both in the infield and outfield as occasion demanded.

After the close of the Main Line League season two games were played with the Cheltenham Club, winners of the pennant in the Suburban League. To the great regret of Narberth fans, both these games were lost by a single run, after heart-breaking contests. While the Cheltenham team played fast, snappy ball, there can be no doubt that the Narberth boys played far below their usual form in these contests.

While definite plans for next season have not been formulated, it is hoped that the borough will be able to place a good team in the field. Probably reflecting the general conditions throughout the country, baseball in Narberth during the past season did not receive the financial support it deserved—at least, so far as attendance at the games was concerned. While a loyal band of rooters could always be counted on, the interest was not as general as was hoped for, considering the fact that first-class baseball was furnished. A considerable financial deficit was incurred and plans are now under way to liquidate this item. If called upon, the baseball enthusiasts of the borough are urged to respond generously to help in this regard.

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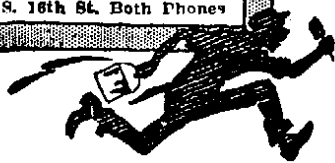
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