

The
ELEVENTH YEAR BOOK
of
THE MERION
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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A model in civic matters.

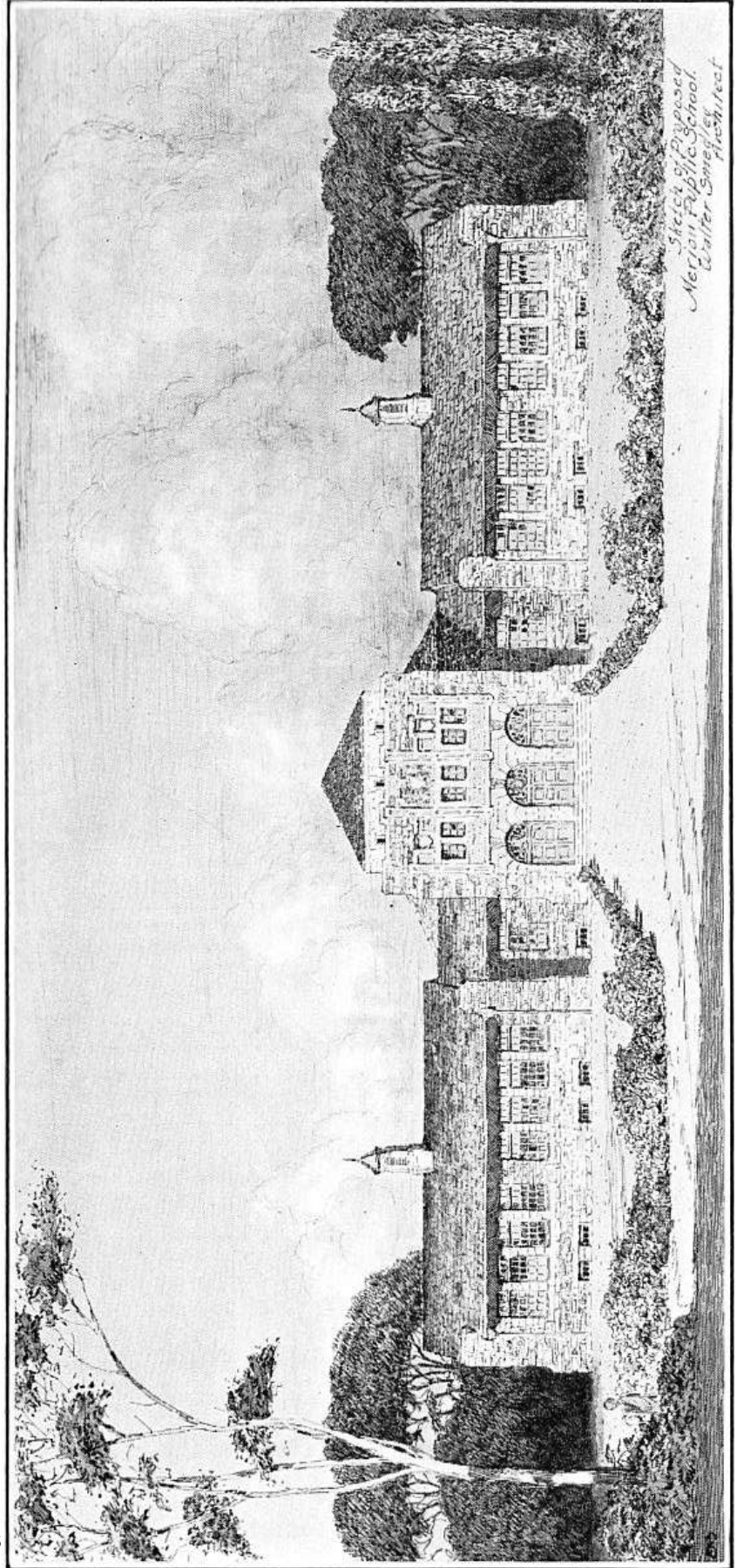
Theodore Roosevelt

THE ASSOCIATION'S MOTTO:

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**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.**



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WHAT DO I GET FOR BEING A MEMBER?

The most complete and vigilant police protective service of any neighboring suburb;

A special surveillance, upon request, of your house when you leave it for a day or a night, or for any length of time, or when any member of the family is left alone;

A special police whistle, which used, night or day, summons immediate assistance;

The most adequate fire-hydrant system of any neighboring suburb, and a regular inspection of the efficiency of the hydrants;

The benefit of a special arrangement to call two fire-engine companies;

A regular monthly analysis of the purity of your drinking water, and an immediate personal warning of danger;

A continuous authoritative inspection of the source of your milk supply;

A special low rate of fire and burglary insurance;

The best help or effort always at call, in any neighborhood problem that may arise where the Association or its secretary can serve you

Your part of the benefit of the new station, the new post-office, the new roadbeds, the cleaning of the roads, the lights and road-signs, all inspired or carried out by the Association.

IT IS TRUE

You can, of course, get the benefit of most of these community advantages and yet not be a member of the Association. But without the Association you would not have present conditions, and to maintain them can only be done by the membership dues coming to the Association. Should you not, therefore, do your part to maintain what you enjoy, and is protective to your property and family?

**WHAT HAS BEEN DONE
IN ELEVEN 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 two during the day;
2. Employs two special policemen of its own for the additional protection of the community from burglary;
3. Rearranged the Cynwyd and Narberth fire engine service so that both companies will respond to an alarm;
4. Reduced fire insurance rates in Merion from 12½ to 30 per cent;
5. Had new fire hydrants placed in Merion, so that now no house is farther than 700 feet from a hydrant;
6. Placed maps, showing the location of every house in Merion, in the fire engine houses;
7. Erected eight fire gongs, to be rung in case of absence of telephone communication at a fire;
8. Signed a contract, by which the electric and telephone companies will, in time, both string on one set of poles instead of two as now, eliminating highway poles;
9. Has started to remove every electric light and telephone pole from the roads of Merion;
10. Has a continuous authoritative analysis made of the milk and cream supplied in Merion;
11. Has regular monthly analysis made by an expert chemist of the water supplied to Merion homes;
12. For greater safety of children, it had the automobile speed limit reduced from 24 to 15 miles on three of its principal roads;
13. Has pressure tests made of all of the fire hydrants in Merion;
14. Placed the first map ever made of Merion in the railroad station for the information of strangers;
15. Has eliminated public dumps in Merion;
16. Put thirty-four litter cans on the roads;
17. Has had miles of new roadways laid, and is taking up each road in Merion and having new roads laid down of old roads resurfaced;
18. Has started to have all new roadways laid down from curb to curb, thus elimination all maintenance of gutters to property owner;
19. Has induced property owners to lay uniform sidewalks;
20. Has induced property owners to set back their fences and hedges so as to eliminate the danger to pedestrians and motorists at corners;
21. Has created community bulletin boards of cast iron and cork face for the posting of notices;
22. Erected 101 road-signs, all at its own expense, so that now Merion is the only community on the Main Line that has every road marked;

23. Erected 172 new electric lamps, which have been pronounced by experts and architects to be the most beautiful and practical lamps ever designed for any community;
24. Removed all of the old wooden and disfiguring “Blow Your Horn—Danger” signs and substituted fifty-four cast iron and artistic signs;
25. Erected five boundary signs, showing the boundaries of Merion, for the convenience of motorists;
26. 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;
27. Changed the method of lighting of the roads from the old-fashioned method of gas to the modern method of electricity;
28. Has started the uniform tree planting of roads;
29. Has had a path made through the snow on every sidewalk with a plow drawn by a horse after each snowfall;
30. Arranged for the free transportation of pupils to and from the township public schools;
31. 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;
32. Put in the homes of members of the Association police whistles to be used in case of emergency;
33. 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;
34. Secured a separate Commissioner for Merion’s own representation on The Lower Merion Township Commission;
35. Secured a new railroad station and a new and separate post-office building and a more adequate postal equipment;
36. Contributed \$1,356 for the equipment of the new post-office building;
37. Inspired a new landscape gardening effect of the railroad station grounds, giving to Merion the most artistically planted station on the Main Line;
38. Established the first Red Cross house, entirely devoted to Red Cross activities, in the United States;
39. Created the first Honor Roll in this vicinity of the residents of Merion who entered the service of their country during the Great War;
40. Financed the starting of 30 war gardens for those of moderate incomes in Merion;
41. Offers a bonus of \$50 to any Merion policeman apprehending a criminal within the district, payable upon conviction of the offender;
42. Inaugurated a company of 10 “Minute Men”; residents of Merion sworn in as special policemen with power to arrest in emergencies.
43. Arranged for weekly pistol practice for the policemen of Lower Merion Township, in specially constructed concrete range, contributing ammunition;
44. Arranged for the establishment of the Merion Post of the American Legion;

45. Paid the expenses of an entymologist [sic] to examine and report on the existence of oystershell scale in Merion, with written notice to the owner of each property affected;
46. Secured a Merion Representative on the The Lower Merion Township Board of Health;
47. Placed in the hands of every member of The Merion Civic Association a complete map of Merion, showing the name of each property owner;
48. Induced Commission of Lower Merion Township to have a research made of the township government;
49. Placed flower boxes at the windows of the railroad station and post office building;
50. Created sentiment for the placing of the Township Fire Associations under the control of a Fire Marshall.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of The Merion Civic Association was held at Merion, on the evening of Tuesday, May twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and twenty-four. At this meeting the following reports of President and Treasurer of the Association were read and approved.

YEARLY REPORT RE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION

More than a decade has passed since a small group in the community caused to be incorporated THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION, designed to act as the agent of the community for the putting into effect, as far as might be, the will of the community as expressed through its Board of Directors, and the ever-changing and in increasing numbers of problems having to do with the daily life of the community, and its growth.

This is a somewhat long time in the life of a human institution of this character, and perhaps now is an appropriate time to take a retrospective, as well as a present and prospective, view of the Association itself and the community it seeks to serve.

Starting in 1913 with a membership of 148 and an income of \$1480 the Association finds itself in 1924 with a membership of 560 and an income of \$8510.

A history of steady growth, side by side with the community, which at the time of its formation, or shortly thereafter, when a census was taken by the then secretary, of the Association, indicates that the residents of Merion within the arbitrary limits which the Association had fixed for its activities was 1046, and the residents now approximate 1839.

During the period in question, additional residences to the number of 176 were built in Merion, and reliable information indicates that in the coming year additional residences will be forthcoming to the number of 50.

But a growth of this character bears merely a numerical aspect and the response to the question—How far the Merion Civic Association fills the need of the Community? —is to be found rather in the individual appraisements by its members, of its usefulness and worth to the community as a whole, and the answer to this question is the more certainly found in the evidence of the support given to the Association by its members and in the view taken by them of its activities, as bearing directly upon them in an individual sense.

And what this view may be, it is the desire of the Directors and officers always to ascertain, and it is their desire to feel that the Association insofar as it functions does so to some purpose and fills an appreciable need of its members.

Presently there will be felt in the life of the community the activities of the Merion Community Association centering about the Merion Tribute House, and the attention of the members of this Association should be focused upon the question as to how far and to what extent the two distinct activities are necessary to the community as a whole.

The support of both activities will be community concerns and the proper functioning of both will require ever more and more enthusiastic support.

It is the history of the Civic Association, as indeed it is the history of most human institutions, political or otherwise, that the active work involved in its life and range of action is left more and more to a small group, and insofar as this is continued, and the group itself is continued, the interests of the larger group tend to diminish, and with diminishing interest comes diminishing activity and more or less atrophied functioning.

This situation is one for the community as a whole to consider, and its various members to guard against, by themselves coming forward to participate in the management and control, examination and supervision, of their own Association.

The changing community requires changing points of view, new life, and new energies, new ideas, and new concepts.

This report is designed to call the attention of all of the members to these considerations and urge them to take part in what is going on in their midst.

The year, for example, sees the Merion Post Office passing into one of the Second Class, involving questions of enlargement, of increased aid within the Post Office itself, and a question of whether or not free delivery is desirable.

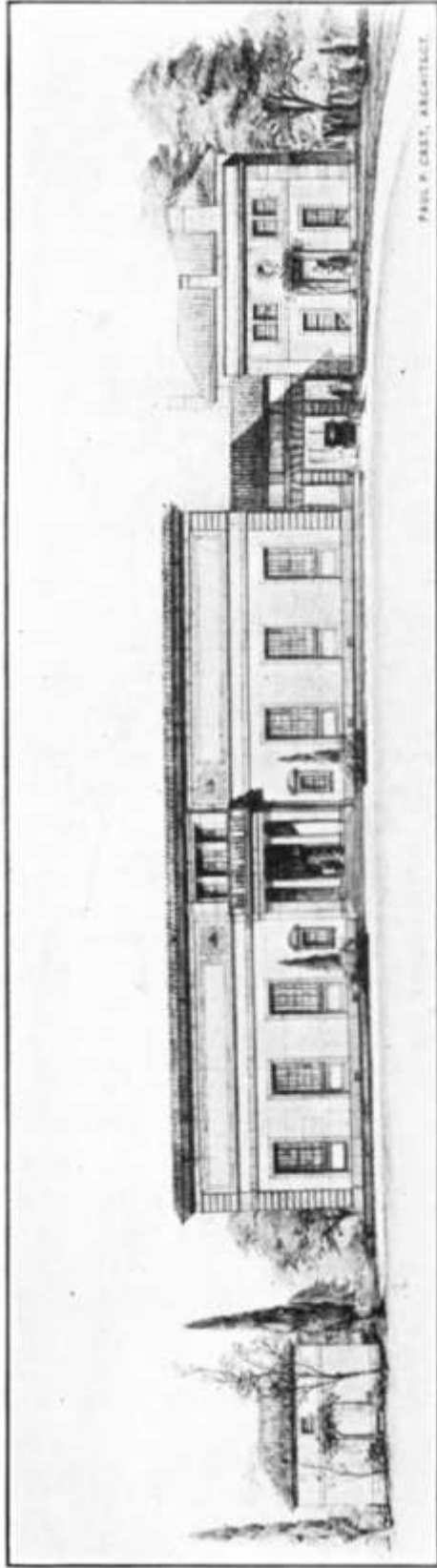
The recent Zoning Act, passed by the Assembly for the Commonwealth requires the consideration as to how much of its permissive regulation should become a fixed and lawful regulation, affecting this community.

The new public school to be erected on South Bowman Avenue and to be open for the children of Merion in 1925, calls for the consideration of the parents as to how far they will take part in the development of the school and in the formation of its character and efficiency, with a view to the benefit of their own children.

The advent of apartment houses within, or contiguous to Merion, presents problems to every owner of property, and indeed every lessee.

These problems are all community problems. Their consideration comes primarily before the Board of Directors, but that Board should be guided by the united voices and expression of the desires of the individual members of the Association.

During the year, the Board of Directors have endeavored to maintain the reputation of the Association for unselfish and broadminded endeavors to further the interest of the community.



THE BARNES FOUNDATION

SHELTER SHED AND NEW FREIGHT HOUSE

The various members of your Board and your Officers have participated in conferences with officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad, looking to the erection of a proper shelter on the north side of the railroad, and the erection of a new freight house, both of which are awaiting construction pending the arrangements by the railroad for necessary funds for the purpose.

THE POST OFFICE

Information received as to the present status of the Post Office, and the laws under which it operates, indicates that in the middle of the coming year the Post Office will pass from the third class to the second class, carrying with it a number of legal incidents, the advantage of which may be taken for the benefit of the community, the most important of which perhaps will be the possibility of rural free delivery.

MERION PUBLIC SCHOOL

Elsewhere in this volume will be found the architect's view of the projected public school, which will give some idea of the building, which will face on Bowman Avenue where it will occupy five and one-half acres, and furnish the community with a one-story building, fully equipped as a school house, containing eight classrooms, a gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria, and lunch-room.

In the rear of the buildings will be a commodious and fully equipped athletic field.

The Association is happy in having the co-operation of the architects of the building, who have designed it, in making it conform to its surroundings in such a way that it will harmonize fully with the general aspect of the neighborhood.

ZONING

Your Association was first to pass a resolution requesting the township commissioners to take action under the powers given them by the Legislature in adopting Zoning Ordinances. A Committee of Six, some of whom are the women of the community, are now working in conjunction with other Zoning Committees, engaged in the study of what proves to be a very complicated and difficult problem, and one which is further complicated by reason of the fact that its solution must bear on the township as a whole, and necessarily a proper solution must have in view the peculiar nature and needs of the Merion community itself.

PROTECTIVE SERVICE

During the year the Association was the first to increase the pay of the Civic Special police officers, and they have renewed the giving of a \$50.00 bonus to police officers for the arrest and conviction of criminals within the District of Merion.

They have assisted in the creation of and contributed to the Police Pension Fund, and in this connection it is well to call the members' attention to a suggestion made by those having this matter in hand, that hereafter members of the Association contribute to the Police Pension Fund at Christmas in the amounts they have heretofore given to individuals, so that their contributions will be spread over the whole force, and the benefit accrue to the many rather than to a few.

SEVENTEEN NEW LIGHTS

They assisted in and contributed to the putting in of fourteen new lights in Merion, on underground cable, and three aerial ones in addition.

EXAMINATION OF MILK

The milk tests, long a feature of the work of the Association, have been unremitting. Monthly reports are made to the Board and arrests of offending milk dealers have been had through the Board of Health of the township; inspection of dairies has been made by Committees of the Board, and steps taken to keep various dealers up to the standards set by the Association.

ROADS

The condition of the roads of Merion has been before the Board at all times. The following roads were patched and given a surface treatment of tarvia and slag chips:

Baird Road,
Blancoyd Road,
North Bowman Avenue,
Greystone Road,
South Highland Avenue,
Heath Road,
North Latch's Lane,
Raynham Road.

A new surface of "Filbertine" was laid on South Bowman Avenue from Wynnewood Avenue to Heath Road.

Minor repairs were made to culverts, inlets, etc.

The intersection of North Latch's Lane and Merion Road was widened and circular curbing was laid.

The work for 1924 will consist of completing the roadway on South Bowman Avenue from the end of last year's work at Heath Road to the railroad bridge, and the paving of Narberth Avenue from South Bowman Avenue to Rockland Avenue.

HAZLEHURST AVENUE

The private road, Hazlehurst Avenue, the repairs to which have awaited the completion of the Community House, will be repaved shortly, thanks to the co-operation of owners whose properties abut upon the road.

SHRUBBERY

Shrubbery has been removed and at various points cut low; trees, hedges, and bushes have been treated so that the approaches at dangerous crossings are rendered less dangerous.

MONTHLY EXAMINATION OF THE DRINKING WATER

Side by side with milk tests, the water on both sides of the railroad has been tested monthly and special attention given to this phase of the Association activities during the summer months, with results entirely satisfactory, and very gratifying.

NEW APARTMENT HOUSE

When a new apartment house was projected opposite the railroad station, steps were taken with the builders and architects, so that the project, if completed, will be an added beauty rather than a source of displeasure to the community as a whole. In this connection the thanks of the Association are due to Professor Warren B. Laird, whose valuable services were given without stint and with beneficial results to the Board of Directors.

TRIBUTE HOUSE

The community is to be congratulated upon the new Tribute House, which will be open for use during the year, and which will contain an organ second to none in this country, and itself be an object of never-ending credit to those whose beneficence made it possible, and those whose work in connection with its creation has been so freely given to the Community.

The Scout Work, and American Legion work, which goes on in the community are not only creditable but indicates that the Merion community takes the lead in this as indeed it does in most other civic activities.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Perhaps nowhere else has the League of Women Voters functioned in such a thorough fashion and aided in the forward movement for better government and more intelligent co-operation, now one of the striking incidents of the times.

With a history of but three years it has fulfilled its initial aim of instructing its members in the intricacies of their new citizenship. Women of all parties have been enrolled, until the membership now is 160, with 18 block leaders, thus making it the largest and most completely organized League in the township.

Information is furnished as to issues and candidates, and topics of township, county, state and national interest are canvassed and discussed.

Starting with the World Court and the Immigration problem, now so prominent in public thought, and covering the activities of the State Department of Public Welfare, and the duties of women with regard to services on the Boards of State institutions, all proper subjects have received attention. Its participation in the advancement of the Legislative programs of the Pennsylvania State League has made it felt as a factor in the life of the Commonwealth.

Its value was particularly evident in the very active and instrumental work it did in furthering the amendment to the House Borough Zoning Bill providing for the inclusion of townships of the first class. Not only was the League instrumental in securing the passage of this amendment, but after its passage the work was followed up, resulting in the appointment of a Commission by the township, through which it is hoped the Zoning question as a whole will receive adequate treatment.

THE BARNES FOUNDATION

There is now being built in Merion (Latch's Lane at Lapsley Road) a gallery to house the collection of The Barnes Foundation, an educational institution founded in 1922 by Dr. Albert C. Barnes. This collection contains more than seven hundred paintings, of many periods, but very complete as to the modern or post-impressionist French school, including one hundred canvases by Renoir, fifty by Cezanne, and examples of Daumier, Van Gogh, Manet, Sisley, Gauguin, and (of the present generation) Picasso, Matisse, Modigliani, Utrillo, Soutine, Derain, Pascin, Zadkine, Lagut, Laurencin, and of the

Americans, Glackens, Prendergast, Demuth, Maurer and Lauson. There are also sculptures by Lipschitz, Modigliani and others; so that this collection embodies the achievements and tendencies in the plastic arts from 1870 to the present day, and will supply a long felt need of students of modern art.

Added to these modern works is a valuable collection, probably the finest and most complete in the world, of the primitive negro art (sculpture) of the ninth to sixteenth centuries, which has so strongly influenced the trend of modern art. Egyptian sculpture and Greek sculpture have lately been added to the collection.

The gallery building will be unique in its avoidance of the gloomy skylighted rooms usually found in art museums; these being replaced by sidelighted rooms of limited area, so that there is a feeling of intimacy, making it possible to hang in each room works that will not conflict with one another, and where a glimpse of outdoors may be had. The building is therefore architecturally of an entirely new type, fulfilling the needs of painting in a novel manner, yet simply and economically constructed and practical in plan. The exterior is built of a French stone of beautiful texture, and will depend for its appearance on the carefully studied proportion of its elements and combination of materials.

We are indebted to Dr. Barnes for permission to insert elsewhere in this report a cut of the building as designed by Mr. Paul P. Cret, Architect.

DINNER TO MR. HENRY DELAPLAINE

During the year the Directors were pleased to tender a dinner to the former President of the Association. Mr. Henry Delaplaine, in recognition of his many services, not only to the Board, but to the community, in his dual capacity as the representative of the community on the Board of the Township Commissioners, as well as President of your Association. At this dinner a Tait McKenzie bronze was presented, a photograph of which will be found bound with this report.

The financial position of the Association is fully outlined in the Treasurer's report hereto appended, and it is only just to observe in this connection that the financial affairs of the Association are fully and adequately treated, proper audits made, and many thanks due the Treasurer from the Board.

The continued interest from the outside in the work of this community and its seeming inspiration to others has made it seem well to link with this report a copy of the by-laws of the Association, to meet the many inquiries received as to the basic arrangement under which the Association operates.

On the whole, the present situation of the Association is encouraging and its future will depend upon the continued interest and activity of its members. They should be at pains to be in touch with the Association's plans and purposes, to volunteer services where services may be given, and to take an ever-increasing interest in the Association affairs.

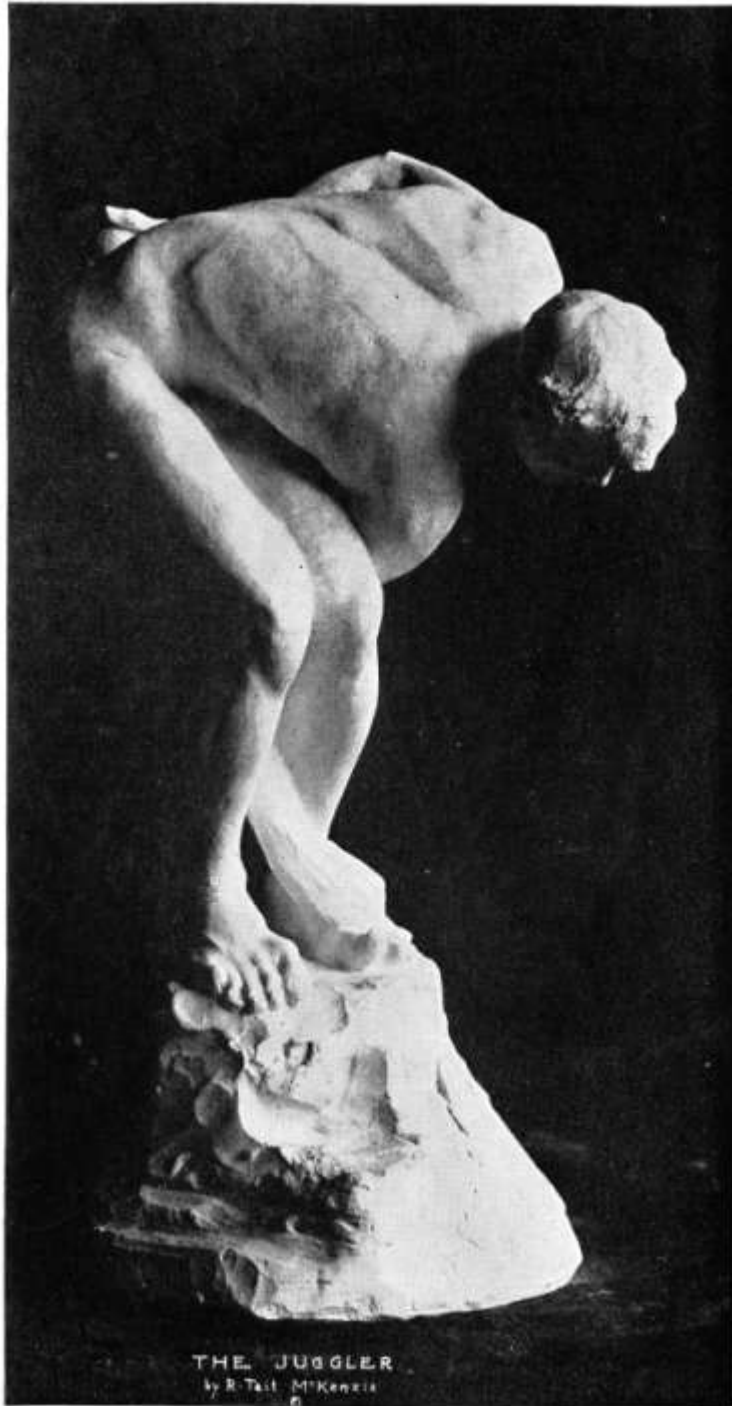
If in no other way, contributions to the Permanent Improvement Fund, maintained by the Association, should be made from time to time, by those who can appreciate the need for this fund for what is daily manifested to them, in the replanting of trees, the replacing of broken signs, the necessary expenditure for new signs, lamps, and lights, window-box flowers, etc.

The Board of Directors merit the thanks of the members of this Association,

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. CONLEN,

President.



THE JUGGLER - Presented to Mr. Delaplaine

MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION
 TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
 MAY 1, 1923, TO APRIL 30, 1924

Balance May 1, 1923	\$5,519.12
Receipts, May 1, 1923, to April 30, 1924	9,057.49
	\$14,576.61

Expenditures, May 1, 1923, to April 30, 1924	8201.70
	\$6,374.91

FUND BALANCES AVAILABLE

General Administration Fund	\$5,960.39
Permanent Improvement Fund	414.52
	\$6,374.91

RECEIPTS, May 1, 1923, to April. 30, 1924

Dues	\$7,781.09
Contributions and Rebates on Lamps	588.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	550.00
Interest on Deposits	123.40
Damaged Signs	10.00
Snow Removal	5.00
	\$9,057.49

**Expenditures, May 1, 1923,
to April 30, 1924**

Special Officers (Salaries and Sundries)	\$3005.81
Secretary's Salary	1,749.96
Lamps, Posts and Installation.	946.00
Milk Tests	513.41
Printing.....	445.75
Signs, Posts	336.33
Welfare Federation	250.00
Clean Up (Including Snow Removal).154.20	
Water Test.....	105.00
Telephone.....	103.26
Bryn Mawr Hospital	100.00
Boxes, Plants and Care for Same.....	72.05
Office Supplies	45.85
Compensation Insurance.....	43.50
Trees	37.00
Postage.....	27.22
Discretionary Fund	25.00
Roads	9.43
Secretary's Expenses.....	6.08
Union Fire Association Dues.....	5.00
Miscellaneous	220.85
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.....	\$8,201.70

W. H. FOLWELL, Treasurer

Merion, May 1, 1924

BY-LAWS
OF
THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Merion Station Montgomery County
Pennsylvania

Incorporated
June 1st, 1913
First General Meeting June 6th, 1913

ARTICLE I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sec. 1. The order of business at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of the Minutes.
3. Report of Officers and Committees and Communications.
4. Deferred Business.
5. New Business.
6. Good of the Association.
7. Adjournment.

ARTICLE II, MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. All applications for membership shall be in writing stating name, residence and occupation, signed by applicant, who shall be recommended by at least one member of the Association.

Sec. 2. All applications for membership shall be referred to the Committee on Membership for investigation and action, with power to elect or reject the application in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws.

Sec. 3. In the event of the rejection of any applicant, his or her name shall not again be presented for membership for the period of one year from the time of his or her rejection.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Sec. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association held on the third Tuesday in May.

Sec. 2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President at his discretion, and shall be called by him within five (5) days after the receipt of a written request to call such meeting given by five (5) members of the Association, or upon a resolution of the Board of Directors. All written requests for meetings shall state the reason or reasons therefor.

Sec. 3. A written notice stating the day, hour, and place of the meeting shall be sent to each member of the Association at least five days, exclusive of the day of mailing, before the date of the meeting of this Association, at such address as appears on the Roster of this Association, or, if no address be given therein, to the last address of such member known to the secretary.

Sec. 4. Fifteen members of the Association shall be requisite at every meeting to constitute a quorum for the election of officers or of directors, or for the transaction of any other business.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. At the annual meeting in each year the members of the Association shall elect, by plurality vote, by ballot, a president, three vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer, to serve for one year and until their successors are elected or chosen and qualify, and twenty-two directors, as hereinafter provided, to serve for one year and until their successors are elected or chosen and qualify.

Sec. 2. No cumulative voting shall be allowed.

Sec. 3. Such elections shall be had after nominations duly made and seconded and shall be conducted by two inspectors of election, who may or may not be members of the Association, appointed by the presiding officer of the meeting; but no person who is a candidate for office shall be an inspector.

ARTICLE V, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of twenty-two members; but the number of directors may from time to time be altered by amendment of these by-laws.

Sec. 2. A majority of the Board shall be necessary at any meeting thereof to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

Sec. 3. The Board of Directors shall have the general management and control of the affairs and property of the Association. They shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties not elsewhere specifically designated to be performed by other officers or committees. The Board shall meet at such time and place as the Board may from time to time designate, or upon call of the president upon twenty-four hours' notice in writing. The Board shall have power to call upon the officers and standing committees of the Association for reports, and shall, in general, perform all duties and exercise all such powers as shall in the opinion of the Board be necessary for the welfare of the Association and for the furtherance of the purposes and objects thereof.

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The President:

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association; shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board of Directors; shall appoint or remove all Committees, including Special Committees; call special meetings of the Association as provided in the Constitution; have general superintendence and direction under the Board of Directors of all the other officers of the Association to see that the said officers properly perform their duties; shall make a report of the doings of the Association to the Association at its Annual Meeting each year; shall from time to time report to the Board of Directors and to the Association all matters within his knowledge which the interests of the Association may require to be brought to their attention; and in general he shall have all the powers and duties usually vested in the President of such an Association.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall be required to perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. The Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, of which he shall be ex-officio Secretary; shall have charge of the correspondence of the Association; send out notices of all meetings; and shall deliver up to his successor all books and papers in his possession, belonging to the Association, at the expiration of his term of service. He shall furnish for publication such information as he

shall receive from the officers, directors or Standing Committees of the Association with the request to secure publication thereof. He shall notify all newly elected members of their election and shall keep a roster of the Association containing the names and addresses of all members of the Association; and in general he shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, or which usually pertain to the office of Secretary of such an Association.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall have the custody of the money of the Association of which he shall keep full and accurate accounts in books belonging to the Association, and shall at the expiration of his term of service render up to his successor all papers, moneys, books and property of the Association whatsoever in his possession. He shall disburse the funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Association and the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Board of Directors at the regular meetings of the Board or whenever they may require it, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer, and of the financial condition of the Association, and at the regular meeting of the Board in April and of the Association in May, annually, a like report for the preceding year. He shall issue bills to all members for dues, and to newly elected members for initiation fees.

ARTICLE VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. The standing committees of this Association as provided by the Constitution shall be:

- (a) Committee on Police and Fire.
- (b) Committee on Roads.
- (c) Committee on Membership.
- (d) Committee on Neighborhood Improvement.
- (e) Committee on Finance

and such other committees as the Association shall from time to time see fit to establish.

Sec. 2. The members of each of the committees named in Section 1 of this Article shall be appointed each year by the president Within two weeks after his election, and shall hold office for one year from the date of their appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualify.

Sec. 3. . Immediately upon the selection and appointment of the members of the committees, the president shall communicate to the Secretary the names of the members so appointed and the committee to which each is appointed, and the Secretary shall forthwith, in writing, notify each member so appointed of his appointment and the names of the other members appointed to serve on the same committee.

Sec. 4. The President, in appointing the members of the said committees, shall in each instance designate one member so appointed as the chairman thereof.

Sec. 5. The chairman of each committee, upon receiving notice of his appointment, shall call a meeting of his committee, to convene not more than ten days from the date of the receipt of such notice, for the purpose of organization and providing for the carrying on of the work of the committee.

Sec. 6. There shall be no regular stated meetings of the committees, but the chairman of any committee may in his discretion call a meeting at any time when he may deem it necessary or advisable, upon three days' notice, in writing to all the members of such committee.

Sec. 7. The committees shall from time to time and whenever required by the Board of Directors, make a report of their doings to the Board of Directors.

Sec. 8. A majority of any committee shall be necessary at any meeting to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. The Committee on Membership shall consist of five (5) members of the Association to be appointed annually by the President in accordance with Article VII of these By-laws.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive all applications for membership in the Association and to take final action thereon by electing the applicant or by rejecting the application and for the purposes its appointment, the said committee shall as often as necessary, meet at such times and places as may be fixed by the said committee.

Sec. 3. The committee shall in no case elect to membership in the Association any person whose election is protested by a majority of the members of the Association.

Sec. 4. Immediately upon the election of any new member the chairman of this committee shall forthwith forward the name and address of such new member to the Secretary and the Treasurer of this Association.

ARTICLE IX. VACANCIES

Sec. 1. If the office of any member of the Board of Directors or the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, one or more, becomes vacant, by reason of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the remaining members of the Board of Directors, although less than a quorum, by a majority vote, may and shall choose a successor or successors who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

Sec. 2. If the office of any member of any of the Standing Committees, one or more, becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the President shall appoint a successor or successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE X. DUES

Sec. 1. The dues of the Association shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per year, payable by each member in advance.

Sec. 2. Any member whose dues shall be in arrear, and unpaid for upwards of six months from time when such dues are payable, shall be given written notice thereof, and if within thirty days after such notice has been given the indebtedness shall not have been paid, such member shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Association, and his name shall be dropped from the roll.

Sec. 3. Any member whose dues shall be in arrear and unpaid upwards of six months shall not be permitted to vote until such indebtedness shall have been paid.

ARTTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. The members of the Association by the affirmative vote of a majority thereof, may at any regular, or upon notice at any special meeting, alter or amend these by-laws.

Sec. 2. The Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members thereof, may alter or amend these by-laws, but no alteration or amendment shall be so made unless proposed at a regular or special meeting of the Board and adopted at a subsequent regular meeting.

THE MERION WAR TRIBUTE HOUSE

WALTER T. KARCHER AND LIVINGSTON SMITH, ARCHITECTS.

The Merion War Tribute House is completed and will be occupied this Spring. The history of the project is no doubt well known to all in Merion—how the idea originated with the Merion Civic Association of creating a Community House as a War Memorial to the Merion men who entered the military service in the World War; how this idea was developed and a fund started in Merion; how Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge R. Johnson donated their Merion estate for the project, and then later how Mr. Johnson offered in addition to erect the building at his own expense, and to add to the fund already raised by the Civic Association an amount sufficient to insure the permanent maintenance of the building.

The beginning or constructing period of the story is now at an end and the idea is now in permanent form. The unfolding of the story—the use to which the idea will be put—is about to start, so has no part in this note. We will confine ourselves to the sentiment and symbolism attempted to be caught and held in the fabric. Also, as last year's Year Book of the Civic Association went into the disposition and grouping of the building, it will only be lightly touched on here.

The physical use of the building is Community Service, but the idea that was the cause of the building is the glorification of personal service to our country in its emergency.

While a certain amount of symbolism is used in the carving on the exterior of the tower, it is particularly stressed in its interior. Here the Memorial Hall occupies the whole of the tower and is so placed in relation to the rest of the building that it will tell its story to anyone on entering or departing from the building proper.

The stone walls and groining of the hall strike a solemn, almost religious note, which is accentuated by the mellow glow of the glazing. Set into the masonry walls in the honor space, is the shrine, containing a Tennessee marble tablet, bearing the four gold star names and the names of the other men who were in the Service; above this the dedicatory inscription,—

“This building is erected in honor of the men of Merion who served our country in the World War.”

Carved into the stone framing of the tablet is a replica of the obverse of the victory medal given by the Government to each man on leaving the Service.

A single great mullioned and transomed window illuminates this stone vaulted hall. In the leading of this window are the symbols of branches of service of the Army. Halfway up the walls of the Hall is a frieze of stone shields alternating with bronze names. These names are significant. They are the official names of the battle clasps of the victory medal which designate all the major engagements in which American troops participated. The names of the battle clasps of the Navy are contained in the symbolic carving on the stone balcony in this hall.

The significance of the Navy and the Marine Corps is expressed in the carved wood panels over the doors to the Auditorium, and again in carved and painted medallions over the entrance from the porte cochere.

The Shields in the frieze of the Memorial Hall have a different significance. These, together with the shields in the passage from the porte cochere, and the leaded glass in the windows of the Legion Room, bear the familiar division shoulder insignia of the Army. The insignia shown in this building are the emblems of all the divisions that were in action in the War,

Above all the symbolism in the Memorial Hall and dominating it is a massive carving in wood of the great American eagle with wings spread, clutching the National Shield.

No symbolism is attempted in the Lounge, but in the Legion Room, the home of the Merion Post, it is indicated in the leaded windows already referred to, in the large model of the American Legion button let into the rough plaster wall, and in the fireplace hearth, where the service star is worked in the brick mosaic. This service star appears also on each of the larger rain conductor heads on the exterior of the building.

Again, no symbolism is carried into the Auditorium, where the varied nature of the uses of the room would at times make it seem out of place. Here, however, the practical uses of the room have been studied so that the requirements of every sort of meeting can be met. The pantry, with its outside service and service stairway connecting with each floor of the building, opens into one end of this room, as well as into the lounge, and can take care of any type of refreshments.

The fireproof projection booth at the rear of the Auditorium has connections for both stereopticon and projection machines at the same time, and is in buzzer connection to and from the platform.

Although the platform is designed primarily as a speaking and concert platform, it can easily be adjusted to small plays. It opens on spaces at either side and connects with three dressing rooms and toilets "below stage." These dressing rooms and the stage have their own outside entrances. Foot lights and top lights are provided, as well as plugs for spot lighting.

On the walls and ceiling throughout this room at various places are supplied strong, almost invisible, hooks, to which wires may be strung for decorations or miniature electric lighting, and plugs are supplied to feed almost any type of decorative lighting.

In the centre of the apron of the stage there has been provided an opening connecting with the basement. Through this can be passed the Auditorium chairs when it is desired to quickly transform the Auditorium to a dance floor.

Special attention has been given to the floor in this room. It is specially designed to have a springiness and is practically independent of the solid concrete slab that carries it. The Auditorium will seat about 400, and amply take care of about 250 for dancing.

The crowning feature of Mr. Johnson's gift is the splendid organ which in every respect is the best, and contains the most complete parts that it is possible to supply for this room. It is operated by the regular manual, and also can be operated automatically. Its range of stops and operation will cover any type of musical use.

One of the most ingenious portions of the construction of the building is the method of bringing the organ music into the Auditorium. The entire apparatus, with the exception of the manuals, is located in the basement under the Auditorium. Here, surrounded and divided by solid masonry walls, are the air intake, the blower room, the relay room, and the main organ and solo organ chambers. From the last two chambers great ducts are carried up to the apron of the stage, and the organ speaks from the grill covered apertures facing the audience. The whole operation is controlled from the manuals.

The gift, which, with the grounds, represents over half a million dollars, includes everything except the furnishing. This is a comparatively small matter, as all the Auditorium chairs are part of the donation. The gift also makes possible the maintenance, so that the continuation of the story of the project after this setting has been established will be in the hands and activities of the dwellers of Merion.

MERION POST No. 545, AMERICAN
LEGION

We are glad to report that Merion Post, No. 545, of the American Legion, is a fast growing and active Post, as at present writing the number of its members is greater than at any time in the past.

During the past winter, the Post went on record as being opposed to a bonus to able-bodied veterans of the World War, and letters to this effect were sent to our State Senators and Congressmen in Washington.

It is with the deepest feelings of sorrow and regret that the Post reports the loss, during the past year, of one of its most faithful and devoted members, Comrade John I. Rogers, who departed this life on August 15th, 1923.

Since the formation of our Post, it has never had a real home, relying on the generosity of the Boy Scouts for a place in which to hold its meetings, but at last the Merion War Tribute House is nearly completed and the Post has held its last two meetings in the quarters turned over to its exclusive use.

The completing of the War Tribute House is a very decided event in the history of the Post, as it will at last have a home all its own. It will also help the members to get together more often and enable them to take a greater interest than ever before in promoting the activities and progress of the Post.

PAUL A. CASEY,

Historian.

Post Officers elected for year 1923-24:

DR. GUSTAVE A. VAN LENNEP Commander
S. EARLE HAINES Vice-Commander
W. CURTIS BOK Vice-Commander
FRANKLIN S. HOVEYAdjutant
HORACE T. GREENWOOD, JRTreasurer
PAUL A. CASEYHistorian

VISITING NURSE SERVICE

This service provides at a moderate cost the services of a graduate nurse, who will give the skilled care required, leaving instructions for the care to be given between her visits.

RULES FOR CALLING THE NURSE

Call the nurse through your physician, or telephone: Ardmore 2098 or 2099, between 8.30 A. M. and 5 P. M.; Bryn Mawr 873, any time during the day.

Calls should be received between 8.30 A.M. and 9 A. M., and between 1 P. M. and 1.30 P. M., if the visit is to be made that day.

On Sundays and holidays, patients will be visited only when special or immediate attention is required.

The nurse is not allowed to attend certain contagious diseases, but will give instruction in nursing and every possible assistance to families in which such cases occur.

All other types of cases are cared for, except the Delivery period of Maternity. The staff is not large enough to allow time for attending at confinements.

A charge will be made for the visits when the family can afford it. This money is used for the further development of the work.

Through co-operation with The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, its policy-holders will be visited by the nurse and care and instruction given as needed.

The nurse does not give material relief, but will report, all cases needing it to the proper agency.

A nurse is sent in response to every new call, but bedside care is continued only under a Doctor's direction.

REGISTRATION

Merion's Assessor wishes to bring to the attention of the Merion voter, that registration days in boroughs and townships are not the same as in the cities.

While it is possible to vote in boroughs and townships without being registered, if a tax has been paid within two years, the voter, if challenged, must produce the affidavit of a qualified voter of the district that the voter has lived in the district at least two months immediately preceding the election. This trouble will be avoided by calling on the assessor, who will sit at the polling place between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and three o'clock P. M. and from six o'clock to nine o'clock P. M., on the 63rd and 62nd days before the Primary and similarly on the 63rd and 62nd days before the General Election. Party affiliations must be designated if the voter wishes to vote at the Primaries.

This year the assessor will sit September 2nd and 3rd, during the hours above mentioned, for registration for the General Election. The assessor will, however, if called upon, register a voter at any time previous to September 2nd, and it is desirable that all prospective voters ascertain as early as possible whether their names are properly registered on the assessor's lists.

For further information communicate with the assessor.

MISS JESSIE M. WILSON,
Care Mrs. Fred W. Fleck, Sycamore Ave.
Tel., Merion 639-W.

MERION BRANCH OF THE NEEDLEWORK GUILD

A Merion Branch of the Needlework Guild of America has recently been organized and is already making splendid progress.

The object of the Needlework Guild is to give those "who have" a chance, in a way everybody can afford, to help those "who have not." Of the thousands of people who, through crime, accident, sickness or other adversity, yearly pass through the medical and other institutions of this country, many are insufficiently clad. It is the work of the Guild to help to supply this great need, and the report that 1,120,696 garments were collected during 1922 shows the real worth of such an organization.

The annual contribution of two or more new articles of wearing apparel or household linen—or a donation of money constitutes membership in the Branch. Men, women and children are all eligible and it is the sincere hope of the Guild that the people of Merion will give this splendid work their earnest support and co-operation.

Anyone wishing to become a member may do so by communicating with any of the following officers:

President -----Mrs. Horace T. Greenwood, Jr.
First Vice-President----- Mrs. George H. McMullin.
Second Vice-President ----- Mrs. E. G. Wyckoff, Jr.
Third Vice-President ----- Mrs. Charles J. Pilling, Jr.
Secretary -----Mrs. Girard M. English.
Treasurer ----- Mrs. William P. Norris.

A RECENT ORDINANCE
THAT ALL SHOULD KNOW

That from and after the passage of this Ordinance it shall be unlawful for anyone to burn leaves, brush, papers, rubbish or other material, or to light any fire upon any public road in the Township which is surfaced with Warrenite, Filbertine, Amiesite, Tarvia or other bituminous material.

Any person, firm, association or corporation violating this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$25, to be collected as like penalties are now collectible.

Approved by the Board of Township Commissioners, October 26, 1920.

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

That every dog, six months old or over, must have a license and wear a collar with the license tag at all times. Failure in any case renders the dog liable to seizure. A license costs \$1.00 for a male dog and \$2.50 for a female dog, and may be obtained from the County Treasurer at Norristown.

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.

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.