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Firemen Given Possession of Town For 50th Anniversary Will Parade and House Truck

Rescue Fire Co., of York, Arrives to Participate in Celebration of 50th Anniversary of the Washington Fire Co., Which Begins Tonight With a Banquet For 500 Members and Guests.

FIREMEN WELCOMED AND GIVEN KEY TO TOWN

11 Fire Companies With Bands and Apparatus Will Parade Tomorrow Afternoon.—Housing Ceremonies to Follow Parade.—Provisions Made to Entertain 2000 Visitors With Lunch.

Conshohocken is in possession of the firemen. The key of the borough was turned over to them this morning by Burgess George W. DeHaven when he welcomed the members of Rescue Fire Company No. 4, of York, Pa., who arrived here at 10.58 o'clock and will remain until Sunday evening as the special guests of the Washington Fire Company on the occasion of the celebration of their golden anniversary.

The town is clad in its glad regalia in commemoration of the event; Fayette street from the bridge to Second avenue is banked on either side with a gorgeous display of flags and bunting of the National colors. Between Hector and Elm streets a large banner, dedicated to the Washington Fire Company's Fiftieth Anniversary is stretched across Fayette street and at Second avenue and Fayette street another large banner erected by the Conshohocken Chamber of Commerce bids welcome to the invading hosts. West Hector and West Elm streets are also gayly decorated.

The exterior of the hose house on West Hector street is bedecked from the tower to the pavement with flags, bunting and great streamers of pennants, and above the doors is a large sign bearing the name of the Washington Fire Company with the year 1874-1924. Above is a large star with five points; electric lights are arranged on the sign with a light at each point of the star and one in the center. The interior of the building is also beautifully decorated with a profusion of American flags and yellow pennants lettered with "50th Anniversary" in black.

The decorations throughout the business sections are gorgeous and present a picturesque scene.

Rescue Firemen Arrive.

The members of the Rescue Fire Company, headed by the Spring Garden Band of twenty-nine pieces, left York in special coaches attached to the regular train leaving there at 6.15 o'clock this morning. Eastern Standard time and arrived at the Pennsylvania station in this borough at 10.58 o'clock. They were met by a committee from the local company and escorted to the hose house. After laying aside their baggage the visiting firemen were taken to the office of Burgess DeHaven at 119 Fayette street and after serenading him they were extended a hearty welcome by the Chief Magistrate in a few well chosen remarks, who at the close turned over to them the key to the borough.

The RECORDER was next serenaded after which a number of business places were visited.

The members of the Rescue Fire Company who arrived here include the following persons:

Abraham Burger, A. M. Brickner, Edward Booth, Lewis Bohle, Paul Beckmeyer, Henry Brickner, Daniel Cameron, Frank Carr, Henry Dellinger, J. P. Dressell, Grover DeHoff.

William Eppley, John Fry, Joseph Feller, Albert Fullerton, Charles Foose, William Fullerton, Jr., Herbert Fullerton.

Charles Getz, Frank Gleason, John Glasfelter.

Earl Herbert, Walter Hugentuber, John M. Harbo, Arthur Hivner, Harvey Hoffman, Philip Hodgson, Jesse Hayes, Fabian Hussion, George Horn, William Heffner.

Matthew Kohler, Levi H. Keeney, Henry J. Krouse, William Koch, W. H. Keesey, Howard Klinedinst.

William Lewis, Charles Lewis, Charles Lockard, Anthony Mann, Sr., Anthony Mann, Jr., Edward Markley, Francis Moseback, James Miller, Frank Markley, Arthur Markley.

John Nicholas, Frank Ness, Walter F. Owen, Charles Rudy, Charles A. Reickle, J. G. Riechle, Jacob Rouscher, Arthur Bider.

Jacob Snyder, Sebastian Schwint, Charles Stormbaugh, John Schaeberg, Martin Schneider, Willy Smith, William Stahle, James Schroeder.

Henry Stough, W. W. VanRaman, Frank Wantz, Eugene Wise, George Wilson, Leroy Weigle, William Wilson.

A number of the firemen are accompanied by their wives and daughters.

Banquet To Open Celebration.

The celebration will be opened this evening with a large banquet and entertainment in the Suskind Building, Eighth avenue and Harry street, commencing at 6.30 o'clock.

The interior of the banquet room has been gorgeously decorated for the occasion, many additional electric lights have been installed and will lend a daylight appearance, and a large stage has been erected for the entertainment. Long rows of tables equipped with many small electric lights on pedestals have been erected and around these will gather about five hundred of the members of the company, visiting firemen and invited guests.

Irving Heywood will act as toastmaster and as soon as the banquet has been completed a number of short speeches will be made by visiting firemen. J. Aubrey Anderson, Esq., former District Attorney of Montgomery County, will be the orator of the evening.

At the conclusion of the addresses the assemblage will be entertained at a vaudeville entertainment by

Local Odd Fellows To Visit Orphanage

Following out their usual custom, Conshohocken Lodge No. 525, Improved Order of Odd Fellows, will conduct their Spring services at the Odd Fellows' Orphanage, Haines street, Germantown, next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

The address will be delivered by the Rev. Stanley R. West, rector of Calvary P. E. church.

The members of the order and their families wishing to go to the Orphanage are requested to be at the lodge room in P. O. S. of A. hall not later than 1.45 o'clock from where transportation will be available.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SOLDIER DEAD

Local Veterans Holding Memorial Day Services Tomorrow—Decorate Graves

REV. CAULKINS ORATOR

Today the Nation is paying tribute to its soldier dead, in commemoration of Memorial Day. Members of posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, Spanish War Veterans, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars in all places are assembling in cemeteries and strewn flowers on the graves of their departed comrades.

In this borough the few remaining heroes of the War of '61, comprising George Smith Post No. 79, G. A. R., assisted by John F. DeHaven Post, American Legion, Volpe-Binns Post, 882, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Guard of Conshohocken Council No. 241, Order of Independent Americans and the International Polish Band, are today engaged in decorating the graves of the dead comrades in the various cemeteries in this immediate vicinity.

The various organizations assembled at the Post Room of George Smith Post in the K. of C. hall, Third avenue and Forrest street at 8 o'clock where conveyances were in waiting to take them to the various cemeteries. St. Matthew's old and new cemeteries were the first ones visited. The regular Memorial Day services were held in each and after the graves had been decorated, a salute was fired by the guard.

The procession then moved to Plymouth Friends', Cold Point and Barrert Hill cemeteries, where the services are annually held.

Following the services in Barrert Hill the veterans and their escorts returned to the Post Room where dinner, prepared by the Women's Relief Corps and the Auxiliaries of John F. DeHaven and Volpe-Binns Posts, was served.

At two o'clock the line will again form and go to the Gulph cemetery, where the principal service of the day will be held. Rev. C. W. Caulkins, pastor of Cold Point Baptist church, will be the orator of the day. The choir of the Gulph Christian church will assist in the singing.

ARRANGING TRIAL LIST FOR CRIMINAL COURT

Assistant District Attorneys Corson and Weber, with their secretary, Miss Mary Cleaver, are arranging the trial lists for the biggest term of criminal court ever held in the county. The session begins June 9, and will continue for three weeks.

The trial of Harold W. Dean, charged with the murder of Miss Louise Bruppacher of Stump Hall, is scheduled for Tuesday of the second week list.

Mrs. Joseph Serrati, the 62-year-old Ardmore woman, charged with murdering a young Italian, with whom she is said to have been infatuated, will have her case submitted before the Grand Jury on Wednesday, June 11, and may be tried later in the term.

C. A. A. Loses Morning Game to Ambler 8-4

Conshohocken lost this morning's game to Ambler by the score of 8 to 4, played at the local Athletic Field. The locals scored in the first inning and were tied in the second at one all. Ambler took the lead in the fifth inning and added one more in the sixth. Conshohocken scored three runs in the seventh inning and Ambler scored another in the ninth, making the final score 8 to 4. Cleaver pitched for Conshohocken and Richie hurled for Ambler.

Key To Borough Given To Visiting Firemen

The key to the borough which was presented by Burgess DeHaven to the members of the Rescue Fire Company this morning is one that has been specially made for the presentation.

The key is made of wood, fifteen inches long, suitably inscribed on one side is "Washington Fire Co., 1874, presented May 30th, 1924; Key to Conshohocken. 'Non i Sid Omnibus', meaning 'Not for one but for all.'" On the reverse side is "Washys. No. 1. 50th Anniversary, 1874-1924."

Band Concerts and Dances Will Be Given at Park

Community Center Outlines Plans For Summer Activities

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Community Center was held in the Park House Wednesday evening with an important business routine including the appointment of the committees for the year.

George Kirkpatrick was elected athletic director for the Center, for the summer months, the instruction to be given at the athletic field, Twelfth avenue and Fayette street.

The open-air dances and band concerts will be continued this year and the co-operation of the Park Commission to be solicited in maintaining order at these affairs.

Miss Lober reported the elimination contest in the local marble tournament will take place June fifth, when boys from the schools of the borough will shoot for the championship, the winner to attend the tournament at Allentown. It was decided that the expenses of the local winner and an alternate to Allentown be paid by the Community Center. The prize for the local championship will be a beautiful silver cup, offered by the Conshohocken Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives from six local churches met to discuss the forming of a Sunday School Baseball League. In accordance with the usual custom, Miss Lober was granted a vacation from August 15 to September 15th. The following are the appointed committees: Finance, Horace C. Jones, John Kearns, William S. Campbell and Thomas F. McCoy.

Activities—Mrs. William Cooper; Rooms—Mrs. George N. Highley; Miss Lillian Jones and Christian Benz; Nominations—H. B. Heywood, Mrs. William Read, Mrs. Charles Heber Clark, Mrs. William White, Dr. J. Quincy Thomas; Publicity—Miss Elizabeth Collins, Michael J. Kehoe and H. B. Heywood; Children—Mrs. I. Harold Shoemaker; Boys—Mrs. William Read; Americanization—Mrs. George N. Highley; Harold Shoemaker and William Murray; Music—Miss M. Louise Wood; Dance—Dr. Thomas.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$567.42. The attendance at Community Center for April was 1258 persons.

Paul D. Miller, from where the remains will be sent for burial.

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NEW HEAD FOR WEST SIDE POST OFFICE

Thomas Ferrier Named on Wednesday to Succeed John McCabe as Clerk in Charge of West Side Sub-Station.—In Charge July 1st.

Thomas H. Ferrier, proprietor of the store at 298 Ford street, West Conshohocken, a Republican worker for years, was on Wednesday named by the Postal Department at Washington, D. C., as clerk in charge of the postoffice sub-station on the West Side, to succeed John McCabe, present Democratic incumbent.

The appointment becomes effective on July 1st, when the office will be removed from its present location at Front and George streets to Mr. Ferrier's store, at 298 Ford street.

Mr. Ferrier has been a resident of West Conshohocken for twenty-five years and has for years been active in Republican politics. For a number of years he served as Borough Treasurer of West Conshohocken but resigned the office about two years ago. He also served as a Republican Borough Auditor. Soon after Harry M. Logan, present postmaster, was appointed Mr. Ferrier filed an application for the position of clerk in charge of the West Conshohocken sub-station.

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DEATHS

Christopher Carroll

Christopher Carroll, a former well known resident of Conshohocken, died suddenly at his home, 2811 Water street, Philadelphia, Wednesday morning.

Mr. Carroll was the husband of Mary Meyers Carroll, a sister of George Meyers, of Spring Mill avenue, and was also a former resident of this borough.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters: Grace, Mary and Eva.

The funeral will be held from his late residence Monday morning, with Solemn Requiem Mass in the Church of the Visitation at 10 o'clock. Interment will be made in St. Matthew's cemetery.

Mr. Carroll has three brothers residing in this borough: Thomas J., Robert and Lawrence.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE

A musical service will be held in Calvary P. E. church next Sunday as a memorial service to H. Grey Steele, who acted as organist and choirmaster from 1897 until his death in January of this year, with the exception of eighteen months. The service will begin at 7.15 o'clock with an organ recital. A Lindsay Shaw, Mr. Steele's successor, will preside at the organ.

Umbrellas repaired and covered at KEHOE'S, 217 Hector St.

RAILROAD WORKMEN KILLED IN FALL

Reading Man, Employed as P. & R. Tinsmith, Fatally Injured at West Side Station Yesterday

FRACTURED HIS SKULL

Lewis M. Seltzer, residing at 1036 Pear street, Reading, employed as a tinsmith with the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, was fatally injured at the West Conshohocken station shortly before noon yesterday when a ladder on which he was standing, slipped, throwing him to the station platform. The unfortunate man fractured his skull and died within a few minutes.

Seltzer, in company with Daniel M. Hehr, of 259 South Seventeenth street, Reading, came to the West Conshohocken station yesterday morning to make the repairs to the roof, replace some spouting and erect hanging gutters. In order to reach the roof a ladder was placed on top of a freight car standing on the siding behind the station. Seltzer climbed the ladder and while at work Hehr remained on top of the car and held the ladder. Seltzer sent Hehr to the ground for a piece of pipe and just as he had returned and was ready to catch hold of the ladder again it slipped from its position on top of the car and steezes was thrown with great force to the wooden platform, a distance of twenty feet. He was rendered unconscious and suffered from hemorrhages from the nose and mouth. Dr. Florence E. Donnelly was hastily summoned and when she arrived saw at once that the man was in a precarious condition. She administered all aid possible and summoned the ambulance from Bryn Mawr hospital with the idea of having him removed to the institution but he expired before the ambulance arrived.

Coroner Huff was notified and gave permission to remove the body to the morgue of funeral director Paul D. Miller, from where the remains will be sent for burial.

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AGED RESIDENT DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Charles J., husband of Ella Sow-ers, and one of the best known residents of the borough, died at his home, 342 East Sixth avenue, at an early hour on Wednesday morning, following a protracted illness from a complication of ailments. He was seventy-one years of age.

Deceased spent practically all of his long life in this borough and enjoyed a wide circle of friends. For many years he was employed by the Alan Wood Iron & Steel Company as a puddler and after that branch of work was discontinued he was continued in other capacities.

About three years ago he suffered an illness from which he never fully recovered, although he improved enough to return to his work but only for a few months. Since last September he has been confined to his home.

Deceased is survived by his wife and one daughter, Adeline, wife of Henry Dornheim, who resides at home.

The funeral will take place from his late home tomorrow afternoon. Services will be conducted at the house at two o'clock. Interment will be made in Riverside cemetery.

JURY EXONERATES IN AUTO KILLING

Coroner's Jury Give Verdict Exonerating Wm. Johnston For Death of Boy Run Down on Ridge Pike.—"Accident Was Unavoidable."

A Coroner's jury Wednesday in the Grand Jury room exonerated William Johnston, Spring Mill avenue, "from all blame" for the death of Vincent DelBuono, a 12 year old boy near Black Horse hotel on the night of May 19 and declared the death to be due to "an unavoidable accident."

Johnston was represented by Attorney C. Townley Lazelere, who placed his client on the stand at the conclusion of the taking of the testimony of the Coroner's witnesses and instructed him to tell freely the whole story of the unfortunate affair.

Johnston told how shortly before nine o'clock on the night of May 19, he and a friend, Walter Johnson, had been in a "hot dog" place on Main street, Norristown, when they met Anna Lenhardt, Elizabeth Donahue and Mary Walters, all of Norristown, with whom he was acquainted. The girls asked him to take them to the movies in Conshohocken and he agreed to do so. The two boys started off with three girls, Johnston driving with Anna by his side and Johnson in the rear seat between the two girls.

They proceeded down the Ridge pike at a pace between 20 and 25 miles an hour. Just after he had ascended the hill this side of the Black Horse, a trolley car came along, and immediately afterwards he noticed two boys crossing the road. One of them ran directly in front of the car. He threw on his brakes but before the car could be stopped it had knocked the boy down and the front left wheel had passed over his body. The car was stopped within its own length after striking the boy. He asked his companion to get out. He then ran his car a short distance down the road, turned around and came back. By this time a number of machines had stopped at the scene of the accident. He was very nervous and excited and asked a bystander if he would take the boy to the hospital, as he was afraid he had not nerve enough to operate his own car. The man accented told him that he had better take the boy himself. With the assistance of the bystanders the boy was placed in the rear of the car on the laps of the girls and he and Johnson sat in the front seat and went to the hospital as rapidly as he could run the car. After leaving the boy at the hospital he went to City Hall and reported the accident.

Testimony tending to corroborate Johnston was given by John Cameron, John C. Coates, Benjamin Adams, the three girls and Walter Johnson.

Carmon Volpe, the 12 year old companion of the dead boy on the night of the accident, stated that Vincent had been on the side of the road opposite to him and had started to run across the road to join him when an automobile came "ahellin along" and struck him. When asked by Assistant District Attorney Corson what he meant to designate, in reference to speed by "ahellin along" the witness replied he meant "very fast."

In his examination of Anna Lenhardt, Mr. Corson drew a laugh when he asked the pretty girl whether Johnston kept both hands on the wheel all the time they were together on the front seat. Miss Lenhardt replied that he did. "Does he always drive with both hands," pursued Mr. Corson. "He always does when he is with me," replied the witness.

Coroner's physician, Dr. Herbert A. Bostock, ascribed the cause of death to be a crushed chest and broken neck.

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WARM WELCOME FOR EDITORS IN WEST

Oklahoma's Great Progress Made By Boosters.—Great Humanitarian Work By Men of Great Wealth

ALL GO TO CHURCH

The following letter is from H. B. Heywood, of the RECORDER, who with Mrs. Heywood, is on the tour with the National Editorial Association through the Southwest and Mexico.

The National Editorial Association hold a convention annually, and to the convention add a sight-seeing tour, so that editors may get first hand information of our country.

The convention this year was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Friday and Saturday of last week. Beginning on Sunday, May 18, at Kansas City, Mo., the sight-seeing began for the members of the Association. The trip is being made in a special train of ten Pullmans, and stops made each morning, the traveling being done at night. The Chambers of Commerce of each town take charge of the members and show why their town is the greatest little city on earth.

The spirit of the southwest can not be understood unless you have visited here. The people look exactly like we do in the east, but their thoughts and actions differ. There has been no hot day yet, and the nights are very cool. The natives say, however, that everyone who can do so, get out of here during July and August. Temperatures then of 106 in the shade are not unusual.

The spirit of the Southwest, it seems to me, can be very well illustrated by two stories told us at the dinner at Ponca City. A man died and went to heaven. While walking the golden streets, he saw a number of persons with ball and chain attached to their ankles. Seeing Moses nearby he asked why these people are so confined. Moses replied, "Why, they formerly lived in Ponca City and if we did not hold them here they would return to that city."

Another one was that a Californian, who formerly lived in Ohio, returned to visit his friend, some years later he had left his native home. When he got at his friend's home, a funeral was in progress. His friend was being buried. After the clergyman had finished his services, he asked, "Is there any one here who wishes to speak of the dear departed?" A silence of a few minutes followed when the Californian arose, and said, "Well, if no one wishes to speak, I feel that I should take this opportunity to tell you of the wonders of California."

These stories illustrated the intense loyalty and civic pride of the residents of the southwest. Their town is the greatest, best governed, handsomest and has the liveliest business of any town on earth. Each one cannot understand why we poor benighted heathens of the east do not pack up and come west. "Would you ever return east to live," is met by a decided no.

Fine Schools

The west is outstripping the east in their school buildings. In Tulsa, for instance, a city that had a population of 1300 in 1900, and now a population of 125,000. They have in operation a high school building eight stories high, covering a huge city block, containing 800 rooms, and cost \$2,500,000. It has 2700 pupils, the second largest auditorium in the country, and the head of the schools is the highest paid school executive in the country.

Tulsa is simply an example of what every city and town in the west is doing. Conshohocken ought to ship her school directors out here for a tour, and let them see how they are doing things here. The town would get a big return for the expense.

Build by Team Work

The streets are wide and well paved. The houses in the residential districts are set back from the curb line from 60 to 100 feet; no fences between, a narrow cement walk in front with grass each side. The first paving of the streets are paid by the property owners, and this arrangement works out to the satisfaction of all.

The police, the street lighting are admirable. The taxes are high. Twenty-five, thirty mills and sometimes higher. The people cheerfully pay, but zealously demand that a full return for their money be given them. A resident of Oklahoma City, in speaking to the writer, explained the progress in their towns as "team-work." We elect men who are leaders in our community, business men, professional men who have shown us they can get success in their own business, and then when we elect them we give them loyal support. They spend money and get results, and we, the private citizen, benefit by their unselfish leadership in the advancing value of our property made possible by the growth of our towns.

Liberality of Wealthy Men

The southwest has produced, and is still producing a great crop of millionaires. Few of them leave the country. Sinclair has, for instance, but many of the others are still here. They are spending money for others, too. There is E. W. Marland, a for-

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FRANK HARRISON
Honorary Chief Marshall. He is the only living charter member of the Washington Fire Company and was married the same day the company was incorporated.



THOMAS SMITH
Chief Marshall of Washington Fire Company

Parade and Housing
The chief feature of the entire celebration will be the demonstration tomorrow afternoon in connection with the housing ceremonies, when the company will house its new \$13,000 apparatus.

The ceremonies will be opened with a monster street

WEST SIDE

Mrs. Charles Evans is seriously ill at her home on upper Ford street.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram DeHaven, Jr., and daughter Thelma of upper Ford street left this morning for Harrisburg where they will remain until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Williams and sons, Conrad and George, of upper Ford street, left today by automobile for Gettysburg, where they will remain over the week-end.

Jesse Field, of upper Ford street, is unable to attend to his duties at the plant of the John Wood Manufacturing Company, owing to a painful carbuncle which has developed on his arm.

The George Clay Fire Company has completed all arrangements for their participation in the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Washington Fire Company to-morrow afternoon. The members will assemble at the hose house at one o'clock and march to Conshohocken. The Bryn Mawr Band of twenty-five pieces has been engaged to escort the company. The apparatus will also be in line.

Much praise is due the West Conshohocken Memorial Association for the appearance of the monument and plot at the entrance to the bridge. The plot has been cleaned and beautified with two beautiful flower beds while the shaft of the monument presents a most beautiful appearance, draped in American flags and bunting. From the top of the shaft to the ground are strung streamers of flags, bunting and pennants which will attract the attention of all passersby and win the admiration of all who view it.

The May meeting of the West Conshohocken Home and School League was held in the school building last evening. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not so large as it has been recently, but those who were present were treated to a most enjoyable musical and literary program. A feature of the program was a spelling bee between pupils of the Freshman Class and those of the seventh and eighth grades. Handsome books were awarded to the last three pupils to fall. Rev. Stanley West, rector of Calvary P. E. church, delivered a forceful and interesting address on American Ideals.

Entertains Card Club

Mrs. Harry Collins, of West Conshohocken, entertained the members of her card club at her home, Tuesday evening. There were three tables of "500," favors being received by Mrs. John Ryan, Mrs. Jane Kelly, and Mrs. Harry McDowell. Refreshments were served, the table being charmingly decorated with pink and white carnations and pink and white shaded candles. Next week, Mrs. Harry McDowell will entertain the members at her home on West Fifth avenue.

Present "Haunted House"

The entertainment which was given for the benefit of SS Cosmas and Damian church, two weeks ago, "The Haunted House" was repeated last evening in the Conshohocken Opera House, with a large and appreciative audience in attendance. The play was staged by M. De Churchie, with the following cast of characters: Miss Van Dusen, Lillian Moore; Lou, the maid, Jenny DeTure; Mr. Sellem, James Pettine; Snowball Everblack, Sal DeChurchie; Giuseppe Petrocelle, Jos. Primavera; Mrs. Petrocelle, Cele Dorise; their daughter, Tess DeTure; The Ghost, Ed. Spino; His sweetheart, Millie DeChurchie; Guests, Millie Pettine, Anna Molina, Cecilia Mascagna, Millie DeChurchie, Sam DeTure, Ralph Pettine, James Pettine and Daniel Caffo. The musical numbers included solos and choruses and all were enthusiastically received. Miss Millie De Churchie was presented with a basket of beautiful roses and a bouquet of pink carnations. Following a recitation the entertainment concluded with a chorus by the ensemble.

SALES NEED PUBLIC HELP

Meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Elzey, on Tuesday evening, the committee on the Rummage Sales to be held June 6th and 7th in the interest of the equipment of the high school gymnasium, was a unit in urging that the public at large be impressed with the need of a general backing of this public enterprise. The members of the committee are hard at work, and every detail is looked after, but it is only public and general help which can make the affair the success it should be. This means the contribution of articles, and the patronage of the sales when actually on.

The committee deeply feel their obligation to Mrs. McGovern, of 66 Fayette street, and Mrs. Toner, of Seventh avenue and Maple streets, for placing their buildings at their disposal, without charge, for the sales. Let us match this with general public interest and help. With each citizen assisting, success will come.

Articles for the sales should now be coming in. Mrs. Robert Elzey, Mrs. Stella McCord, Mrs. Charles Head or Mrs. Oscar Freas, will be glad to receive articles, or, if notified, will arrange to send for them.

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Have you read the RECORDER classified columns in this issue. In it are interesting bargains. Perhaps one you want.

GULF MILLS

Brooke Shoffner, a four-year-old son of George Shoffner, of the Gulph is on the sick list.

George Hadfield, formerly of Gulph Mills, will erect a dwelling at Ninth and Green streets, Bridgeport.

Thieves this week stole chickens from the henry of T. J. Powers in Bryn Mawr.

Mr. and Mrs. John McFarland, of Gulph Mills, are spending a period in Atlantic City.

George Stewart, of West Conshohocken has secured a position with William Tomlinson in Lower Merion.

Rev. and Mrs. John C. Barrett, Mrs. Frank V. Rhineheart, Miss Viola Wack, attended the twenty-ninth annual convention of the Montgomery County Sabbath School Association held yesterday at Cold Point. Miss Anna Pearson, of Mechanicsville a member of the Gulph Christian church attended the convention as a delegate from that church.

Harry Hill, a former resident of Swoedland and Conshohocken, who died at his home in Willow Grove aged 83 years was buried in Gulph cemetery on Tuesday. Deceased was a relative of Mrs. Polson Stead and Mark Stead, the latter a well-known hotel proprietor in Norristown for a number of years.

Mrs. Josephine Gamble, Mrs. Sara Pearson and Mrs. Francis Johnson of Gulph Mills, Mrs. Edward Bernard and Mrs. William Russell of West Conshohocken were in attendance at the graduating exercises at Carson College for Girls on Wednesday. Among the members of the graduating class was Miss Elsie Smith formerly of Gulph Mills, a sister of Mrs. Sara Pearson and a niece of Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. Bernard.

The Gulph cemetery to-day Memorial Day, will again be the scene of impressive ceremonies in honor of the heroes who have answered the final roll call. Many of them are entombed in this historic burying ground, the environments of which hark back to the Revolutionary period and the immortal Washington. Here passed the veterans who fought for American Independence; here passed the soldiers of Civil War days, and here passed the soldiers who took part in the most gigantic and strategic war of modern times—and great World War. With music, solemn and martial, with the strains of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and other patriotic selections by the assemblage resounding through this bivouac of the dead; with the beautiful rituals of the poets and their auxiliaries; with the volleys salute by the riflemen; with the flags and flowers that adorn the graves; with the appropriate words of the orator, all will bring forth the spirit of the living in their marked respect for the soldiers who have gone on before, the soldiers whose memories will ever be kept green. As we look on the panoramic scene of solemnity and high resolve we cannot but help soliloquize on its great depth of forethought, its indelible principle, its instituted patriotism, and its meaning to perpetuate. And as we pass from the portals of the cemetery to our homes, let us reflect on the fact that we have done our duty as Americans, and that we have fulfilled a promise sacred to the soldier dead. The organizations which will take part in the ceremonies will include George Smith Post, No. 79 G. A. R.; John F. DeHaven Post, No. 129 American Legion; Volpe-Binns Post, No. 882, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Ladies' Auxiliaries of these posts; Order of Independent Americans detachment of riflemen from this order acting as a guard of honor, musical organizations and others. The crowd that will visit the cemetery will be large, many coming from a distance to assist in the ceremonies. The Ladies Aid Society of the church will sell refreshments on the grounds.

Winfield Thomas formerly of Conshohocken and a brother-in-law of the late Frederick Richter, of that borough, who died at his home in Collingswood, N. J., aged 83 years, was buried in the Gulph cemetery on Tuesday.

Rev. John C. Barrett, pastor of the Gulph Christian church, who entered on the pastorate of the church on September 1st, 1923, performed his second marriage ceremony here last evening when he united in matrimony Miss Bonnie Belle Bailey and Mr. Samuel Harbison.

Residents of Mechanicsville claim that the wet weather has not only retarded the growth of some of their garden plants, but in different instances they have become putrid. Not only have plants become rotten but gardeners who planted various varieties of beans will be put to the trouble of re-planting them as they decayed in the cold and wet ground. Persons who have resided at Gulph Mills for some years believe the Month of May will be recorded in the statistics as one of the wettest for a long period. In some places peas which usually flourish and grow fast during cool and damp weather, are at a standstill in growth.

Delbert Voiz, 8-year-old son of George Voiz of Mechanicsville, who was bitten on the arm by a collie dog belonging to a resident of the village has developed no ill effects from the accident. His father has the wound under observation, however and if any developments arise that cause alarm, he will take immediate steps to place the boy under the treatment necessary for such cases. As to the other victims of the rabid dog, George Weddie and his son Russell, are taking the Pasteur treatment, both are getting along nicely and the physician who has them in charge declares there will be no danger.

Mrs. Robert Stewart of Delaware avenue, West Conshohocken, was hostess to a large gathering of relatives and friends on Tuesday evening in honor of her birthday anniversary. The event was a surprise and was celebrated at the residence of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nippes on the Matsonford road. The evening was spent in a diversion of entertainment, vocal and instrumental music assisting in making the affair all the more pleasurable. A fine supper was served. Mrs. Stewart received many attractive tokens of esteem. Guests were present from Laharsh, the Main Line, Norristown, the Conshohockens and this vicinity. Mrs. Stewart is a daughter of Mrs. Benjamin Davidson of Mechanicsville, and is a member of an old and well-known family in the district.



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During the storm of Saturday last a bolt of lightning struck a tree near the home of James March at Mechanicsville. A chicken coop of Robert Griffith narrowly escaped being set on fire by the lightning's pranks, when a bolt entered the open door of the structure and tore a hole in the ground inside.

Miss Gertrude Cassell, of West Point, Pa., who has been teaching in the primary grade at the Gulph public school for two years past has been assigned to her old position in the Swoedburg school where a room that was closed, has been re-opened. Mrs. Raymond Cole, of West Conshohocken, also a teacher at the Gulph school, has been assigned to her old position at that school. There will be a number of new members in the corps of teachers at the Upper Merion schools when the new term opens in September, about seven of the members of the present faculty having presented their resignations, to take effect the end of the term.

A meeting of the Gulph Mills Troop of Boy Scouts was held on Tuesday evening in the annex of the Gulph Christian church. It has been decided to hold the meetings of the organization regularly on each Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. It is likely that some of the local troop will join in the large scout encampment at Delmont, Pa., this summer which encampment will include troops from Delaware and Montgomery counties. This camp is located in the upper part of Montgomery county in the Perkiomen Valley near Green Lane, and consists of one hundred and thirty acres of land. The encampment will be from June 28 to August 23.

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the Trinity Branch of the Girl's Friendly Society of Gulph Mills, member of the 1922 graduating class in the West Conshohocken High School. For some time past she has been engaged as a stenographer in Philadelphia. The groom is one of the most popular young men in Radnor, where he has resided for some time on the Mott estate of which his father is superintendent. He is engaged in the plumbing business on the Main Line.

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WARM WELCOME FOR EDITORS IN WEST

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mer Pennsylvania, who is literally spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in building parks, golf courses, swimming pools and other things to give pleasure to the residents of Ponca city. Do the people there think well of him? Why they worship him, and would fight for him at the drop of a hat.

Then there is Charles Page, of Tulsa, who has built a \$4,000,000 home near Tulsa, that has over 10,000 acres of ground in its estate. Over 200 orphans are being trained there, and on the estate are fifty houses where widows and their children are given homes. It isn't an asylum, it is a home and every child there has been adopted by Mr. Page. He is sending some of the girls to college; giving the boys a trade or profession and looking after them as if they were his own. He declares they are his own. (He is married, but has no children). This home is unique, and its fame is national. A committee of Harvard University professors, by the way, visited this home this year to make a study of it. All over the southwest are Pages and Marlands, doing in his own way something to help humanity.

A big stolid Indian with his wife and six or seven children driving a Pierce-Arrow car, is not an unusual sight. Yesterday we were introduced to a resident of Bristow, 22 years old, who the day before had sold his oil wells for three million of dollars. While on the other hand, a man who filled the ice chest in our car, told me his father came to Bristow when the town consisted of two houses and a store.

Lavishly Entertained
Our day usually starts at eight o'clock in the morning, when we arrive at a station. A band is always there. A breakfast follows (one day we had squabs for breakfast); a sight-seeing tour in autos; something in the afternoon, and a dinner by the Chamber of Commerce in the evening. The dinners have all been served by the churches of the town, and have been excellent.

On Sunday we were taken in an auto around Ponca city by Elmer Draper, who, only thirty years of age, participated in the "run" when Oklahoma was opened to settlement. He got his claim, and a few days later looked into the barrel of a Winchester, held by a grim visaged stranger who told him to get the "shoot, you will never kill a dander man than I am, and if I lose this claim I might as well be dead." He didn't shoot.

The Miller Brothers, three of them, formerly show men, have over one hundred thousand acres in the 101 Ranch. Every year they give a rodeo, this year we witnessed it. Joe Miller, the oldest of the brothers, told the writer that we were fortunate as the exhibition on Monday will probably be the last ever given on a big scale such as they have done.

I saw on Monday how the west value big money quick. Six thousand dollars were given in prizes, and a cow boy got a thousand in twenty-four seconds work in bulldozing a steer; another won a thousand in twenty-seven seconds in roping a steer.

The ladies of the party did not like this part of the entertainment, and each time a calf or steer escaped, they wildly applauded to the great disgust of the crestfallen cowboy.

Cow girls are here too. We saw a slip of a girl jump from a running horse, to the neck of a flying steer, twist its head until it fell to the ground.

For luncheon that day they gave each of us a sandwich of buffalo meat. Good old steer meat is good enough for me. We were offered bear meat, but a taste years ago from a bear shot by Dr. Hall, was still with me, and I refused.

All Go To Church

This whole section is deeply religious. In Tulsa, for instance, a census made by the churches showed 101,902 people there, and of that number, all but less than 600 had church affiliations. In that city they are now building a million dollar Episcopal church and in Bristow, a town of 12,000, they have a Presbyterian church that cost over \$400,000. In the latter church, by the way, we heard an organ recital yesterday afternoon. The organist came out in a multicolored robe, bowed deeply from the elevated choir to the audience, and was greeted by applause. At the conclusion of each number the hand-clapping was vigorous, until encores were given. And a popular preacher at a dinner given in the home of a prominent resident last evening that we attended, told a string of jokes, many of them liberally sprinkled with profanity. Verily, things are different in the effete east.

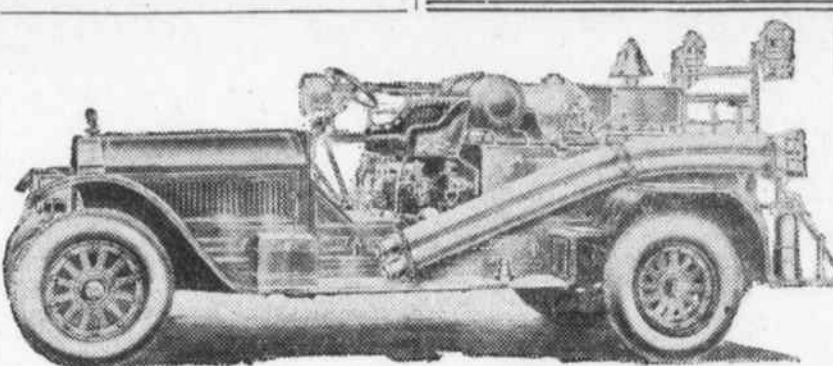
We are now in Oklahoma city and the convention is in progress. While I am writing, the Governor of the State is talking, and the mayor has just finished. Ex-Governor Walton, who was recently exposed in a sore point with them. But, then, there are other states who are unfortunate in their governors, too.

Oklahoma city was born in 1889. Tulsa somewhat later. Between the two is a bitter rivalry. If anyone wants to commit suicide, all he has to do is to stand on the main street of Tulsa and loudly proclaim that Oklahoma city is a bigger and better city than Tulsa.
H. B. H.

BLANKETS When washing new blankets for the first time, soak them over night in cold water and then rinse. This removes the sulphur used in bleaching. Then wash in a luke-warm lather made with boiling soap and water. Rinse well in clear water.

GILT BRAID—To renew gilt braid that has tarnished, rub a little alum into it. Leave for a few hours and will look like new.

If you have some piece of furniture in your home that is not necessary now, why not offer it for sale in our classified columns?



Housing the new triple combination motor truck will conclude the celebration ceremonies tomorrow afternoon. The machine has a pumping capacity of 1000 gallons of water per minute and cost \$13,000. It has been paid for in full.

Firemen Given Possession of Town For 50th Anniversary Will Prade in House Truck

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marshal and will wear the first uniform of the company. He has selected as his assistant Charles Slavin who has been a member of the company for the past twenty-five years. These honors have been bestowed on the chief marshal and his assistant in recognition of their long and faithful service to the company.

Thomas Smith will act as chief marshal of the company. The line will form as follows: Brandywine Company, of Coatesville, with Lukens Band; Norris Hose Company No. 1, of Norristown, with apparatus, and headed by Liberty Band; Montgomery Hose Company, of Norristown, headed by Potstown Band; Humane Fire Company, of Norristown, headed by Humane Band; Fairmount Hook & Ladder Company, of Norristown, headed by Norristown Band; Hancock Fire Company of Norristown, headed by Quakertown Band; resting on First Avenue and Harry Street. Bryn Mawr Fire Company, with apparatus, and headed by Royersford Band; Bridgeport Fire Company, headed by North Wales Band; George Clay Fire Company, with apparatus, headed by Bryn Mawr Band; Rescue Fire Company, of York, headed by Spring Garden Band, and Washington Fire Company, with apparatus, and headed by Conshohocken Band of thirty-five pieces, resting on Fayette Street.

The line will move out First Avenue to Fayette Street, down Fayette to Hector to Forrest to Elm to Fayette to West Conshohocken and around the monument to Fayette Street to Eighth Avenue to Harry Street to Ninth Avenue to Fayette Street to Twelfth Avenue counter-march to Hector Street to Washington House house.

When the line reaches the hose house the firemen will line up in company form and while the various bands will assemble together and play "The Star Spangled Banner" the new apparatus will be housed by the Rescue Fire Company, after which the line will be dismissed.

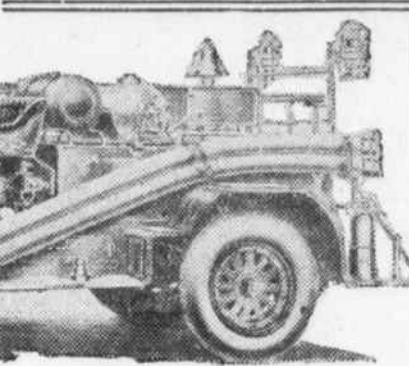
Police Regulations
In order to handle the great crowd of people expected, extra police precautions have been taken. Thirty-six members of Conshohocken Fire Company were sworn in by Burgess DeHaven on Wednesday evening and these will assist the regular force. Officers will be stationed at every crossing and see that the parking orders are enforced.

The Police Department has issued the following orders. No parking on Fayette Street from Twelfth Avenue to the Schuylkill river bridge; no parking on West Elm Street, East Hector Street, West Hector Street, East and West First Avenue after one o'clock; after two o'clock no parking on Harry Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues and on Eighth and Ninth Avenues between Fayette and Harry Streets. A passageway must be kept open on every square.

Will Serve Refreshments
The basement of the large factory building of Rambo & Regar, on West First Avenue, has been procured and gayly decorated and after the dismissal of the parade, will be used for the serving of refreshments.

Entertaining Visitors
The Washington Fire Company has made every arrangement for the entertainment of their guests and there will not be an idle minute. The Rescue firemen, who arrived here this morning, will remain until Sunday evening. Their time will be occupied with the festivities tonight, tomorrow morning and afternoon. Tomorrow evening the local firemen have arranged for a dance to be held in the Maple Room on the third

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floor of the hose house. On Sunday they will be taken on sight-seeing tours to Willow Grove, Fairmount Park, Roosevelt Boulevard and Valley Forge.

Fifty coats have been placed in the third floor of the hose house to provide sleeping quarters.

Business Suspended
The anniversary has been made the occasion of a holiday season throughout the town. The manufacturers have co-operated with the firemen and every industrial establishment in the town suspended operations on Thursday evening and the iron mills closed down at eight o'clock this morning until the midnight shift on Sunday.

Keeping Open House
For the benefit of the visiting firemen the Y. M. A. A. and Volpe-Binns Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, have thrown open their rooms and will keep them open until the celebration ends. The Y. M. A. A. have had their rooms remodeled for the occasion.

THRIFTY TIPS

EGG YOLKS—Place a piece of wax paper over a dish holding unused egg yolks and they will not get dry.

PAINTED WALLS—To remove marks on painted walls caused by striking matches on them, rub with the cut surface of a lemon—then clean with a cloth dipped in whitening. Wash the surface with warm water and soap and then wipe quickly with a clean cloth wrung out of clear water.

BROOMS—A broom will last longer if dipped into scalding soda once a week. This toughens the bristles.

HAM—To make ham juicy and tender when boiled leave it in the water in which it has been boiled until it is cold.

STAINS—To remove fruit stains from the tablecloth cover the stain with powdered starch and leave for a few hours. All the discoloration will be absorbed by the starch.

RICE—Stir rice with a fork while cooking instead of a spoon and the grains will not be crushed.

INK STAINS—To remove ink stains from linen, try pouring melted tallow on the marks. Then wash the article and the ink and grease will both disappear.

POTATOES—Add a teaspoonful of baking powder to mashed potatoes before they are whipped. This will make them very light and flaky.

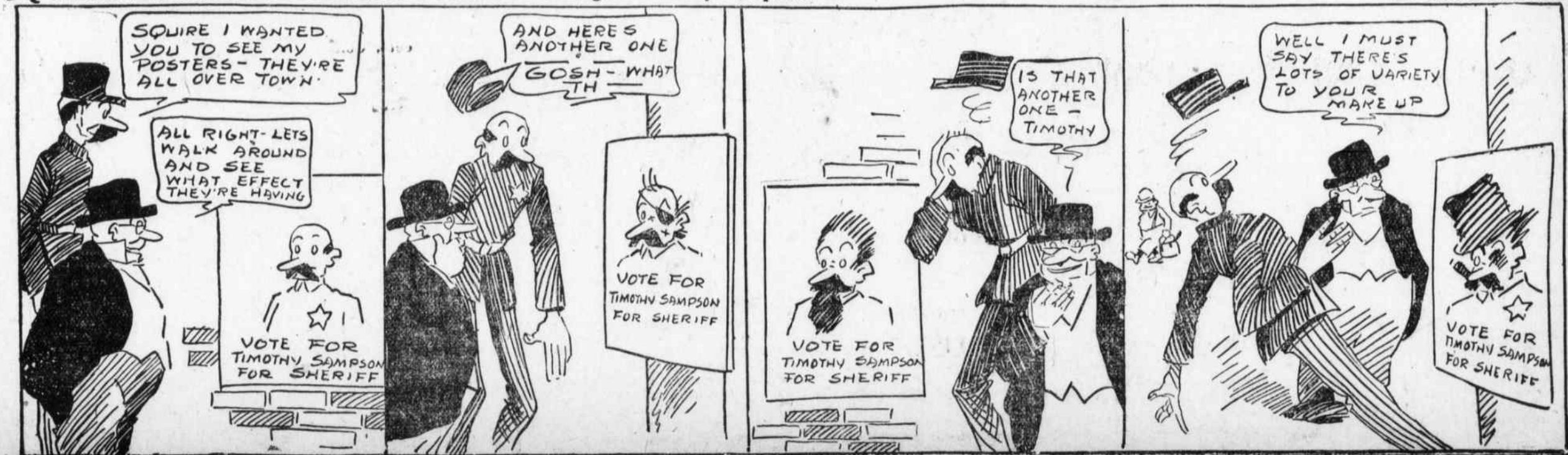
The RECORDER presents with its compliments two tickets for the matinee or evening performance of Ruth Stonehurst, in "Lights Out" next Tuesday at the Riant Theatre, to Mrs. William Hanna, 231 West Fifth Avenue. Tickets may be had by calling at this office.

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ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of KATHARINE B. MOORHOUSE, Deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments, without delay, to H. WILSON MOORHOUSE, Executor, 304 West End Trust Building, Philadelphia, Pa., or his Attorney FREDERIC L. CLARK, 1520 Real Estate Trust Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa. 5-2-24

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on May 23, 1924, a petition was filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Montgomery praying for an order to open, for public travel, Eleventh Avenue from Fayette Street to Hall-lowell Street in the Borough of Conshohocken, and that a rule has been granted on all parties in interest to show cause why such opening order should not be issued, which will be heard in said Court on Monday, June 3, 1924 at 9 A. M. at which time and place all persons interested may be present and heard if they so desire.

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FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1924.

All America is today paying tribute to her heroic dead. In every clime tribute is being paid to America and her heroes, because of the unselfish interest of this nation and the great sacrifices she has made in aid of the human race.

This Memorial Day sees a united nation and while the day brings fresh remembrances of civil strife, the animosity has passed away and North, South, East and West are joining in paying tribute to soldiers who fought for the cause of others that men may secure and enjoy more of the rights to which they are entitled.

LaFollette Serves Notice.

Senator Robert M. LaFollette, elected as a Republican and leader of a group of radicals in the Congress, a small minority which holds the balance of power in the senate, and has gone along with the Democrats on all major questions, has served notice that unless the Republican and Democratic parties at their conventions next month purge themselves of the evil influences which have long dominated them, the people will find in the coming campaign "effective means, independent of both these old parties, to take back control of their government and make it truly representative."

The Senator in a letter, made public, to Attorney General Ekers, of Wisconsin, makes the above statement and also repudiates the Farmer-Labor Party convention to be held in St. Paul, June 17 as a gathering to be controlled by the Communists. The Senator will have nothing to do with the Reds and while they will have but five representatives in the convention, the Senator, with a full knowledge of the power of small minorities, sees that the Reds can get control.

The outstanding feature of the Senator's letter is his tolerance in waiting to see what the old parties will do at their conventions. He demands more than just the nomination of a Progressive candidate, he demands that the people must be satisfied—his people.

It is amusing, the Senator's plea for representative government. In his actions and that of his bloc, he has done more in the present Congress to secure class legislation than has appeared in years. He has arrayed class against class and sought special privileges. In the chaos he and his people have created in Congress and the Republican party, its probable he sees the time opportune for an attempt to realize an ambition, that has been before the people for fourteen years, to become President of these United States.

An appeal is made to the discontents of both the major parties, but the Communists, under orders from Moscow, are notified that the Senator will not permit them to use his name as their candidate. Why does the Senator fear that five Red Communists can control the St. Paul convention? Does he fear the converts to the radicalism he has been teaching can easily be swayed from ballots to bullets?

The Wasly's Golden Anniversary.

Fifty years of service and constant upbuilding is being celebrated by the Washington Fire Company and the people of the town are joining with the firemen to make the Golden Anniversary a notable event.

Conshohocken is justly proud of the Washington Fire Company. Throughout the years it has steadfastly adhered to its purpose of giving efficient fire protection service to Conshohocken and the surrounding communities.

During the past half century, the firemen in building their organization experienced many difficulties but by team work surmounted them and can look back on a record of fifty years of constant advancement.

The Washington Company has more than kept pace with the town. It has led in the march of progress, in fact, the Washington Company has provided the town with fire apparatus far more powerful than is usual to much larger places.

The Washington Company has been built by the citizens and with very little support from the public funds until the past two years. The firemen have not only raised the funds to purchase apparatus and equipment and provided a modern building but have borne the greater share of the expense for maintenance.

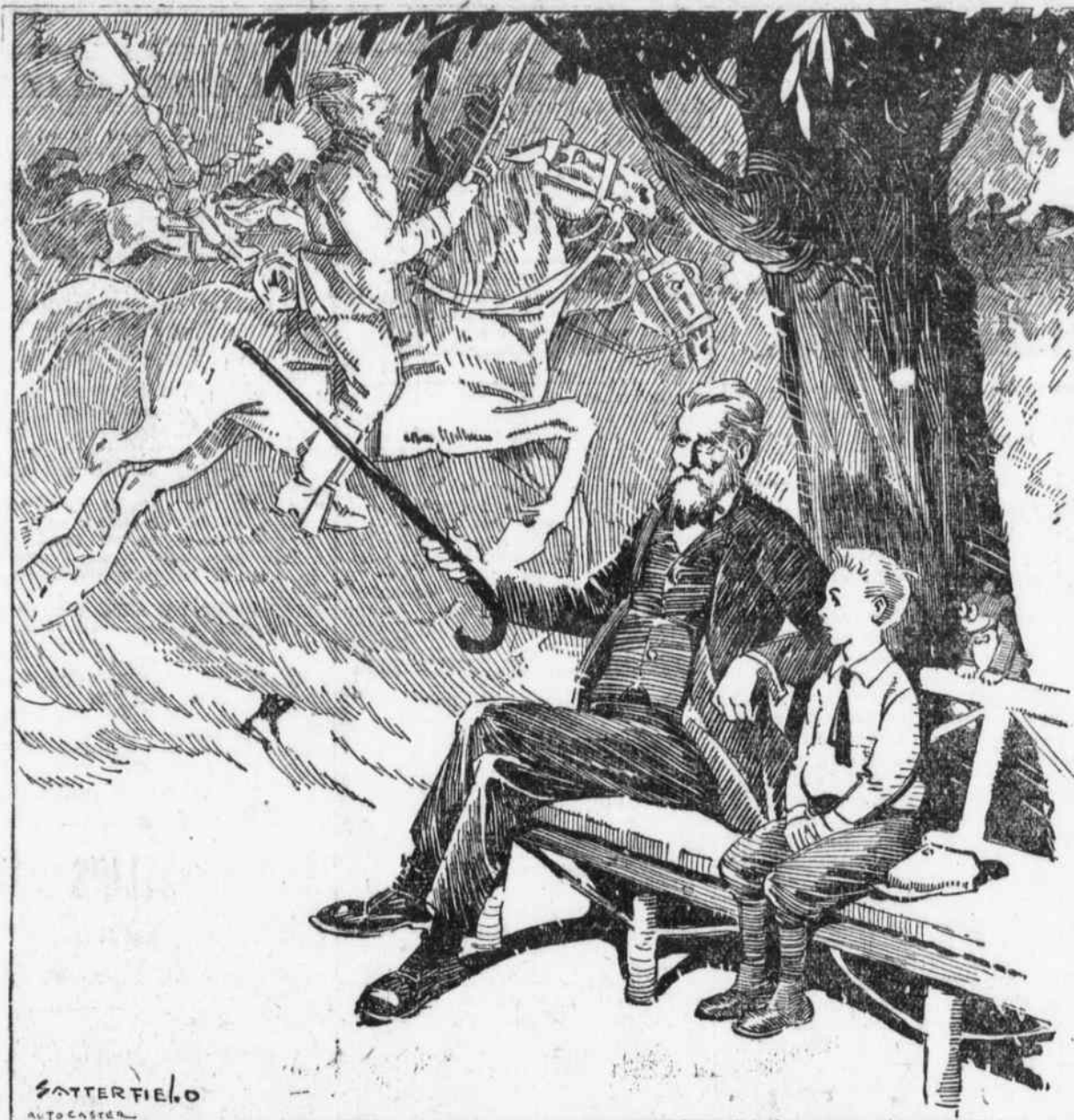
It has always been the policy of the Washington company, since its short experience with its first apparatus, which was second-hand, to install only the most modern and efficient equipment. When the manufacturers produce better equipment, the Washington Company installs it, thus assuring to the people that they are receiving the best possible protection.

The company has not only installed the best of equipment but has trained its members to handle it efficiently. In raising funds, the firemen have always been generously supported by the people as years of experience has proven that every dollar given the company for apparatus has been wisely expended and the machines and equipment of the company are always kept in the best of condition being ready for service at all times.

There is no service volunteered to the public equal to that of the volunteer firemen. These men give their time, labor and money not for their own protection alone but for the protection of the lives and property of their fellow residents. They willingly suffer hardships and respond at all hours, in all weather, to give aid. They are not hailed as patriots, but there is no more real patriotism shown than that of the firemen.

By the maintenance of the splendid fire department the people are not only given security but a great yearly financial saving in insurance rates, an amount far in excess of the aid given the firemen from the public funds.

For fifty years the Washington Fire Company has served this community. From a humble beginning it now ranks with the foremost of volunteer companies. Its history is that of progress and increased power and willingness to serve. Today, it is one of the town's most stable institutions in which the whole people take great pride and join with the firemen to make the Golden Anniversary a notable and memorable event.

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ACONITE

Children have been known to tear off leaves of plants and chew them. If you have an aconite plant growing about your premises, take care that the kiddies do not eat the leaves. Aconite is a plant cultivated in our gardens as an ornamental flower. Seed catalogues list it under its common name of monkshood or wolfsbane. The plant is native to Europe and is abundant in the mountain forests of France, Switzerland and Germany. The commercial aconite is brought from India. The flowers of the plant may be violet, yellow or white. The flowers of the aconite grown about our homes are a dark violet-blue and are large and beautiful. The first important point to be remembered about aconite is that it is extremely poisonous. One twentieth of a grain will kill a rabbit. The second point to be made is that the aconite root is often fatally confused with ordinary horseradish root. Horseradish root and aconite root have been confounded so often that diggers for the horseradish must be carefully instructed how to tell the difference. The aconite root has an external brown color but no odor when scraped. The leaves and the roots of the plant are used in medicine. Aconite was well known to the ancients as a powerful poison, but was first employed as a medicine by Baron Störck, of Vienna, whose experiments with it were published in 1762. Chemists have isolated the active principle of aconite and named it aconitine. Aconite has been employed in cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, gout and other nuisances.

Next: Bacteria.

High School Side Lines

Fitting exercises to mark Memorial Day were held in the high school auditorium yesterday morning. The program consisted chiefly of songs and recitations of a patriotic nature. Miss Dorothy F. Anderson, teacher of English, arranged the program, and Clyde Hill was chairman of the program of events.

After the usual reading of the Bible the following exercises were given:

Song, "Battle Hymn of Republic" School Essay, "Origin and Meaning of Memorial Day" Mildred Fields Recitation, "Remembering Days," Phyllis Light Recitation, "The American Flag," Howard Vandergrift Song, "Columbia, Gem of the Ocean" School Recitation, "A Knot of Blue and Gray" Vera Killmer Recitation, "Blue and Gray," Harold Bishop Selection, "Spirit America" Orchestra Recitation, "The Foul," May Starke Recitation, "Young Fellow, My Lad" Alan Carter Double Quartette, "Tenting To-night" Esther Righter, Hazel Rex, Anna Green, Sarah Shoemaker, Harold Bishop, Hamilton Smith, William Ewing, Augustus Bell. Recitation, "In Flanders Fields," Stewart MacKenzie Song, "Star-Spangled Banner" School Flag Salute School Denison's Electric store, of Conshohocken, donated 25 feet of a complete electric extension cord to the motion picture machine fund.

This cord will be kept with the motion picture projector and used for connections on the balcony in the auditorium and in the various classrooms whenever educational motion pictures are shown. The next pictures will be shown at the Home and School Association meeting on the evening of June 9.

A beautiful framed certificate, with a duplicate were sent to the high school by the committee who had charge of the National Oratorical Contest recently. The certificate is presented to Thomas J. Raser, Jr., for delivering "The oration adjudged the most thoughtful in discussion and effective in presentation." One of these framed certificates will be hung in the high school, the other will be given to Thomas Raser.

The following twelfth grade pupils were honored on Wednesday morning in the assembly for achievements attained in typewriting:

Alice Christie—Royal typewriter, gold pin; 51 words per minute.
Dorothy Jones—L. C. Smith typewriter, silver pin; 51 words.
Hazel Rex—L. C. Smith, bronze pin; 45 words.
Mildred Fields—Underwood, medal; 45 words.
Hazel Rex, Royal Certificate; 43 words.

Winfield Crawford—Underwood Certificate; 31 words.
Esther Righter—Underwood Certificate; 30 words.

The ninth grade boys gave an interesting debate on Wednesday morning in assembly. The question was based on Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" and was "Resolved that Brutus was a traitor to his country." Those on the affirmative side of the question were William Starke, Elwood Cressman, David Tralle and Sidney Finkelstein; those on the negative side were George Schimpf, Samuel Brown, Milton Jacobson and William Jennings. The debate was interesting from the start to finish and was given in a commendable form. George Young acted as master of ceremonies and read the Scriptures for the morning. Thomas Cell was the announcer.

The negative side won the debate, 2 votes to one. The judges were Miss Dorothy Anderson, Miss Harriett Matthews and Miss Alice I. Buckle.

The Pierce School of Business Administration has announced that they will hereafter broadcast their educational talks from Station WDAE, Lit Brothers, on Tuesday afternoons at 1:45 p. m. standard time, during school hours so that schools equipped with receiving sets may be benefited. It is hoped that some day the science department may install a good receiving radio set in keeping with other modern high schools.

Miss Dorothy F. Anderson, teacher of English, has begun the pedagogical task of correcting the extremely poor spelling throughout the schools. Ten minute spelling reviews are being given in all her English classes. An appointed pupil dictates a list of words to the rest of the class. It is hoped that by this means the matter of poor spelling may be corrected.

Rooms 17 and 18 have each made donations to the piano fund. Only a few more dollars are needed to pay on the piano.

A "Senior Sonnet Section" will appear in the next and probably final issue of the Blue and Gold. The 12th grade boys and girls have been racking their brains in an effort to produce the required 14 line sonnets. Any member of this class will tell you, that of all the odes, ballads, limericks, psalms, lays, songs and other poetical compositions in existence, the sonnet seems the most difficult to write.

Moving pictures will be shown to the public at the next meeting of the Conshohocken Home and School Association, Monday evening, June 9. This meeting will be the annual meeting of the association.

The question of whether or not the school wants an Athletic association was brought before the school by the Student Government

Association. Rules governing such an athletic association, if one is formed, were also discussed.

About 22 more school days remaining. Deducting about 7 days to be used for the final examinations, leaves only 15 more actual classroom school days.

The chemistry class has made arrangements with the general manager of the Rainey-Wood Coke Company at Swedeland to make an educational inspection of that coal tar plant.

Memory work from Macbeth was tested in English 11B classes today. Short dramatizations were also written.

Church Notices

Sunday, June 1st

Calvary P. E. Church, Rev. Stanley R. West, Pastor. 7:30 a. m., Holy Communion; 9:15 a. m., Sunday School; 10:30 a. m., Holy Communion and Sermon; 12:30 p. m., Baptism; 7:15 p. m., Musical service; memorial to H. Grey Steele.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. F. Sheppard, Pastor. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the 10:30 a. m. service, sermon at 7:30 p. m., 9:15 p. m. Sabbath School and Men's Class, 6:45 p. m. Prayer Meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. with the topic: "In His Steps How Jesus Faced Duty." Matthew 3:15 John 9:4; Luke 22:42. (Consecration). Business Meeting, 8:15 a. m. Monday. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p. m.

The First Baptist Church, Rev. Abner James Davies, Minister. "The Flash from Above," is the topic of the pastor's sermon for Sunday morning. This service, at 10:30, will be followed by the June Communion Service. In active preparation for Children's Day, and for study of the Word, the Bible School meets at 9:15. "Junior Meeting" for boys and girls is held at 2:30. "Senior C. E." meets at 6:45 in the Upper Room, and young people will find a helpful and interesting service. "His Hands" is the title of the pastor's evening sermon, in the service starting at 7:30, Wednesday evening, at 7:45, the Mid-week service for praise and devotion. You may count on a cordial welcome.

Balligomingo Baptist Church, West Conshohocken; Rev. W. C. Phillips, Pastor. Men's Bible Class and Sunday School 9:30 a. m.; Preaching 10:45 by the Pastor, "The Passing of Jesus" and at 7:30 p. m. "The Removal of Obstacles." Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, followed

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by the regular monthly business meeting. On Saturday evening, June 7th there will be a supper in the basement of the church.

GIVES BLOOD IN EFFORT TO SAVE LIFE OF RELATIVE

Leslie Atkins, of Roxborough, formerly of this borough, underwent a bloodtransfusion this morning in the Presbyterian hospital, Philadelphia, in an effort to save the life of his brother-in-law, H. Gillman Fisher, of Drexel Hill, Pa.
Mr. Fisher was taken suddenly ill the past week and was removed to a hospital for an operation when two hundred and twenty gaul stones were removed from his body. The condition of the man grew steadily worse until it was revealed by the doctors that only a blood transfusion would save him. Mr. Atkins immediately offered his blood and up-

on test was accepted.
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LOCAL BOYS FEATURE

The Conshohocken Athletic Field will be the scene of the greatest boxing show ever staged in the county tomorrow evening at 7.45 p. m., when six bouts matched by Francis Connelly will open the outdoor boxing program for Conshohocken.

From the opening bout to the last there should be action and plenty of it, for the men Connelly has lined up have the reputation of fighters who never fail to give the fans the full value of their money. The only thing necessary to make the huge affair a success is clear weather, and with a large number of visiting firemen in town Conshohocken will have the greatest boxing program ever put on in a town of its size.

In the opening bout, that great little fighting machine from Connaughtstown will endeavor to hold his own against Joe Corbett. Evans, who has many backers and all claim that their favorite is going to win and that quickly. He is working out at Johnnie Kelly's gymnasium and is ready for the bell. The second bout of the evening will bring together K. O. Lockoff and Jack Wallace, of Philadelphia. Lockoff needs no introduction to local fans and he will be the second lad to carry local colors in the ring tomorrow evening. Lockoff, with a victory, will meet Babe Ruth, the hard little Philadelphia sensation in the next bill. Ruth socks just as hard as his namesake of the diamond.

Andy MacFarland, Conshohocken's own little featherweight, who never fails to please the fans, will oppose Hurbie Kurman, of Kensington in the third bout of the evening. This bout will go six rounds and in that length of time MacFarland has sent many a man to the floor for the final count of the bout. He has four straight knockouts to his credit and he predicts this bout will increase it to number five. The fourth bout brings together two lads who will carry a large Philadelphia following in Al Conway, of Kensington and Harry Larsen, of Philadelphia. These two men fought a sensational bout at the Cambria A. C. three weeks ago and Philadelphia fight fans are all hot up over the fact that these two men will again meet in the squared circle here tomorrow evening.

The windup, of ten rounds, brings together two of the fastest and leading lightweights of the entire country, this includes Charley White, Alex Hart and anyone who was into include. Bobby Williams, of Allentown and Johnny Griffith, of Chester, are the battlers who will put on the feature of the show. Williams appeared here last year against Danny Rodgers. Williams has been boxing in the West and comes here with a reputation of being the nicest boxer outside the man holding the crown. This will be Griffith's first appearance here but he is not rest assured that it will not be his last. He is one of the most pleasing fighters ever brought before the public and as he has one of the shrewdest managers in the game in Jimmy Dougherty, the Baron of Leipsville. He has beaten such battling machines as Pedro Campo, Danny Garten, Joe Tiplitz and Danny Kramer. These men are all known and so is Griffith. The lad, although colored, fights a very clean fight and his wonderful tactics in the ring has brought him a host of friends all over the country where he has appeared.

Since the State commissions have got into action you can rest assured that everyone of these boxers will appear or either will be suspended. Even if they are unable to fight for an injury they must be present and prove their statements to the fans. Tickets are on sale at Washington fire house, No. 2 Fire Company, Connelly's cigar store, Crawford's cigar store, Wolfingers pool parlors and the Modern Tonsorial shop, on East Hector street. Matchmaker Connelly is interested in battling Evans and would like to have the seats filled in time to see the new sensation of the town break into fast company at 7.45 p. m.

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C. Y. M. A. Loses to West Consho. All-Stars

Last Inning Rally Fall Short of
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West Conshohocken All Stars was the latest team to hand the C. Y. M. A. a setback on the diamond, winning 8 to 7, Tuesday evening on the Athletic Field. The game for five innings was very close, the score being 2 to 1 in favor of the West Siders. In the fifth inning the locals scored two runs, taking a 3 to 2 lead, but were unable to hold it when Graham replaced Sutton on the mound. The West Siders scored six runs. With the score of 8 to 2 in the last inning, the losers started a rally that carried them within one run of tying the score. With the tying run on third base, Sutton grounded out to Redmond.

Redmond was the big star for the winners with ten accepted chances. Keyser pitched a good game and was given good support by his teammates. Bailey was the star for the losers, catching a good game and having two safe wallops to his credit.

The C. Y. M. A. meets the Ambler O. I. A. at the local Athletic Field this afternoon at 3 p. m.

West Conshohocken Stars		AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Pasquin, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0	0
Danna, lb	3	1	2	7	1	0	0
Montgomery, c	3	2	0	6	2	0	0
Redmond, ss	4	0	2	3	7	0	0
Gavin, cb	4	1	0	1	1	0	0
Smith, lf	3	1	2	1	0	0	0
Mellon, cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
McDowell, 3b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Keyser, p	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	8	10	21	11	0	0

C. Y. M. A.		AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Griffith, cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bailey, c	4	3	2	8	2	0	0
A. Atkins, lb	3	1	1	0	0	1	0
Markle, 3b	3	1	2	2	0	0	0
Lowe, ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
G. Atkins, 3b	3	1	1	3	0	1	0
Cardamone, rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	0
Sutton, p	3	0	1	2	1	0	0
Graham, p-if	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	7	9	21	6	3	0

W. C. A. S. 2 0 0 0 0 0 4-8
C. Y. M. A. 1 0 0 0 2 0 4-7
Stolen bases—Danna, Bailey. Three base hits—Bailey, Cardamone. Struck out—by Sutton, 5; by Graham, 4; by Geyser, 5. Bases on balls—by Sutton, 2; by Graham, 0; by Geyser, 3. Scorer—Collins. Umpire—Barley and Dorn.

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SPRING MILL MEETS HARROWGATE SUNDAY

Plays Logan Tomorrow Afternoon
in Philadelphia

Spring Mill, after a very successful start, will meet two of the strongest amateur teams in the vicinity of Philadelphia when they stock up against Logan and Harrowgate. The Millers travel to Logan Saturday afternoon and battle the team of that place at 3 p. m. On Sunday afternoon the team returns to this borough and crosses bats with the Harrowgate Club.

The Harrowgate Club is a first-class club as evidenced by the fact that two of her former products are now members of the Boston Americans. This can be taken as a guarantee of the kind of ball the Philadelphia team is used to playing.

BIRDS FLY OVER A MILE A MINUTE

Conshohocken Homing Club held a 400 mile race from Lexington, N. C., on Saturday, May 24th. Birds were liberated at 6.45 a. m. by S. S. Millan. The first bird was timed by Fred Bickings at 1.25.52 p. m., making the 400 miles in 6 hours, 40 minutes, 52 seconds, which proved to be the fastest time from the 400 mile station to Conshohocken. The results of race is as follows:

Fred Bickings	1760.462
Charles H. Hague	1755.668
John Frost	1673.531
Frank Crossman	1640.294
William Streba	1633.425
Frank Zoobaski	1569.599

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HAULING DONE

SOUDERTON HERE TOMORROW FOR BATTLE

Cornog To Hurl Against Bucks
County Representatives

Conshohocken will face one of the strongest teams in the league tomorrow afternoon when Souderton comes here to meet Pownall's charges at 4.15 p. m. on the local athletic field. Souderton comes here with a strong team and hopes to take home the bacon as the locals have always been their bitter rivals. The locals will be hard up for pitchers after today's engagements but Pownall intends to arrange his staff so that Pop Cornog pitches here tomorrow instead of in Ambler this afternoon. The pitching selection for this afternoon's game is not known at present but a first class hurler will be on the hill.

Including today's games and tomorrow the locals have three of the most important games of the season and a good break in the three will put Conshohocken in such a position that it will be a hard job for any team to pull them out. An even break will be fine but one thing the Pownall and Hamilton team is after is each and every game. With good hurling there is no reason why they won't get it, the locals should be the surprise of the league. With a few new players and a few hurlers added to the staff Conshohocken will be in the race.

BEAVER A. C. MEETS IRISTOWN SUNDAY

The undefeated Iristown A. C. stacks up against the Beaver Tribe of Red Men Sunday afternoon on the former grounds at Eighth avenue and Wood streets at 3 p. m. The Irishtowners have played five games without meeting defeat and a large crowd of followers are expected to

be present from both clubs. Mutt Pope or Benny Sauer will be on the mound for the locals with Rick Johnson behind the bat.

Have you read our classified columns in this issue. In it are interesting bargains. Perhaps one you want.



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Spinach, Peppers, Tomatoes, New Potatoes, Etc.
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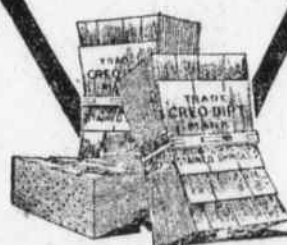
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Richard Dix-Betty Compson

—In—

"THE STRANGER"

A drama of politics and women, and

"WEDDING BELLS"—A comedy

SATURDAY, MAY 31st

Bebe Daniels-Lloyd Hughes

—In—

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A Zane Grey story full of adventure and

"BUCCANEERS"—A bunch of laughs

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Quality the finest and our prices speak for themselves.

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N. B. C. Vanilla Snaps

Cheese Tid-Bits, Unedda Biscuits

pkg. 4¹/₂c

Or any other 5c cakes and crackers in stock.

Memorial Day!

Friday, May 30, Our Stores Will Be Closed All Day
Whether you spend the holiday at home or out of doors, we have complete supplies of everything needed to make the luncheon or dinner a success.

Reg. 15c Imported Sardines . . . can 12¹/₂c
Crisp Sour Pickles big bot 18c
Picnic Luncheon Kits (Set of 43 . . . carton 25c
Pieces)
ASCO Table Mustard jar 12c
Princess Prepared Mustard tumbler 7c
ASCO Peanut Butter tumbler 10c
Tasty Potted Meats can 5c, 10c
Picnic Plates doz 9c

Kipperd Snacks

can 9c : 3 cans 25c

Delightful fillets of selected herring—Smoked and Kipperd. No bones, no waste, all food. Serve either Hot or Cold, Boiled or Broiled.

Cooked Corned Beef can 23c
ASCO Dried Beef pkg 12c
R. & R. Finest Boned Chicken can 50c
Fancy Queen Olives bot 10c, 20c
Stuffed Olives bot 13c, 23c
ASCO Ginger Ale bot 12c; doz \$1.40
Kraft's Pimento Cheese can 15c
ASCO Pork and Beans can 9c

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Loaf 5c

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Bag
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Fresh Killed Stewing Chickens lb 35c

ALL Fancy Skinned Hams lb 21c

String Ends HAM lb 10c	All Slices HAM lb 50c	Butt Ends HAM lb 25c
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Fancy Native Beef

Thick End RIB ROAST . lb 20c	Lean SOUP BEEF . lb 10c
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Selected Cuts STANDING RIB ROASTS lb 32c

Rump Steak lb. 42c	Round Steak lb. 38c
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Boneless Breakfast Bacon lb. 22c
(Whole or Half Pieces)

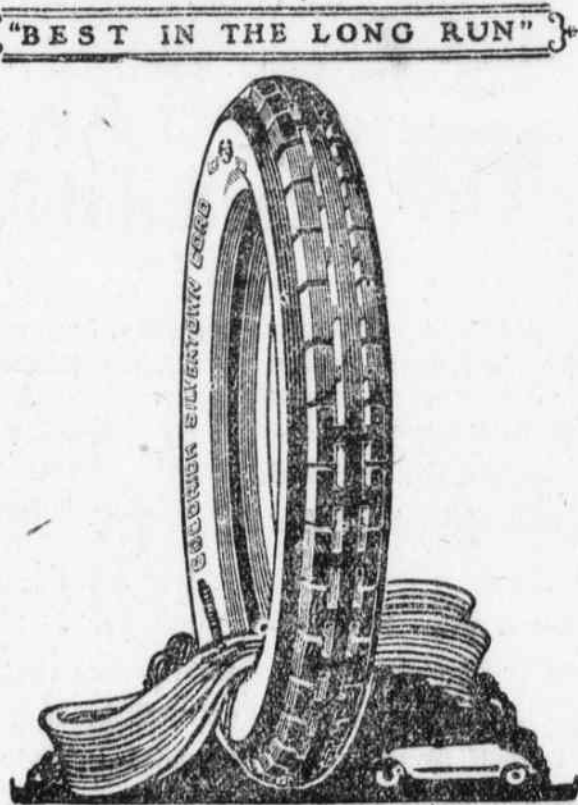
PICNIC DELICACIES

Sliced Meat Loaf Sliced Luncheon Roll Sliced Boiled Ham 1/2 lb. 25c	Swiss Loaf Cheese Pimento Loaf Cheese American Loaf Cheese 1/4 lb. 11c
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BOOK CIRCULATION

30,108 IN YEAR

Yearly Report of Free Library Shows Increase of 5,413 in Circulation.—3,103 Registered Borrowers.—6,495 Books.

Reading by the local public increased last year, according to the annual report of the Free Library. The number of registered borrowers increased by 325 and the total number of books circulated during 1923 was 30,108, an increase of 5,413 over the preceding year. The figures show that more than one-third the population of the borough is using the Free Library and that the circulation equals almost four books to each resident.

The following is the report of the trustees for 1923 in full:

The total circulation of books for the year was 30,108. This is an increase of 5,413 over the circulation of last year. The increase was not only in fiction, but in non-fiction, both in the adult and juvenile books.

The total number of borrowers registered is 3,103; of these 325 registered during 1923. The increase was as a rule allowed as many books as they wish, so that many more than the borrowers use the books.

The number of new books placed in the library this year was 614; of these 186 were gifts from Mrs. Donald F. Crapon, Mrs. William A. Cooper, Mrs. Harold DeL. Downs, Mrs. George N. Highley, Mrs. Jawood Lukens, Est. Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. Elwood Lee, Mrs. Stephen Johnson, Mrs. Moorehouse, Mr. Leo Casey and the Woman's Club.

Our total number of books at the present time we estimate as 6495.

We have sent to the schools for their use books of essays, plays, history, novels, biography, poetry and a great many magazines. We feel sure that the books are being used more in this way than have been before for years and we are very much encouraged by it. We have had the teachers and pupils from the various grades from all of the Public Schools in town at the Library and have taught them the classification and arrangements of the books so as to make the books more available to the general public. We intend to continue this work as we feel sure that it is helpful. Many books of reference are used by all of the school children.

We are always in need of new books as there is a large demand for them and we endeavor to at least keep up with the growth of the town. We need more and better reference books, books on music, plays, etc., as well as novels.

There has been placed on the shelf of the Conshohocken Free Library a number of duplicates of the recent popular novels; this is being done at the request of the Public Libraries of the country for the accommodation of people who do not wish to wait their turn for the books on the free list; these books will rent for ten cents per week, and two cents per day after the week is finished.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Year Ending April 17th, 1924

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand April 17th 1924

Library League Club-through

Spencer L. Jones

Mrs. Laura Wood

Dr. George N. Highley

Mrs. George N. Highley

Mr. and Mrs. A. Conrad Jones

Woman's Club-Mrs. Reese P.

Davis, Treasurer.

Mrs. Charles Lukens

Miss Mary L. Clark

Mrs. Charles Heber Clark

Mrs. Marion B. Wood

Biddle Wood

Howard Wood, Jr.

Clement Wood

Miss Margaret M. Lukens

W. A. Cooper

Mrs. J. Elwood Lee

William F. Meyers

George T. Lukens

Spencer L. Jones

Dr. D. L. Fordyce

Miss Louise Noblit

Harry Buckle

Elwood Noblit

William W. Ambler

Samuel Robinson

E. W. Harrison

I. H. Shoemaker

Mr. & Mrs. William B. Read

Richard G. Wood

James W. Wood

Reese P. Davis

The Tracys

Horace C. Jones

Income from Endowment

Borough Appropriation

School Appropriation

Interest

Credit on books returned

Fines

Total

EXPENDITURES

Books

Magazines

Salaries

Stationery and Printing

Water Rent

Repairs

Coal

Box Rent

Insurance

Light

Discount on Notes Renewed

Re-binding

Dues-Pennsylvania Library Association

Sundry Expenses

Total

Balance on hand April 17th, 1924.

Borrowed from Bank

George T. Lukens, Treasurer

TO TEST FIRE HORN

Beginning tomorrow and continuing every Saturday indefinitely the new fire horn of Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2 will be tested at one o'clock p. m.

PLYMOUTH

Fred Hatch, of Scranton, Pa., visited his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. M. Michael, over the week-end.

The Cold Point Grange will hold a strawberry festival at their hall, Plymouth Center, on Saturday evening, June 14. Among the things on sale will be old fashioned strawberry short-cake.

The sixth and seventh grades of the Plymouth Consolidated school will hold a strawberry festival at the school on Saturday evening, June 7th. The proceeds will be used for playground equipment.

Sabbath School Association
The Montgomery County Sabbath School Association held at the Cold Point Baptist church yesterday afternoon, was well attended. There were eighty-seven delegates present from the different Sabbath schools in the county. A very interesting program was rendered. Among the speakers was the Rev. Mr. Kikorian, an Armenian, of Philadelphia, who spoke on the Near East Relief.

Final Meeting of Welfare League
The last meeting of the season of the Welfare League of Plymouth township was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Plymouth Consolidated school. Mrs. Griscorn, of Wynonah, gave an illustrated lecture on "Birds," which consisted of 75 pictures, and was greatly enjoyed by the large number of people who were present.

Other features of the program were, singing by the fourth grade, under the direction of Miss Smalley; recitation, "Woodman Spare That Tree," Mildred Coulston. Following this the regular business meeting took place. Mrs. Walter Miller, vice president, having charge, after which a "Health Play" was given by the fourth grade pupils.

The fourth and eighth grades each received a beautiful fern for having the largest number of mothers present.

C. H. S. ALUMNI MEETING

MONDAY EVENING

A special meeting of the Conshohocken High School Alumni Association will be held on Monday evening in the high school building at 8 p. m. Plans for the reception of the graduating class will be made and also plans for the presenting of the annual scholarship will be formulated. The time for preparing for these two things are very short and it is earnestly urged that all members make an effort to be present at this meeting.

Have you read our "want" columns to-day? Bargains are these.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA—TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Statement of Receipts in the Several Funds at the close of Business April 30, 1924.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA—FUND

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Between Friends

Frank Rodenbaugh, of East Elm street, has accepted a position with the Ruth Glass Company.

Packer Walton, of East Eighth avenue, is spending the week with relatives in Phoenixville, Pa.

John Ramsey, of Poplar street, has purchased a new Chevrolet touring car.

The Y. M. A. A. will conduct an entertainment in the K. of C. hall tomorrow evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Houck of Schuylkill Haven Pa., are spending the weekend with Mrs. H. W. Atkins, of East Eighth avenue.

Miss Alice Meany who has been in Atlantic City for some time will spend the holidays at her home in Conshohocken.

"Children's Day" is to be observed in the Baptist Sunday with a special program which is now in course of preparation. June 5th is the date.

Milton J. Davies, and Miss Eudora I. Davies, of New York city, were Decoration Day visitors at the home of their brother, Rev. A. J. Davies.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trankle, and family formerly of Eleventh avenue and Maple streets, have moved to their new home in Cold Point, Pa.

Miss Helen English, of Spring Mill avenue, is recovering from an attack of the grippe which has confined her to her home for the past few days.

Rev. C. W. Caulkins, of Cold Point is to be the special speaker at the "Get Together Supper" of the united Sunday School workers of Conshohocken, to be held in the Baptist Recreation Rooms on June 5th.

Conshohocken Lodge, No. 117 Knights of Pythias, will pay a fraternal visit to Pottstown Lodge next Monday evening. The trip will be made by automobiles, which will leave the lodge room, Second avenue and Harry street at 7.15 o'clock.

Extensive alterations to the interior of the store property at No. 66 Fayette street, owned by Leonard B. Smith, are now in course of progress. As soon as the work is completed Mr. Smith will occupy it as his conservatory and music shop.

Mrs. William Mobney was brought from Bryn Mawr hospital, where she has been a patient for the past two weeks, to her home on West Hector street this morning. Her condition is much improved.

John Ziminski, of 400 East Hector street, was given a hearing before Magistrate Light last evening on the charge of truancy from school. He paid the fine and was discharged. The arrest was made by Truant Officer Campbell.

The Queen Esther Society of the Methodist church will hold the first lawn fete of the season on the church lawn to-morrow afternoon. Lunch will be served.

Mrs. William Walters is chairman of the committees in charge of the affair.

A lawn party, the proceeds of which will be given to the "Pines" will be given tomorrow afternoon upon the lawn at the home of Mrs. Charles Lukens, Fifth avenue and Fayette street, by the following young girls: Susanna and Kathryn Wright, Eleanor Jones, Ann Lukens and Elizabeth and Gladys Ambler. A sale will be a feature of the party which will be from 3 until 5.

The Main Branch and Married members of the Girls' Friendly Society will hold their closing meetings next week in the Parish House of Calvary church. The former will meet on Tuesday evening when the work of the embroidery and dress-making classes will be exhibited. The friends of the members are invited to attend this meeting. The final meeting of the Married Members will be held on Wednesday afternoon. St. Martha's Guild, another organization of Calvary church, will hold its closing meeting on Thursday evening. At this meeting final arrangements will be made for the annual strawberry festival.

J. S. Mosen of West Third avenue has returned from Grand Rapids Michigan, where he was sent as a delegate from the local church to attend the National Presbyterian Assembly.

Louis Primavera of West Third avenue was admitted to Bryn Mawr hospital Tuesday where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Daniel Hoy of the Forrest Hotel is ill at his home.

The topic for the regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Baptist church next Sunday evening will be "In His Steps. How Jesus Faced Duty." Miss Myrtle Custer will act as leader.

Members of the Holy Name Society of St. Matthew's church will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 6.30 a. m. mass on Sunday. The communicants will occupy the central aisle of the church. Special religious services for the organization will be held in the evening.

The rehearsals of the Women's Choral of Community Center have been discontinued for the season, the last meeting being held last Friday evening. There will be a business meeting this evening in the Park House, and all returns for outstanding ticket money for the recent concert are asked to be made at the meeting.

Yesterday, Ascension Thursday, a holy day of obligation was observed with Masses and Benediction in the Roman Catholic churches of the archdiocese. In St. Matthew's church Masses were celebrated at five, seven and nine o'clock. High Mass at nine o'clock was followed by Benediction. All the children of the school being present in a body at this service.

The funeral of Charles Cody, of 255 East Hector street who died at the home of his mother on Lyceum avenue, Roxborough, last Tuesday morning, took place this morning from the Lyceum avenue address, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends many of whom were from this borough. Solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated in St. John's church, Manayunk. Interment was made in St. Matthew's cemetery.

On Trip to Luray
Miss Betty Constantine of West Conshohocken is on a holiday trip to Luray Caverns Virginia, with a party of friends.

Returned to Atlantic City
Edward Hewitt a former well-known resident of Conshohocken, now of Atlantic City spent several days here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Carroll, Eleventh avenue and Fayette street.

Returned From Honeymoon
Mr. and Mrs. J. Clifton Young have returned from their honeymoon, spent in Washington, D. C. and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Young will be at home after June 1 at their apartment, Fourth avenue and Halliwell street. Mrs. Young will be remembered as Miss Ella Ramsey.

To Attend Luncheon
Twenty-one members of St. Matthew's Alumni Association will attend the luncheon and afternoon exercises to be held in connection with the annual meeting of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, at "The Terrace" Green Hill Farms, Overbrook, to-morrow at 1.30 o'clock. Three minute reports of the years activities will be read by the various Alumnae chairmen. The following members were appointed delegates and alternates to attend the opening exercises at 7.30 o'clock in the Notre Dame Academy, Philadelphia, Miss Elizabeth Kelly Mrs. Thomas P. Carroll, Miss Stella Nugent and the president Miss I. M. McCoy.

Attending Horse Show
Mill Helen Koch of 810 Fayette street is attending the Horse Show at Devon today.

Mrs. John Wood, Jr., and Mrs. Harold DeLaney Downs attended the Horse Show at Devon, Tuesday.

Outing at Willow Grove
The members of the S. T. Club and a number of friends went on an outing to Willow Grove yesterday. This evening the members of the club will meet at the home of Miss May Whelan.

Returned From Atlantic City
The Misses Margaret and Theresa Kennedy and Miss Florrie Fisher have returned from a two weeks' stay in Atlantic City.

Birthday Anniversary
Miss Martha Constantine was the guest of honor at a birthday anniversary party Wednesday evening at her home on Ford street, West Conshohocken. There were twenty guests present including the office force of the local Bell Telephone Company, cooperators of Miss Constantine. The color scheme of decorations was pink and white, carrying out in candles and flowers and streamers while a birthday cake floating seventeen small American flags, in keeping with the season and number of years incident to the celebration, formed the attractive centerpiece. A program of music and radio was much enjoyed by all present.

"Casts" Entertained
The members of the casts of the "Neighbors" and "Suppressed Desires" recently presented for the benefit of the Conshohocken League of Women Voters, were entertained on Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Elizabeth Collins, chairman of the entertainment of the local league. The following guests were present, including the officers of the organization Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeLaney Downs Dr. and Mrs. J. Q. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. George M. S. Light, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Ruth, Dr. Percy Corson, Miss Margaret Corson, Miss Elsie McCoy, Miss Kathryn and Nancy Thomas, Miss Muriel Harold, Miss Margaret Golden, Miss Mary Theresa Collins, Miss Margaret Collins, Mr. F. S. Franco, John and William Collins, T. F. McCoy Jr., Joseph Collins and Alice Redmond.

Sewing Circle Entertained

Mrs. Roy Shade entertained the members of her sewing circle Wednesday afternoon at her home 320 Harry street. Six guests were present and after a business routine of sewing, refreshments were served. The guests included Mrs. Harry Conrad, Norristown, Mrs. Paul Kenney, and Mrs. Earl Snyder of Bridgeport, Mrs. George Clark, Mrs. Robert Herron and Mrs. John Dodsworth of Conshohocken. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. William Shellington, Norristown.

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Benefit Card Party

Much interest centers in the benefit card party and dance scheduled for Friday evening June 6, at the Santa Maria Country Club. The committees headed by Miss Lillian Gaynor and William Flynn are working

hard to make it the success of a series of affairs which have been given in the interest of St. Matthew's Alumni Association.

REV. JOHN C. BARRETT ELECTED TREASURER

Rev. John C. Barrett, pastor of the Gulph Mills Christian church, was elected treasurer of the Montgomery County Sabbath School Association at the twenty-ninth annual convention which was held in the Cold Point Baptist church yesterday.

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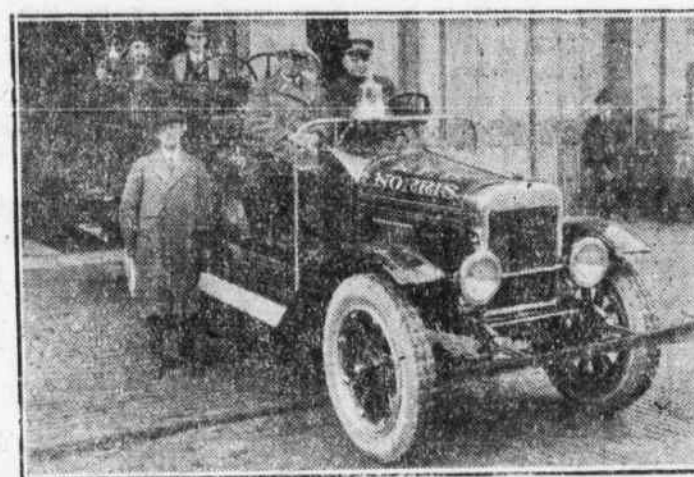
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BARREN HILL

John Eyerly, of Tioga, visited his sister, Mrs. H. Dager, on Monday. The Booz and Teitman houses on Center avenue are being painted.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ayre, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Laubert.

George and Alma Mohr spent the week-end visiting their aunt in Kirkwood, N. J.

Mrs. Marshall and son LeRoy, of Philadelphia, are spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Fred Pfander.

Mrs. Whittaker and children, Eleanor, Beatrice and Albert Whittaker, visited Mr. and Mrs. Adamson of Wilmington, Del., on Sunday.

Mrs. A. D. Preston entertained Mr. and Mrs. Heston, Miss Sara Greenhope, Mr. and Mrs. Del Prado, Mr. Fred Dick, and Mrs. Del Prado, Sr., at her home on Spring Mill Road.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mohr motored to Somer's Point on Saturday. On Sunday they went to Ocean City and visited Mr. and Mrs. William Shuman, formerly of Marble Hill.

Miss Fannie Malkin entertained a number of guests from West Philadelphia at her home on Sunday evening. Miss Malkin served a delicious supper in the dining room which was tastefully decorated. There were eight guests.

Mrs. Grim, who recently moved into her house at Joshua Road and Germantown Pike, entertained a number of guests on Sunday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boice, Jennie and Rebecca Boice, of Barren Hill; Mr. and Mrs.

Bowers and children, of Frankford; Bernard Murray, of Conshohocken; Leo Schneider, a small nephew of Mrs. Schneider, of the club house, Center avenue, received a serious injury on Monday afternoon. While playing about the yard, the lad fell a struck a broken milk bottle, making a painful and serious incision in his leg. The Chestnut Hill ambulance was called and the boy taken to the hospital where the injury was dressed.

Birthday Party
Mr. and Mrs. Fischman, of Strawberry Mansion, gave a birthday party on Sunday at the home of David Malkin, on the occasion of the first birthday of their son Eugene. The guests included Mrs. Freeman and son Morris, Charles Kaitz, Samuel Kaitz, Mr. and Mrs. Sol, Samuels of West Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. David Malkin, Jack Malkin, Miss Fanny Malkin, Lillian Malkin.

School News
At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Whitmarsh township, held last week, it was decided the tax rate should remain unchanged, 14 mills and \$2 per capita tax.

A plan for extending the playground at the Fort Washington school was discussed. Other problems for the welfare of the school were also discussed.

All members were present and Thomas Raser, presided.

Reception
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Finkelshtein, of Marble Hill, was the scene of a brilliant gathering on Sunday when they gave a Confirmation Reception in honor of their son

Sydney, who was taken into membership at the Norristown Synagogue on Saturday. A full course dinner was served, and there was a large, beautifully decorated cake, baked by Mrs. Malkin. Sidney received one hundred dollars in cash and many other valuable gifts, including silver and jewelry.

The guests, numbering 150, were from Philadelphia and New York. Local guests included Mr. and Mrs. David Malkin, Jack Malkin, Misses Fanny and Lillian Malkin, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Samuels.

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Dee Mairs, formerly Norristown high athlete, who has been holding down third base for Penn State, was the star of the recent Penn State-Pittsburgh Nationals game. Mairs who is a little lad had one hit and scored the only State run. His fielding was spectacular.

Perkase, after dropping his first two games, has decided they should better get in the race and signed up Zimmerman and a few other performers of last year's star team.

Base ball in this vicinity is growing every year. With the County League team, the Conshohocken Young Men's Association, Spring Mill, West Conshohocken A. A., St. Gertrude's and Plymouth Fire Company there is more base ball than ever. There are two base ball organizations still missing. The Industrial League and Y. M. A. A. are the two missing outfits.

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Lydia Pinkham Compound..... 79c
Wampole's Extract of C. L. O..... 65c

Father's John's..... 44c and 88c
Scott's Emulsion..... 38 and 75c
Tanlac..... 75c
Delavau's Cough Syrup..... 48c
Piso's Cough Syrup..... 22c, 45c
Nujol..... 45c and 75c
Cinot..... 85c
S. S. S..... 75c and \$1.25
Fletcher's Castoria..... 28c
Jad Salts..... 59c
Listerine..... 21c, 39c, 75c
Gude's Pepto-Mangan liquid..... 98c

Phillips' Milk of Magnesia..... 22c and 38c

Wampole's Syrup of Tar and C. L. O. with Menthol..... 39c

Pfeiffer's Metholated Pine Tar, Honey and C. L. O. Extract and Eucalyptus..... 50c
White Pine and Tar..... 19c, 38c
Evenson's Hard Water Soap..... dozen 60c

Coty's Face Powder 83c

TOOTH PASTE

Pepsodent Tooth Paste..... 36c
Pebeco Tooth Paste..... 32c
Kolyons Tooth Paste..... 21c
Forhan's Tooth Paste..... 28c, 39c
Kal Pheno Tooth Paste..... 18c
S. S. White Tooth Paste..... 18c
Lyons' Tooth Paste..... 22c
Peroxo Tooth Paste..... 25c
Lyons' Tooth Powder..... 22c
A. D. S. Tooth Paste..... 20c
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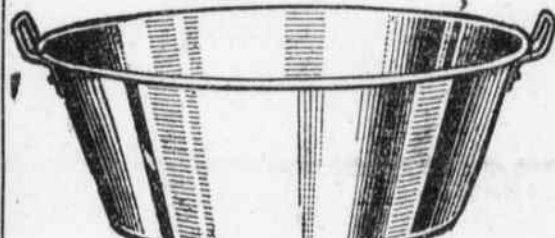
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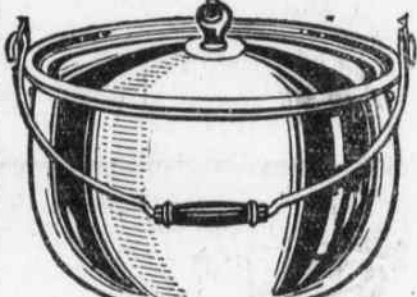
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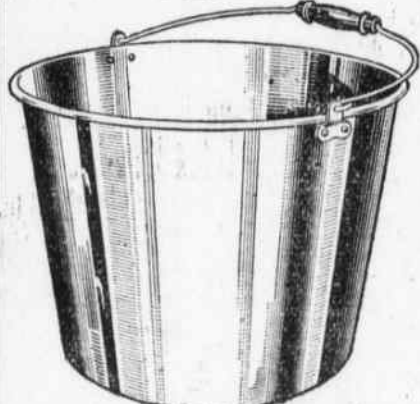
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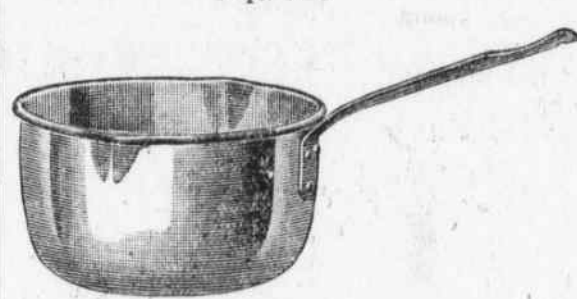
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A FIRE that threatened the destruction of a local industry and which necessitated the calling upon the neighboring town of Norristown for fire apparatus was the means of arousing the citizens of Conshohocken to the imperative need for fire protection.

A fire at Plymouth blast furnace got beyond the control of the workmen fighting with the fire equipment of the plant and as the town had no fire fighting apparatus aid was asked and given by the volunteer fire companies of Norristown. Had this fire been not controlled and the furnace destroyed, there would have been much suffering in the town as the furnace and foundry were the town's principal industries and their stoppage would have thrown many men out of work.

The fire was an object lesson to the workmen and business people and on Saturday evening, December 13, 1873 a meeting was held in Stemple's hall, Forrest street below Hector street, for the purpose of organizing an hose and steam fire engine company. A temporary organization was effected by the election of Jacob M. Ulrick, president; James Colen, vice president; John S. Moore, secretary; E. B. Nuss, Sr., assistant secretary; William Heywood, treasurer. Jacob M. Ulrick presided over the meeting and William Heywood was secretary. Thirty-eight citizens signified their intention of joining the company. The officers were constituted a committee to secure a charter and the initiation fee was made \$1.00.

No time was lost in getting the company started as at the same meeting it was decided to purchase a second-hand Clap fire engine, a hose carriage and 1000 feet of hose. A committee consisting of Jacob M. Ulrick, John Knox, John Fields, Thomas Robinson and John Smith was named to solicit subscriptions towards the purchase of fire apparatus.

The following Saturday evening, December 20, 1873, the first stated meeting of the Washington Hose and Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, was held in Stemple's hall. The regular meeting night was set for the first Saturday evening in each month and throughout the years, the company has never had occasion to change the time for meeting originally set.

The new company lost no time in getting under way. A committee comprised of William Heywood, George Baker and William Nungesser was appointed to draft by-laws for the company and the secretary was instructed "to write to the Burgess and Town Council notifying them that we are now an organized body and wish to go on as such, keeping always in view the end for which we organized."

The new company was anxious to get in condition for service and met the following Saturday evening at six o'clock, sharp, when a building committee was appointed consisting of President Ulrick, William M. Morrison, John Knox, William Nungesser, Joseph Bell, George Baker and Frank Harrison. Of these men, Frank Harrison is the sole survivor. An offer to sell the company an engine, carriage and hose was received from Thomas H. Peto.

Difficulty was experienced then as now in having persons support their enthusiasm with their money and at the third stated meeting a motion was adopted increasing the initiation fee to \$1.25 and to drop all from the roll who had not paid their fee by the second Saturday in February following.

The future of the company was assured at the fourth meeting held January 24, 1874, when members of town council attended the meeting and Frederick Light, spokesman for the councilmen, informed the company that town council had voted \$1000 to the company for use in purchasing fire apparatus but that the company would have to enter into an agreement with the borough and council had instructed lawyer Charles Davis to draw the agreement. This good news started other activities to raise funds and it was decided the company would give a ball, the admission price to be \$2 and the following committee was named to make the arrangements: J. M. Ulrick, chairman; William Nungesser, John Heffeningfer, Joseph Bell, William Heywood, John S. Moore, James Colen, H. Townsend, George Baker, John Knox, E. B. Nuss, M. Stemple, William Neil, Thomas Pope and J. Crossmore.

First New Members

March 7, 1874, the first election for new members was held and George Bodey, Frank Beaver, Granville Haines, Thomas Murray and Benjamin Roland were received into membership. Application for membership were received at the same meeting and upon recommendation of a committee the following were elected: Daniel Davis, Frank Mellor and William Clark.

The company adopted blue as the color for shirts and a committee was instructed "to go to the city and purchase equipment." The equipment forms to be: hats, \$15 per dozen; committee reported the cost of uniforms, \$15 per dozen; shirts, \$24 per dozen.

Seal and Engineers

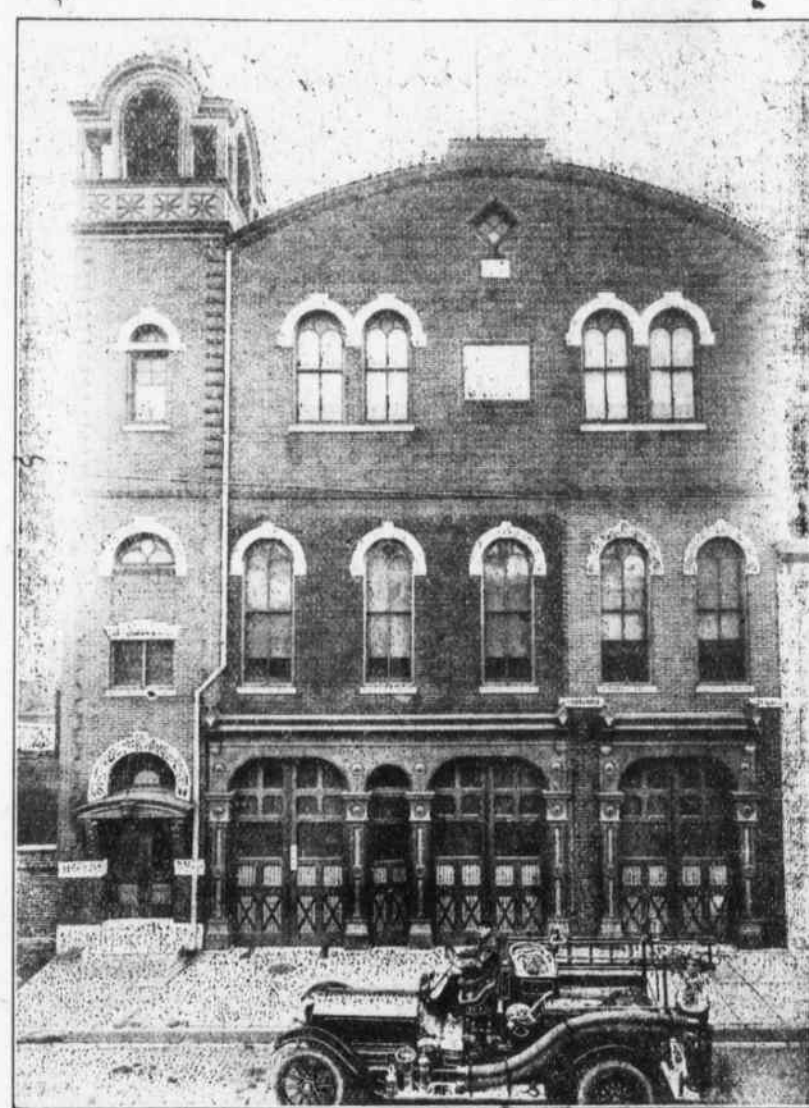
An official seal was adopted, the device being a fire hydrant encircled with fire hose.

An election was held for a chief engineer and three assistant engineers. The company's first chief engineer was William M. Morrison and

the assistants elected were: John Knox, William H. Dean and George Baker, all of whom were practical men and employed in local industries.

Purchase Apparatus

Carrying out its object of providing the best protection against fire the company purchased a steam fire engine from the Fame Hose Company No. 1, of Wilmington, Del. The owners asked \$3000 for the engine but the committee succeeded in having a hose carriage added for the purchase price and the sale was made. New plates were put on the machines bearing the name of the Washington Company for \$42 and the apparatus—steam fire engine and a hose carriage—was delivered here March 28, 1874. The apparatus arrived at the West Conshohocken station of the Reading Railway, accompanied by the Fame Hose Company and band. The visitors were met by the Washington Company, in new uniforms, escorted by the Norristown band, and the Schuylkill Hose Company, a bur-



HOME OF THE WASHINGTON H. & S. F. E. CO. NO. 1

lesque company which has its counterpart in the Darktown company of today. The firemen, with the new apparatus paraded the principal streets of this borough and afterwards held a public test of the steamer. The test was satisfactory. The steamer was attached to a fire hydrant at Front avenue and Fayette street and threw a stream through an inch and a quarter nozzle, over Washita hall, known today as the Opera House. The test was evidently made by members of the Fame Company as a minute of the Washington Company records: "our company, afterwards, succeeded in throwing two streams over the same building to the general satisfaction of the citizens present."

The apparatus was housed in a stable owned by Washington Jacoby, who resided in the building formerly occupied by the First National bank and recently razed to give way for a new structure. The stable was located at the corner of Hector and Forrest streets, the site now occupied by the borough hall. After the parade and housing ceremonies the firemen entertained their guests with a supper at the hotel of Ralph Farrow, Hector and Fayette streets.

Change Meeting Place

With the acquisition of property, the company became more economical and decided to save hall rent by accepting the invitation of the Washita Hall Association for the use of a room in the hall for meeting purposes, free of charge for the first three months. The offer was accepted and the first regular meeting was held in the new room on April 3, 1874. The charter incorporating the company was received and by-laws were adopted and 150 copies of the latter were ordered printed for distribution among the members.

The company was now in position to give full service and that the apparatus might be always in good condition and ready for service, a board of directors was elected, comprised of the following: H. Townsend, William Frell, W. Bell, H. Kline, John Heffeningfer, Miles Stemple, Thomas Murray, Frank Beaver, Samuel Elliott, George Bodey, William Clark and Frank Harrison. These directors were to serve for six months.

Borrow Money

That all its obligations might be centered at home, the company authorized the borrowing of \$1000 to pay the balance owing on the apparatus purchased from the Fame Company. At the same time, arrangements were made to raise funds to pay off the loan and it was decided to hold a fair in June. The fair was a great success, as in July the committee reported that the receipts were \$1347.53 and the expenditures \$501.25, leaving a balance of \$846.28. In July, 1874 the company changed its meeting place to the Bullock Guards armory, at Fayette and Hector streets, and new members were being received at each meeting. There must also have been some dissension as several members resigned, their resignations being accepted without any comment in the minutes.

Purchase Ground

Plans for securing a fire house took definite shape at the January meeting, 1875, when it was decided to purchase a lot of ground from Benjamin Harry and pay \$250 down money and "the balance as long as possible." By this authority, the committee acted and reported at the

February meeting that they had purchased a lot from Benjamin Harry for \$1000. \$150 were paid and the balance was to be paid, with interest, within five years. It was also decided to purchase a bell and this matter was left to a committee. For almost three years or until October, 1877, when the company realized it could not pay for the lot and that it was too burdensome to be paying interest, it was decided to withdraw from the sale agreement and deed the lot back to the owner, Benjamin Harry. At this time negotiations were started with the borough to purchase from town council a lot fronting on Hector street, 30 feet and a depth of 50 feet, adjoining the borough hall. The borough asked \$800 for the lot and the company to pay \$250 annually as ground rent, the rent to be applied against the purchase price. This proposition was refused and the company made a counter one in which the company agreed to purchase a lot adjoining the corner and to give fire protection service for a term of ten years in payment and should this proposition be refused, the company would offer \$250 for the ground. The company finally secured from the borough a plot of ground in Hector street, adjoining the borough hall.

Progress in securing a building was rapid, a fair was given and \$1000 cleared. Bids were received for a three story building at a price of \$3800, the building to be 25 by 40 feet and \$3202 for a two story building 25 by 50 feet. Better days were in sight and the company decided on a building 25 by 50 feet, the first floor to be finished and the other stories added as the finances permitted. A two story building with basement was erected.

Horses Unprofitable

The company had had two experiences which cost dearly and must have caused much contention among the members. The constant struggle for money to keep the company in operation made any loss keenly felt. The down money on the lot that had to be given up was lost. The company decided a pair of horses was needed to draw the steamer. These were bought at a cost of \$424 and it was decided to issue "horse" bonds in the amount of \$500. Harness was purchased and the company found itself saddled with regular fixed charges.

While the horses were contentedly eating up the funds of the company a committee was engaged in trying to sell bonds. Subscriptions in the amount of \$24 were received. Another method of financing had to be found and it was decided to have the horses earn their keep. A wagon was purchased and Henry Townsend agreed to care for the horses and do hauling for the company. The first month the receipts for hauling were \$5. The second month showed receipts of \$19.50 and the company generously voted one-half the amount to Townsend and agreed to engage him as the regular driver should he agree to accept one-half the earnings from hauling as his pay. The business was not prosperous and was given up. The horses, wagon and harness were sold.

In Own House

Fairs, steamboat excursions down the Delaware and other activities were carried on to raise funds and the building was completed at a cost of \$3550.54. Much of the labor was performed by the members and

money expenditures were kept down wherever possible.

The big day was near at hand; the day when the steamer would be housed and the company be at home in its own quarters. The Washington Company, No. 7, of Wilmington, Delaware, was given the honor of housing the apparatus and the fire chiefs of Philadelphia and Wilmington were guests of honor as were the editors of the Philadelphia Mercury. The housing ceremonies were held September 7, 1878. There was a big parade and many visiting firemen and public officials participated. Franklin Harrison was chief marshal.

Prohibition Enforcement

In those days as today the liquor evil was a matter for concern and the firemen wished to guarantee that no member would interfere with the ceremonies of the day. In preparation for the great event, a motion was made at the August meeting: "a fine of \$2 be imposed on any member who shall get drunk or misbehave himself on the day of housing between the arrival of the Washy of Wilmington and six o'clock p. m." The motion was lost. A second motion met with the favor of the members and was adopted. It was: "A committee of five be appointed to lock up in the cellar any member who may become unruly on that day." The housing day was an eventful one and according to the records of the company, there were no infatuations and every one had a good time.

Firemen Generous

Throughout the minutes is recorded the generosity of the individual members in giving much needed aid when the company was in financial difficulties. There is a minute thanking the treasurer for taking up a note of \$50 and saving the credit of the company. There are many other instances of the members loaning the company \$50 and \$500, without interest, to bridge some obstacles. In every instance the company repaid the loans.

Sociability played a great part in the affairs of the company and on February 22, 1879, an invitation was extended to the company to be the guest of Benjamin Smith at supper in honor of Washington's birthday, at his hotel, Fayette and Marble streets. A special meeting was called and the invitation accepted. Miles Stemple, who had been elected chief director of the company, was designated as marshal for the night.

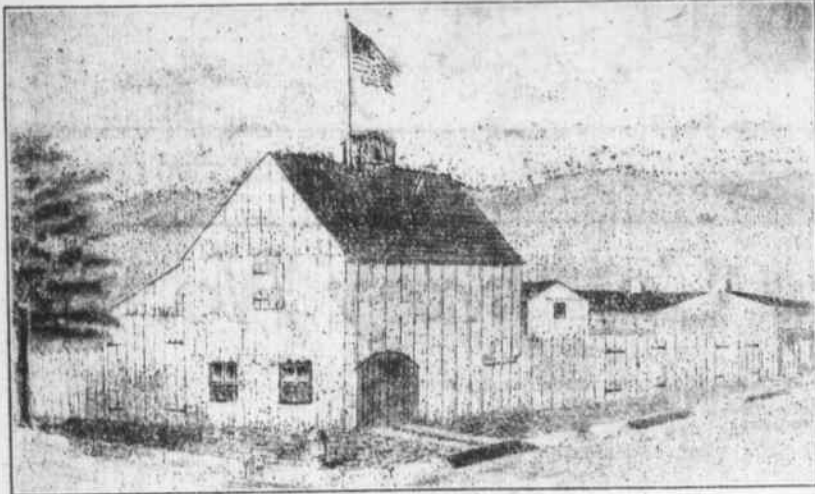
The company was now well established with a fire house, with a tower and bell, a steam fire engine and hose carriage and a good supply of gum hose. It also had a mortgage of \$2000 and fixed charges for upkeep that kept the members constantly active in raising funds. While the firemen were busily engaged with their own affairs, they found time to aid others and throughout the minutes loans of materials are recorded and invitations accepted to attend various affairs for the benefit of other organizations.

The firemen did much to provide entertainment for the people and at the same time raise funds for the company. Amateur theatricals were an innovation in the town and it was believed a show by home talent would be successful. A special meeting of the company was held March 8, 1879 for the purpose of taking action on giving a dramatic performance and a committee was named to select the play, cast and present the drama. The committee acted quickly and at the April meeting of the company, it was reported: "committee on drama report having given the same in Washita hall and used their utmost endeavors to make it a success, but failed to do so financially." The title of the drama presented is not given in the records of the company.

Pic-nics were the favorite pastime and also a source of profit. Throughout the minutes of the meetings of the early years there is frequent mention of pic-nics and reports of the pic-nic committees. A great pic-nic was given on the Fourth of July and as a guarantee of good order, the company invariably adopted a motion to fine any member of the company who might "get drunk" on pic-nic day. "The president of the company to be judge of the matter!"

Power of Chief Extended

John Knox an engineer and mechanic of fine ability was in charge of the steam apparatus of the company from the beginning and the company expressed its confidence in him by adopting a motion empowering him to add to the number of assistant chiefs members of his own selection. In August 1879, he named three additional assistants among whom was Miles Stemple. Mr. Stemple had been a member of the company since its organization but was not one of those who signed the charter. He was one of the most active members in getting the company started and in aiding in building the house. He was a member of the first board of directors and was the first president of the board. As an assistant chief he assumed more responsibility for the condition and upkeep of the equipment. Throughout the years he was brought closer to the company assuming greater responsibilities each year until he became the dominating spirit of the company directing its upbuilding and its service to the public, and it was



THE WASHY'S FIRST HOSE HOUSE.

mostly due to his efforts that the company adopted the policy of equipping itself with the best of fire fighting apparatus, a policy that has continued throughout the years and today places the Washington Company in the rank of the best equipped of volunteer fire companies.

Prize Hose Carriage.

Having gained a wide and favorable acquaintance among volunteer firemen participated in numerous parades, the company felt it would be to the advantage of the company and the town to have something that would draw more than ordinary attention. With little funds and many active workers and a good credit the company became interested in a very handsome parade hose carriage owned by S. T. Greer. The hose reel, bells and fittings were silver plated and mirrors with silver plated settings formed the sides of the reel. This carriage was purchased for \$1000, \$200 being paid in cash and a note for \$800 due in eight months being given for the balance. The obligation was met before it was due and the company secured the machine May 8, 1880 having first decided upon the purchase a month previously.

The carriage was exhibited in many parades, drawn by uniformed members. Many prizes were won and in a great parade at Reading, the company was awarded second prize, the first prize being captured by a company with a carriage with mountings of gold plate.

The carriage proved a costly ornament and years after was disposed of to make room for serviceable equipment.

A New Steamer

A disastrous fire occurred on November 1, 1879 in which a house and barn, the property of Dr. Freedly near the river a short distance from the borough in Plymouth township, were destroyed. The old steamer was taken to the scene but the machine became disabled before going into service. The firemen returned to their house after a hard and laborious run and failed to be

of service. This experience started a movement for a new steamer.

A special meeting was held August 13, 1881 for the purpose of discussing means for the borrowing of \$3000 for the purchase of a new steamer. The credit of the company was good and the members were willing to work to raise funds. On October 1, 1881, it was decided to advertise the old steamer for sale and a committee of six was appointed to purchase a steamer. Decision was reached on January 7, 1881 to purchase a new second class LaFrance steam fire engine and on January 21 the committee reported having executed an agreement of purchase for the sum of \$3800, one-half to be paid in cash upon delivery of the apparatus and the balance in regular installments within one year. The new apparatus arrived here on Monday April 3, 1882 and was given a trial test on April 8. The steamer was the pride of the firemen and the community. The test was satisfactory in every way and the firemen were convinced they possessed one of the most efficient machines of the type. The steamer was placed at the canal and pumped a stream of water over Washita hall. The hose line was 1550 feet and a one-inch nozzle was used. The elevation was 220 feet, 50 pounds of steam was raised in 4 minutes and 22 seconds. The test committee was comprised of Jacob Ulrick, H. C. Messenger, William L. Prizer, Richard Bate and John Wood Jr.

The firemen were so jubilant that they paid the LaFrance company \$2500 as the first payment, the money having been raised by giving a fair. A second payment of \$1000 was made in July and the balance was quickly paid.

With the steamer the company desired a better hose carriage and a committee purchased a second hand hose carriage giving in payment the old "crab" (a two-wheel truck carrying a reel of hose) three sections of old leather hose and \$175 in cash. The machine was purchased March 3, 1883.

While the company was raising and spending large sums of money the treasurer asked that his books be audited. A committee was appointed and failed to do their work. The fact was reported by the treasurer and on motion, the members of the auditing committee were each fined 25 cents.

Again Purchase Horses

It was suggested that should the company provide a street sprinkler it could be operated at a profit and it was decided to purchase a pair of horses and a sprinkler. This occurred at a meeting on April 4, 1885, and as the company obtained its objective, Miles Stemple was elected as driver at a salary of \$12 per week. He was to assume his duties "as soon as the horses come." At the May meeting, the committee consisting of William Stemple, Sr. and John Pugh reported having purchased a pair of horses for \$575. The animals were housed in the stable of John Crimian in the rear of his hotel at Hector street and Cedar alley near to the fire house. The stable was given rent free for a period of 18 months.

The firemen engaged in the business of sprinkling the streets but this proved unprofitable. Many persons finding their neighbors were paying for the service decided not to pay as the operator could not shut off the water to skip a property between two properties paying for the service. This evasion together with other expenses made the business unprofitable and was given up after several years operation.

A Public Service

Saving life and property from the fire demon was not the only public service performed by the company. In the early days, there were many homes dependent upon cisterns for their water supply. In times of drought, this supply failed and caused great inconvenience. The firemen were appealed to to replenish the supply in the cisterns and always willing to help the needy brought out the steamer and carriage and supplied water from the mains of the water company. This brought a protest from the water company and this aid to the needy was stopped.

Add To Buildin.

Additional room was needed in the building and on June 5, 1886, an agreement was made with the borough for the purchase of the lot of ground between the borough hall and the fire house for \$150. The land was secured and a one story addition built thereon. The front being of iron and the same type and style as the main building. This building was used to house the steamer and the horses. Stalls were built at the rear of the building, the doors, both stable and house doors opened automatically and swinging harness was put in position over the tongue of the steamer. The equipment was of the latest type patterned after the manner used in paid fire departments.

The company continued the policy of keeping the equipment to the highest standard. After a number of years of service the steamer was remodeled and made more powerful.

In line with the policy of giving the best possible protection, the



JESSE STEMPLÉ
Chief Engineer and Chairman of
Entertainment Committee

company purchased a Halloway chemical truck. The machine was drawn by a pair of horses and its installation and service saved the property owners of the borough great sums. This machine was continued in service until 1914 when with the steamer, carriage and horses it was sold to make way for the motor apparatus.

Building Enlarged

In 1908, it was decided to add a third story to the building to provide a much needed public hall for the community and to also provide a means for additional revenue for the company. The company did not have the funds to make the addition but as it was badly needed, Miles Stemple agreed to supply the funds accepting only the company's word in recognition of the obligation. The addition was built at a cost of \$10,000. Later a mortgage was given for the obligation.

Motor Apparatus

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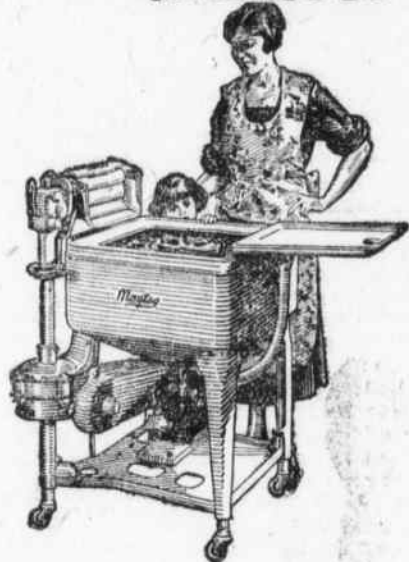
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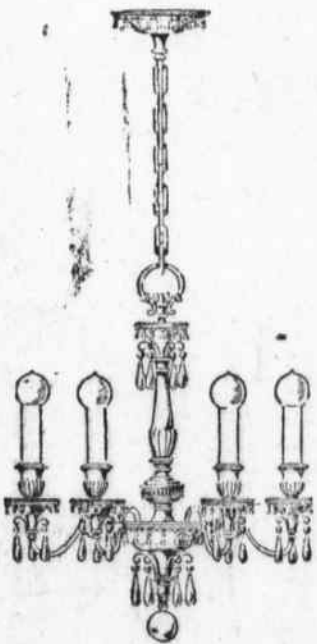
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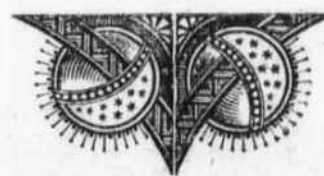
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partments in the large cities and that this borough might have a quicker and more efficient fire-fighting service, the company decided in 1914 to purchase a Type 12 combination pumper and chemical fire truck. The machine was housed October 10, 1914 and the check in payment for the machine, \$9150, was paid before the ceremony of housing.

A second motor truck, a combination chemical and ladder truck was purchased at a cost of \$8750, in August 1920. The housing of the machine was made a gala day in the borough. A banquet was held on



ROBERT BLAIR
Vice President

the evening preceding the day of housing and before the banquet a public meeting was held in which Miles Stemple was given the honor of burning the mortgage on the building and paying to the builders of the truck a check for the full purchase price of the machine. The company was free of debt and possessing equipment far superior to that found in towns of this size.



EBER LOBB
Secretary

Not content with the present equipment the company has further added to its efficiency by installing a more powerful combination pumper and chemical motor truck with a capacity of 1000 gallons of water per minute. This truck will be housed to-morrow as the closing feature of the 50th anniversary celebration of the company.

Giving Full Service
City service is what the Washing-



WALTER POPE
Assistant Secretary

ton Company is giving to this community, men are on duty all the time. Bed rooms and bath rooms were installed in the second story

of the building a number of years ago, and the members volunteer their services for night duty, each night four men are on duty and an electric alarm connects with the home of the driver.

The bell, which was placed in the tower of the house when the station was originally built is not in service as an alarm but still remains in the tower. The bell has been replaced by an electric siren installed in 1921 at a cost of \$600.

The great burden of paying for protection has fallen upon the members of the company. Throughout its entire existence they have been most generous of their time, labor and money to give to Conshohocken the best possible fire protection. It has been only recently that the borough has given substantial assistance. For many years the appropriation annually was \$500, it has



WILLIAM SHADE
Marshal, Drill Master and Historian.

gradually increased until now the borough pays \$2500 annually.

A Beautiful Parlor
A great room on the second floor facing Hector street was furnished as a parlor. The room has long been the pride of the company. The furnishings are magnificent and costly, and here the trophies of the company are exhibited. The large room adjoining the parlor is used as an assembly and company meeting room.

A Unique Plan.
A number of years ago it was decided to abolish yearly dues. The step was a radical one but it was given a trial. Dues have been abolished for several years and the experiment has worked with great success. If there are any other chartered organizations operating without dues it is unknown here.

The company maintains a small store on the apparatus floor and also maintains a gasoline station. Both ventures are profitable and the profits are returned to the public in fire protection service.

In a half a century of service the Washington Company has carried on on the high plane of honor, friendship and service.

CARRIAGE BELLS WERE CAST IN ENGLAND

Delaware Firemen Stole Bells in Sheffield and Brought Them Home

Gossip has it that the bells on the hose carriage presented to the Washington Company by the Fame Company, of Wilmington, from whom the local company purchased its first steamer, were cast in Sheffield, England, and smuggled into this country. The carriage with the bells is now the property of the George Clay Fire Company, West Conshohocken, to whom it was presented by the Washington Company. The story is: a member of the Fame Company traveling in England, visited a Sheffield bell foundry. He particularly admired a set of bells that had been cast for British fire apparatus. The bells had a very sweet tone. The Delaware fireman coveted the bells. He wished them to adorn the hose carriage of the Fame. Securing the assistance of a few of his friends, he "accepted" the bells on behalf of his company, without the knowledge of the owners, and got them aboard a ship bound for Philadelphia. The bells arrived safely and were mounted on the carriage of the Fame. When the carriage was given to the local company, it was stipulated that the bells be polished at least once each week. This agreement was faithfully lived to until the carriage passed out of the possession of the local company.

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Immediately after the organization of the Washington company, a rival company was formed. The second company was known as the Pennsylvania Hose Company, No. 1. It was organized by the late George W. Wood, general manager of the J. Wood & Bros. Company, and its membership was comprised of employees of the company's rolling mills. A hose carriage was secured and housed in one of the mill buildings.

The company was chartered June 6, 1874, the application being approved by Henry P. Ross, president judge of the county courts. The company did not prosper and soon disbanded, the original charter is a treasured historical record of the early local fire department and is in possession of the Washington Company.

Of the charter members of the Pennsylvania Hose but three survive: John Wood, Jr., William Cleaver and John A. Crossmore. The company was organized principally to give protection to the industries but the growth and equipment of the Washington Company made the second company unnecessary.

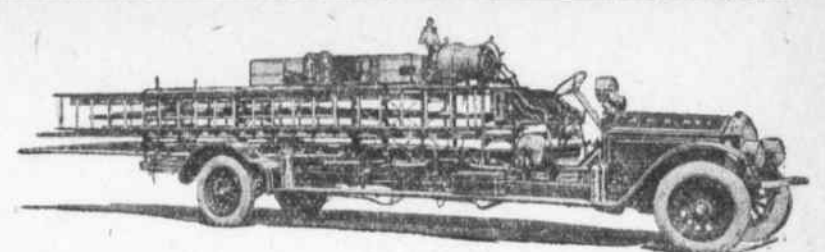
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The second addition to the company's motor equipment was made in August 1920, when a combination chemical, hose and ladder truck was housed. The machine cost \$8750 and was paid for in cash at the time of housing.



Fifty years of continued and efficient service in the protection of life and property is worthy of commendation. May the success attained by the WASHINGTON FIRE COMPANY to the present time continue as long as they remain an organization.

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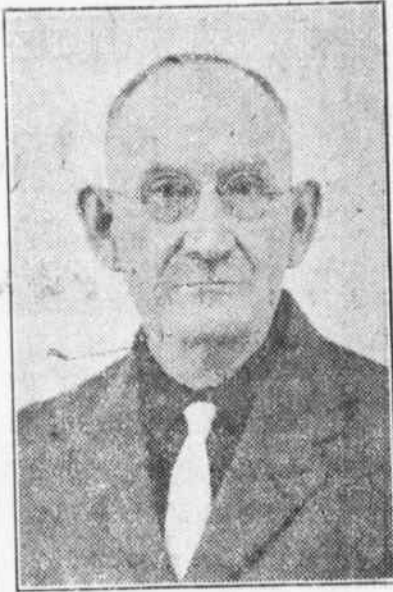
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Relief Association Aids Injured And Directs Fire Department

That firemen might be given assistance in case of sustaining an injury in fighting fire, the members of the Washington Company organized a relief association. All members of the company were eligible to membership in the relief association upon payment of a fee of \$1. The association continued in existence but no benefits were paid. Upon agreement, the funds accumulated were used to help defray expenses of trips taken by the company.

With the organization of the Conshohocken Fire Company, No. 2, in 1901, a number of the members of the new company joined the relief association. An effort was then made to form a borough fire department and in 1904 the association took on new life. The efforts to form a department failed until 1909 when town council adopted an ordinance,

ington company and Richard Pearson and Harvey Shaw of Conshohocken, No. 2 company. The association pays benefits to any member injured while engaged in service with his company of \$10.50 per week during the period of disability, and now has in its treasury



CHARLES HUZZARD
Trustee and Chairman of Historical Committee

\$2,113.25 and every member of the local fire companies are eligible to membership upon payment of the initiation fee of \$1.

What has been accomplished to-



GEORGE SHAW
Treasurer and Chief of Conshohocken Fire Department.

September 8, 1909, establishing a fire department.

The ordinance designated that the officers of the department shall consist of one chief engineer, to be chosen from any company a member of the department, and also of district engineers to be chosen, one from each company.

Each year the State pays to the borough one-half of the net tax of two percent, collected on premiums paid to foreign fire insurance companies on business done in the district. Last year, this amounted to \$330.80.

Miles Stemple served as the chief of the department until his death in 1921 when he was succeeded by George Shaw, who continues in office. The assistant chiefs were increased to four, with the sanction of town council, and are: John Rigg and Reuben Stemple, of the Wash-



GEORGE HUZZARD
Member of Entertainment and Chairman of Tablet Committee.

wards organizing the department has been done through the relief as-

sociation. A fire police has been organized and is of great service in making the department more efficient.

All matters pertaining to the department is handled by the association, and it is now working to obtain a fire alarm system for the borough.

The Fair That Established The Fire Company

A fair was the means by which the town's first fire company was given its first big financial aid. The "fair" was a community affair and was the principal entertainment during its progress.

The following is an account of the firemen's first great fair, given in the winter of 1877, taken from the files of the Recorder:

The fair of the firemen at Washita hall closed on Saturday night last. Owing to the disagreeable state of the weather, many were compelled to stay away although at times it was hard work to move around, the rooms being so crowded. According to announcement voting on all articles was closed at 9 1/2 p. m., after which the boxes were opened, and the money counted by Burgess James W. Harry and Messrs. Saylor and McDermott.

The following is the official announcement of the voting:

Robert Cox	\$136.51
*H. G. J. Hallowell	.55
Watch	
John Herod	57.81
Samuel Townsend	86.69
Machinist's Chipping Tools	
Frank Mellor	39.21
A. Hanson	68.54
Butcher Tools	
George Lawson	21.40
Milton Steiner	.25
Tinsmith's Burring Machine	
Charles Metzger	63.52
Patrick Dugan	44.82
Gold-headed Cane	
Baptist Church	35.30
St. John's A. M. E.	1.17

*Mr. Hallowell withdrew in favor of Mr. Cox, and stated that the money collected for him should be placed to the credit of Mr. Cox, which explains the small amount in his box.

The committee on Fair makes the following statement:

The Committee appointed by the Washington Hose and Steam Fire Engine Company to hold a fair for the benefit of the Company return their sincere thanks to the citizens of Conshohocken and vicinity for their very liberal patronage. To the ladies who so kindly waited upon the tables, to the members of the Baptist church choir, and the gentlemen composing the Sextette Band and to the various bands who assisted in making the evenings pass pleasantly and the persons who labored so hard in obtaining votes for the various articles, we can only thank you, and hope that you may never need our services in the capacity for which we are organized.

The following is the official statement of the receipts and expendi-

tures:

Receipts	\$1,511.05
Expenses	497.86
Balance	\$1,013.19

There were several donations made which have not been counted in the above receipts, but will be received and used in the spring when we commence our new house.

We remain, yours gratefully,
COMMITTEE.

On Monday evening an auction of the goods remaining on hand was held, after which the floor was cleaned and an ending sociable was given.

Major William Rogers, we are informed, acted as Master of Ceremonies, under whose good judgment all went off in fine style.

The success of the Company in this matter is due to the manner in which the members labored to push it to a successful termination. They will start to build their new house next spring.

RECORD OF THE HOUSING OF THE FIRST STEAMER

Engine Was Housed in Stable and Firemen Celebrated With a Supper

A special minute of the purchase and housing of the borough's first steam fire engine was made on the company's records. The event was deemed of such importance that secretary was instructed to make a special and separate minute which he did as follows:

December 2nd, 1876.

After the committee inspected several engines they were informed of an engine being for sale in Wilmington, Del. They at once proceeded there and found the engine that we have at present. They asked \$3000 for the steamer but the committee succeeded in getting a substantial hose carriage in with the bargain.

They then purchased the apparatus. They then, at a cost of \$42, ordered the plates of steamer and name of the carriage to be altered to name adopted by this company. The owners at that time being the Fame Hose Company, number one, of Wilmington, Del. And on March 28th, 1876, was brought by Fame Hose Company, accompanied by a band, to West Conshohocken thence to Conshohocken where they were met by the Washington Hose Company with the Norristown band. The two companies, with the Schuylkill Hose Company (a kind of burlesque

company) made a parade through the principal streets of the borough. After the parade the steamer was taken to a plug at corner of Front avenue and Fayette street and threw an inch and quarter stream over Washita hall (but our company later succeeded in throwing two streams over the same building to the general satisfaction of the citizens present.) After the apparatus was housed in a stable, corner of Hector and Forrest streets, which had been fitted up by the company as a Hose House, they retired to the hotel of Ralph Farrow where they sat down for supper. And in the evening the Fame Hose company returned to Wilmington in a special train leaving their apparatus in possession of Washington Hose and Steam Fire Engine Company, number one, of Conshohocken.

T. J. MURRAY, Sec.

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"A thing of beauty is a joy forever;
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness, but still will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams and health and quiet breathing."

—KEATS.

A poet wrote these lines decades ago. They were his tribute to beauty. Today, his memory lives in the inspiration those lines still imbue.

Time has brought changes. Time has given other things as tribute to the beauty of this world. Every earthly corner has its monument; every spot has its symbol. The trees that blossom by the countryside; the mountains that dress the West; the sea that shapes the landscape; the towering skyscrapers of the cities are all things of beauty.

And so, in Conshohocken too, we're mighty proud to say: "The Riant Theatre is our symbol, our tribute to the beautiful things in life."

Our Riant—Your Riant—Ours Together!

Sketch of the Life of Miles Stemple Who Devoted His Life To His Company

There was no more outstanding figure in the history of Conshohocken than Miles Stemple. He was one of the organizers of the Washington Fire Company and early in life he became strongly attached to the company that he entered its employ at a meagre salary. His life was devoted to giving to Conshohocken the best fire protection possible. Fortunately, for his fellow citizens, he was not dependent upon his earnings from the company, having an independent income, and he gave liberally to the company, giving more than he received. He was a strict disciplinarian and always recognized that the company was for public service and that the people should receive full value for every dollar invested in the company. The building and equipment were always kept in the best of condition and always ready for service. He instituted the policies that have brought such success to the company and his policies are being faithfully maintained today.

MILES STEMPLE
1849—1921

THERE is no loss to a community keener than the loss of a man to whom the people have entrusted their common safety and whose judgment and fidelity to his trust have preserved to them their lives and property. This was the relation to his fellow-citizens held by Miles Stemple, who throughout a long and active life devoted his ceaseless endeavors to the welfare and protection of the community, giving far more of his time and energies to the public service department of which he was the head than to any personal affairs or interests.

Miles Stemple was born in Plymouth township, near Conshohocken, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, which has been his life residence, February 12, 1849, his birthplace being the farmhouse located at the junction of Mill road and Coiwell's road, which is now the property of the Alan Wood Iron and Steel Company. He was the son of William Stemple, and Elizabeth (Hornkeith) Stemple.

As a lad Miles Stemple attended the "Eight Square" school of Plymouth township for a time, but the removal of the family to Conshohocken was an event of his boyhood, and his education was completed there. The family home was on Washington street, then the main thoroughfare of the community, and his father, who was an extensive dealer in horses and cattle, did considerable hauling for the blast furnaces in the vicinity of Spring Mill. As a young man Miles Stemple took an active part in this work and for many years was more or less identified with his father's interests along this and similar lines.

But it was as the head of the Conshohocken Fire Department that Miles Stemple was best and longest known, for his efforts placed this department in the lead over a wide region, among towns of similar size and population. He became chief of this organization more by the popular recognition of his able leadership than by any vested authority. The Washington Fire Company which was the original organization from which the splendid body has developed, was organized in 1872 and Miles Stemple was one of its first members. From that date until his death the history of Miles Stemple and the history of fire protection in Conshohocken were identical. The first apparatus consisted of an old hand-drawn engine purchased from Wilmington, Delaware, department. Through Mr. Stemple's efforts this was early replaced by a model American La France steamer, and a pair of fine horses. Another early move was the incorporation of the company, which was accomplished in 1874. The appropriation from the borough being too meagre to meet the cost of improvement, or to warrant any appreciable progress in years to come, Mr. Stemple conceived the idea of going into business for the company. He purchased a dray wagon and solicited hauling from the business firms about the town, turning the proceeds from this business into further improvements as well as meeting the running expenses of the company.

As the years passed a modern motor combination truck was purchased, the cost being met through funds raised by Mr. Stemple, largely to supplement the income from this business, the cost of this truck being \$6,000. He met the cost from his personal resources for the erection of a third story to the fire house, accepting the company's promise to pay, an obligation fulfilled only a short time before his death. Further additions to the equipment and buildings were his ambition, and were realized from time to time through his tireless efforts, his direct contributions to the cause exceeding, to the certain knowledge of a few close friends, the meagre stipend which he received from the company as salary.

During the entire history of the department every dollar received by him for the department was accounted for with the most careful precision, and was devoted to the particular object for which it was intended. One of the significant reforms which he instituted was the abolishment of the early system of dues for membership, a move which retained many valued members. Mr. Stemple was making plans for the fiftieth anniversary of the fire company. Although he was aware for some time that he could not live to see the date, his interest in and devotion to the welfare of the organization

was keen to the last. His work placed the fire department of Conshohocken so far ahead of towns of similar importance in equipment and efficiency that the name of Miles Stemple was recognized in many states as that of a man of rare achievements. In other civic affairs Mr. Stemple was also constructively interested. He served from 1905 until 1919 in town council of Conshohocken, and the candidacy was again pressed upon him, but he declined further honors in this connection. His work as chairman of trees and pavements committee constitutes a monument to his memory second only to the fire department.

Mr. Stemple's health had been failing for many months. While fighting fire at the Moose Home, May 30, 1920, he was at work on the third floor of the structure when the flooring gave way, and he fell upon the joists beneath. An injury to his arm he gave immediate attention to, but said nothing to any one regarding the internal effects of the fall, believing them to be negligible. He continued on duty as usual, and early in the winter developed a serious cold. According to his custom, he gave a party on his birthday, February 12, to the members of the department at the fire house. Although he was ill, he responded to every alarm until the close of winter, March 14, 1921, being his last active service as a fireman. Liver trouble, with complications, was slowly bringing his life to a close. He made all arrangements for the end, even going to Riverside cemetery in a motor car and choosing his burial lot.

He faced the "Great Adventure" with a dauntless spirit, his only care being the orderly settling of the affairs which he was passing to other hands. He died at his home on August 20, 1921, the end came peaceful and free from suffering. At his own request the funeral obsequies were held at the fire house, and in the parlors of that building the body lay in state for three hours. The services were conducted by Rev. Thomas A. Armour, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. J. Kennedy Moorhouse, rector of Calvary Protestant Episcopal church. Firemen from all the nearby towns and cities attended the services, also representatives from remote places. To provide for the convenience and comfort of these many mourners the townspeople of Conshohocken offered their motor cars to the number of more than one hundred. The John F. DeHaven Post, American Legion of Conshohocken, also formed a part of the funeral cortege.

The universal esteem in which Mr. Stemple was held was clearly attested by the profound regret expressed by all. The memory of his usefulness and the gallant spirit which inspired all his activities will long be cherished by the people of this community who feel that they are indeed blessed in him having been among them.

Mr. Stemple married Margaret McGraugh, of Cold Point, who survives him, with one daughter and three sons: Anna, wife of Frank Steiner, of Conshohocken; George, of Norristown; Reuben and Jesse, the two younger sons being residents of Conshohocken.



MILES STEMPLE
Chief of the Fire Department

Too Much
"I say, y'know, all these bills are dated months before we were married."
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May the future bring forth a continuance of this great record of service and progress.

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THOMAS McCARTER
Chairman of Reception Committee.

These three men have participated in every parade of the company for the past thirty years.

FANK BEAVER INJURED

At a fire at Whitton's mill, which stood at the foot of Poplar street, on March 6, 1876, Frank Beaver and one of the oldest living members of the Washington Fire Company, was injured by falling timbers. The injury was not serious and he was soon able to join in the runs to succeeding fires. Mr. Beaver is still loved and respected by the younger members of the company and he will take part in the festivities which will commence this evening.

Getting Mixed

"What noise is that you're making down there?"
"Is either night falling or day breaking? Donno wish, m'dear."

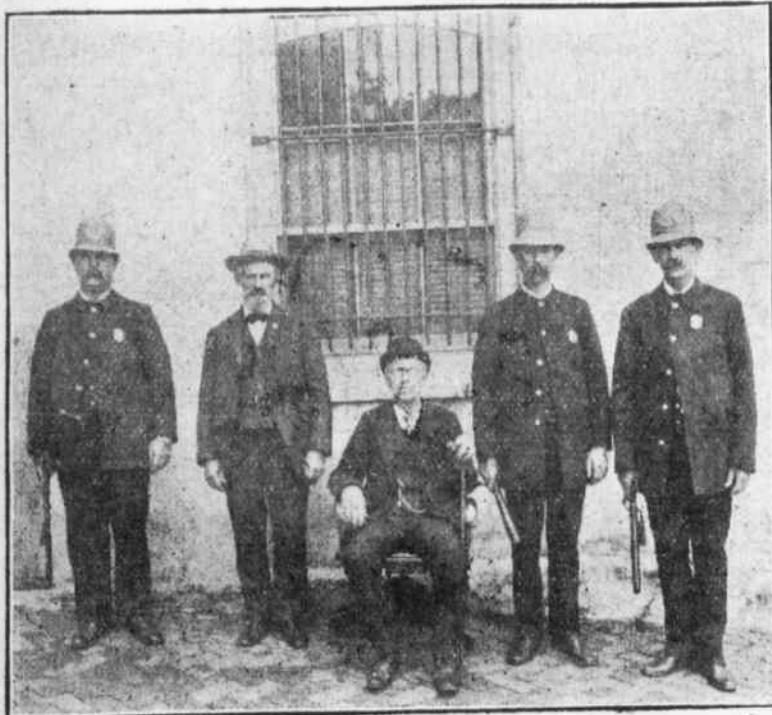
Have you read our classified columns in this issue. In it are interesting bargains. Perhaps one you want.



FIREMEN RECEIVED YOUNG PIG FROM YORK

Suspend By-Laws While Young Porker is Being Devoured

In years gone by before the days of one-half of one per cent, the firemen occasionally held a jollification, but always took good care not to break any of the laws governing the company. On March 2nd, 1895, a young pig was received from the Rescue Fire Company of York, the honor guests at tonight's festivities, and immediately upon its receipt, the by-laws were suspended while the firemen enjoy da roast pork supper.



COMPANY'S FIRST PRESIDENT

In the group above is shown seated in the center Jacob M. Ulrick, who presided at the citizens' meeting called to organize the borough's first fire company, was elected president of the company and served as its head during the period of organization. When the company was firmly established he retired. Mr. Ulrick was elected Burgess in 1900 and served a term of three years.

The above photograph was taken in front of the borough hall when Mr. Ulrick was completing his term as Burgess. The members of the group from left to right are: William Heald, present chief of police; Richard H. Bate, Sr., (deceased) chairman of the police committee; Mr. Ulrick, Daniel Hastings and John Greer.

Wide-awake Merchants use the columns of the Recorder to reach the people!

All hail the Washington Fire Company!
May the success that has crowned their efforts during the past fifty years and made them one of the best volunteer fire companies in the State continue.

LOUIS "PEG" McCALL

115 East Hector Street, Conshohocken, Pa.

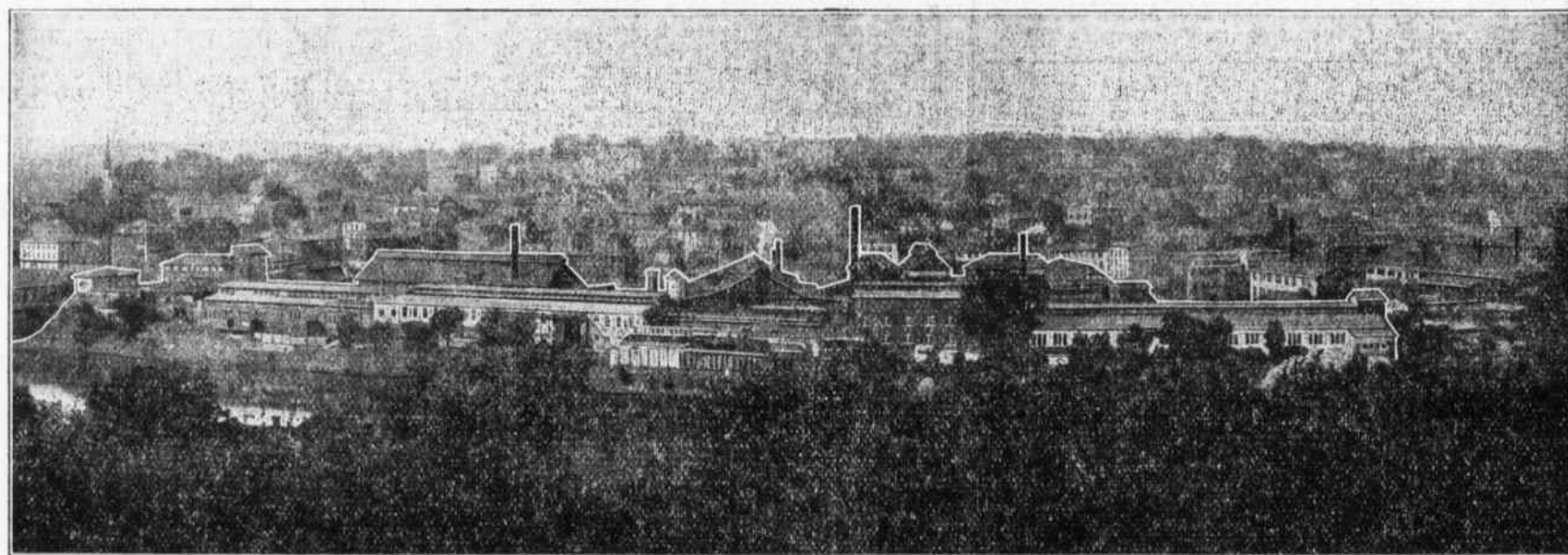
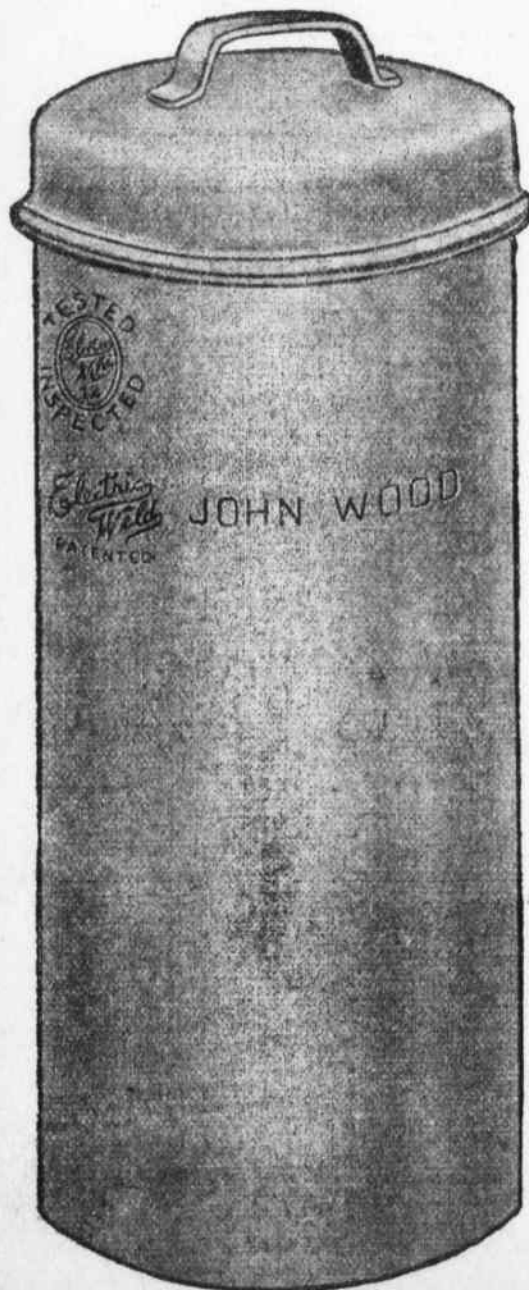
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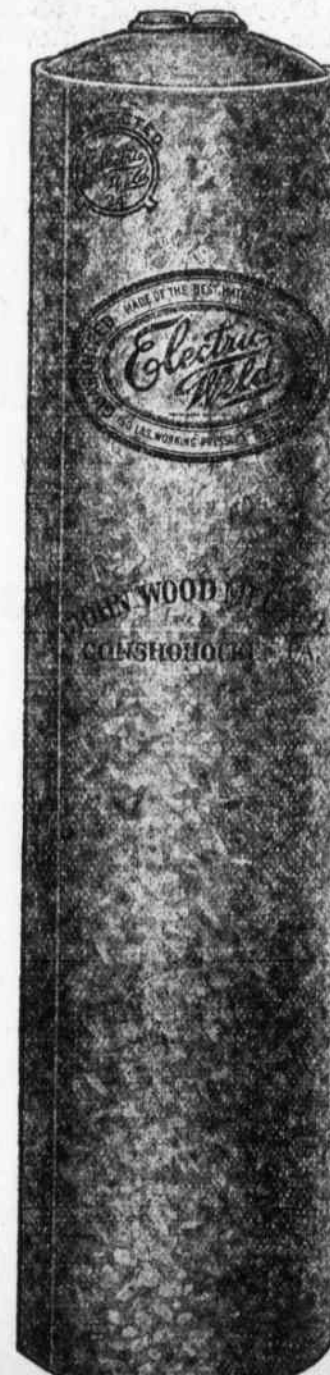
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THE PLANT AND ITS PRODUCTS

Electric Weld
Ice Cream Cans



Electric Weld
Range Boilers



The John Wood Manufacturing Company is the largest producers of range boilers in the world. Approximately every third range boiler in use in this country is made at our factory in Conshohocken.

Five years ago a new department was added to our factory at which time the "Electric-Weld" ice cream can was brought out. It was the first ice cream can to be put on the market in the manufacture of which neither solder nor rivets were used. Today the "Electric-Weld" can is being imitated by nearly every can manufacturer, but they are all five years behind.

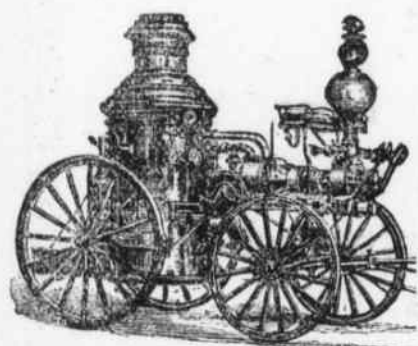
One year's production of the "Electric-Weld" can if placed end to end, would reach from Conshohocken to New York City.

John Wood Manufacturing Company

CONSHOHOCKEN, PA.

New Steam Engine Raise Jealousies Among Firemen

A new steam fire engine is a thing to be loved, guarded and fought for and every loyal fireman was a knight devoted to upholding the power of the machine of his company. In these prosaic days when fire apparatus is looked upon as just a machine to perform a certain service of work, it will be enlightening to the present generation to know that firemen did always treat their apparatus as simple machines for work. They loved their apparatus and cared for it with the tender care of a mother. The steam fire engine was a far more complicated plant than is the present motor pumping apparatus, in so far as getting varied results. The steam apparatus' success depended largely upon the experience of the engineer and when the Washington Company purchased its first new steam engine, an American La-France, second class, in 1882, there appeared in the Norristown newspapers articles attacking the Washington Company purporting to be in reply to a supposed challenge issued by the Washington Company to the Humane Company of Norristown for a competitive test of their respective steamers for a prize of \$500. This brought matters to a conclusion by the Humane company refusing to accept the challenge.



The machine that caused the controversy with the Humane Company. It was the first piece of new apparatus purchased by the Washington Company, a La France steamer of the second class and cost \$3800.

Numerous newspaper articles were printed in the Norristown papers which placed the local company in a very bad light, and to clear matters and show the public the true state of facts, the Washington Company published the following official statement in the RECORDER in June 1883:

SQUIRT, OR NO SQUIRT? An Open Letter to the Humane Ending With an Official Challenge

Much comment has been occasioned recently through the publication of irresponsible and unauthorized newspaper articles relative to the difficulty existing between the Washington fire company of Conshohocken and the Humane company of Norristown. The general drift of these gratuitous articles has been to drive the Conshohocken firemen into a false position and create the impression that they are the aggressive party. In order to dispel this, and other false impressions, we desire to make a fair and authorized statement of the whole proceedings. The entire affair was most distasteful to the firemen of Conshohocken and its origin cannot be traced to any acts or utterances of theirs. The difficulty from the very start grew out of publications, exclusively in the Norristown papers. These were first in the shape of irresponsible reportorial gossip followed up by either letters written or dictated by members of the Humane. As evidence of this, after the matter had been discussed in public print, the Washington took official action in order to secure an amicable settlement. To this end the following was sent:

Conshohocken, April 7, 1883.
To the Officers and Members of the Humane Engine Company.
Sirs:—At a regular meeting of the Washington Hose and Steam Fire Engine Company, held on the above date, I was instructed to write to you stating that our company did not countenance any articles published in the press of Norristown. We have never authorized anything of the kind nor do we wish to. But the company understands that some of the members of your company wish to have a squirt. If they do so it is left altogether for ourselves to decide.

T. J. MURRAY,
Secretary.

Instead of receiving any communication in the friendly spirit in which it was written, the Humane attempted to turn it into burlesque and misconstrue it into an apology. Their reply being as follows:
Hall of the Humane Fire Engine Co. No. 1.

Norristown, April 12, 1883.
To the Officers and Members of the Washington Hose and Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1 of Conshohocken.

Gentlemen:—At a stated meeting of the Humane Fire Engine Company No. 1, held this evening, your communication was laid before the company, and on motion it was resolved that the same be accepted and field and your apology be accepted.

Certified from the minutes this

12th day of April, A. D. 1883.
Attest: F. H. Schwenk,
Secretary.

This showed the Humane's intention to make the Washington either apologize or openly and directly challenge them, and the press of Norristown was again resorted to in order to throw out hints and insinuations to that effect. Therefore, in order to accommodate them, this challenge was sent:

Conshohocken, May 17, 1883.
To the Humane Fire Engine Company No. 1 of Norristown.

Gentlemen:—On February 21, 1883, an article appeared in the Daily Times of Norristown, headed "Firemen itching for a contest." Soon after an advertisement appeared in the Daily Herald "offering a wager." These matters having been brought to the notice of the Washington Hose Company, of Conshohocken, a letter was sent to your company, dated April 7, stating that our company had not authorized the statements above referred to; in answer we received your letter of April 12, 1883, saying our apology had been accepted. Instead of accepting the letter in the spirit in which it was sent, your company evidently placed an intentional misconception upon it, thereby placing us in the position of penitent sinners suing for forgiveness. As we have done nothing for which to apologize it was entirely superfluous on your part to accept an apology before it was tendered you. At a meeting of our Company, held April 1883, the whole matter was referred to a committee to take such action as they deemed necessary. The committee, knowing the Washington steamer to be the best for all purposes pertaining to fire engines, hereby challenge your company to a contest, to take place in the Borough of Conshohocken, on a day to be fixed by you for the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) subject to the following rules:

We to receive at least one week notice of the day chosen by you.
Five referees to be selected as follows: two by the Humane, two by the Washington Co., and these four to select one other person, neither of whom shall be connected with any fire company. Nozzle used 1 3/8 inches. Suction life 13 to 20 feet. Maximum pressure of steam 100 pounds. Contest to be decisive of the superiority of either engine upon the five following points:

- No. 1. First one hundred pounds of steam from cold water, time to be taken from first smoke from stack.
- No. 2. First one hundred feet of water through five hundred feet of hose.
- No. 3. Best average distance through five hundred feet of hose.
- No. 4. Best distance through 1000 feet of hose.
- No. 5. Greatest distance thrown from nozzle.

The engine winning any three of the above named points to be awarded the prize.

WM. HEYWOOD, Chairman.
J. B. HOLLAND, Secretary.
HENRY HOLLAND.
HENRY C. MESSINGER.
MILES STEMPLE.

To this no reply has been received. Instead of either accepting or refusing it the columns of the newspapers were again resorted to and more insinuations thrown out under anonymous signatures hinting at further terms and stipulations. One especially full of spite and calumny, but as the article was so uncouth and so vulgar, we are unwilling to believe it to be the production of any person whose character and malignancy would entitle him to admission as a member to any reputable fire company. Owing to the publication of the several articles referred to, the phenomenal silence of the Humane of late, compared with the bombast of that company prior to the receipt of the challenge and the false impression the newspaper squibs tend to convey to the public mind, we have been forced to give the whole story to the community that they may read and judge for themselves as to who are the aggressors.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, President.
T. J. MURRAY, Secretary.

OFFICIAL CHALLENGE

At a regular stated meeting of the company held Saturday evening, June 23, 1883, the committee appointed to take action concerning the late publication in the Norristown papers made their report which was accepted and all their actions endorsed. In view of the objections raised because the company's seal was not attached to the challenge formerly sent, we hereby challenge the Humane company of Norristown to a contest for \$500 to be decisive of the superiority of either engine for the purposes for which steam fire engines are built, said contest to take place at any place in Montgomery county outside of Conshohocken and Norristown within two weeks from this date.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, President.
T. J. MURRAY, Secretary.

The position taken by the company was so effective that nothing more was heard from the Humane. As they did not "put up" they were compelled to take the only other alternative.

Accommodating

Igg—"So you didn't like Cuba?"
Tigg—"Naw. I went into a restaurant there to get a glass of milk. The waiter didn't speak any English, so I drew a picture of a cow, and he went out and bought me a ticket to a bull fight."

Igg—"Serves you right for orderin' in milk in Cuba."

POOR OPINION OF THE BOROUGH HALL

The architecture of the borough hall, which occupies the site of the first fire house, has always been a matter for ridicule in later days. It seems from the following, taken from an issue of the Recorder in the early '80's the public, the firemen in particular, did not fancy the building.

"If the old frame stable, formerly standing on the corner of Hector and Forrest streets, had been kept in position until this day and a mansard roof placed on top of it, a first-class public building would have been the result. The difference between the cost of the mansard roof and the new building might have been given to the firemen."

Have you read the RECORDER classified columns in this issue. In it are interesting bargains. Perhaps one you want.

Victor
Frederick

BARBER

724 Hector St.

Some Institutions

are so colossal that you are sort of awed by the mere mention of their names. Yet there is a certain atmosphere of refinement and cheer that it reminds you of a smiling face. Such an institution is our hope, in furthering the work of the SERVICE SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW SERIES JULY 14, 1924. A FULL TWO MONTHS OFF. MAKE UP YOUR MIND TO START TO SAVE EACH MONTH.

We would like to see every man, woman and child, take shares in this two fisted, man's man Association, where every shareholder has a voice.

TAKE SHARES NOW, OR ANY TIME, WRITE, PHONE OR STOP IN THE OFFICE. WE WILL GIVE A PROMPT RESPONSE TO ALL INQUIRIES

FRANCIS W. McDERMOTT, Secy.
114 Fayette Street Conshohocken, Pa.

Greeting:

We extend to the Washington Fire Company on this the occasion of the celebration of its Golden Anniversary and for its fifty years of continuous and efficient service our congratulations.

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Special Work Promptly Attended To.

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THE LATE PAUL WAGNER

For many years he was one of the most active members of the fire company and frequently entertained the members at his farm. He was prominent in all the social activities of the company and participated in all the parades and visitations of the company until a few years ago. He was widely known among the firemen of the State.

Firemen Had Friendly Contests On Ball Field In Olden Days

In the olden days the volunteer firemen maintained friendly intercourse by frequent visitations, and the firemen entered into the social activities of the various companies, which usually were community affairs. The Washington Company sent delegations to the balls, fairs and banquets of the various companies and there was a strong friendship with the firemen of Wilmington and Chester.

In the early '80's the Washington company's base ball team accepted a challenge from the Franklin of Chester for a base ball game to be played at Chester.

The following is an account of the game as published in a Chester newspaper of that day:

The Washington boys of Conshohocken can put out a big fire with clarity, but they are not there to speak, when it comes to playing ball with the Franklin Fire ladies of Chester. By arrangement nine from the two companies met at Houston Park yesterday afternoon in a friendly contest on the diamond, and before four innings were played it was painfully evident that the visitors would be very badly left. This dismal fact was indelibly impressed upon their minds in the eighth inning, when the Franklin team put twenty-two men over the home plate, and it didn't appear to be a very good day for playing ball, either.

The teams came on the ground about 2:15 and created a perfect furor of applause. The suits of the visitors, which were new and novel, were the most striking ever seen on a ball field. Jumbo Wagner, who covered the first base, was gotten up in the most gorgeous style. He wore a gray shirt that covered a boy window, so large that he was unable to see whether or not his foot was resting on the canvas bag. One pant leg was of light blue chintz and the other of red calico, while his stockings were of a damasse tint with a chenille figure. He wore No. 12 shoes and a red cap, while two belts were spliced in order to go all the way around him. Jumbo was the favorite of the ladies and the cynosure of all eyes.

Macomber covered the second base with patent leather pumps, and himself with dust and glory. Earl, at right field, wore blue socks, with one leg of his knee breeches a navy blue and the other a Bismarck brown, with a calico cap. But Hampton, the pitcher! Why Solomon in his palmiest days was not arrayed as this curved liner. He wore a pair of cretonne knee breeches, imported from Cartertown, with one stocking a bright vermilion and the other a deep sea blue. The man who supported him behind the bat looked like a Bridgeport butterfly on dress parade, and it was believed at first that he was the missing Joseph of the coat of many colors. He was

robed in an immaculate shirt, pantaloons, one leg of which was a royal purple, the other an aesthetic yellow, one stocking was green and the other a bright orange, while a blue cap crossed his auburn locks and shaded a sweet bye and bye moustache. Bob was a regular sunflower and the ladies were frequently heard to remark: Isn't he a daisy? "Why he looks like a lord," etc., and if he had heard the complimentary remarks the reporter did, he would have been all broken up in the first inning.

If Stemple, at left field was left out, an injustice that years of penance and remorse could not atone for, would be committed.

Stemple had a uniform on beside which that worn by Haron Al Raschid, of Arabian Nights fame, was tame, common place and devoid of invention. His make up consisted of breeches, yellow and light green, with a hip pocket of shrimp pink, with one red and another blue black stocking and a parti-colored cap. Lobb played at third base and wore red stockings. One pants leg was pearl colored to match his hair, while the other was of blue drilling, and when he ran for a ball he looked like a rainbow on legs.

The man who bore the honors for the home team were, Neville, third base; Carr, right field; Bauer, centre field; McClure, first base; Brooks, catcher; Slemmons, pitcher; Bardsley, short stop; Ford, second base; Stringfellow, left field. The game opened with the Franklin at the bat, and one run was scored. Then the highly decorated crowd took a turn at the ash and evened things up, but things grew one sided the next inning and grew more so every successive inning, until the boys of the city that is set on the side of a hill began wondering if the piling up process would ever have an end. The game continued until nearly six o'clock, and then the totals were footed up and all left the ground.

The following is the score by innings:
Franklin 1 6 14 1 1 2 0 22—47
Washington ... 1 2 0 2 1 0 2—10
Base hits—Franklin, 59; Washington, 10. Two base hits—Franklin, 12. Passed balls—Franklin, 2; Washington, 11. Earned runs—Franklin, 18; Washington, 2. Time, 2 hours and 30 minutes. Umpire, John Light. Broken heads—Franklin, 3; Washington, 2. Peeled ships—Franklin, 3; Washington, 2. Balls caught in the stomach—Franklin, 4; Washington, 9. First prize for general make up—Jumbo.

Missed Fly Balls
Andrew McClure received a painful wound on the cheek by being hit by a missed fly ball. Andy kept on playing, however.
Officer William Carr was noticing the game a short distance from the home plate when a foul tip struck

him on the fingers. He didn't arrest the ball.

A foul ball struck the umpire on the vest pocket and the friction set fire to a box of matches he was carrying.

The Conshohocken boys returned home on the late train after having a hilarious time.

Harold, of the Washington nine, was hit on the forehead.

Notes

The Conshohocken nine was composed of a jolly set of fellows, as was easily seen by their conduct on the diamond field.

P. Wagner, second basemen of the visiting club was a substantial person in that position. He was called by some a jumbo, but he only weighed about 250.

The reception given to the Washy's last night at the Delaware House, was an enjoyable affair—if we may judge from the singing and social chatting they indulged in.

The catcher in the visiting club was struck on the head with a ball, while taking it "off the bat." The same ball glanced from his head and struck umpire about the vest pocket, setting fire to a box of matches contained therein. The manner in which the fearless firemen came to his rescue was only an illustration of their motto: "Where duty calls," etc.

Contractor Gave Orders For Beer on Bricks

Back of Bar Piled High With Orders of Thirsty Workers

Reuben Stemple, hotelman and building contractor had the contract for the masonry and brick work in the erection of Washington Company's fire house. In order to keep the burden of expense as light as possible on the company, the members, after completing their day's work would assist in building the fire house. The men carried the hod, mixed mortar and did other labor. None received pay, but at the hotel of Mr. Stemple was near the fire house, being located at what is now 46 Fayette street, the contractor was frequently asked to stand treat. He would give to the men an order for a round of beer, written on a brick. The order would be recognized by the barkeeper who would put the bricks behind the bar. Sometimes the request for order became too frequent, then the firemen-workmen would resort to subterfuge. A party would go to the hotel and start an argument with the barkeeper. While his attention was taken from the order pile, a few bricks with the coveted markings in chalk: "Good for a beer, R. S." would be removed from behind the bar, and when the contractor refused a request to treat, the workmen would draw on their own pile of bricks. During the entire progress of the building work, none of the workmen became intoxicated.



WILLIAM CARR
Treasurer of Fiftyth Anniversary Committee

First Personal Subscription

The first personal subscription made to the Washington H. & S. F. E. Company No. 1, following its organization was by the late John Wood. The amount of the contribution was \$100.

Mr. Wood was also the first Burgess and first Justice of the Peace in Conshohocken. He was president of the J. Wood & Brothers Company iron manufacturers.



CHARLES SLAVIN
Chief Marshal's Aide.

No Fun

A woman came into a car with five children. She busied herself seating them. A benevolent old gentleman arose and gave her his seat. "Are those all your children, madam," he asked, "or is it a picnic?" "They're all mine," snapped the woman, "and it's no picnic."—Par-rakett.



KEITH MACKENZIE
Trustee and Chairman of Banquet Committee

Have you read our "want" columns to-day? Bargains are there.

1882

1924

During this period, THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK by conservative methods, has won the confidence of the citizens of Conshohocken, the deposits now aggregating \$1,850,000.00. Prompt and careful service afforded to all depositors.

Pays dividends to stockholders of 24% annually—highest rate in the County.

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The Officers of the Bank will be pleased to welcome visiting Firemen, and to render any service they may require.

We believe you want the best laundry work. The question is Do You Get It?

We will do your weekly wash and return it to you the next day clean and white for 90c a bag, or we will dry same and return soft and clean for \$1.50 a bag.

Each customer's clothes are washed separately (no marking). We also change the water six times for every wash by which your clothes are returned to you sweet and clean. Send Postal or Telephone Conshohocken 63 and our auto will call for your wash.

We also take the Hard Work out of Housecleaning by washing Blankets, Carpets and Quilts. Ask for prices.

SANITARY DAMP WASH

Mechanics Attention!

We wash mechanics wearing apparel and return them the same week, clean and dry. We also do repairing. For particulars, telephone Conshohocken 63.

Sanitary Damp Wash

1874

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To Washington Fire Co., No. 1



The magnificent loyalty of your membership and the splendid spirit of service which you have always shown, has brought you to your Golden Anniversary in a most healthy condition.

May we express our hearty congratulations to you, whom our community will always owe a debt of gratitude.

Conshohocken Chamber of Commerce



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is destroyed by rust and rot every year than by fire. The only way to stop this enormous waste is by PAINT and VARNISH. Save the surface and You Save All.

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Everything of the best in
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THE WINCHESTER STORE

Annual Excursion To Atlantic City Was a Town Event Fostered By The Firemen

With the Advent of Spring, Preparations Were Made For the One Big Outing.—Drum Corps Paraded the Streets and Fire Bell Aroused the Excursionists For the Great Trip.—Industries Closed and the Town Was Evacuated For a Day.

(By FRANCIS E. COLLINS)

The Spring of 1873 had come, there were many evidences, marks and signs that the gracious season was at hand. The vari-colored stuffings had been removed from the broken panes of Banjo Hollow's windows; the Hickory town correspondent reported the first bashful violet in modest tints arrayed in a sequestered nook in Marple's orchard. The Spring poet has released his touching effusion of welcome to the approaching vernal season. The annual war-like chicken argument between neighbors Brown and Black threatening a renewal of hostilities between their respective forces had occurred. The first canal boat of the season had swept majestically through the raging canal, the entire crew consisting of the captain, bowman and a large red headed boy stood at attention on the hurricane deck as they passed the historic Matsons Ford over which Washington's heroic army marched on that memorable day in September 1777. The tame wild duck with the broken leg had returned to the waters in Frog Hollow, and those happy harbingers of balmy days—the robin and the blackbird—had come up from Southland and were industriously engaged in building their summer homes and anxiously scanning the conflicting reports regarding the prospective cherry crop.

Anticipated joys were in the air. The Washington Fire Company, recently organized, ambitious to cope successfully with that insidious enemy—fire—was making strenuous efforts to secure a second-hand fire engine. Street and house illumination by gas was promised soon. The days, or rather the nights of the coal oil lamp were numbered. That old reliable and essential beacon of safety—the family lantern, which had lighted the pathway of the townfolks, as they ventured forth into the darkness of the night, was nearing the end of its illuminating career and would soon take its place among the family antiques as the light of other days.

The Conshohocken Water Company would begin supplying water to the residents in December. The old town pumps with their shining handles, mute evidence of the many friendly hands that had grasped them were soon to lose their friends and take their places among the discarded machinery of other days. The old oaken buckets that hung in the wells of many of the residents and several notable springs in town would also lose the patronage of the people.

The Santa Anna guards would parade again on the fourth. This burlesque mounted company was organized soon after the borough was incorporated and had in its ranks, several men who had served in the Mexican War. The nondescript company represented General Santa Anna's Mexican mounted troops, the cavalry arm of their army. In the war with this country their troops made several masterly advances on their Capital City and in every engagement with Uncle Sam's boys in blue, they were awarded second money. After the surrender of their forces to General Scott their army was in a very shattered condition consisting of General Santa Anna, two army mules and a base drum.

The outlandish make-up of the local company contributed greatly to the entertainment of the people early on the Fourth of July morning when they paraded through the town. The hospitality of the different landlords had its effect on the gallant troopers, who long before the close of the march found it difficult to maintain any semblance of military discipline, while the intrepid warrior General Santa Anna, sad to relate, was unable to give any command that could be understood. The people rejoiced that the time-honored organization would parade again on the Fourth. To fill the cup of happiness to overflowing, the I. O. O. F. at their regular stated meeting decided to give an excursion to Atlantic City in August. This announcement was hailed with delight by the townspeople; the excursion to Atlantic City was the event of the year, an epoch in the social life of the community; neighbors and friends talked to each other about it and all quickly decided to go and enjoy the trip and a dip in the rest-less ocean.

The committee decided on up-to-date advertising and along with spreading the news in the "adv" and new columns of the RECORDER, engaged a rising young artist who could paint letters. Every board fence that could be secured was blazoned in large letters by this talented young man with the invitation to go to Atlantic City with the I. O. O. F. on Saturday August 22. Preparations began at once especially among the women to have their costumes made up. The dressmakers in town had a busy time of it. Calico was then in style and made here in the Albion Print Works in many pleasing patterns, colors and shades. It took many hundred yards of this material to array the feminine portion of the inhabitants in becoming gowns for the great excursion to the growing city by the sea.

The men folks were not slow in their preparations. No man was dressed up unless he had a pair of fine boots and a box of paper collars handy, a straw hat, a long linen duster and other minor requisites added completeness to his attire according to the correct tastes of that period. Thus arrayed, he was indeed a class of fashion, the mold of

form, the observed of all observers. The shoemakers made the footwear entirely by hand; while they were menders of bad soles they enjoyed an enviable reputation for fine work and during the summer they were as busy as nailers pegging away on the important work that must be finished before the twenty-second of August.

Alarm clocks not having made their appearance in the town, the committee, leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to make the excursion a success and guarding against the possibility of missing the train by that great invention sleep, had taken time by the forelock and engaged the town drum corps, an institution guaranteed to awaken the seven sleepers of Ephesus. The contract with this sleep-deceiving organization was that they should take the field at two o'clock in the morning and march through the town. The committee urgently requesting the leader to omit the dulcet strains so effectively used by the sirens of the fabled islands to woo the unwary mariner to their realms and instead to play his blithest measures free. The leader assured the committee that sleep would be at a premium in the town after the first strain was finished and added that if his band was tried in any Court of justice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the charge of murdering sleep the jury would convict them without leaving their seats. Several musicians of note were in this band, it was admitted that the base drummer was the star performer of the aggregation, who, although he did not have a tooth in his head, was the best drummer in the county.

The eve of the great day was at hand and in "the very witching time of night when grave yards yawn and ghosts troop forth," the band assembled at Blackburn's hotel. The proprietor, a lover of music, welcomed the players and proposed their healths, lauding the power of music, its "sweet concord of sounds" its dulcet strains bearing humanity to the Elysian fields to realms Celestial, eulogizing the masterminds of melody—Bach, Mozart, Schubert and the rich legacy of harmony bequeathed to them by a discordant world. By way of limbering up and to make a good impression on the generous landlord, the band played the following appropriate selections: "Off in the Stilly Night," "If You're Waking Call Me Early," "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming" in which occurred a beautiful duet for the base drum and cymbals, "Go Away and Let Me Sleep," "What Are the Wild Waves Saying," and as a finale "A Life on the Ocean Wave, a Home on the Rolling Deep." At this point a hilarious youth who had no music in his soul but whose system was well-filled with that invisible spirit so touchingly referred to by Michael Cassio, requested the band to play "How Dry I Am." The disgusting request was frowned upon by the artistic leader who rebuked the young man for his frequent visits to the shrine of Bacchus.

At two o'clock the band started out, the leader impressed with the important part the band was to play in this great event, requested the players to make every note count, to accent the forty-passages, vigorously; the leader selected for the first piece No. 15 in the black book "Marching Through Georgia." Through the town they went playing continuously. The roll of drums, the squeaking fifes, the deep sounding base drum and cymbals soon routed sleep from the town, quickly the houses became illuminated and final preparations for the great day began.

The commissary department in each household had been active for days before and final packing of the baskets finished on the eve of the excursion, no basket being complete without something stowed carefully within its folds to take off the chill before and after the bath in the ocean. When the "morn in russet mantle clad walked o'er the dew from yon high Western hill" the excursionists began converging from all points to the old Reading station, long known in song and story as "Cologne Castle," reminding one of

Moore's beautiful lines, "Yoy may break, you may shatter the vase if you will but the scent of the roses will cling to it still." In style and architecture, this remarkable building resembled a dry goods box, the architect no doubt paying more attention to strength than to the wishes and designs of the old masters.

The old Schuylkill canal, that's westward from the station was then one of the busy haunts of men, mules and canal boats. As the Conshohockenites gathered at the station they were regaled by the sweet music of the reville played on the long boat horns by the captains to rouse their drowsy crews to action, to resume their journey to that haven of rest, Penn's Holy Experiment, the City of Brotherly Love. The Union army mule was then extant and used in large numbers on the canal. He brought up with him to the towpath from the Army of the Potomac a wealth of knowledge gleaned in the campaigns from the Peninsula to the Wilderness to which was added horse sense of a high order. Thoroughly conversant in defensive and offensive tactics he was a match for the most hardened denizen of the tow-path. He understood the language of the driver, it was the same brand used by the teamsters in the army, abusive from start to finish. The poor opinion the driver and mule had for each other was mutual. No man was his friend. Abuse was heaped upon him and his ancestors in unmeasured terms by the driver. Through it all he held his peace, not rushing off blindly to challenge his tormentor or ancestry, knowing full well he was not listed in Noah's catalogue and that he would make a jackass of himself if he went down the line very far. Instead he chose to bear "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, the haughty captain's contumely, the whips and scorns of the driver," hoping for an opportunity to catch him off his guard and kick him into the canal.

The gathering crowd at the station was evidence of the successful mission of the band through the town. Those who came from the townships, told of the happenings of the night: how long before the first gray streaks that tell of the coming morn had appeared in the East their slumbers were broken by the sound of music borne on the night wind from the town hard by. What a happy crowd filled with delightful anticipations greeting each other with joyous salutations and expressing wishes that all might enjoy the trip and their visit to the sea-shore. Conshohocken was going well prepared. The family and individual baskets seemed without number, packed full of the best in the land including the chill remedy. The Commander of the 28th Division would have congratulated his commissary department had he beheld such an array of rations, for a month's campaign. At 5 a. m. the whistle of the wide-stacked locomotive "Union" run by Dad Cooper voices loudly its approach as it rounds the curve at the upper locks; in a few minutes the excursion train rights in to the station. A wild rush is made for the cars and amid much confusion and noise, families and friends get settled in their seats. The stay-at-homes gathered, gave them a noisy send-off and the excursion is on its way. At Ninth and Green they leave the cars with light hearts and heavy baskets to make their way on foot to Vine street ferry. Their joyous mood and loud talking startle the sedate nat-

ives of Penn's quiet city, who drawing aside the curtains, look down on the multitude filling the streets, their thoughts going back to the exciting times in the summer of '63 when word was flashed through the city that Lee was coming into Pennsylvania to dictate terms of peace in Philadelphia. Their fears were quickly allayed as they beheld the peaceful crowd on pleasure bent, moving towards the ferry.

Crossing the river to the Jersey side they embarked on the old-time excursion train that was to take them to the shores of the Atlantic. Hardly had the train started ere the ambitious youths decided that in order to fully enjoy the beautiful scenery, they must go higher and accordingly they mounted to the top of the cars, the roofs of these being nearly flat and much lower than the passenger cars of today. At frequent intervals, by reason of the single track the train pulled in on the long sidings for fuel and water and to await the passing of the up-train. The Conshohockites made use of the stops to gather huckleberries growing in the near-by woods. Four long blasts of the whistle announced that the train was ready to go but unless everyone was on board, the train did not start; the boys on the train manned the brakes and held it until every Conshohockite was aboard before they allowed the train to resume its journey to the sea.

The engines used wood as fuel and were known to that generation at the "Wood Burners." The dense heavy cutting smoke from the locomotive drenched the excursionists on the tops of the cars and their joyous mood began to change; handkerchiefs were soon in evidence wiping away tears from eyes distressed by the villainous smoke. But after many miles of exciting Jersey scenery their joyous mood returned when their keen nostrils scenting the sal-

ty air told them that they were nearing the end of their trip and would soon behold "the ocean old-centuries old."

They arrived at Atlantic City about eleven o'clock and lost no time in fortifying themselves against the coldness of the water by partaking liberally of the "chill remedy." When about six o'clock the train began its journey homeward the bottles which had contained the "chill remedy," were now filled with water from the ocean for those who were not so fortunate as to experience the joys of the excursionists. The tired travelers reached Conshohocken about one o'clock Sunday morning. For many months afterward all happenings in and around the town were dated as taking place either before or after the excursion to Atlantic City.

JINX PURSUES COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICE TRUCK

The committee, consisting of Jesse Stemple, James Rowe and William Jones, to purchase the new city service truck and which was added to the company equipment in 1920, had an exciting experience when they went to the factory of the LaFrance Fire Engine Company, at Elmira, N. Y.

A general railroad strike was impending and was to be called on the first of May. Aware of this fact and fearing they would be held up on their return trip, they left Elmira early on the morning of May 1st. They made the trip via the Lehigh Valley railroad and were pursued all the way by a jinx which they were unable to shake until reaching Norristown. The run by trolley from Norristown to Waverly was uneventful, but in coming from Waverly to Sayre the trolley jumped the track

and they were held up for a long time. After reaching Sayre they boarded the Black Diamond for Allentown. On this jump something went wrong with the engine and the trip was again held up. The trip was resumed following a long wait and Allentown was at last reached. From Allentown to Norristown the journey was by way of the P. & W. and here again trouble was met. The car on which they were riding jumped the track and it was necessary for them to board another car. When the trio reached Norristown they breathed a

sigh of relief. The last four miles of the journey was uneventful and they landed in the hose house to make their report at exactly midnight.

It was too late to greet any of their fellow firemen and the report was not received until the next night.

Speaking of advertising, a man who advertised for a wife said afterwards: "I can't say advertising pays, but it certainly brings results."



GREETINGS to the Washington Fire Company which is celebrating its Golden Anniversary. May they continue to prosper in the future as they have in the past.

WE are celebrating our Third Anniversary and our aim is to serve you as efficiently in our line of endeavor as have the firemen.

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(Rear of American Store)

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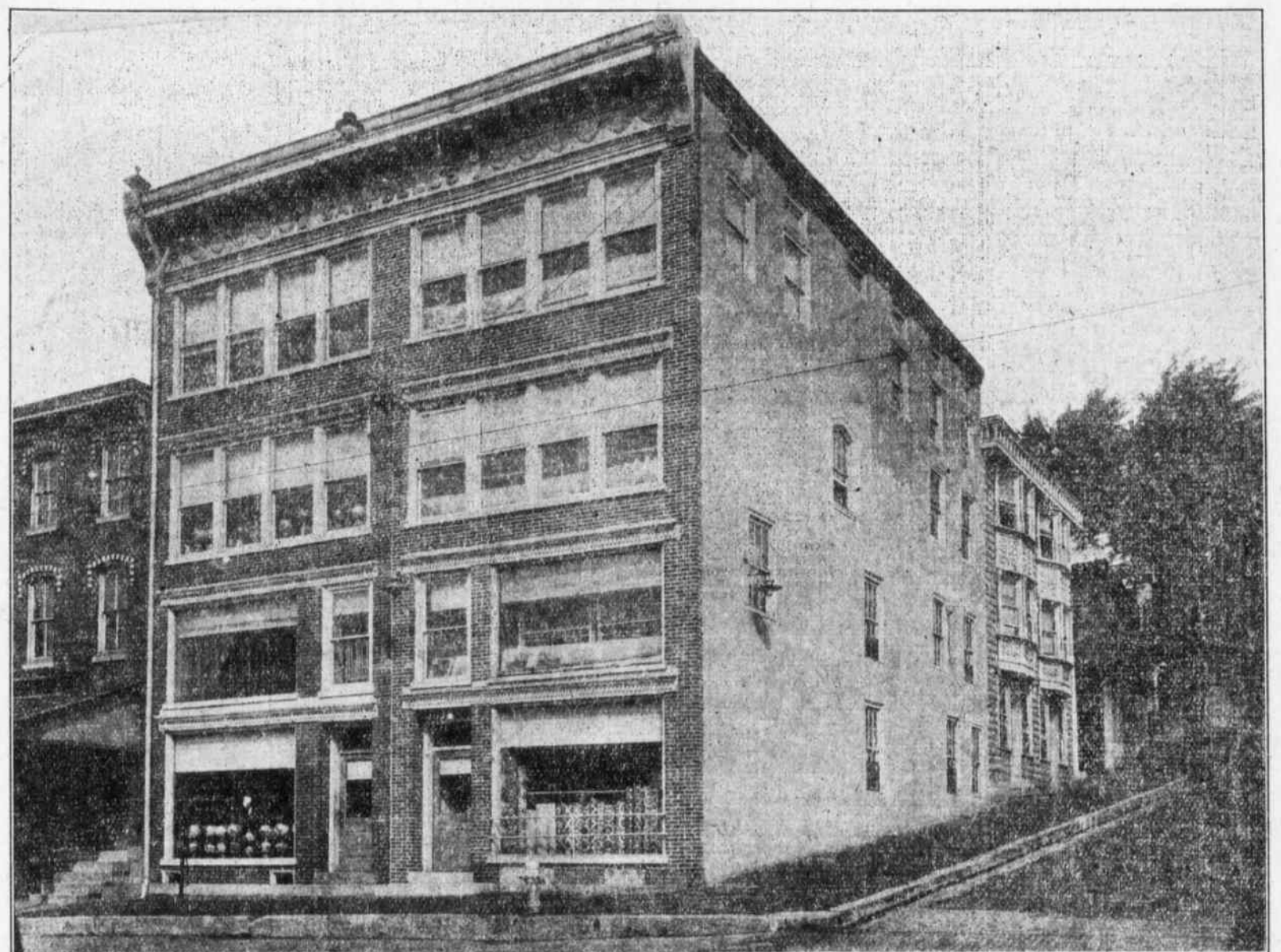
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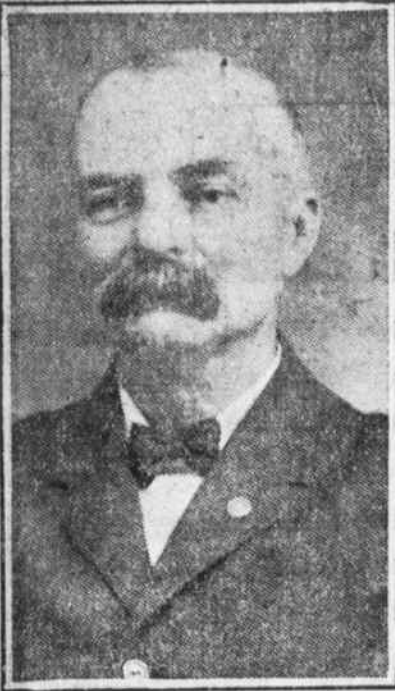
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Firemen Had Close Calls At Some of Their Early Fires

Some of the early fires which the company was called upon to fight were fraught with exciting experiences an oftentimes danger lurked where it was least expected. In those days the demon had more chance to ravish than today but the ardor of the fire ladders was just as great but they shut their eyes to all obstacles and proceeded with a vim to surmount them.



B. FRANK BEAVER

Mr. Beaver celebrated his eightieth birthday anniversary last February. He is the oldest living member in point of years, although not a charter member. He was fire chief during the year 1875 and barely escaped losing his life in the fire which totally destroyed the Albion Print Works on August 21st, of that year, when the upper floor of the building fell.

The fire which totally destroyed the Albion Print Works on August 21, 1875 was probably the worst fire the Washington Fire Company was ever called upon to fight. Few of the members at that time are among the living today, but those who survive will still remember the incident. B. Frank Beaver was the chief at that time and that he did not give his life in the blaze is due more to good fortune than through any act of his own to save himself.

The lower part of the building was a mass of flames. The chief stood on the floor and with hose in hand was playing on the flames in a heroic manner. Presently looking up a fellow-member saw that the heavy timbers were about to come down with a crash. Beaver was directly underneath them unmindful of any danger. He moved through a small door through a partition wall and hardly had he gone through when the whole top came tumbling down in the tracks in which he stood. It was not until the firemen returned to the hose house that the chief realized how close to death he really was.

The fire which partially destroyed the mill of S. & J. Lees on June 10th, 1879, was another blaze in which history-making incidents were experienced. The blaze was in the department in which the warps were made and which was located in a small room on the top floor of the building and to which egress was gained by a winding stair-way. When the stairs and played on the fire the firemen arrived they carried their hose up the stairs and played on the fire through a door. As the smoke became denser they were driven out a window onto the roof of an adjoining section of the mill from where they continued their fight. The flames continued their fury and were eating their way toward the steps. The hose was becoming imperted, it was up to some one to rescue it and one brave fireman fought his way up the wooden stair-way through the smoke and carried the hose to safety.

The hose was taken out of the building with the intention of taking it up a ladder from the outside onto the roof. Daniel Foley grabbed the nozzle and started up the rungs and when about half-way up he fell landing heavily on a pile of coal. He was rendered unconscious and was picked up by fellow-firemen, placed on a stretcher and carried to his place of business at the hotel which stood near the old canal

bridge, and which was demolished to make room for the present bridge. A physician was summoned and after careful examination found that no bones were broken and that he was not seriously injured. The firemen were in service for six hours. The loss to the plant was set at \$50,000.00.

SINGING SCHOOL A PART OF ACTIVITIES

Firemen's Chorus Was Organized in 1877 and Was in Much Demand

Music, when associated with firemen, usually brings one to think of brass bands and not the gentle art of singing, but in September, 1877, the members of the Washington Fire Company, musically inclined, formed a singing school which met twice each week for rehearsals. A fine male chorus was developed and was in great demand for social functions here and in the surrounding communities. The chorus sang at weddings and parties. In those days the firemen used to attend church services in a body and the minutes record invitations from local pastors who offered to preach special sermons for the firemen. The invitations were accepted, the services were attended and the company gave a vote of thanks to the ministers.

Have you read our "want" columns to-day? Bargains are there.

FIREMEN ENTERTAINS AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

In September, 1894, when the State Firemen's annual convention was held in Norristown, the local fire company took a prominent part. They had as their guest the members of Rescue Fire Company No. 4, of York, and those of the Neversink Company, of Reading.

The visiting firemen were entertained in a royal manner. In order to accord them the hospitality for which the local laddies have always been known, the by-laws were suspended from Wednesday until Sunday through regular action at a company meeting.

The bell was to sound the arrival of the visitors and in order that no one should tamper with the alarm, a fine of two dollars was fixed as a penalty for any member who was caught sounding the bell.

To meet the expense incurred in entertaining the two companies, a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions. They collected \$744.35, of this amount \$584.45 was expended and the balance of \$159.90 was turned into the treasury of the company.

As an expression of appreciation for the hospitality accorded them on the occasion of their visit a delegation from the Rescue Company visited the local company again on January 12th, of the following year, and presented them with a frame of photographs, which still hangs in the parlor as mute evidence of a warm friendship which has lasted for many years.

Only Mascot Company Ever Had Was a Small French Poodle Dog

During the fifty years of their existence the firemen have had but one mascot. This was a small French poodle dog which was given the name of "Skip." He was introduced to the firemen in the early eighties and was immediately taken in and given a comfortable abode. The members petted and pampered him and he grew to be a great favorite. He was well fed and cared for. Often times when an alarm was sounded he was on the job and made the run with the firemen.

While he was, as a general rule, a well behaved member of the company, he at times got himself into trouble. His own troubles, however, meant trouble for his keepers and for a time he would be in disrepute, but like the other members his misdeeds were soon forgotten.

On one occasion "Skip" got himself into trouble with the borough authorities which nearly ended in his being put to death, but being a "lucky" dog he came through with colors flying by reason of the influence of some of his most ardent supporters. It was on April 12, 1884, that Samuel Elliott, at that time Street Supervisor, reported to the firemen that "Skip" had been detected running the streets without a muzzle and that he was impounded with a death sentence hanging over his head.

A meeting of the company was held and William Heywood, one of the members who was not so friendly toward the mascot, rather than see him put to death by strangers, made a motion that a committee be appointed with power to pay for his

release, have him killed and given a proper burial. Skip's friends were in the majority and the motion was lost. A second motion was made and carried to the effect that the dog be taken out, cleaned up and muzzled. This was done and he remained with his friends until Father Time caused his natural death.

His death was the cause of general mourning among the firemen and he was buried with honors in a plot of ground which was at that time the jail yard, and on which the present hose house stands.

CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL YEAR

While the Washington Fire Company was still in its infancy and still located in their original headquarters in the one-story frame building at the corner of Hector and Forrest streets, Centennial Year, 1874 which proved an epoch-making period in Philadelphia, was approaching.

The exposition was to be an event of international importance and in recognition of the importance the firemen decided to usher in the new year in a fitting manner. A special meeting of the company was called on the evening of December 31st, 1875, for the celebration. The company was appointed as a committee of the whole to decorate and illuminate the hose house. Miles Stemple was appointed captain of a battery and was instructed to fire a Colonial salute of thirteen guns at eleven o'clock p. m. and a National salute of thirty-seven guns to begin at midnight.



Home of Washington Fire Company before the addition of a third story, new bell tower and hose tower. In the doorway is shown the equipment of hand drawn hose carriages and horse drawn steam fire engine.



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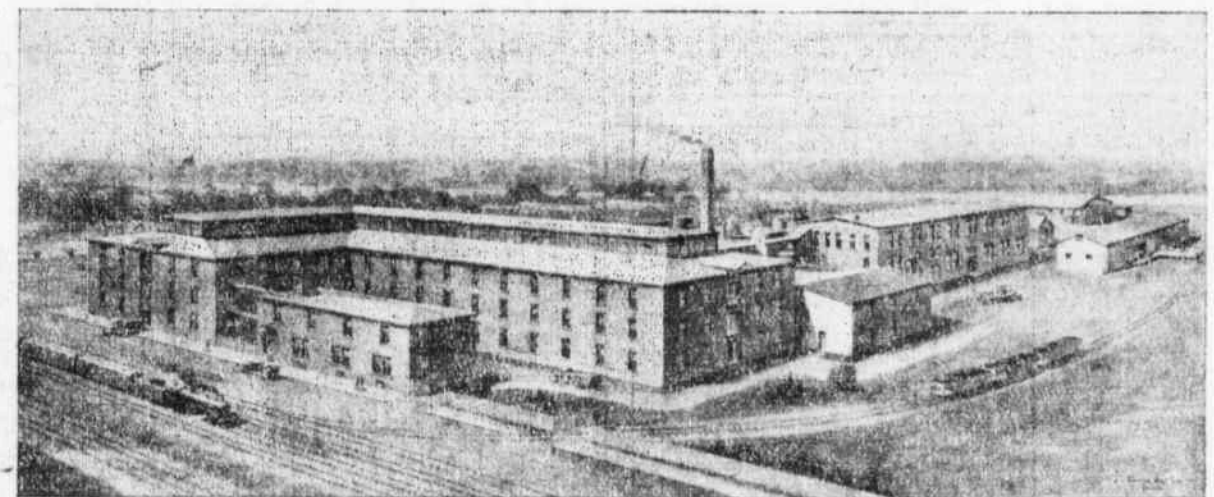
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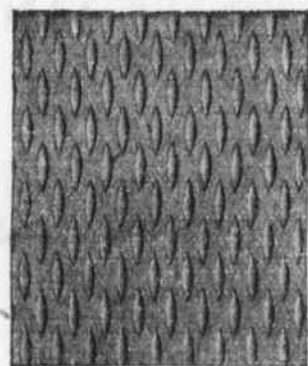
IT is with pride that we greet the WASHINGTON HOSE & STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY OF CONSHOHOCKEN on its completion of a half century of protective service to our community. The fifty years that span the life of the "Washies" have seen a wonderful development of the Company, and we feel confident that with a continuance of the progressive spirit manifested by its members, the fifty years that lie directly ahead will completely overshadow the past fifty years of accomplishment by comparison.

Great as the Company's progress has been, it will continue to expand. Fifty years ago the Company was organized with no equipment whatsoever. After some months they were able to purchase a second-hand horse drawn steamer and a second-hand hand drawn hose carriage. They have marched steadily onward until today they are completely motorized and are the proud possessors of three La France machines.

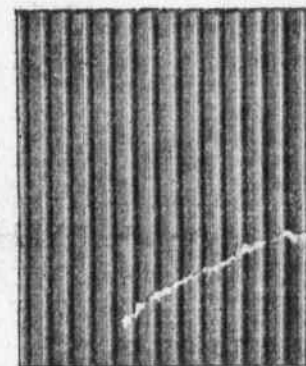
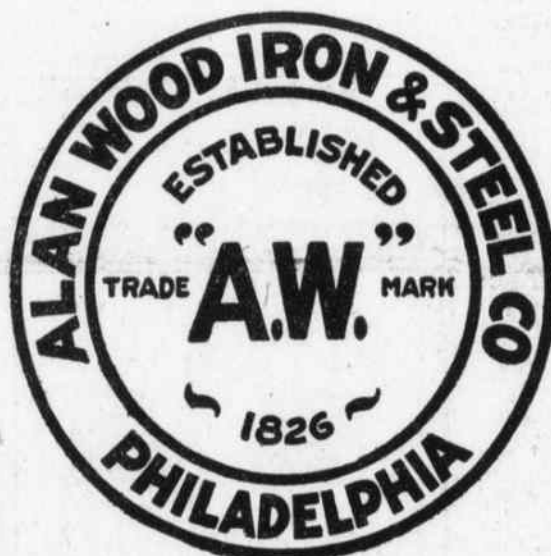
We congratulate the WASHINGTON HOSE & STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY on its fiftieth birthday, and wish them many more years of continued success. We feel closely related to the Company, for it has been our privilege during the period of its existence to have associated with us many of its members, and we honor the memory of their first President, Mr. Jacob Ulrich, and Mr. John Moore, their first Secretary, both of whom formerly worked with us in our Schuylkill Iron Works.

The Company deserves the encouragement of all of our citizens, for they are on guard day and night the year round to protect the thousands of dollars invested in our homes and property, and are ready at every alarm to fight the ever lurking dangers of fires.

Our sincere best wishes go to them on their Anniversary.



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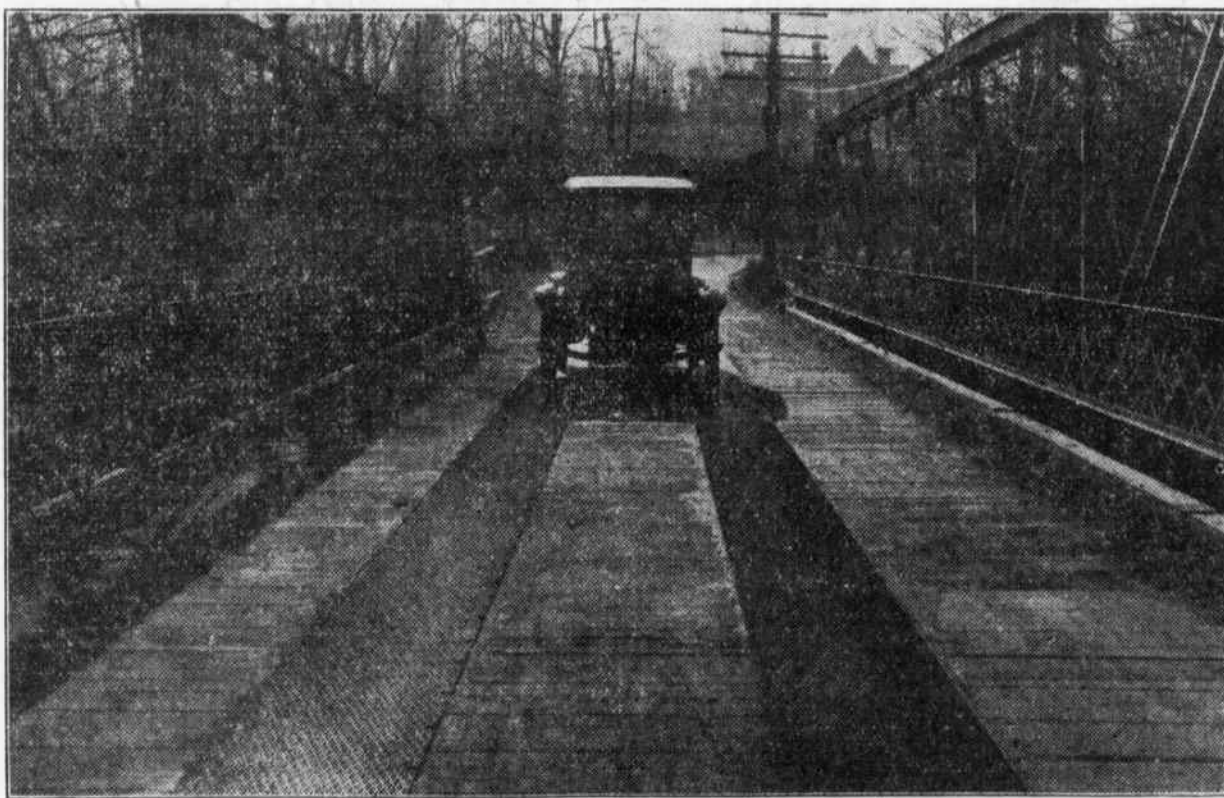


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Life Lost In Fayette Street Fire; Norristown Firemen Gave Assistance

Building at 72 Fayette Street Destroyed.—Fire Caused by "Oil Burning" Fluid.—Owner Killed.—Apparatus Drawn By Hand From Norristown.—Firemen Overcome By "Hospitality."

(By FRANCIS E. COLLINS)

Back in 1871 a disastrous fire occurred in the store building at 72 Fayette street, kept by Mr. Morris as a general grocery store. In years after John Ellis occupied the place as a hardware store. The industrious Mr. Morris in his efforts to please his customers and give them prompt attention, hurried to the cellar one morning to fill an order, a can of oil-burning fluid was then the name coal-oil later. In drawing the dangerous fluid, the lamp he held set fire to the oil and the fire started. Mr. Morris was so badly burned that he passed away in a few days.

The alarm of fire spread quickly and neighbors and the men of the town hurried to lend a helping hand. The dense smoke pouring out of the building told that a raging fire was within. A hasty consultation by the prominent men of the town resulted in prompt action.

There was no fire company nor water service in the town. Two sturdy pumps were close at hand ready to give all they had if worked strenuously.

The men decided to send a dispatch to Norristown for a fire company. Quickly the messenger hurried to the old Reading station and the call for help was sent.

The Norris Fire Company sent back word that they would come and bring their old Pat Lyons Hand Engine.

The men of the town did what they could pouring water on the shingle roofs of the adjoining buildings, while the fire raged below. Relays relieved the men on the roofs who lost no time in repairing to the nearest landlord for something to keep up their courage and sustain them in the hour of trial.

The announcement that the fire company from Norristown was coming cheered the people.

At Watertown, Wellington wished that night or Blucher would come. The people of the town on that exciting day wished that the firemen would come or the fire would go out.

The Norris Company lost no time in getting started. Down the Ridge Pike they came on foot, pulling the old engine with long ropes. About fifty young men and boys were running alongside the machine. A gallant young fellow on horseback, sighting the company coming through Quinn's Lane, galloped down the pike to Conshohocken, waving his hat and spreading the good news that the company was coming.

All eyes were turned up the street each one anxious to be the first one to cry, "Here they come." At last they appeared on the hill at Third

avenue. A great shout from the crowd told the joyous news.

In a few minutes they stopped in front of the blazing building. The chief and men, hardly able to talk after their long run from Norristown, inquired for the nearest fire plug. They were told we did not have any. One of our residents remembered a cistern at the rear of the site now occupied by the RECORDER BUILDING. Orders were given to push the engine up the alley, close to the cistern. Willing hands lent their aid in getting the engine there.

Quickly the old leather hose, copper riveted, was stretched out, the suction pipe lowered into the cistern and eight or ten sturdy men began to work the pumps. Alas in a few minutes the old cistern was dry. The chief of the company called for volunteers to carry water in buckets and tube from the pumps and wells. Messinger's store was cleaned out of buckets in a few minutes. The inhabitants offered their washtubs and willing hands worked the pump handles continuously. Every other man was running with a bucket either filled or empty. The tub men required more room which at this exciting time was at premium. Disastrous collisions were frequent.

At last the fire was out. The heroic firemen could rest from their labors and the towns inhabitants breathe easier. Then the generous hospitality for which the town has always been noted began.

There was nothing too good for the valiant men from Norristown. The landlord's opened wide their doors and the town officials declared that everything should be as free as the flowers of May.

The visiting firemen and those who had lent a helping hand were not slow in accepting the offer. Toasts and healths were drunk until all seemed to be enjoying poor health. The hospitality of the town, the fatigue of the forced run from Norristown and the strenuous efforts put forth in putting down the insidious enemy was too much for the gallant firemen; they sought repose and found it.

Later in the afternoon the prominent men of the town engaged a local teamster to load the weary firemen in his hay wagon tying the Old Pat Lyons on behind.

The silent procession drawn by three sturdy horses moved up the pike to Norristown.

A profitable market place is represented by the "for sale" columns of THE CONSHOHOCKEN RECORDER dependable want ads. You will find there, perhaps, the very thing you want at a big saving. Read these columns every issue.

COW WAS GIVEN IN PAYMENT FOR DAMAGES

Resident Injured at Test of Engine Made Peculiar Request.

An aged resident of Conshohocken, back in 1877 had long desired to own a cow but his finances never permitted him to realize his ambition. An accident, for which the firemen were responsible, enabled the old man to realize his ambition.

During the last week in February 1877, the firemen took the steamer to Fayette and Hector street for a test. Connection was made with a fire hydrant and the steamer was working finely. The engineer increased the pressure so high that the men manning the branch pipe lost control. An aged man was walking in Hector street on the sidewalk of the First National Bank when the hosemen lost control. The pedestrian was unable to get out of the way and was struck by the heavy stream of water thrown against the heavy grating protecting an arway at the bank building and suffered a broken arm. The engine test was halted and the firemen went to the assistance of the injured man. Dr. William McKenzie treated the man and found he had suffered a fracture of the arm and was possibly hurt internally. He advised the man be sent to the Pennsylvania hospital, in Philadelphia. This was done and the firemen paid the expense, a matter of \$1.63. Dr. McKenzie refused pay for his services and the fire company made a minimum McKenzie a vote of thanks.

The company was not to be relieved of its responsibility as the injured man made constant demands to recompense him for the damage he had sustained. He informed the firemen that he had always wanted to own a cow but could never save enough money to buy one. He said he would be satisfied to settle up his claim if the company gave him a cow. The firemen took up a collection among themselves and secured sufficient funds to purchase a cow. The animal was bought, delivered to the injured man and every one was satisfied.

THRIFTY TIPS

CARPET—After beating a carpet try rubbing it with a cloth wrung out in hot water to which has been added two tablespoons of menthylated spirit and a small piece of soap. This brings out the color and does not in any way injure the carpet.

SPOONS—Mix mustard with milk instead of water and the spoon will not get black.

LEATHER SEATS—To clean leather seats of chairs, rub lightly with a soft rag that has been dipped in warm milk. Then polish with a soft dry cloth.

BUTTER—To cut butter smoothly and cleanly, cover the knife with oiled paper.

Chemicals Used By Firemen Not Injurious to Person or Property

Contrary to a widespread opinion, the chemicals used by fire departments throughout the country have no detrimental effect on either person or property.

The mere name 'chemical' is probably responsible for the idea. But let us see of what substances the chemical is composed. In the first place, a forty-gallon tank is filled with water—just pure drinking water. To this is added pure bicarbonate of soda, the same soda that is used in thousands of homes for cooking purposes. About one pound of soda is used to forty gallons of water.

In order to obtain pressure, a receptacle is placed inside the tank, and in this receptacle there is about one pint of sulphuric acid. When the tank is needed at a fire, a lever is turned, the sulphuric acid is released, comes in contact with the solution of water and bicarbonate of soda, and creates the needed pressure. The supposition that sulphuric acid is detrimental to any article it touches is natural, but most people don't realize that one pint of acid dissolved in 320 pints of water nullifies the acid's power to harm. The residue that shows on fabrics and pieces of furniture after being dried following a soaking by chemical, gives the impression of dirt and effects. This whitish substance is merely the bicarbonate of soda and can easily be brushed off without any resulting damage.

SERGEANT CROCKER A VETERAN FIREMAN

Former Chief of George Clay Company Made Run From Norristown to West Side in 1876

Sergeant Alfred Crocker, one of the early members of the George Clay Fire Company of West Conshohocken and a former chief of that organization, was a real fire fighter when most of the older members at the present time were in swaddling clothes and too young to appreciate the real hazards of a fire. Away back in 1876, and at a time when the present motorized apparatus was yet undreamed of, Mr. Crocker was in harness as a full fledged member of the Fairmount Fire Company in Norristown. On a hot, sultry day in August of that year an early morning blaze was discovered at the lumber yard of William Davis Jr., and Company which threatened to wipe out the entire place of business. This was before the time of the Merion Worsfold mill, and the Washington Fire Company was already on the scene trying to run a line of hose from the Schuylkill river to the fire. An alarm was sent to Norristown for help and the Fairmount Company responded with their hand-drawn hose carriage. Mr. Crocker was a member of the Fairmount and answered the alarm. He assisted in

pulling the apparatus across the bridge at Norristown, through Bridgeport and Swedeland, down to West Conshohocken. It was a real endurance run, but youth and vigor prevailed and the reinforcements arrived in time to be of great aid in saving much of the valuable lumber stored in the yard.

continued to grow warmer as long as Mr. Stemple lived.

Sergeant Crocker is now well along in the seventies but is hale, hearty and well met. He will be an honor guest at the banquet this evening and will be in the line of parade tomorrow afternoon as a member of the George Clay Company, which owes much of its present success to his efforts during its early days.

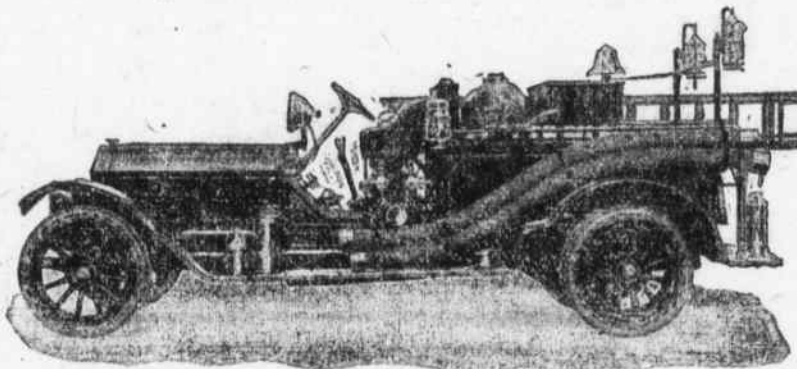
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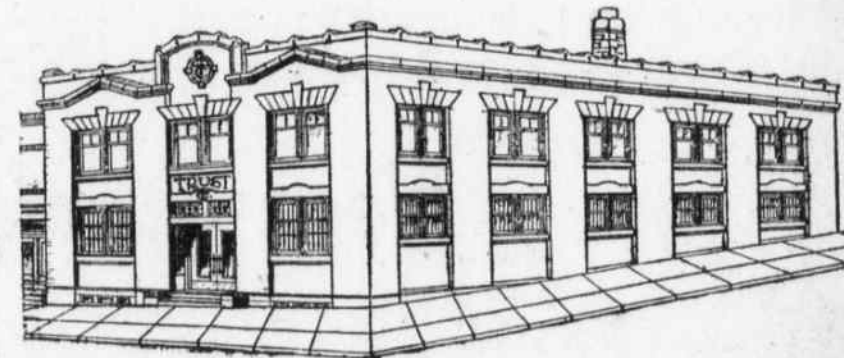
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Not since 1906—the year of the San Francisco catastrophe—has there been such a heavy fire loss in the United States as in 1923, when the total was approximately \$508,000,000. This statement was made last week at the annual meeting of the National Board of Fire Underwriters in New York. The figures were contained in the report of the Committee on Statistics and Origin of Fires.

In announcing them Harry A. Smith, President of the Board declared that despite this loss the average fire insurance rate has declined from \$1.03 per hundred in 1914 to 90 cents per \$100 for 1923.

"No country, however rich in created wealth," said the report, commenting on the figures, "can continue to support such an enormous drain on its resources. Our wealth of today will surely be affected if we do not dam this annual waste."

President Smith declared 75 per cent. of fires were preventable.

Public Must Realize the Cost

"We will not yet admit the possibility of impressing upon the public mind," he added, "that the exercise of greater care will materially reduce the preventable loss. Our path is not strewn with unsurmountable obstacles if all forces unite wholeheartedly in a nationwide movement to educate our citizens and bring home to each one a consciousness of the millions of wealth which might be saved to the American people through the reduction of the fire loss."

Embodied in the President's address was a tabulation of the fire insurance results for 1923, which showed that the members of the board, on a business of \$535,397,917 in premiums had incurred an underwriting deficit of \$25,230,009, due largely to the high loss ratio. This deficit was offset by an investment income of 42,253,226, which left a credit of 17,023,217.

The report of the Committee on

Incendiarism and Arson declared that "the moral effect of a careful, thorough and exhaustive investigation of a case of arson in any locality surely has a deterrent effect on those scurrilously inclined." The committee reported that its staff had investigated 942 suspicious losses during the year, as a result of which 412 persons had been arrested on charges of arson, or burning with intent to defraud; 268 cases were brought to trial and 193 defendants were convicted.

More Care Means Lower Rates

"It is unfortunate," said the report of the committee on Laws, "that the public cannot be influenced in the direction of laws enforcing individual liability for preventable fires. Rate questions would settle themselves. If there could be brought home to the insurance buyers of the country the very evident fact that they must pay for fire insurance whatever is required to cover an unreasonable and unnecessary loss cost, plus a moderate expense and a small profit. The public, the Legislatures and many supervising officers, are willing to devote much time and attention, and at times some denunciation, to the expense and

profit, but refuse to put the blame where it belongs, namely, upon the people who rely for protection upon insurance and ignore personal responsibility."



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