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RADNOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY
(a non-profit educational institution)
Annual Treasurer's Report

April 30, 1969

RECEIPTS

Balance cash — April 30, 1968	\$ 442.22
Dues	769.00
Contributions	1,248.01
Interest / Common Stocks	559.96
Interest / Sausser Trust	750.00
Rent	690.94
Advertising	132.50
Bulletins sold	35.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	18.80
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 \$4,646.43

DISBURSEMENTS

Stationery & Printing Expenses	\$ 263.79
Bulletins	443.00
Telephone	97.31
Insurance	299.00
Gas & Electric Service	169.85
Water & Sewer	76.44
Fuel Service	29.50
Fuel Oil	437.70
Lawn Care and Snow Removal	38.50

Borrowed Money

Interest	238.77
Principal Payments	1,300.00
	1,538.77

Repairs & Maintenance	668.01
Dues & Subscriptions	24.00
Transfer to Savings account No. 4614	29.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	33.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$4,147.87
BALANCE CASH in General Fund April 30, 1969	498.56
 TOTAL	 \$4,646.43

Additional Savings Account — \$168.29 No. 4614

Membership is open to those interested. Minimum Dues \$3.00 per annum.

Contributions to Society are deductible for Income Tax purposes.

Balance of Restoration Debt is \$2,800.00.

We need additional community support.

O. LOUIS EHMANN, JR., Treasurer.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Society's twenty-first year has brought with it a few changes. In the early part of the winter new tenants moved into the Finley House. During the autumn dead trees on the property were cut down, and two large branches on a tree at the corner of Beech Tree Lane and Bellevue Avenue were removed, as they constituted a safety hazard to motorists. More work, to improve the look of the property, will be done when possible. There has also been a change in the By-Laws of the Society regarding classes of membership. For many years there was only one type of membership, now there are four: Student \$1, Regular \$3, Contributing \$10 and Sustaining \$25. And finally, the carriage house contains, in addition to the Conestoga and Pittsburgh wagons, a Germantown carriage and a sleigh, the gifts of Miss Eleanor Curwen.

The Society has had meetings, as usual, with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts at the Finley House and has cooperated with the Delaware Co. Planning Commission. Mrs. Cummin again gave a talk on the history of the township to new teachers in the Radnor School System. And while on the subject of cooperation — Mrs. Gertrude Ware Case has been gathering notes for an article on Mr. J. Henry Askin,

builder and owner of Louella Mansion, and a benefactor of the Presbyterian Church. She would be most grateful for any information on this subject.

It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Directors that a certain amount of trespassing has been taking place on the Society's property; mostly, we believe, by children taking a short cut across the front lawn. As a result, the hedge surrounding the property has been broken through in several places, leaving large gaps. We do not wish to be unneighborly but we do want to keep the property a credit to the neighborhood. Therefore we would appreciate any help in preventing people from damaging the lawn or the hedge.

I am pleased to report that our debt has been further reduced by \$1,300, which leaves a balance in the amount of \$2,800. Total dues received from members have increased and I wish to thank the many friends of the Society who have contributed so generously.

It is with deep regret that I report the deaths, in the past year, of Mr. Herbert S. Casey, our first president, and Mr. R. Norris Williams, II, both charter members of the Society.

DOROTHY H. THERMAN

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. John Berg
Miss Eleanor Coulter
Ralph Creamer
Dr. Peter Elek
Mrs. John Flood

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Mr. Frederick J. Funk
Mrs. Frederick J. Funk
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Mrs. Henry R. Wharton

NECROLOGY

Herbert S. Casey

R. Norris Williams, II

HERBERT S. CASEY: A TRIBUTE

Herbert Stephen Casey, a director and the first President of the Radnor Historical Society, died in Bryn Mawr Hospital on January 31, 1969. He gave twenty-two years of devoted attention to the affairs of our Society.

Such a record of association with a township historical society is perhaps not unusual. What is rare is the extraordinarily happy **ambiance** which Herbert Casey created about himself and the people with whom he worked to develop the well-established organization we have today. Mr. Casey got on with people; in fact, he got on with everyone. His manner combined matter-of-factness and urbanity, the one inseparable from the other. Personal charm and antiquarian interests were expected in his job but his innate tact and old-fashioned affability were Herbert Casey's particular contributions to the Radnor Historical Society, and precious contributions they were. They eased growing pains and welded together a productive, harmonious organization.

Herbert Casey and his wife, whose family had long lived in Wayne, attended the organizing meeting of the "charter members" of the Society on November 17, 1947. On that occasion he was elected to the six-member steering committee. At the first formal meeting of the Society following its incorporation, Casey was elected a member of the Board of Directors and became the Society's President.

When our first **Bulletin** appeared in the spring of 1950, it carried Herbert S. Casey's challenging introduction and membership appeal. Casey had a feeling for people and an unconscious capacity for "public relations"; he was able to attract many new members to the Society. Once quarters were secured in the Finley house, he was particularly concerned with the improvement of the Society's library and museum, made donations to it and loaned material from his own library for the Society's exhibitions there and at the Memorial Library in Wayne.

Herbert Casey often said, jokingly, that he really belonged to Lower Merion and fell heir to his Radnor Historical Society duties "by marriage." It was in St. Mary's Church in Wayne that he was married on October 23, 1919 to Eleanor Hampton Verner, and Mr. and Mrs. Casey subsequently made their home in Villanova and Wayne.

Irrespective of the way in which his affection for Radnor Township developed, he knew its history and many of its old residents. At a meeting held in the Saturday Club on January 30, 1951, Herbert Casey gave reminiscences of his boyhood

on the Main Line and of his experiences as a book collector. He was frequently called upon to introduce speakers at meetings of the Society; sometimes the introduction was more pertinent than what followed. Casey had a lively, spirited manner of speech and his voice often rose in amused excitement as he warmed up to his subject. He gave, quite naturally, immense pleasure to his audience.

Herbert S. Casey resigned his office on June 8, 1951, becoming President Emeritus, but remained a director and gave constant counsel to his friends who succeeded him in office: Richard Foster, James Dallett, Caroline Robbins and Dorothy Therman. In 1955-1957 he served as the Society's Corresponding Secretary.

Born on December 26, 1893, at Merion, Pennsylvania, Herbert Stephen Casey was one of twin sons of Edward Augustus and Caroline Cope (Yarnall) Casey. His father, member of an old Philadelphia firm of iron merchants, came of a family which had feudal origins in Gloucestershire, where the earlier form of the name, Castsey, was corrupted into Casey. The Casey family came to New York in 1765 and Herbert Casey's grandfather moved to Philadelphia in 1820.

Through his mother, whose family left the Society of Friends for the Episcopal Church, Herbert Casey descended from Colonial stock in Pennsylvania and Mary-



HERBERT S. CASEY

land. His great-great grandfather, Thomas Pym Cope, a founder of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, owned the Black Cross Line, Philadelphia's leading pre-Civil War transatlantic packet service. A great-granduncle, Andrew Ellcott, of Baltimore, took over the plan of the city of Washington from L'Enfant and laid out the capital as we know it today. Casey's relations, the Yarnalls, Copes and Hartshornes, all had comfortable houses in the Green Hill Farms district of Lower Merion Township, near City Line, and it was there that Herbert Casey spent his early years.

It was a happy boyhood. At the 1951 meeting of the Society, Mr. Casey delighted his listeners with his recollections of the turn-of-the-century Main Line: "the honeyman dressed in white, with a basket on his head; the horse radish woman (usually a Negro), with her grinding machine; the scissors grinder, sometimes with a monkey in a red cap, and the travelling photographer, completely mysterious when he went into the black carriage with black curtains, through a trap door in the bottom, and developed his pictures with half of him in and half out of the carriage, odours of chemicals filling the air."



MR. and MRS. CASEY ENJOY A MEETING OF THE SOCIETY.

There were five brothers (one died in infancy) and a sister in the Casey family. The boys went into the city to school at Episcopal Academy and to church at St. Clement's. Herbert Casey adhered to the Anglo-Catholic liturgy and for many years he was an acolyte and a vestryman at the parish church of his maturity, the Good Shepherd, Rosemont. Mr. Casey participated in the affairs of his Diocese and when he and Mrs. Casey lived abroad was an active worshipper at St. George's Church in Paris, and at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, in London. Herbert Casey prayed; he said Grace. As a Godfather, he carried out his spiritual obligation with never-flagging affection and dedication. Churchmanship for Herbert Casey, and for his wife, was part of their being.

In World War I, Casey served with the United States Army in France, attached to Base Hospital No. 20, organized by the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. During the second World War, he joined his two sons in service, and went to Africa and to France as Field Director in the American Red Cross. He entered Paris the day after its liberation in August, 1944.

Introduced to France through his early military posting, and by an expatriate uncle who lived in Italy, Herbert Casey took his family to live in Europe in the 1930's, at Passy, near Paris. For some time he was Left Bank correspondent for the San Francisco *Argonaut*. The Caseys were thoroughly at home in both France and England and his activities and friends in the two countries gave Herbert Casey great joy. He and his wife, Eleanor, were frequently in Europe after World War II, most recently in 1963 and 1966. Few of their American friends understood the depth of their commitment to their life there.

At home on the Main Line, the Caseys lived at Okehampton, South Spring Mill Road, Villanova, a house built, appropriately, in the architectural vernacular of

the Gloucestershire Cotswolds. Their summer home was at Glenburnie, on Lake George, New York. For many years Herbert Casey was a real estate broker, associated with the Nash Realty Company of Wynnewood. With an intimate knowledge of the Main Line, never-ruffled courtesy and a sense of humour, Herbert Casey made the buying and selling of property a pleasure rather than an ordeal for hundreds of clients.

Like most antiquarians, Herbert Casey was a collector of books and manuscripts. He had been born on St. Stephen's Day, the day after Christmas, and early in his life he began to seek out "Christmas books" and *creches*. A sizeable and important collection was created, largely by personal purchase in this country and abroad. In 1955 the Ludington Memorial



Seated left to right: O. Louis Ehmann, Jr. Miss Caroline Robbins, Herbert S. Casey. Standing: Francis J. Dallett, Cheyney Smith, Mrs. G. W. Case, Mrs. P. O. Therman, Mrs. Edward W. Westhead, Robert I. Cummin, James Massey.

Library in Bryn Mawr sponsored an exhibition of the Casey Christmas Collection which was described in **The Main Line Times** of Thursday, December 8, 1955.

Our Society was Herbert Casey's chief group interest, but he participated in his earlier years in amateur theatricals with the Plays & Players, of Philadelphia, which organization he served as President. He belonged to the Art Alliance and to the Athenaeum of Philadelphia and was active in two other societies, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion (an uncle, Colonel James Seaman Casey, served with distinction in the Civil War, and, later, in frontier Indian campaigns) and the Numismatic & Antiquarian Society. This circle of collectors entertains one another at private dinner parties when a member will invite the speaker of the evening and serve as host to his fellows. When Herbert Casey conducted the evening's program, it was sheer delight to be his guest and admire the ease and charm with which he presided over his session, if embarrassing to be presented to the meeting with the warm encomiums which he bestowed upon his own guests.

A heart condition limited Mr. Casey's activities during the last nine years of his life, but he settled in happily with his books and pictures at Cassey Coombe, the

converted carriage house at 311 North Spring Mill Road, Villanova, which was his last home. His seventy-fifth birthday occurred only a month before his death. He was given a party attended by all his immediate relations and the following day sixteen members of his family went to morning service at the Church of the Good Shepherd where Herbert Casey was greeted at the door by most of the congregation. Just a week before his death he wrote enthusiastically of his hope to visit England again in the spring. His heart was tricky and could upset plans, but Herbert Casey's zest for life and his affection for his friends never diminished. He was preparing for a Florida holiday when his fatal heart attack occurred.

Herbert Casey's widow, his two sons, W. Verner and H. Stephen Casey, Jr., and his daughter Caroline, Mrs. C. Coleman McGehee, survive him, as well as eight grandchildren, two brothers, Theodore M. Casey, his twin, and Paul A. Casey, and his sister, Mrs. T. Barton Lyons. He is buried in the Yarnall family lot in the churchyard of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.

This Society owes much to Herbert Stephen Casey and is grateful for his life and for his work on our behalf.

FRANCIS JAMES DALLETT

WHEREAS

Herbert Stephen Casey, who died on January 31, 1969, was a Charter member of the Radnor Historical Society, the first President of the Society, serving in that office from 1947 to 1951, the Society's Corresponding Secretary from 1955-1957, and one of its Directors continuously from 1947 until his death,

AND WHEREAS

Through a unique combination of antiquarian knowledge, administrative talent and a warm and tactful personality, Mr. Casey welded together a productive and harmonious organization, to which he gave his unfailing support and interest for twenty-two years,

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Radnor Historical Society now make of permanent record in its Minutes an expression of gratitude for the life and work of Herbert Stephen Casey and of affection to his memory, and, further, that a copy of these paragraphs be sent to Mr. Casey's widow, with whom the Directors and members of the Society share sadness in his death.

GROWING PAINS!

The effort to incorporate Wayne as a Borough (*Digest of a study made by our Secretary, Mrs. Robert I. Cummin*)

Most non-residents and, indeed, many residents of "The Main Line," do not know that there is only one incorporated town (Narberth) between Philadelphia and Downingtown. People ask, "Do you live in Wayne (or Bryn Mawr or Berwyn or what have you)?" and the correct answer is, "There is no such place." One identifies the locale of his or her residence by the post office or railroad station that he or she customarily uses, but there is no town of Wayne or Bryn Mawr, Berwyn, etc. However, between 1894 and 1899, an attempt was made to incorporate Wayne and the following is a digest of a thorough and entertaining study of the enterprise made by our secretary, Mrs. Robert I. Cummin. Details may be found in the files of the Radnor Historical Society. (Editor's note.)

In 1894, residents of the Wayne, St. Davids area advanced the theory that incorporation as a borough might save them money and provide more services. The local government in Radnor Township consisted of a Board of Supervisors of Highways and a Board of School Directors. The recent influx of residents, following the real estate operations and developments of Messers Childs and Drexel who had established the "Wayne Estate," had created around the P.R.R. Wayne station an area more thickly settled than other portions of the Township. The paternalistic Wayne Estate provided sewage facilities and other utilities, while two civic groups, the North Wayne Protective Association and the Wayne Public Safety Association, offered police and fire protection, sidewalk clearing, street lighting, garbage and ash collection. Due to these associations meant that residents of the Wayne area paid more than those in the rest of the Township who paid only school and road taxes and received commensurately fewer services.

Pennsylvania's statutes permitted an area to become a borough (a) provided a majority of the freeholders of the district involved filed a petition with the pertinent Court of Quarter Sessions with proper newspaper notices, (b) provided a Grand Jury reported favorably to the Court, (c) provided no exceptions were filed, and (d) provided the Court directed a borough charter to be recorded. Property used primarily for farm purposes could be included in a borough only with the owner's consent. Exception might be taken by anyone affected by the incorporation.

A borough was empowered to hold property (within limits) make laws, lay out

and maintain roads and sewers, control animals, provide police protection, water and street lights, buy fire fighting equipment, borrow money and levy the following taxes:

1. one half cent (later increased to one cent) on the dollar of assessed valuation for borough purposes;
2. on dogs (no limit) for support of public libraries;
3. eight mills on fire plugs, for supplying gas, water, electricity, hose for fire engines and attachments to mains;
4. for schools (amount discretionary with the School Board).

On October 2, 1894, a Joint Committee of the North Wayne Protective Association and the Wayne Public Safety Association (South Wayne) produced a report recommending "the incorporation of Wayne as a Borough." The report was unsigned. It stated or implied the following benefits:

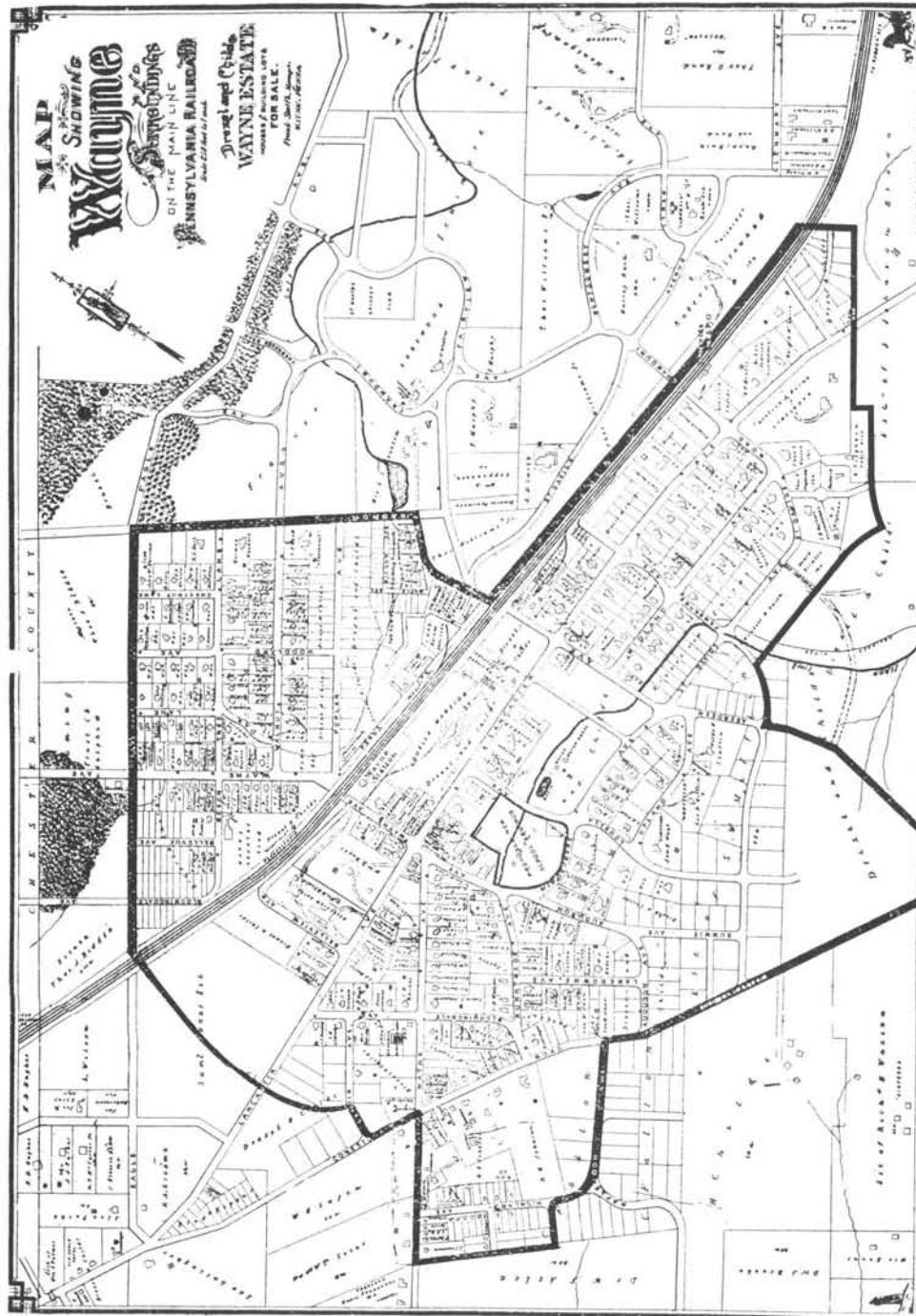
1. Wayne residents felt that they were paying more in dues and taxes than they were receiving in services;
2. Taxes, rather than membership dues, would be more likely collected;
3. Dues to the two associations were apportioned per household, so that the more affluent resident paid the same as the small and the poor;
4. Wayne roads needed more attention than the supervisors gave them;
5. Wayne schools were overcrowded and needed renovation and enlargement but the previous election had shifted the balance of power on the School Board to non-residents and it was feared that Wayne's schooling would suffer.

It was noteworthy that the Wayne Estate offered no objection to the prospect of being relieved of some of its more costly services. Indeed, they consistently supported the proposal.

But now began The Battle of the Pamphlets.

A successor committee mailed another report on June 10, 1895 and this was promptly followed by a "Minority Report" by seven gentlemen who opposed incorporation as being far too costly and who resented seeing their names included among those studying the proposal. This report was signed by: Frederick F. Hallowell, Theodore E. Wiedersheim, John P. Wood, F. W. Grayson, James Goodwin, A. W. Howell and P. S. Conrad.

The Majority quickly published a rebuttal and, this time, signed it. The names of the signatories were: Charles G. Blatchley, Waldo M. Claflin, John H. Freeman,



The Black Lines drawn in this Map is the proposed Boundary of Borough.

Thomas H. Phillips, C. B. Stilwell, R. C. Ware, John H. Watt, F. Weckerly, Herman Wendell and T. S. Wood.

Counter arguments now followed counter arguments, with — as might be expected — increasing acrimony. We need not go into the details here but, in general, the two camps contended along the following lines:

1. The Majority report defined Wayne as bounded by Radnor Street Road, Aberdeen Avenue, east along the P.R.R. tracks to a point east of St. Davids Station, an irregular line to Pembroke Avenue, thence to Aberdeen, Aberdeen to Conestoga Road, to Maplewood, to Highland, to the northern boundary of Dr. Atlee's land, to Wayne Avenue, to Conestoga, to Lenoir, to Lancaster Avenue, to Eagle Road, to Radnor Street Road; 900 acres in all, with property assessed at \$900,000.

The Committee advocated accepting the Wayne Estate's offer of land at Windermere, Audubon and Louella Avenues for a new school building and borrowing \$50,000 to finance the costs.

The Committee admitted that the project would require that taxes be increased by \$18.75 per property but contended that this was a matter of secondary importance. Incorporation as a borough would awaken and foster "a spirit of enthusiasm in the administration of our public affairs; a species of local pride which is an inestimable blessing to every community that is so fortunate as to possess it." The new school building would "awaken the pride and enthusiasm of every citizen of Wayne and challenge recognition elsewhere."

2. The Minority report, after suggesting that the borough bounds be moved to the Township Lines, denounced the Majority's figures as being impossibly low. Furthermore, the existence of a borough would persuade the Wayne Estate to abandon sewage services, which would force still another new cost upon the citizens.

The Minority perceived the school discussion as "an affront to the administration and principal of the fine Wayne Public School. The proposed new building was unnecessary and would turn the Wayne School into another William Penn Charter, which was spending \$150 per pupil per year, seven times what was being spent in Wayne. Wayne High School graduates with a specified average were certified for entrance to Bryn Mawr College and the University of Pennsylvania and this sufficed.

These reports and counter-reports finally resulted in the following legal action:

1. In November 1896, a petition for the proposed borough was filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions by a majority of freeholders;

2. Thomas B. Jones, Anna Jones and W. H. Sayen took exception to this petition as it included their lands which they considered to be agricultural;

3. On December 10, 1896, the Court appointed Orlando Harvey as Master to take testimony and report to the Court by March 1, 1897;

4. Instead of three months, Mr. Harvey took twenty-two, filing his report on December 28, 1898;

5. On January 11, 1899, the Court accepted Harvey's report, ordered counsel to draw a decree of incorporation for court approval and assigned the costs of action to the new borough;

6. February 19, 1899, Counsel for the exceptants appealed to the Supreme Court, the appeal to be heard in the October 1899 term;

7. In June, 1899, the Master filed a bill for his costs of \$1,033.25 and stenographic costs of \$388;

8. The Court thereupon notified the original petitioners directing them to pay the costs. CONSTERNATION REIGNED IN WAYNE. Appeal was taken on numerous grounds.

10. The Court refused to hear testimony on most of these points but reduced the Master's fee to \$750. They must look to the borough for this.

11. J. S. Freeman, counsel for the appellants, then charged the Court with misconduct.

In the meanwhile, roads were neglected and no new school was built. From then on, the facts are obscure but it is certain that the petitioners were never reimbursed by the borough because the borough never existed. However, these discussions did result in the First Class Township Code which gave local government the powers to provide the services desired by Wayne and, by districting townships by population, gave Wayne sufficient representation on a Board of Commissioners to assure attention to its needs. It did not solve the school problem.

Throughout this five-year hassle, there is no record of anyone having urged or commented upon the permissible borough tax on dogs to support a local library.

EXCERPTS FROM THE ADDRESS OF MR. ROBERT C. LEA, JR., ON RADNOR OPEN SPACE PROGRAM

before the Radnor Historical Society Annual Meeting
May 26, 1968

Editor's note: Although programs are purposeful projections into the future rather than perpetuations of the past and therefore not history, our Society feels that without a planned program of open spaces much of our historical heritage will eventually be smothered or lost entirely. Accordingly, the Society invited Mr. Robert C. Lea, Jr., of Atlee Road, Wayne, to address its members on the Radnor Space Program (an example of purposeful history), of which he has been a leading proponent. Following is a paraphrase of Mr. Lea's remarks, which were not recorded.

In Radnor Township, land used for commercial and industrial purposes increased by 66% between 1953 and 1960 and by 50% between 1960 and 1967. In the same period, institutional and governmental usage increased 4.6% and 18% respectively; whereas lots of 3 acres or more went down by 10.6% and 25.75% respectively and lots of 1/7th of an acre or less went up 15.45% and 97% respectively. It has become obvious that, at this rate, there soon would be no open space left in Radnor.

In the early 1920s, the State Legislature passed legislation permitting First Class Townships (a) to establish Park and Recreation Boards, (b) to establish zoning, (c) to establish Planning Commissions and subdivision ordinances, and (d) allowing Counties to purchase easements. The people of Radnor Township passed a \$900,000.00 bond issue authorization and landowners co-operated in establishing five and two-acre zoning regulations; all in an effort to keep Radnor green.

The Radnor Commissioners have (a) bought the Rosemont Park in 1958, (b) bought the Rocco Odorisio Park in 1962, (c) bought the South Devon Field in 1965, (d) bought 22 acres near the Township building in 1965, and (e) have accepted 30 acres along the Darby Creek from developers.

However, Open Space, as such, is still the province of the Open Space Committee. Playgrounds are not its field, although long stretches of open land facilitate access to them, as witness the Wissahickon Creek area in Fairmount Park.

There are three ways of preserving open space; (1) zoning, which is never more than a temporary expedient, (2) private maintenance and (3) Public Acquisition.

Private maintenance has all the virtues of open space except public access. The Mill Creek Valley Conservation Agreement between the landowners and the Township is an example of a successful compromise. In this case, the Township agreed not to build roads through the area. Where the area is still residential and there is no public use nor highway, this is probably not too useful an arrangement. Furthermore, there is no tax advantage to the owners.

Public acquisition by purchase is usually too costly. The most successful method of Public Acquisition is by donations. Here, the donor is not without compensation, for he or she escapes a transfer tax, pays no local taxes and earns a Federal Tax deduction; and may, by the terms of his grant, continue to occupy the land as Life Tenant. In the case of the Montgomery-Scott grant to Radnor Township of nearly 100 acres along Darby and Little Darby Creeks, the donors graciously consented to defer any payment therefore until the Township has the money.

Such donations may designate a specific purpose for the use of the land; such as nature walks, arboretum, bird and wildlife sanctuary, hospitals and other institutions, and the deed may contain restrictions insuring such use.

Lea optimistically looks forward to the possibility of the Montgomery-Scott grant proving contagious to the extent that, some day, the entire Little Darby Creek basin may become open land, from the Mill Dam Club on down to the lower end of the Ardrossan grant; and pointed out the beginning of what may eventually become even larger areas in the recent acquisition of the Waterloo Mill land by the Academy of Natural Sciences and in the Valley Forge Military Academy, Eastern Baptist College, Denbigh complex properties along Gulph Creek.

There is, however, a great need for local committees who will propose and carry through negotiations for the acquisition of open land, wherever opportunity or possibility arises.

PROFESSOR CARL LINDBORG

March 27, 1969 at eight p.m. the Radnor Historical Society met to hear Professor Carl Lindborg of Eastern Baptist College describe "Masterpieces of Early American Furniture and Silver." Handsome slides in color illustrated the lecture.

Professor Lindborg covered this subject from the seventeenth century colonization to the era of mass production, pointing out that American styles followed those of Europe although here subtly changed to appear more simple and more austere.

He mentioned the varying styles of furniture — Jacobean, William and Mary, Queen Anne, Chippendale, Hepplewhite, and Sheraton, calling Benjamin Randolph of Philadelphia the finest woodcarver of his day and Duncan Phyfe the first indigenous United States craftsman.

The speaker emphasized the similarity of design in the arts of any one period, pointing to the "balcony" around a silver tea caddy which resembled the balconies on contemporary houses, calling Chippendale carving "sculpture in wood," and showing that the shells and scrolls adorning furniture could also be seen on houses and on silver.

His pictures were superb, from the unicorn Pennsylvania Dutch chest to the Philadelphia highboy (a purely American form), from the Windsor chair with its "biomorphic saddle seat" to the Queen Anne side chair with its identifying stretchers.

Mr. Lindborg also mentioned prices associated with specific pieces of furniture and silver, commenting on the recent rise in price of American antiques of fine quality.



Known as the Howe Highboy, this piece represents the finest extant Philadelphia Chippendale Highboy, circa 1770. The richly carved drawer depicting a fox reaching for grapes is unique except for the same theme on a matching lowboy. Vine-carved corners, pediment car-touches and scroll arches are unexcelled in the art of carving. Original pierced brasses add decorative beauty and the large, full ball and claw feet, so characteristic of Philadelphia craftsmanship, amply support the finely proportioned mass above. The wood is primeval Santo Domingo mahogany, finely figured in the drawer fronts.

— Philadelphia Art Museum

CHARLES MORRIS YOUNG

February 11, 1969 Mrs. Brinton Coxe Young addressed the Radnor Historical Society in the Community Room of the General Wayne Savings and Loan Association at eight p.m. on the subject of her father-in-law, Charles Morris Young.

Mr. Young was born in Gettysburg, retaining through a long life some idea of the values of the self-sufficiency (perforce) of farm life. The environs of the family farm instilled in him a feeling for history, and the countryside a love of nature. At twenty-one Mr. Young entered the Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia. Thereafter his main interests lay in the field of art. He painted for many years in France, his outlook on painting influenced by the Impressionists. In this country he painted seascapes along the Maine coast and, in later years, scenes of his native Pennsylvania.

For many years Mr. Young lived in Radnor on Hare's Lane. Known locally for his Chester and Delaware County landscapes strewn with horses, hunters, and hounds, rather than his sea pictures, he meticulously depicted specific horses, specific hounds, and specific riders. One would-be buyer of a large canvas refused, eventually, to take title to it because of disdain for one completely reecognizable huntsman who appeared in it.

An ardent golfer who spent much time at the St. Davids Golf Course, Mr. Young used to confound fellow members by calling himself the "Constable" of Radnor Township. He referred to a telephone as the "Damn Bell sans Merci," christened his golf balls "Franklin Delano Roosevelt" that he might enjoy hitting them harder, declared that trust companies bought shirts and had them stuffed to man their branches, and expressed the wish that he might die shot by a jealous husband.

When he was ninety-three his house and lifetime possessions were destroyed by fire. Undaunted, he moved into the carriage house nearby and set about to recreate some of the lost paintings. His son, Christopher Young, who had been producing a motion picture based on his father's paintings, revised the work to show not only the pictures but the courage and character of the then old man who refused to give in to vicissitude but continued to "create the definite out of the indefinite" as Charles Morris Young defined the art of painting.

This color motion picture, "Nature Is My Mistress" (another phrase of Mr. Young's), was also shown to the Society with narration by Mrs. Brinton Coxe Young.

A Partial Listing (Nos. 1 to 100 incl.) of Telephone Numbers in the Wayne Directory of The DELAWARE AND ATLANTIC TELEPHONE CO.

1907 - 1909

Compiled as a matter of possible interest and for the Records of the Radnor Historical Society, Wayne, Pa.

by Charles E. Alexander

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"DELAWARE AND ATLANTIC TELEPHONE CO."

1907 - 1909

Wayne Directory
"Pre-Dial Era"

Number

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| 1 | Charles Custis Harrison, Devon.
(Provost, University of Penna.) |
| 2* | Dr. E. C. Dingley, Lancaster Ave.
James F. Kromer & Sons, Livery & Boarding Stable. Lanc. & Aberdeen |
| 3 | Irving Leighton, Merchant Tailor, Lancaster and Wayne Aves. |
| 4 | Thomas H. Phillips, 414 Midland Ave. |
| 5 | I. Walter Conner, Coal, Lumber and Feed |
| 6 | Pennsylvania Railroad, Wayne Passenger Station |
| 7 | C. A. Lobb & Son, Coal and Lumber, Devon |
| 8 | Wm. H. Arrott, Fairview Ave., St. Davids |
| 8-A | Richard Slaughter, Mt. Pleasant Ave. (Employed by John P. Wood) |
| 9-D | C. A. Lobb & Sons |
| 9-A | J. W. Reavey, Undertaker, Lancaster Ave., Strafford |
| 10 | T. T. Worral & Son, Grocers, 124 East Lancaster Ave. |
| 11 | Merion and Radnor Gas & Electric Co. Works, Pennsylvania Ave. |
| 12 | Dr. George Miles Wells, 114 Walnut Ave. ("The Beloved Physician") |
| 13 | J.S.L. Alexander, 224 Midland Ave. |
| 14 | D. D. Hancii, Grocer, Lancaster Ave. |
| 15 | Charles S. Walton, St. Davids |
| 16 | Wayne Title and Trust Co. |

17-A	Radnor School District, Radnor Station	50	John L. Mather (Superintendent, Merion & Radnor Gas & Electric Co.)
17-D	Robert Torpey, Radnor Livery Stable, King of Prussia & St. Davids Rds.	51	James W. Paul, Eagle Rd.
18	L.D. Maltby, 438 East Lancaster Ave., St. Davids	52-A	Rosario Travaglini, Barber, 238 East Lancaster Ave.
19	St. Davids Golf Club	53-A	Pennsylvania Railroad, St. Davids Station
20	Wendell and Treat, Mgrs., Wayne Estate, 107 North Wayne Ave.	53-D	P.R.R. St. Davids Station "Shelter Shed"
21	James Long, 431 Midland Ave., St. Davids	54	Robert M. Girvin, 408 Midland Ave.
22-D	Mrs. Thomas Leaming, Eagle Rd.	55-A	Howard S. Kromer, St. Davids Hack & Express, 108 Aberdeen Ave.
23	Herman Wendell, 233 Walnut Ave.	56-A	Samuel F. Tull, St. Davids Rd.
24	William J. Nichols, 427 East Lancaster Ave.	56-D	John R. Miles, St. Davids Court
25	Samuel Eckert, East Waterloo Rd., Devon	57	William W. Hearne, 124 West Lancaster Ave.
26	L.K. Burkett & Bro., Coal & Feed	58	William W. Montgomery, Belrose Lane, Radnor
27	Charles H. Stewart, St. Davids Ave.	59	Murdock Kendrick, Strafford Ave. and Gulf Rd.
28	R.D. Weaver, Grocer, West Wayne Ave. & Conestoga Rd.	60	McCarter and Richards, Real Estate, Wayne Title and Trust Bldg.
29	Charles E. Coxe, Fairview Ave.	61	P.L. Spaulding, Strafford
30-D	William F. Cullanan, Meats and Provisions, 102 N. Wayne Ave.	62	W. Barclie Henry, Radnor
31	Fred H. Treat, Louella Ave.	63	Louella Mansion, Harriet C. Armitage
32	John A. Brown, Devon	64-L	Elliot Bard, 135 Runnymede Ave.
33	Walter C. Browning, Gulf Rd., Strafford	65	Dr. C.D. Smedley, 132 East Lancaster Ave.
34-A	H.M. Scofield, 121 Poplar Ave.	66	Ledyard Heckscher, King of Prussia Rd.
34-D	A. VonBernuth, 134 Walnut Ave.	67-A	Joseph Jeanes, 314 Louella Ave.
35	G. W. Bergner, St. Davids Rd.	67-D	W. H. Badger, 211 Windermere Ave.
36	W.H. Cornog, General Mdse., Ithan	68	William B. Riley, 210 Pembroke Ave.
37	Electric Light Plant	69	Thomas Newhall, St. Davids Rd.
38	Mrs. Guy Phelps Dodge, St. Davids Court	70	Walter Erben, Radnor Rd., Radnor
39-A	C. Emory McMichael, Valley Rd., Devon	71	George W. Chapin, St. Davids (No Listing Found)
39-D	Rev. James H. Lamb, St. Davids Rectory, Devon	72	Frederick W. Schmidt, Belrose Lane, Radnor
40	Mrs. Alvin A. Parker, Strafford Ave., Strafford	73	A.L. Weadley, 239 East Lancaster Ave.
41	Mrs. Caroline R. Reed, Pembroke and Louella Aves.	74-L	Ettingham Bros., Florists, Aberdeen Ave. and R.R.
42	Mrs. W. K. Brown, 132 Beechtree Lane	74-W	The Wayne Garage, Lancaster Ave.
43	Henry Whelen, Jr., Dorset Rd., Devon	74-X	Millard H. Croll, St. Davids
44	Dr. G.L.S. Jameson, Lancaster Ave., St. Davids	75-A	James W. Cooper, 124 West Wayne Ave.
45	Wayne Iron Works, Lancaster Ave. & R.R.	76-D	Rev. John Miller, 113 Runnymede Ave.
46	William E. Helms, Lancaster Ave., St. Davids	77-A	Pennsylvania Railroad, Wayne Freight Station
47	Merion & Radnor Gas and Electric Co. Office, 102 N. Wayne Ave.	77-D	P.R.R. Wayne Station Shelter Shed
48	John P. Wood (Col., 1st Penna. Cavalry Regt., Penna. Nat'l Guard)	78	J.M. Fronefield, Druggist, Lancaster and Wayne Aves.
49 D	John H. Duval (Major, U.S. Army, Retired)	79-A	Henry Finney, Pembroke and Aberdeen Aves.
49-A	W. Allen Barr, 419 North Wayne Ave.	79-D	H. K. Mulford, Pembroke Ave. (Founder, H. K. Mulford, Inc., Glenolden)

80-A	Pennsylvania Railroad, Strafford Station	96	Adolph Gosling, Pembroke and Midland Aves.
80-D	P.R.R. Strafford Station Shelter Shed	97	Mrs. M. E. Kinsey, 428 Midland Ave.
81	C. S. Eldridge, Belrose Lane, Radnor	98	Radnor Cricket Club, 116 Beechtree Lane
82	R. A. Poth, Chamounix Ave., St. Davids	99	Charles Howson, 401 Woodland Ave.
83	W.D. Barnard, St. Davids	100	H.C. Hadley, Druggist, Lancaster Ave. (The Telephone Exchange was, for many years, located on the second floor of this bldg.)
84	Rev. James F. O'Keefe, St. Katherine's Rectory		
85-L	Wm. H. Menagh, Meats and Groceries, Poplar and Penna. Aves.		
86	Joseph H. Childs, Jr., Conestoga Rd.		
87	Dr. Robert P. Elmer, 101 Runnymede Ave. (Author and World Authority on "Archery"; 8 times U.S. National Champion)		
88-A	W.K. Hawkes, "Willola," Eagle Rd., St. Davids		
89-A	Dr. Clarence W. Lincoln, 214 E. Lancaster Ave. (Radnor School's Doctor)		
90-D	Walter Whetstone, 425 Woodland Ave.		
90-X	Marcus I. Brock, 415 Woodland Ave.		
91-A	Chas. C. Shoemaker, 421 Midland Ave. (Pres., Penn Publishing Co.)		
91-D	Clarence K. Underhill, 414 East Lancaster Ave.		
92-A	Pennsylvania Railroad, Radnor Station		
92-D	Theodore E. Wiedersheim, Chamounix Rd., St. Davids		
93-A	Dr. Joseph C. Egbert, 115 N. Wayne Ave. ("School Doctor," St. Lukes School)		
94-A	N. T. Folwell, Valley Rd., Strafford		
94-X	Emmot K. Hare, Valley Rd., Strafford		
95-A	R. H. Johnson Co., Contractors, Conestoga Rd.		

Notes:

* The duplicate listing of Number "2" appears in three successive issues of the Directory. Possibly it was a 2-party line and the Directory failed to include the separate "letters." No doubt it created some confusion! The number was later assigned to Mr. Nathan Hayward, of the Bell Telephone Co..

When the Dial System was installed, subscribers with two-digit numbers retained them with the prefix "45"; those with three digits had the prefix "0" added. Thus, the Harrison's number became 4501 and Hadley's became 0100.

There was no listing of the Radnor Twp. Police**

(The party listed under "13" was no relative of the compiler of this tabulation; in fact, I never heard of him before!! The number of Wm. V. Alexander, 418 Chestnut Lane, was the unimpressive "429-W." Although classified as a 2-Party line, we enjoyed complete privacy until some time in the "20's." When notified that another party would be added, we obtained Number 576.)

C.E.A.
1-28-69



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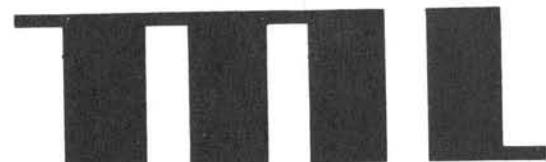
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