



Palmyra: Then and Now



The oldest house still standing in Palmyra is the one now occupied by John Snell, southeast of the railroad tracks on Broad street. It is the second house built in Palmyra. There is a tradition of one house antedating this, but it has long since been torn down. It was occupied by one Samson Tillner, a colored man who operated a distillery. The oldest house now standing was built by Charles Wilson, nearly a hundred years ago, who occupied it with his wife and family until his death. After Wilson's death his widow became Mrs. Hazelton, by which name she is still remembered by the older residents of the neighborhood. Mrs. Emma R. Ever, mother of Mrs. Frank Windish, was a daughter of Mrs. Hazelton, and was born in that house. In these early days the nearest store was at Westfield, conducted by Nathan Thorne, who exchanged groceries for eggs at 12 cents a dozen, and butter at 12 cents a pound. The neighborhood doctor lived at Moorestown. Some years later Nicholas Toy, one of the oldest residents of Palmyra, opened a store where John P. Saar now has his barber shop. The stock carried was worth about \$10. He was the father of three children, Charles, Isaiah and Caroline. Charles Toy, recently deceased, was the first white child born in Palmyra. Isaiah Toy, also deceased, built the house where Gus. Mohrman now lives, and kept a store there. Sturgeon oil at that time was worth 10 cents a gallon, and stewing meat 3 cents a pound. About 1865 he applied to the Government for a postoffice, which was granted. In those days Palmyra was known as Texas, and the railroad station was only a platform covered by a roof supported by six posts. There was a small house close by, however, where passengers waited in stormy weather. The fare to Philadelphia was 25 cents. Toy did not like the name Texas for a town that had aspired to the dignity of a postoffice, and changed it to Palmyra, a name suggested by his sister, Caroline. He induced the railroad company to change it on their tickets, which he was able to do through his father being a heavy stockholder. The postoffice had one mail a day. The present postmaster is Arthur Winner, who succeeded George N. Wimer in 1907. The Palmyra postoffice now enjoys the same excellent mail schedule that prevails all along this line, and has one rural delivery route.

The first hotel in Palmyra was kept by Len Larkins on the site now occupied by Levis H. Wallace's hotel. Larkins conducted a butcher shop and bakery in connection with his hostelry.

Calamity howlers on the tax question today can point with significance to the fact that in these early days the average farmer paid \$10 or \$12 a year, and a single man was taxed 50 cents.

The Camden and Amboy Railroad was chartered by the Legislature of New Jersey in the winter of 1832-3, and its construction was begun at Bordentown, working towards Camden, and that part of the road was completed in 1834. In the early use of this railroad the authorities requested that the teacher at the old brick schoolhouse, between Riverton and Palmyra, now gone, should hold the pupils in the schoolhouse while the trains passed, as they, the pupils, would interfere with the cars. Trains were few at that time. The first addition to Palmyra was

projected by William F. Morgan several years ago when he dedicated his field next the railroad station to the purposes of lots and residences. After he had got the plan made he became a little shaky and requested some of his friends to aid him in procuring purchasers, saying he felt that he had an elephant on his hands; while really that field of lots were disposed of in a very short time. Later came the Joseph Morgan plat; the Hovey-Blackburn plat; the Charles E. Price, and the Bartlett plats; and at Riverton the Edward Lippincott, the Thomas Brothers, and the Cook plats; the Charles E. Price plat at East Riverton, and the J. Lawrence Lippincott plat also at Riverton.

Sixty years ago freighting facilities by rail were very limited, and five farmers in the neighborhood shipped their produce on a boat carrying a hundred baskets. At that time one wagon load of good corn from ten acres of land was considered a good yield.

Palmyra was a part of Cinnaminson Township until 1894, when it was created a township by itself by Assembly Bill No. 229, introduced by Mr. Stecher March 26. The bill was passed by the Senate and General Assembly and became a law on April 19 of that year by the signature of Governor George S. Werts.

A meeting was held in Society Hall on April 25, 1894, called by R. Lowber Temple and James Hartley, members of the Township Committee of Cinnaminson Township, for the purpose of organizing the township. Frank W. Smith was made clerk; Henry Kerswell was elected a member of the committee of which Mr. Temple was elected chairman. He made the following appointments:

Assessor, F. Blackburn; Collector, William B. Strong; Commissioner of Appeals, Joseph Morgan; Surveyor of Highways, Charles Hall; Township Physician, Lewis L. Sharp, M.D.; Township Attorney, Thomas E. French; Township Treasurer, W. B. Strong.

These officers served until March 18, 1895, when the Township Committee organized with R. Lowber Temple, chairman; James E. Russell, Henry Kerswell, as a township committee; Frank W. Smith, clerk. Appointments were made as above with the addition of James J. Tomes as night officer.

There was no change in the personnel of the Township Committee until March 21, 1899, when Joseph A. Davis succeeded Henry Kerswell as a member.

On March 24, 1900, the committee organized with James E. Russell, chairman; Joseph A. Davis and Frank W. Smith, members; John G. Horner, solicitor; and Winfield S. Ayres, clerk.

On March 20, 1907, Mr. Ayres resigning, was succeeded by A. N. Stewart. The present officers of the township are as follows:

Chairman, James E. Russell; Township Committee, A. H. Hodson, H. Parker Hurff; Clerk, A. N. Stewart; Assessor, F. Blackburn; Collector, William B. Strong; Treasurer, Antone M. Beckenbach; Solicitor, Arnold J. Beckenbach; Physician, L. L. Sharp, M.D.

Since the formation of the township, a grade has been

established, upward of \$60,000 worth of sidewalks and curb constructed, gas and electric lights have been introduced, and safety gates have been constructed at the railroad crossing. These gates were the result of a suit brought against the company by the Township Committee, following the passage of a bill by the Legislature requiring railroad companies to erect gates where they were shown to be necessary. The litigation was stretched out over a period of four years, but the township finally won. Palmyra now has a population of 3,000.

PALMYRA PUBLIC SCHOOL.

It is said that the little brick building in which school was first held in this neighborhood was built in 1822, and it is certain that it was moved a few feet from its former location in 1833 to make room for the railroad. It is also said that the first teacher was one Spicer Rudderow. Besides this very little is known of the progress of educational interests in what is now the township of Palmyra, until 1865, when ground was purchased on what is now Cinnaminson avenue, and a one-story brick building erected to accommodate eighty pupils. The School Board at that time was composed of Charles Lowden, John S. Morgan and John Wallace. It was a grand affair in its day, and was looked upon with much pride by the early residents. Some of that same feeling, surviving in the memories of a few of the older residents of Palmyra, prevented its destruction recently, when it was proposed to put up a fine new building for school purposes, and it was desired to tear down the old brick house to make room for it on the same ground with the other more modern building erected in 1895. So fast did the attendance increase that in 1877 an addition was made to the original building at a cost of \$1,200. It was on April 3, of that year, at the public school meeting, that the Board of Education was authorized to make the addition, and John S. Morgan and Isaac Evald were appointed a committee to act with the School Board as a building committee. Of the sixty-one voters present, forty-eight favored the project and thirteen were against it.

On April 14, 1886, the Board was authorized by unanimous vote of the sixty-three citizens present at the meeting to add a second story to the original building at a cost of \$3,000. The bonds were issued for twelve years, payable \$250 annually, at 5 per cent.

Next came the West Palmyra School in 1900, which was erected at a cost of \$1,500 for lot and building. This building was authorized by the unanimous vote of a meeting at which thirteen were present. The money was borrowed for three years, \$500 to be paid annually.

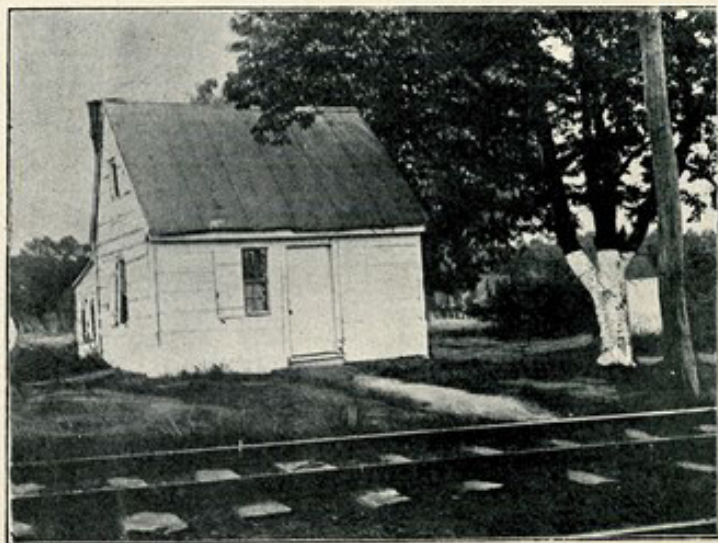
In August, 1895, a contract was made for the erection of an eight-room brick school building, on the same site with the old building. The cost of this plant, including furniture and the purchase of a property adjoining the West Palmyra School, was \$12,000. The bonds were issued to be paid off \$1000 yearly, and the last will be canceled October 1, 1910. Louis F. Lowden was the successful bidder on this work.

The latest addition to the educational plant in Palmyra is the fine ten-room building now nearly finished on Delaware avenue, which will cost, complete, between \$34,000 and \$35,000. It will be thoroughly up-to-date in every respect in accordance with the requirements of the State Board of Education. On the third floor will be an auditorium with a seating capacity of six hundred. The bonds for this building will mature as follows: \$500 in 1910, \$500 in 1911, and \$1,000 yearly thereafter until they have all been canceled. In matters of educational facilities Palmyra has always been well in the front, and much of her growth and development may be attributed to the advantages she has extended to newcomers along these lines.

High School work was started in Berkeley Hall in 1907. The building has seven rooms and accommodates one hundred and ten pupils.

The present corps of teachers is composed of A. S. Griffith, principal; Miss Dessa C. Ebbert, Miss Lola S. Hitch, Miss Martha K. Henriksen, Miss Vera M. Brower and Miss Mary A. Waesche for the High School, and the following in the grammar school: Miss Tacy V. Edmonds, Miss Annie E. Marrs, Miss Mary E. Patterson, Miss H. Augusta Edmonds, Miss Bertha A. Weeks, Miss Mary Bucher, Mrs. Grace G. Wilson, Miss Hazel Windisch, Miss Ethel Morton, Miss Elsie M. Keil, Miss Helen Barry, Miss Eugenie Nichols. Kindergarten, Miss Annetta Myers; West Palmyra, Miss Myra Nelson Rohr.

The present School Board is made up as follows: President, H. P. Hurff; vice-president, William C. Strang; Elias Morgan, W. A. Donaghy, Dr. C. S. Voorhis, Dr. L. L. Sharp, Thomas J. Prickett, Joseph Hemple, C. C. Hutchison; F. S. Day, district clerk



*Oldest House
in Palmyra.*

*Built nearly a
century ago, it was
the second to be
erected in this
vicinity. It has
recently been repaired
and repainted and is
still in excellent
condition*



Railroad Station at
Palmyra, N. J., once known
as Texas

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THE UNION LEAGUE.

The Union League of Palmyra is the only prominent Republican club in Burlington County, and, in fact, is the only political club now in existence between the cities of Trenton and Camden. This club will celebrate the seventeenth anniversary of its continued existence during the present month, and very few of those present at its inception are actively interested in politics at the present time.

In November, 1892, the Republican party in the State and nation received a serious setback in the election of Grover Cleveland for President over Benjamin Harrison, and the election of George T. Werts, as Governor, over John Kean. The party was in a state of demoralization and the active Republicans of Palmyra and Riverton conceived the idea of starting an organization which would tend to solidify the party and put it in shape locally to regain the ground which had been lost.

In December a preliminary meeting was called at the residence of Alfred J. Briggs, in Riverton, and constitution and by-laws adopted for a Republican club of the two towns to be known as the "Union League of Palmyra and Riverton." This club has never taken part in local politics, as the constitution forbids anything of the kind, and also expressly states that "it is not the province of this club to make a ticket for county offices, but to see that such ticket is elected, if possible, after having been made." Rooms for the club were secured in the Read Building, over Zerman's store, and it was continued there until the fire a few years ago, when they changed to the rooms on the other side of the building over Childs' store, and is still located in that place.

Many of the original members have died, some have moved away and seventeen years has made a great difference in the membership. The original president was Alfred J. Briggs, and the secretary, Frank W. Smith, both of whom have passed away. The only survivors of the original organization are now William H. Spayd and George N. Wimer.

The present officers of the club are: President, William C. Strang; vice-presidents, James E. Russell and George N. Wimer; secretary, William Westney; treasurer, Albert H. Hodson. While party lines are not as binding as they were seventeen years ago when the club

was first started, yet there are quite a number of stalwart Republicans who swear continued fealty to the club and take a sentimental pride in keeping it alive, although political clubs do not thrive in small communities as they did at one time.

COVENANT LODGE NO. 161, F. & A. M.

A number of Masons in this vicinity, belonging to lodges in Merchantville and Philadelphia, had for a long time felt the desirability of having a lodge home more conveniently located, and began to consider the feasibility of organizing one in Palmyra. The agitation bore fruit in the year 1888, when Covenant Lodge No. 161 was instituted on February 24, with eighteen members.

It was M. M. Reese who suggested the name by which the Lodge is known. C. C. Rianhard was the first one to become a Mason through this lodge. The original officers were: Edward H. Pancoast, Joseph M. Roberts, Thomas McGinley, John S. Scheidell, O. H. Mattis, Joel Horner, Jr., Louis Corner, William F. May, George W. Brown, Charles E. Price, Joseph L. Thomas, Sr., William H. Faunce, W. W. Austin and M. M. Reese. The other original members were: Dr. H. B. Hall, John A. Jackson, Jacob D. Eisle and Edwin N. Stager.

The membership now numbers 114, and the present officers are: Worshipful master, Eugene L. Smith; senior warden, William A. Donaghy; junior warden, Benjamin F. Moore; treasurer, Edward H. Pancoast, P. M.; secretary, Ogden H. Mattis; chaplain, James Forrester; senior deacon, Joseph H. Abdill; junior deacon, George I. Harvey; S. M. of C., Otto P. Becker; J. M. of C., Fred P. Hemphill; senior steward, Clarence H. Shreve; junior steward, George R. Pancoast; marshal, James T. Weart, P. M.; tyler, Jacob Eckstein; organist, Charles S. Voorhis, P. M.; trustees: J. Frank Clark, P. M.; James T. Weart, P. M.; and William S. C. Roray, P. M.

A Colorado editor wanted to announce that church attendants on the following Sabbath would be permitted to inspect the "most beautiful stained glass windows in the West." The printer made it read "the most beautiful, stunning grass widows," and before the singing of the first hymn the next Sunday the sexton found it necessary to hang out the S. R. O. sign.—*Aurora, (Ill.) Beacon.*



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*Cinnamon
Avenue, Palmyra,
showing fine
trees and
attractive
residences*

PATRIOTIC ORDER SONS OF AMERICA.

One of the most successful lodges in this vicinity, and probably in the State of New Jersey, is Washington Camp No. 23, of Palmyra.

This Camp was organized through the efforts of State Organizer Samuel Davis, of Trenton, N. J., in Morgan Hall, May 15, 1893, with twenty-seven charter members.

The first officers were as follows: Past president, George N. Wimer; president, Samuel Thompson, Jr.; vice-president, George C. Wenzell; master of forms, Augustus Wagner; recording secretary, Charles C. Reinhart; financial secretary, George Seel, Sr.; treasurer, John Hinkle; guard, Elias Morgan; chaplain, Joseph H. Gest; sentinels: Edw. B. Day and H. P. Grisell; trustees: George C. Wenzell, L. Anderson and George N. Wimer.

From its very institution this Camp, with its good officers and the hustling spirit of its early members, began to grow and has continued to grow, making each year's work better, numerically and financially, until today it numbers 566 members and the present worth is \$11,254.53. Its membership includes many of the foremost men of this vicinity.

The beneficial feature of this lodge has been of great help to many families of Palmyra and Riverton and the surrounding territory. In the past year \$850 has been paid to families of deceased members, and \$1,160.70 for the relief of sick members.

Their finances are securely invested in building association stock of which they carry 95 shares, Palmyra Township bonds, and balance on deposit in the Cinnamon National Bank, Burlington County Safe Deposit and Trust Company, and the Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Company, as is shown in their annual report.

The success of this organization is due to the fact that the members have always seen that their presiding officer and subalterns have been the best men obtainable at their semi-annual elections, believing that good and efficient officers are necessary to properly conduct the affairs of an organization of this character.

PATRIOTIC ORDER OF AMERICANS.

Camp 3, P. O. of A., N. J., was instituted in Morgan Hall, Palmyra, May 16, 1895, by Theodore Harris, at that time National Secretary of the Order, with twenty-seven charter members present. Although numbered 3 it was the first Camp organized in the State. Mrs. Ella V. Hilliard and Mr. G. N. Wimer being the first past presidents, and Mr. and Mrs. John G. Soast the first presidents. Six of the charter members, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Wimer, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Seel, Miss Ada Miller and Mrs. G. Carleton Wenzell are still with the Camp and take an active interest in its welfare. Three have been called to "that bourne from which no traveler returns," Mrs. J. G. Soast, Mrs. William C. Dye and Mrs. Regina Ziegenfus.

The membership has increased to eighty-six, and financially, if not numerically, Camp 3 stands at the head of the forty-one Camps in New Jersey.

The Camp has an excellent system of sick benefits. The Funeral Benefit Fund, under the direction of the National Camp, is one of the best features of the Order.

The Order is distinctively American, only those born on the soil or under the jurisdiction of the United States being eligible for membership.

Patriotism is taught in all its phases, the Camp-room being a school of instruction in the history of our country; especially of that period which coined the name "Patriotic American." Mrs. J. Wesley Conner is the present presiding officer, and Mrs. Emma T. Zelle, secretary.

PALMYRA TEMPLE, NO. 11, L. OF G. E.

Palmyra Temple, No. 11, Ladies of the Golden Eagle, was organized May 17, 1909, by Noble Chief George B. Scott, with twenty-three charter members.

The officers were: P. T., Mrs. M. F. Horner; N. T., Mrs. F. G. Scott; V. T., Mrs. Moses McCready; priestess, Mrs. William Russell; prophetess, Mrs. John Hillson; G. of R., Mrs. Millicent Gorgas; G. of F., Miss Winifred Bailey; G. of E., Mrs. C. W. Lutz; G. of M., Miss Eula Garbright; M. of C., Mrs. Florence Evans; G. of I. P.,

C. W. Lutz; G. of O. P., Howard E. Powell; trustees: James Keil, C. W. Lutz and George B. Scott.

The Lodge now has a membership of about forty. The initiation fee is \$1, the dues 10 cents a week. The sick benefits are \$3.50 a week for thirteen weeks, and \$50 is paid on the death of a member. Meetings are held weekly, on Monday night, in Society Hall.

PALMYRA BICYCLE CLUB.

The Palmyra Bicycle Club was organized in March, 1898, the height of the bicycle popularity, and its membership of about one hundred includes the leading citizens of the town. The first officers were: I. E. Maguire, president; Oliver H. Cross, secretary; James Hartley, treasurer. The Club is solely of a social nature, and is the only one of its kind in Palmyra. It has always been self-supporting, and owns property valued at \$1,200. Business meetings are held the first Thursday evening of each month, followed by a banquet, but the clubrooms are open at all times to its members.

Among the original members those removed by death have been James Hartley, R. Lowber Temple, Oliver H. Cross and Frank W. Smith.

The present officers are Wallace W. Balcom, president; Jacob Warner, vice-president; Albert N. Stewart, treasurer; William J. Mathews, secretary.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION.

The L. T. L., of Palmyra, was organized in 1890 with a membership of one hundred, and Miss Ella Lowden as superintendent, and Miss Ella Horner, assistant superintendent. Others to have charge in following years were Mrs. Kate Wilson, Mrs. James P. Cooke, Mrs. John Morton, Mrs. Carl Peterson and Mrs. Eugenie Smith. For the last three years it has been conducted by Mrs. James P. Cooke and Mrs. Samuel Jones. Many of the original members have grown up and married and their children are wearing the L. T. L. badge. Through the courtesy of the school board the meetings are held in the schoolhouse during the winter months.

THE FIELD CLUB.

In the fall of 1903 this Club had its beginning under the name of the "Palmyra High School." At that time it was simply a football team, with Thomas S. Branson as manager. In the spring of 1904 the Club was put on a more substantial basis and a baseball team organized. Two basketball teams were added in the fall of 1907, that branch of athletics now being a prominent feature of the Club, which now has four fully organized basketball teams.

About a year ago a junior branch was organized and last summer a junior baseball team, known as The Field Club Tigers, made its initial bow to the fans.

No branch of athletics has paid its expenses, and each winter two or three entertainments, one a minstrel show, have been given to make up the deficit. The receipts for the year ending December 31, 1908, were \$1,515.83, and the Club now carries ten shares of stock in the Palmyra Building and Loan Association. The total membership is now eighty-six—associate, twelve; active, fifty-four; junior, twenty. The control of the Club is in the hands of the active members, as the associate and junior members have no vote.

The growth of the Club has been so steady that the question of a permanent home is now a pressing one, and steps looking to that end have recently been taken.

EPWORTH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The first religious services in this neighborhood were prayer meetings held under Methodist auspices in private homes, and occasionally a preacher from the Moorestown

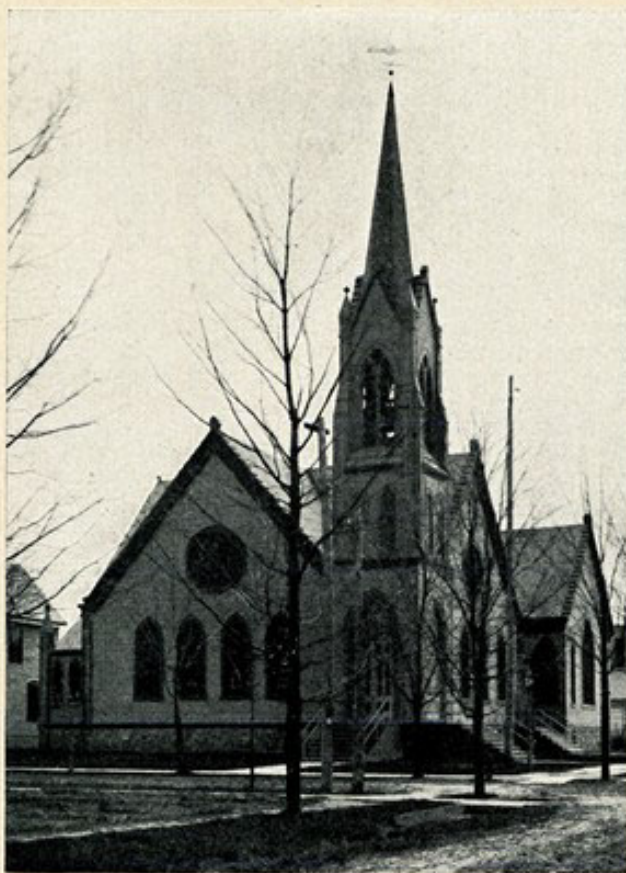


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Epworth M. E. Church, Palmyra

circuit preached at these services. In 1840, however, the first Sunday school was organized and met in the local day school building, afterward Dilk's blacksmith shop, and years since torn down. The Toy family was the principal element in the early development of this school, out of which, on June 15, 1853, grew the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Palmyra.

The first property held by this organization was purchased of Elias Morgan for \$285, and the building at present known as Society Hall was erected thereon and dedicated in September, 1854.

The earliest regular pastor appointed by the Conference was Rev. George Reed, in 1865. He found a membership of forty-two and received an annual salary of \$412. Twelve houses comprised the entire town at this time.

A marvelous growth of the community, resulting from the moving in of many from Philadelphia, brought increasing prosperity, and with it the necessity of a home for the pastor. As a result of this a parsonage was built adjoining the church in 1887, during the pastorate of Rev. J. F. Sechrist.

Continued growth of the church demanded a more commodious building and after considerable controversy as to location, a lot was finally purchased in 1892 and the present edifice erected. It was dedicated September

3, 1893, during Rev. George H. Neal's term as pastor. On the day of dedication \$4,000 was subscribed.

A plot of ground having been purchased opposite the church, a new parsonage was built in 1904, and Rev. C. S. Lawrence was the first occupant.

By the prevailing custom of the church a new pastor was placed in charge of the church work every three years, each of whom in his turn had an important part in the development of the church.

Rev. F. L. Jewett is the present pastor, under whom the church has made marked progress.

At the present time the membership numbers 425, representing 205 families, and the report for the year closing March, 1909, shows that over \$4,500 was received from all sources.

INDEPENDENCE FIRE COMPANY NO. 1.

Independence Fire Company No. 1, Palmyra, was organized in August, 1887. The incorporators were: George W. Hall, Jacob F. Schnable, John F. McMillan, Charles Smith, John Cooper, Charles Cooper, John H. Whitman, William P. Rue, William F. Carter, Jacob V. B. Lawson, Franklin P. Ryer and Samuel W. Callan. Only two of the original members still belong to the Company. The Company was first known as the Hook and Ladder Company, at which time the equipment consisted of buckets only. Later came the hook and ladder wagon, with a chemical engine soon after. The house occupied by the Company is the original Palmyra station. It was moved to its present location in 1888, and later a second story was added, in which the meetings of the Company are now held. The Company also owns the adjoining property, which is rented.

The equipment of the Company now consists of two hose carriages and 1,300 feet of hose, one hook and ladder truck with four ladders, two chemical extinguishers.

The present officers are: Winfield Land, president; Louis Krauss, vice-president; Levis H. Wallace, treasurer; Walton W. Leap, secretary; Harry Saar, chief; J. T. Weart, assistant chief; C. M. Beck, foreman; W. M. Freed, assistant foreman; directors: G. E. Taylor, R. P. Furman, J. T. Weart, T. W. Land and L. H. Wallace.

Y. M. C. A. AUXILIARY.

Several of the ladies interested in the welfare of the young men of our town met on the afternoon of November 9, 1909, to reorganize an Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. K. H. Brooks; vice-president, Mrs. E. B. Mason; treasurer, Mrs. L. M. Messick; secretary, Mrs. F. M. Johnston.

Chairmen of the different committees were named as follows: Membership, Mrs. I. M. Green; devotional, Mrs. E. B. Mason; reception, Mrs. M. C. Russell; entertainment, Mrs. L. M. Messick; on rooms, Mrs. C. E. Hamilton.

The following were appointed directors of this organization: Mrs. M. E. Connor, Mrs. C. E. Clites, Mrs. L. R. Westcoat, Mrs. C. E. Hamilton, Mrs. M. C. Russell.

The regular meetings of the Auxiliary will be held on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall.

At the second meeting of the Auxiliary sixteen new members were added to the roll.

CHRIST CHURCH, PALMYRA.

The parish church of Palmyra was a gift from the church people of Riverton. It was built in 1859; consecrated on June 9, 1860, by the Rt. Rev. William Henry Odenheimer, D.D.; was removed to Palmyra in 1884 and placed on a plot of ground donated by William F. Morgan. The church was rededicated and first opened for divine service on the new site Friday, May 8, 1885, the Rt. Rev. John Scarborough, D.D., officiating, assisted by the Rev. G. H. Hills, D.D., the Rev. R. G. Moses, the Rev. T. M. Reilly, the Rev. J. R. Land, and the Rev. H. H. Weld, D.D., the rector of Riverton. Dr. Weld remained in charge of the Palmyra congregation until December 7, 1885, when the work was placed in the hands of the Rev. R. G. Moses, who was followed in September, 1887, by Rev. Thomas Burrows, who, in turn, was succeeded by the Rev. John F. Fenton, Ph.D. In 1899 came the Rev. Francis H. Smith, who, in 1903, was transferred to St. Peter's, Spottswood. The Rev. Henry Watson Armstrong, D.D., the present incumbent, assumed the rectorship on Ash Wednesday, 1904, having previously been rector of St. Luke's Church, Memphis, Tenn.



Christ Church, Palmyra

Mr. Armstrong, who is a native of Trenton, N. J., received his early education in the State Model School, Trenton. After a course at Columbia University, he entered the General Theological Seminary, New York, graduating therefrom in 1898. He was then appointed by the seminary faculty to the Elizabeth Male Fellowship in Hebrew, which position he held until his ordination to the priesthood and acceptance of a curacy at Grace Church, Newark, N. J.

During the present rectorship substantial advance has been made. The Sunday school mortgage has been paid off, the mortgage on the rectory is being steadily reduced, and a pipe organ costing \$500 has been installed. St. Mary's and St. Agnes' Guilds have rendered valuable assistance. Memorials consisting of sanctuary lamp, brass altar rail, candlesticks, and gifts of chalice, altar cross, eucharistic lights, altar hangings, processional cross, altar service, books, vestments, baptismal ewer, crucifix and lectern Bible, have beautified the service.

A CHRISTMAS TREE.

The whole world is a Christmas tree,
And stars its many candles be.
Oh! sing a carol joyfully
The year's great feast is keeping.

NONPAREIL COUNCIL NO. 22, L. O. R. C.

Early in April, 1889, the question of organizing a Council of the Legion Order Red Cross in Palmyra was agitated, and after several preliminary meetings Nonpareil Council was instituted on August 19 of that year. The following were installed officers of the new Council: Commander, William H. Faunce; vice-commander, Lothrop Jackson; past commander, Joseph E. Bowen; recorder, D. T. Stowell; financial scribe, Andrew G. Swope; treasurer, Charles S. Atkinson; prelate, George W. Brown; marshal, Joseph Bishop; knight, Charles H. Hamilton; warder, Joseph Remine; sentinel, J. C. Shagg; right guard to commander, R. M. Bishop; left guard, E. S. Griffin; right guard to vice-commander, Joseph Harris; left guard, D. Doner; medical examiner, Dr. H. B. Hall.

In the twenty years of its career it has done splendid work in relieving distress and extending a helping hand to those in need.

The present officers are: Commander, Charles H. Hamilton; vice-commander, A. G. Swope; past commander, Charles H. Smith; recorder, A. G. Appel; financial scribe, F. L. Durgin; treasurer, John A. Althouse; prelate, Adam Shetler; marshal, W. R. Headington; sentinel, J. V. B. Lawson.

The meetings are held every second and fourth Friday of the month in Morgan Hall.

Y. M. C. A.

On December 11, 1888, a meeting was held in Ruderow's Hall to organize a Y. M. C. A. in Palmyra and Riverton, and the following officers were elected: President, D. A. MacCarroll; vice-president, M. W. Wisham (who was the originator of the idea locally); secretary, G. H. Wiggins. Others present at the meeting and assisting in the organization were: Messrs. C. P. Baker, L. C. Ware, James Hemphill, C. H. Stackhouse, Rev. Mr. Barrows, C. F. Sleeper, J. F. MacMillan and L. A. Weikman.

The small room over the present Crosta bicycle shop was secured and Roger McMullen was appointed secretary on March 11, 1889, at a salary of \$2 per month, for four nights a week.

On March 10, 1892, the present site was purchased from Henry Fredericks, \$750 being paid in cash and \$750 secured on mortgage from Robert Beckenbach and bequeathed by him to the Association upon his death. His housekeeper, to whom was willed a life interest in trust, lived only one month longer, and the property then reverted to the Association in full.

In October, 1900, plans were drawn for the present building. The contractor's estimates on same varied from \$6,400 to \$7,200. After many economical changes were made the contract was finally awarded, on January 26, 1902, to Joseph Bishop for \$3,160, of which President James Forrester advanced \$2,000 on mortgage at a very low rate of interest.

While the Association has always been handicapped by the lack of an adequate gymnasium, it has been an important factor in the religious work of the town, Morgan Hall being crowded to the doors, week after week, at the Sunday afternoon evangelistic meetings a few years ago.

The Association is at present rapidly paying off an accumulation of floating indebtedness and preparing for effective work.

MORAVIAN CHURCH, PALMYRA, N. J.

In 1853, through the influence of Leonard Lutz, Sr., then residing in Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. Philip Gapp, Moravian Missionary in Philadelphia, was persuaded to look after the spiritual needs of Mr. Lutz's friends residing in and around Palmyra, N. J. Among them was George Frank, Sr., then residing in Palmyra, and whose home became the temporary place for church services. When the congregation was organized later, May 17, 1863, Mr. Frank became a charter and active member of the society.

The first church building was begun in 1861, but because of the Civil War, which threw the country generally into a state of unrest and uncertainty, the building could not be completed until May 17, 1863, when the formal organization of the congregation and the dedication of the church took place, with Rev. Philip Gapp as pastor. It was through the efficient and faithful labors of Mr. Gapp that this work was accomplished. Nineteen constituted the charter membership, of which three survive, namely, Mrs. Barbara (Lutz) Schmierer, Mrs. Frederica Bauer, and Mrs. Katherine (Bauer) Hoehn.



Moravian Church, Palmyra

Rev. Gapp served the congregation for seventeen years, and was succeeded by Rev. P. Rommell in 1870, who served seven years. During his pastorate the first parsonage was built.

Rev. J. J. Israel followed in 1877, and served until 1880, when Rev. J. J. Detterer assumed the pastorate and served until 1888. Rev. J. D. Hillman succeeded, serving from 1888-1890, when Rev. O. E. Reidenbach became the pastor and served until 1900.

Since 1900 the present incumbent, Rev. Paul S. Meinert, M.A., has held the pastorate. During the latter pastorate a new and commodious church and a modern parsonage have been erected, the former entirely free of debt. The latter, built this year (1900), is almost free of debt. The membership has more than tripled itself, registering a grand total of two hundred and fifty at the present time, and the Sunday school likewise quadrupled itself, being two hundred and ten.

The congregation is thoroughly organized, among which organizations the trombone choir, a Moravian characteristic, of twelve members, under the leadership of the pastor, is notable.

THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF RIVERTON AND PALMYRA, N. J.

This church was organized July 1, 1885, with eleven members, none of whom are at present connected with the church. The constituent members were Mark W. Wisham, Mrs. Wisham, Sidney Wilkinson, Mrs. Wilkinson, W. W. Harper, Mrs. Harper, Sallie W. Harper, Ella C. Harper, Mrs. J. O. Thilow, Annie J. Walnut, and Mrs. Anna B. Ourt.

The first baptism took place March 24, 1886; since that time one hundred and fourteen have been added to the church by baptism.

The church was built in 1886 on the lot at Fifth street and Maple avenue, Palmyra, which was presented to the church by Joseph Morgan. The first pastor was Rev. Joseph E. Sagebeer, who preached at the services held in the old Riverton schoolhouse, Fourth and Howard streets, and for nearly a year in the new church building. He was followed by Rev. D. T. Firor, who was installed in June, 1887, and after serving with the church for two years, was followed by Rev. C. S. Powelson (three years), Rev. I. D. Moore (four years), Rev. L. H. Copeland (eight years), Rev. George A. Sowell (one year), Rev. William H. Clipman (one year). All of the above pastors resigned to take up their labor in other fields, with the exception of Rev. George A. Sowell, whose sudden death, while yet in full manhood, was so much regretted. The present incumbent of the pulpit is Rev. Samuel Steinmetz, who came to the church on June 1, 1909. The present membership is one hundred and fifty. Present officers are: Pastor, Rev. Samuel Steinmetz; Deacons, J. O. Thilow, William C. Randolph, A. J. Brooks, Charles C. Green; Trustees, William McConnell, Thomas Branson, E. C. Hinkle, John W. Curry, William F. Randolph, Charles A. Deitz, Charles C. Green, George I. Harvey, Louis N. Norris; Treasurer, William C. Randolph; Church Clerk, Oliver P. Caldwell.

The Sunday school was organized Sunday, July 19, 1885, at the house of Sidney Wilkinson, Main street near Fifth, Riverton. The first superintendent was Sidney Wilkinson, followed by William C. Randolph. Since 1895 J. O. Thilow has been serving in that capacity. The present membership of the school is two hundred and seventy. The church and Sunday school are entirely free from debt.

NEW ENGLAND COLONY OF FIFTEEN.

This Colony is a branch of the National New England Society, which was organized February 24, 1905, with fifteen members, who were of New England birth or descendants of New Englanders, the purpose being not only to perpetuate in the rising generations the sterling qualities of the ancestors whose good works have characterized New England, but also to form a fraternal chain which will bind New England women together socially and philanthropically.

In 1905 the first Colony was formed in Orange, and in 1907 the Burlington County Colony was organized by Mrs. Harriett N. M. Pancoast, of Palmyra. The officers for the first year were: Mrs. Edward B. Showell, president; Mrs. Pancoast, vice-president; Miss Mary Ober, treasurer, and Mrs. R. F. Corry, secretary. During the first year five meetings were held. The local Colony has contributed toward a scholarship in Barnard College and created a trust fund which will be used to defray the expenses of any New England woman at any hospital in the United States who may be in need of such aid.

BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA.

The Brotherhood of America was organized in 1847, and held its first meeting in Independence Hall, Philadelphia. It is a patriotic and beneficial order, and its principles are exemplified in one degree, which is interesting, impressive, educational and brief.

Lincoln Circle, No. 27, of Palmyra, was instituted under a charter dated December 18, 1892, chiefly through the efforts of Past Supreme Treasurer James E. Russell. The first meeting was held on Monday evening, December 19, 1892, at which fourteen candidates were initiated and three members affiliated by card.

The first officers of the Circle were: Ex-W., E. P. Shoemaker; C. W., Charles H. Umstead; C. J., Charles H. Hamilton; C. F., George T. Bennett; H. S. K., Frank S. Day; H. R., A. H. Troth; H. T., Frank W. Smith; H. H., Charles F. King; W. of D., G. M. Doudert; W. of N., A. H. Thompson; trustees, Charles M. Reardon, Charles H. Hamilton, and Isaac Evaul.

Frank W. Smith held the office of Honorable Treasurer from the organization of the Circle until his death



Central Baptist
Church
of Riverton
and Palmyra

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*Boating on
Pensauken creek,
Palmyra.*

The Pensauken creek is noted for its tortuous course and swift current. It affords excellent fishing and good boating in the less turbulent sections. A number of boat houses have been built along its banks at West Palmyra and Fork Landing, which are used by Philadelphians during the summer.

in the spring of 1908, when the vacancy was filled by Julius R. Fisher.

The present officers are: P. C. W., A. N. Stewart, Jr.; C. W., C. H. Workman; C. J., J. H. Tees; C. F., George E. Reber; H. S. K., John B. VanBaun; H. R., Charles M. Reardon; H. T., Julius R. Fisher; H. H., J. Franklin Cline; W. of B., George J. Spencer; W. of N., A. E. Kingston; R. to G. C., Charles H. Workman; alternate R. to G. C., J. F. Cline; trustees, E. D. Garwood, A. N. Stewart, Sr., W. L. MacKinnon.

Lincoln Circle is acknowledged by Supreme and Grand Officers to be one of the best in the order. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening in Society Hall, Palmyra. The age limit for membership is from 18 to 45 years.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

In the spring of 1906, Miss Ellen Mecum, State Regent of New Jersey D. A. R., appointed Mrs. Harriet N. M. Pancoast a chapter regent with authority to organize a chapter in Burlington County. After months of hard work and persistent effort on the part of Mrs. Pancoast, the stipulated number of papers were sent to headquarters at Washington to be verified.

On April 6, 1907, at the home of Mrs. Alex. Marcy, Jr., Riverton, N. J., the chapter was fully organized and given legal existence by Miss Mecum and Mrs. Foster. It had been previously decided to name the chapter in honor of Annis Stockton, wife of Richard Stockton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and at one time resident of this county.

Although less than three years old this chapter has made a generous donation to Continental Hall funds, celebrated the wedding anniversary of George and Martha Washington by a reception at the Porch Club, Riverton, January 6, 1908, and provided the plate glass for the lectern in the New Jersey room of Continental Hall at Washington. The State meeting at Burlington, May 22, 1909, was under the auspices of this chapter.

An important work accomplished has been a patriotic entertainment in the form of a little play for children, written by Mrs. R. Selby Williams, in which the wonderful changes that have taken place in our country are depicted by the various flags in use from time to time. Copies of these flags have been made and painted by Mrs.

Pancoast and are now the property of the chapter. Information concerning this society can be obtained by applying to Mrs. R. F. Corry, Riverton; Mrs. David Baird, Beverly; Mrs. Richard Holeman, Mount Holly; Mrs. Frederick Blackburn, Palmyra.

CASTLE NO. 22, K. G. E.

In the month of June, 1886, some of the older residents of Palmyra conceived the idea of forming a Castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle here, and Castle No. 22 was organized on October 15 of that year, when these towns were mere flag stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad time-tables. The fraternity thus commenced in 1886 has grown and expanded, socially and financially, until its history may now serve "to point a moral and adorn a tale." From 1886 to 1909, twenty-three years of hard, persistent, energetic and painstaking service has made Castle No. 22 one of the most popular secret orders in the community. The principles of Fidelity, Valor and Honor have been ever kept in mind, to the uplifting of the members, and to the betterment of the community at large.

Those who "put their shoulders to the wheel" and were instrumental in making the lodge what it is today were William B. Slocum, James Hartley, Fred Blackburn, Edward W. Stager, Lothrop Jackson, Charles V. Weyman, William H. Jones, James P. Cooke, John S. Scheidell, George N. Wimer, W. H. Smythe, George W. Cox, Alonzo Gibbons, Joseph Remine, Joseph E. Bowen, Theodore Ely, Richard F. Boehme, Joseph L. Lykens, James Forrester, and Joseph Bishop.

PALMYRA BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The Palmyra Building and Loan Association, through the assistance of which many of the houses in Palmyra were built, was organized in October, 1886. It was incorporated in January of the following year, and started business the first Monday in March, 1887. The first officers were: John S. Scheidell, president; George W. Spayd, secretary; Joseph E. Bowen, treasurer; Howard Parry, solicitor. Directors: William H. Spayd, Joseph Morgan, John Westney, Englebert Knecht, J. D. Garns, Joseph M. Roberts, Charles King, Joseph L. Lykens and Joseph Davis.

The following summary will give an idea of the

growth of the Association. The first year 383 shares were issued, this year the number was 2,278. The first year's receipts were \$4,546; this year \$68,059. The amount due the stockholders the first year was \$4,020; this year, \$132,654.

The present officers are: Frank S. Day, president; William B. Strong, vice-president; William E. Hires, secretary; George H. Wiggins, treasurer; John G. Horner, solicitor. The directors are: William H. Spayd, Joseph M. Roberts, Dr. L. L. Sharp, Albert N. Stewart, Dr. Charles S. Voorhis, William Rudduck, George N. Wimer, Russell H. Bowen, John E. Morton.

CINNAMINSON LODGE NO. 201, I. O. O. F.

On March 11, 1884, Cinnaminson Lodge made its entrance into the field of secret orders in Palmyra, the charter being granted to Dr. H. B. Hall as Noble Grand, Robert M. Gorrell as Vice-Grand, and William E. Wimer as Secretary. Since then the Lodge has had a very successful career. For a time after its organization the "way seemed dark and dreary," and many difficulties were encountered. They were all surmounted, however, and the Lodge and its members are all the stronger for the ordeal. The work and interests of the I. O. O. F. are world-wide and for nearly a century this Order has been an important factor in many a life for "help in all times of need."

The meetings are held every Friday evening in Society Hall. The officers are: Noble grand, John J. Fortiner; vice-grand, Jere Weiss; warden, A. M. Bowker; secretary, A. G. Appel; treasurer, Samuel Slim; chaplain, James H. Keil; past grand, William Ruxton; degree master, George R. Evans.

THE WEEKLY NEWS.

The Weekly News was established in July, 1886, the first publishers being Scheidell & Etris, John S. Scheidell, still a resident of Palmyra, acting as business manager, and the late Frank P. Etris as editor. Some six months later the paper was sold to Dr. J. J. Sleeper, of Camden, and L. W. Perkins, of Beverly, and consolidated with the *South Jersey Advertiser*, of Camden, at which time the present editor, C. F. Sleeper, took charge of the local reporting and management.

On July 16, 1887, Dr. Sleeper sold his interest to his brother, who took his place in the partnership of Perkins & Sleeper, and continued the publication under the title of *The Weekly News*, the sub-title of *South Jersey Advertiser* being dropped. On October 27, 1888, C. F. Sleeper acquired Mr. Perkins' interests and became sole owner and editor.

W. C. T. U.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Riverton and Palmyra, was organized in 1901 at the home of Mrs. James P. Cooke, by the State organizer, Mrs. Sarah E. Downes, with a membership of twenty, and the following officers: Mrs. Kate G. Townsend, president; Mrs. Anna McLean, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Kate E. Wilson, recording secretary; and Mrs. Rebecca Stackhouse, treasurer. Four departments of work were taken up at that time. Several years later a series of temperance evangelistic meetings, held in Society Hall, added twenty more to the membership.

Of the twenty-four departments of work in the Union, the local branch has added six to the four originally taken up. The departments as they now stand are, evangelistic, flower mission, anti-narcotics, literature, mothers' meetings, observance of the Sabbath, social meetings, Sunday school and the press.

There have been many departures into lines of work which could not well be tabulated under any of the departments, but which have been productive of much good in the community.

POMONA NURSERIES.

In the little hamlet now known as Cinnaminson there came into prominence, among the forest primeval, a man who conferred lasting benefits upon the community, William Parry, the founder of Pomona Nurseries, who began life as a poor man. He soon grasped the idea of a nursery business, and began propagating and planting small fruit plants in 1834, and in 1838 commenced the general nursery business on the homestead farm, and known throughout the country as Pomona Nurseries.

William Parry was the introducer of the Keiffer pear, the originator of the Parry strawberry, and the Wilson blackberry, the latter selling readily at wholesale by the wagon load at 50 cents per quart, and were sold at retail from fruit stands at \$1 per quart. This variety was such a success that in one year the profits from this crop alone built the present homestead brick mansion. William Parry conducted the business of Pomona Nurseries until his death in 1888, at which time his two sons, John R. and William, succeeded him, they having been the active members for more than ten years. In 1898 death claimed one of these noble sons, William Parry. In 1902 the present owner and successor, T. E. Steele, a nurseryman for more than twenty years, purchased from William Parry's widow the name, good will and a tract of land at Five Points, near Palmyra, where the business is still being conducted under the name of Pomona Nurseries.



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Cinnaminson avenue near river, showing rows of poplar trees on both sides of street

About Our Advertisers

JOSEPH F. ALTHOUSE, house, sign and decorative painter, took up his father's business, which was started twenty-six years ago, and the father is now associated with the son. Special attention is given to decorative work and re-finishing furniture. The residence and office is at 631 Garfield avenue, Palmyra.

HENRY N. BAUGH started in the business of interior decorating in Palmyra in 1902, at the stand he now occupies, 5 West Broad street, Palmyra, though he had an experience of several years before he came here. By a happy selection of fine papers and other decorations he has appealed to particular people and built up a fine business among high-class trade.

FREDERICK BLACKBURN has been very successful as a real estate dealer in Palmyra, where he commenced business in 1880. For one party alone he has sold eight hundred building lots in the western end of the town. Mr. Blackburn has always been of a progressive spirit in all matters of town improvement, and has been actively interested in many of the things that have helped to make Palmyra one of the most attractive residence towns within easy distance of Philadelphia.

S. J. CODDINGTON, house and sign painter, started in business in 1878 on Cinnaminson street. In 1895 he moved to his present stand on Broad street, and at that time took up real estate. He has made arrangements to install an automatic grinder for lawn mower knives in the spring, which will grind the blades perfectly true and make the machine cut better than a new one.

LOUIS CORNER started the Riverton Express about forty years ago, and was the first one to run a wagon here for the delivery of trunks and packages. In about 1890 he started the Riverton Ice Company, which served the people of Riverton with ice until it was purchased by Ogden H. Mattis in the spring of 1908. Mr. Corner has always paid particular attention to landscape gardening, and has laid out nearly all the properties in Riverton. As Superintendent of Streets, all the street improvements in the borough have been made under his direction.

E. E. COMPTON.—The building occupied by Mr. Compton as a grocery store was formerly used as a private school on Lippincott avenue. It was moved to its present location on Main street about twenty years ago. Mr. Compton took charge August 7, 1899, having purchased the stock and fixtures from Charles Lloyd. Mr. Compton keeps a high-class grocery, and makes a specialty of table delicacies.

F. C. COLE, milk dealer, had his first stand on Cinnaminson street, where he started in January, 1896. In 1903 he purchased the Harper property, 501 Main street, which he now occupies. His specialty is nursery milk.

JOSEPH T. EVANS.—The coal and lumber business now conducted by Joseph T. Evans was started by A. C. Heulings. On the death of Mr. Heulings, the business passed into the hands of Samuel Rudderow, who sold it to Mr. Evans in February, 1905. Mr. Evans is a young man of much enterprise and the business has had a rapid growth since he took charge.

JOHN H. ETRIS, hardware dealer, opened his store at 107 West Broad street, Palmyra, in July, 1908. His stock includes first-class tools, a full line of hardware, tinware, poultry and electric goods. He has an unusually fine line of cutlery—every piece guaranteed.

THE FAIRBANKS COMPANY.—The Fairbanks Company is the largest machinery and supply house in the world. It has eleven offices and distributing points in the United States, and is represented abroad by branches in London, Glasgow, Hamburg and Paris. Originally manufacturers of the noted Fairbanks scale, the Company has enlarged its scope to include engines, pumps, hoisting machinery, special tools, railroad and factory supplies, etc. The Philadelphia office is at 705 Arch street.

W. H. FISHER, baker, opened his shop in Palmyra nine years ago at the present stand, 109 West Broad street. Besides a most excellent quality of bread, he bakes pies, cakes, etc., and fills orders for weddings and parties.

H. P. HURFF took charge of the West End Grocery in 1900, having purchased the property, stock and good will of D. MacDonald, who built the house. Standard goods and a square deal to everybody has enabled Mr. Hurff to establish a fine business.

JOHN HOLVICK started in the plumbing, heating and roofing business fifteen years ago at Riverside, and has been located in Riverton for several years. Mr. Holvick is a thorough workman, and by his conscientious service and reasonable charges has built up patronage that keeps him busy all the time. He is now occupying a fine residence which he recently built on Linden avenue.

L. F. LOWDEN began operations as a builder in 1888. For a few years the business was conducted under the name of Grant & Lowden, the other member of the firm being Atwood Grant. Mr. Lowden built the brick schoolhouse in Palmyra in 1895, and the frame school building in Riverton the following year. He also built the firehouse.

WILLIAM B. LYNCH purchased the plumbing and heating business of William J. McIlhenny when he died in 1899. The business was started by Mr. McIlhenny on Main street in 1876. The shop is now located at Broad and Thomas avenue, to which location Mr. McIlhenny moved it before his death. The business includes all branches of plumbing, heating and roofing.

J. L. LIPPINCOTT & CO.—The principal development in Riverton during the past ten years has taken place south of the railroad on the Lippincott and Thomas tracts, in the midst of which is located the Riverton Country Club. The Club property is one of the most attractive features of the vicinity. Some very handsome residences have been built overlooking the grounds of the Country Club. J. L. Lippincott & Co. are making extensive improvements on a very desirably located tract adjoining the club grounds on the west, from which there is a beautiful outlook across the golf links. Three sites have been purchased on this property and building operations are to be started in the spring.

MACHINE COMPOSITION COMPANY.—The Machine Composition Company, 145 North Seventh street, Philadelphia, is the largest concern in the country devoted exclusively to composition for the trade. The firm is composed of Harry E. Miller and George L. Roberts. They have a battery of eight machines, three of the latest models having been installed in December. The plant runs twenty-four hours a day. They started in 1902 with two machines and haven't known an idle day since. This supplement is printed from their slugs.

S. MacMULLIN.—While Mr. MacMullin only started in the cement work last year, he has already built up a wide patronage in Riverton, Palmyra and the surrounding towns. He has just finished a handsome fountain in Spring Garden Park, Riverside, which will be capped by a statue presented to the town by William F. Taubel.

WILLIAM N. MATTIS.—The butcher business to which William N. Mattis succeeded when he purchased the store and fixtures of Ezra M. Perkins the latter part of October, was started by Mr. Perkins twenty years ago. The stand has always borne a reputation for high-grade meats which Mr. Mattis will maintain. Mr. Mattis took charge the first of November.

GEORGE W. McILHENNY started in the butter and egg business in August, 1902, on Cinnaminson street. In March of the next year he moved to his present stand, 520 Main street. His specialties are fine butter and guaranteed eggs. He is assisted by his two sons, Russell and Norman.

McWHORTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY.—The McWhorter Manufacturing Company was incorporated in 1901, and the following year the factory at East Riverton was erected. This Company makes special farm and garden implements which are now being extensively used all over the eastern part of the United States.

O. H. MATTIS purchased the business and equipment of the Riverton Ice Company in the spring of 1908. He serves artificial ice manufactured by the Riverton Ice and Cold Storage Company from pure spring water, at their plant at East Riverton. The service is characterized by prompt and courteous attention.

W. T. McALLISTER, 5 Broad street, took the daily paper route in Palmyra in 1904, in connection with which he sells choice confections, cigars, writing paper, etc. He has recently added Edison phonographs and records.

JOHN B. MURPHY started horseshoeing for himself in 1907, after having had an experience of thirty years. His shop is at the corner of Broad and Cinnaminson streets, where he pays particular attention to horses requiring special shoes. All work is guaranteed to be absolutely satisfactory.

F. S. PEARCE started to cut meat when he was five years old. His father and grandfather were butchers and Frank comes naturally by his skill in that line. In June of this year he purchased the meat business of Keating & Trueax, which he is continuing at the old stand, 521 Howard street. In addition to meats he sells butter, eggs and poultry.

CARL A. PETERSON, tailor, started in business in 1894 at Eleventh and Sansom streets. Three years later he moved to 1427 Walnut street, and the first of the year will transfer his business to new quarters at 1035 Walnut street. The esteem in which Mr. Peterson's work is held by particular people is shown by Thomas Martindale's letter, which is reproduced in Mr. Peterson's advertisement in this issue.

HOWARD PARRY, on leaving school as a young man, assisted his father, Judge William Parry, in the real estate business, and succeeded to the business in about 1884, at which time he took up life and fire insurance. For a time Mr. Parry had an office in Palmyra before he opened his Riverton office in 1890. Mr. Parry has been identified with nearly every enterprise in the development of Riverton. Among other things, he was one of the originators of the Riverton and Palmyra Water Company, of which he is superintendent; one of the organizers of the River Shore Gas Company, which first supplied gas to Riverton, and in many other ways assisted in the progress of the village.

JOHN M. PLUMLY, house painter, started in business twenty-two years ago, and his long experience, coupled with the best of materials, has won for him a large patronage. His shop is on Howard street, Riverton. Mr. Plumly makes a specialty of enameling.

A. E. PRICE.—The real estate business now conducted by A. E. Price, 416 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, N. J., was established in 1875 by Charles E. Price, who opened up large tracts of land and built hundreds of homes in Palmyra, Riverton and East Riverton. Attention is called to advertisement in this issue.

S. ROMM opened a dry goods store in Palmyra in 1902 at 107 West Broad street. In 1908 he purchased the double dwelling house known as the Stager property, which he remodeled, making a fine store, which he has stocked with the finest assortment of dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc., that has ever been displayed in Palmyra. His proposition to give away a \$400 piano by Christmas of next year is attracting much attention.

JOSEPH M. ROBERTS began his business career in Riverton in 1881, when he purchased the property and general store then being conducted on the site he now occupies by the Thomas Brothers. The original building was burned down in January, 1890. By fall of the same year Mr. Roberts had erected the brick building he now occupies. Mr. Roberts keeps a large stock of general merchandise, including groceries, hardware, dry goods and boots and shoes. For a number of years his was the only store in Riverton.

FRED W. SCHROEPFER has had eighteen years' experience in watch repairing and guarantees all his work. He has been doing work in Palmyra for sixteen years. He recently located at 19 West Broad street, where a year ago he laid in a full line of jewelry, watches and clocks.

WILLIAM H. STILES opened his drug store in 1900 at the stand he now occupies. Mr. Stiles conducts a thoroughly modern drug store, and his soda water fountain has always been a favorite resort. Mr. Stiles has purchased the Perkins property, 606 Main street, where he will erect a handsome store, which he expects to occupy by the first of next April. The building will be attractive architecturally, and thoroughly up-to-date in equipment, affording Mr. Stiles an opportunity to give the people in Riverton the kind of a drug store that has been his ideal for years.

SHANER & MILLER, builders, started operations in this vicinity in 1903. The members of the firm are George W. Shaner, of Palmyra, and Hugh B. Miller, of Edgewater Park. Among the notable work done by this firm are the residences of Franklin W. D'Olier and Walter H. Lippincott, at Riverton, and the remodeling of the school house at Florence.

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MRS. ALFRED SMITH opened a dry goods store in Riverton in 1901, the first stand being in the Price Building, where the Adams Express Company now is. From there the store was moved to Main street, where D. M. Clifton now has his wall paper parlors. In April, 1901, the business was moved to its present location, 412 Main street, where the additional room made it possible to put in the large and varied stock for which the store is noted, not only in Riverton, but in Palmyra and the surrounding territory as well. One of the features of the store is the special facilities offered the children to do their own Christmas shopping there.

S. L. SHERMAN, of Palmyra, has been in the building business thirty years. Before he came to Palmyra, fourteen years ago, he was located at Beach Haven. Among the houses in Riverton built by him are the homes of Dr. Roberts and S. J. Allen. He has a shop on his property on Morgan avenue, where he also makes and repairs furniture.

MORRIS STEEDLE started in the fish and oyster business seventeen years ago at the same stand he now occupies. Of late he has paid more attention to groceries and canned goods. He is assisted by his son Dewitt.

CHARLES TURNER, second floor Roberts' Building, opened a shoe and harness repairing shop three years ago. He has added to his equipment the necessary machinery so that he is now able to make new harness as well as do repairing. He pays special attention to facing collars. He also keeps a supply of parts.

W. S. VAUGHN opened his grocery store in Palmyra in 1890. His first stand was where Mrs. Tucker's store now is. He moved to his present and more central location, 7 Broad street, in 1903. Mr. Vaughn keeps a well-stocked store and pays particular attention to fancy groceries and poultry for the holidays.

L. A. WEIKMAN started in the feed and livery stable business in the Weikman property, Broad street, in 1891. Seven years later he moved to 227 West Broad street, where he started to sell coal the year following the big strike. In 1905 he succeeded the Palmyra Ice and Coal Company at his present stand in West Palmyra. With one exception Mr. Weikman has been in business in Palmyra longer than any other man.

GEORGE N. WIMER, real estate dealer, started in the business January 1, 1905, in connection with William E. Hires, operating under the firm name of Hires & Wimer. The first of the year in 1907, Mr. Wimer purchased Mr. Hires' interests and continued the business under his own name. Mr. Wimer makes a specialty of suburban real estate and farms, being the only real estate dealer in Camden who pays particular attention to this branch of the business.

HARRY C. WORRELL.—Twenty years ago Harry C. Worrell and his brother started a plumbing and heat-

ing business under the firm name of Worrell Bros., in the Walcott property, Broad and Main streets. In a few years the growth of the business necessitated larger quarters and they moved to the present stand, 605 Main street, Riverton. The partnership was dissolved and Harry C. Worrell continued the business under his own name. Mr. Worrell has always aimed for results and to this he attributes his success.

JOHN B. WATSON opened a livery stable in Riverton in 1900. About two years later he bought out Heath's express to Philadelphia. Mr. Watson has recently added to his equipment a large furniture van and now pays particular attention to movings. He also has a four-horse bus with a capacity of twenty-six passengers, which he uses for picnics and straw rides.

BELL & FRANK.

The first store at Cinnaminson was kept by Abraham Lippincott in a part of his farmhouse. Later Nathan Thorne established a store at its present site. This store was purchased probably seventy years ago by Micajah Dobbins, which was again purchased by Nathan Leeds, and later transferred by him to Samuel P. Leeds. In 1880 George C. Frank became a clerk under Mr. Leeds, and in 1885 Thomas Bell was also made a clerk. In 1890 Bell & Frank purchased the stock of Mr. Leeds, the latter still holding the real estate. Many years ago Abraham Lippincott, having dug numerous wells on his farm without finding water, dreamed one day while taking an after-dinner nap, that to dig at a certain point in his yard water would be found. He dug and found a never failing supply of water at seventeen feet.

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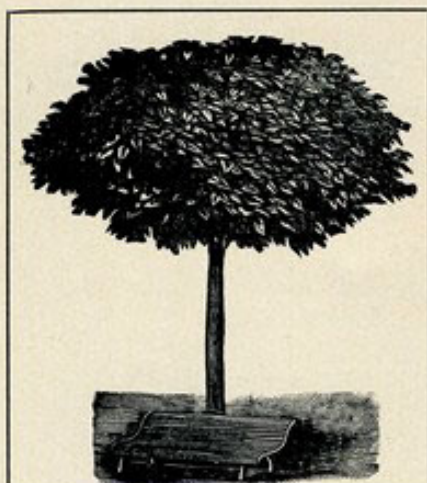
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