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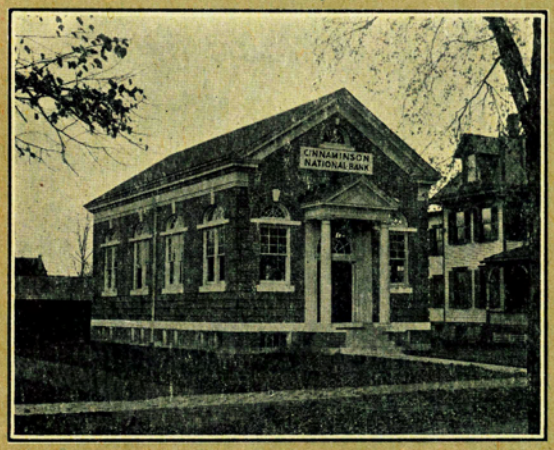
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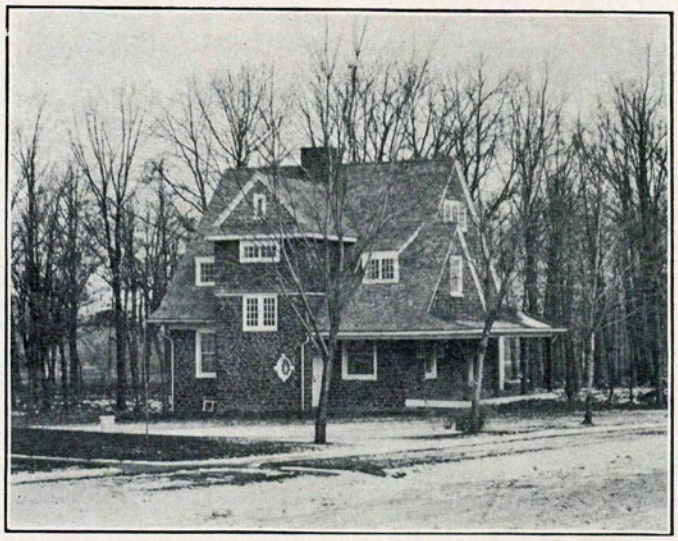
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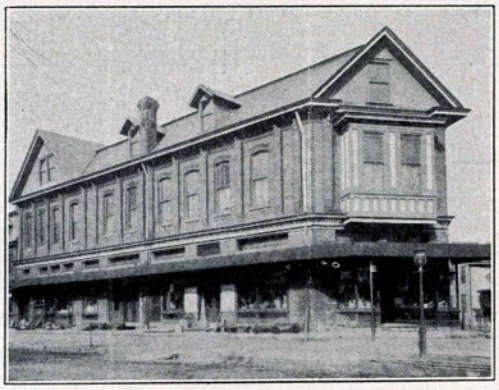
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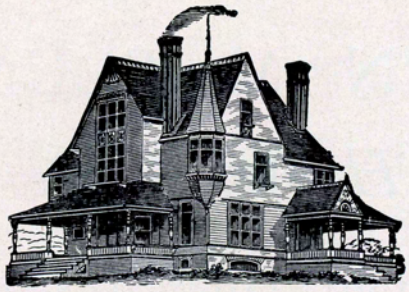
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On January 1, 1892, the present publisher took Mr. Brewster's place.

The growth of THE NEW ERA, both as a newspaper and as a printing plant, has been gradual, but we believe, substantial. It is with pleasure that we take this opportunity to thank the business men of Riverton, Palmyra and vicinity, and a few staunch friends in Philadelphia, for their loyal and liberal support which has made possible the development of our office until its equipment is not excelled by any of its size in the State. Of late particular attention has been paid to half-tone and two-color work which has necessitated the introduction of three Colts Armory Presses, the best platten presses made, a power paper cutter, besides a large quantity of new type. Other improvements have been made in the equipment which will not interest the general public, but for all of which we are indebted to the favor with which those who have had printing to do have looked upon our work.

We wish also to extend our heartiest thanks to those who, having little or no printing to be done, have subscribed for the paper, and spoken kindly of our office when opportunity offered, to the end that many valued orders for printing have thus reached us indirectly through them. This kindly feeling in the community toward our establishment is a most valuable asset, and it gives us much pleasure to believe that for the most part our efforts toward conducting a newspaper and producing high-class printing have been approved and appreciated.

The object in publishing the holiday issue of THE NEW ERA in its present form is two-fold: to gather, briefly, before it is too late, many little facts about our neighborhood of local interest, and to present in concise form and by half-tone illustration, the advantages of Riverton and Palmyra as places of residence. This, of course, is unnecessary for those who already live here, but as several hundred copies have been ordered by those who wish to send them to friends out of town, it is possible that many new and desirable residents may be added to the community.

How well the project has been received is evidenced by the large advance sale, and the almost universal use made by the local business men of the pages set aside for advertising.

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In preparing the contents of this issue we have had occasion to enlist the assistance of many of our friends. It is with pleasure we acknowledge the valuable services rendered by the following: A. G. Appel, Fred. Blackburn, Mrs. Fred. Blackburn, Charles M. Biddle, Mrs. R. F. Corry, Mrs. J. P. Cooke, James S. Coale, Clayton Conrow, F. L. Durgin, Charles G. Davis, F. S. Day, J. D. Eisele, Charles L. Flanagan, George C. Frank, Robert F. Garwood, John M. Hughes, Rev. J. F. Hendrick, Dr. J. D. Janney, Mrs. F. M. Johnson, Rev. F. L. Jewett, Mrs. T. A. Lloyd, J. Lawrence Lippincott, Mrs. J. Lawrence Lippincott, W. W. Leap, William B. Lynch, H. E. Moyer, George W. McIlhenny, Mrs. Alex. Marcy, Jr., William N. Mattis, Ogden H. Mattis, Ross Mattis, Rev. P. S. Meinert, Elias Morgan, Rev. J. G. Noordewier, Howard Parry, Edward H. Pancoast, Mrs. H. N. M. Pancoast, James E. Russell, John H. Reese, C. C. Rianhard, A. H. Rudduck, Mrs. William Rudduck, Rev. R. B. Shepherd, Mrs. H. R. Sharp, W. H. Spayd, Joseph H. Smith, Horace G. Stonaker, Joseph Schuler, C. F. Sleeper, John A. Stark, J. Otto Thilow, Joseph Beck Tyler, William J. Thomason, Mrs. Alice Taylor, Charles Turner, John B. VanBaun, Mrs. Alex. Wood, E. L. Williams, John Wallace, Mrs. William G. Wilson, George Wiggins, Elmer C. Warrington, George N. Wimer.

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Early Days in Riverton

While there were farm houses in the neighborhood at a much earlier period, Riverton, as a community known by that name, was started in 1851 by the house built by Daniel L. Miller, Jr., who in that year erected the building on the river bank now occupied by F. C. Brooksbank. It was in that year that nine gentlemen—Caleb Clothier, Robert Biddle, Daniel L. Miller, Jr., William C. Biddle, William D. Parrish, Dillwyn Parrish, J. Miller McKim, James Clothier and Rodman Wharton—purchased a tract of land from Joseph Lippincott, laid it out and drew lots for locations on which they would build their houses. The other houses were started immediately or soon after the Miller property and completed in 1851 and 1852. Caleb Clothier built the house now occupied by Mrs. Ogden, Dillwyn Parrish built the one in which H. J. Mitchell now lives, and Rodman Wharton built the Fitler property, the only brick house in the lot, all the others being frame. The Seckels occupied the farmhouse where the Lawn House now stands. This building was on the tract of ground when purchased. It was owned jointly by the purchasers who rented it to the Seckels for a boarding house. W. D. Parrish built the house where Mrs. W. L. James now lives, and Robert Biddle put up the one now occupied by Miss Martha Biddle, the only one of the original houses to remain in the family that built them. The property now occupied by Mrs. Stevens was built by William C. Biddle. About a year later Professor Cleveland erected and for a time occupied the house where Charles A. Wright now lives. James Clothier erected the house that was later known as the Fraser property on Main street, which has recently been purchased and remodeled by W. McLean Jones, who uses it for a summer residence.

At the time these houses were built Riverton as laid out extended from the house where Mrs. Ogden now lives to the Charles A. Wright property along the river, and back as far as the south side of what is now the Williams property on the road between Riverton and Westfield.

The Riverton Improvement Company was created a corporation by the State of New Jersey and approved March 12, 1852. On August 23, of that year, Daniel L. Miller conveyed Riverton to the Riverton Improvement Company by a deed, in which there appeared a "liquor clause," which read as follows: "Shall not at any time hereafter manufacture or cause to be manufactured, sell or cause, or knowingly permit to be sold, directly or indirectly, in or upon the premises hereby conveyed, or any part thereof, any spiritous, vinous, fermented, or other intoxicating liquors, except as a medicine, or for medical purposes in cases of sickness." The properties were then deeded back to their several owners. This foresight on the part of the early settlers has made it impossible to open a saloon in Riverton—a very effective form of local option. This was tried a few years later in the white house on Main street, since torn down and replaced by S. J. Allen's new residence. The owner was bought out, however, and the house was sold to the Seckels, who used it as a boarding house, which they operated in addition to the one on the river bank.

When Riverton was laid out there was practically no connection with Philadelphia by rail, the only facilities in this line being a platform on the Dreer property, about where Fulton street now is, at which some of the trains would stop if flagged. In order to secure better and more convenient means of transportation the citizens got together and built a wharf and rented the steamboat Wave, a seventy-foot sidewheeler, which made several trips to and from the city daily. At this time, too, the stone wall along the river bank was built. About ten years later they built and operated the Rancocas, which was run in connection with the Barclay, owned by a man of the same name living at Rancocas. Still, it was realized that even such transportation facilities were inadequate, and in order to get better train service a house and station were erected and presented to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. This was used as a station and home for the station agent. Charles Mattis, father of Ogden H. and William N. Mattis, was one of the early station agents located in this building. It faced the railroad at that time, but has since been turned around to face on Main street, and is now occupied by Milton Vansciver.

One improvement begets another, and about 1880 a system of oil street lamps was installed, Lemuel H. Davis being the father of the project. It was supported by popular subscription at a cost of about $250 a year. More than the required amount was frequently subscirbed, and the treasurer, Charles M. Biddle was often able to refund some of the money. The lamps were cared for by Louis Corner, who paid his subscription in that way, receiving a small sum in addition to his services. The system was maintained in this way until it was taken over by the municipal authorities, who enlarged it and retained it in service until last year, when it was supplanted by a system of gas and electric lights.

Following lights came a sewer on the lower portion of Main street. It was a private project, built by Lemuel H. Davis, and extended from his property at Second and Main to the river. The next step in the direction of providing sewerage facilities was the construction of the Main street sewer in 1892.

To go back a little to the earlier days it might be mentioned that a few years after the original Riverton was founded, the Lippincott and Thomas farms were taken in, extending the line down to where the water works now stand. The house where John C. W. Frishmuth lives was the farmhouse on the Thomas farm, and the Lippincott farmhouse, which stood partly out in the street, was torn down in 1875, to make way for the house now occupied by Charles M. Biddle. This house was erected by Joseph Wilkins, who sold it to Mr. Biddle in 1878.

The house where N. Myers Fitler now lives was built by William F. Thomas, father of William M. Thomas, who afterwards lived in it until a few years ago, when he sold it to Mr. Fitler.

Among the early residents, of a period somewhat later than its founders, was George W. Shinn, who built the house now owned by Mrs. Charles Bioren, on Main street, and built and conducted a store on the site of the one now run by Joseph M. Roberts. Mr. Roberts

took possession in 1881, after the store had been conducted for some years by other parties, after Mr. Shinn sold out. It was the original building put up by Shinn which was destroyed by fire in 1891.

Another resident was Dr. A. A. Willets, who lived on Main street, where the Riverton Free Library now has its home. Still another was Frank Thompson, at one time president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who lived in the house Dr. Marcy now occupies.

There were comparatively few houses southeast of the railroad prior to 1898, when what has become known as the "Extension" was opened for building purposes by the purchase of the Edward Lippincott farm by Ezra Lippincott and his son, J. Lawrence Lippincott, after the death of Edward Lippincott in the spring of 1897. The elevated ground in that section made an ideal site for residences, a large number of which have been erected in the eleven intervening years.

The advantages of Riverton as a place of summer residence was appreciated even in its earliest days, as is shown by the large patronage enjoyed by the boarding houses of that period; and the introduction of improved sidewalks, gas and electric lights, a most excellent water supply, unexcelled train service, trolley service, telephone, telegraph and express facilities have made it so convenient and enjoyable a place in which to live that an increasing number are building homes and making it their place of residence throughout the year.

The population in 1883 was given as seven hundred; it is now about two thousand.

One of the most pleasing features about Riverton is its park-like river bank, maintained entirely by the owners of the property along the river, and open to the public throughout the year. This idea originated with the first residents and has been continued without a break ever since. There is no other place along the river where the residents of the whole community enjoy such privileges and advantages at private expense.

Riverton was a part of Cinnaminson Township until the year 1893, when it was incorporated a borough on December 18. The first Mayor was Edward H. Ogden. At that time but four Councilmen were required, and the first members of this board were Dr. H. B. Hall, John C. W. Frishmuth, Ogden H. Mattis and William M. Thomas.

The present Mayor is F. G. Brown, who has served several successive terms, and who will be succeeded by Edward H. Flagg, Jr., the first of January next. The Councilmen are: William A. Major, Harry H. Pancoast, Robert Biddle, Killam E. Bennett and Henry Ashburner. Mr. Ashburner will be succeeded by William N. Mattis.

RIVERTON YACHT CLUB.

The Riverton Yacht Club, the ninth oldest in the United States, was organized July 1, 1865, by a number of yachtsmen who had boats on the river and desired the advantages of a club. The first officers were: Casper W. Morris, commodore; Jacob G. Morris, vice-commodore, and Edward H. Ogden, secretary and treasurer. The Club was incorporated March 9, 1881, by Walter G. Wilson, Charles E. Cornelius, J. Rulon Miller, Charles W. Davis and William R. Ellison.

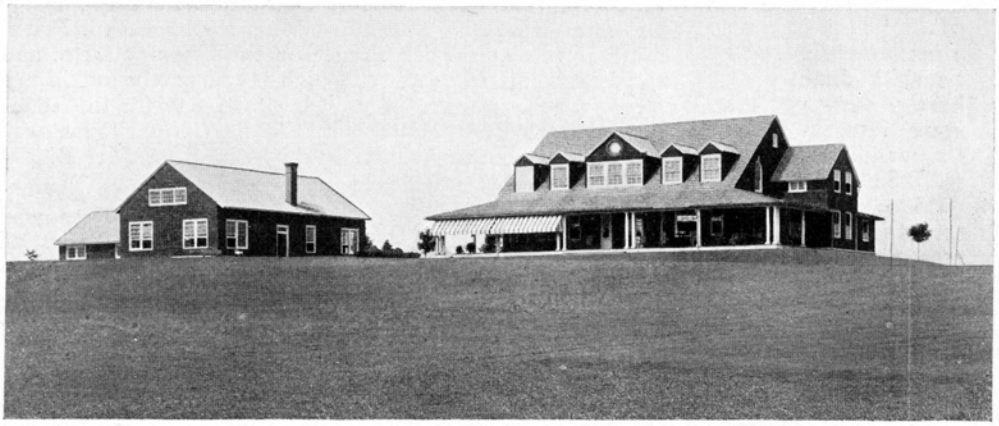
Among the early members were: Casper and Jacob Morris, Charles M. Biddle, H. C. Biddle, Lewis Senat, Clement Biddle and Clement A. Griscom. The Biddle boys won the first race in 1865, and held the flag for ten years. Charles M. Biddle is the only original member of the Club still in Riverton. After the Club was incorporated Mr. Biddle resigned for a time and thus lost his priority of membership.

The first boats were of the cat-boat class and about sixteen feet long. They were six in number and built by McGeehen. Three of them were designed by Lewis Senat and three by McGeehen, the builder.

In 1893 a fleet of fifteen mosquito boats were introduced and for a time furnished an interesting diversion, but they gradually dropped out of the club, being discarded for larger boats, until in 1905 they were omitted from the schedule of races.

The one-designers, the latest addition to the fleet, were introduced in 1904, and have lost nothing of the high favor with which they were received. These boats came into favor through the Fiona, which was brought to Riverton in 1902 by J. H. Hillman. This boat proved to be so much faster than the cat boats, and showed such excellent sailing qualities that nine of the members of the Club decided to have built boats of the same type. A. G. Cook and John H. Reese were appointed a committee to superintend their construction. These boats are 25 feet long, jib and mainsail rigged, and of what is known as dead-rise type of construction. The original owners of the fleet were: No. 1, A. G. Cook; No. 2, C. S. Mills (now owned by W. McLean Jones); No. 3, H. McIlvaine Biddle; No. 4, J. W. Hamer (now owned by C. C. Rianhard); No. 5, F. W. Radell (now owned by D. L. Vaughan, who has installed an engine); No. 6, J. H. Reese and J. H. Hillman (now owned by Roberts Leinau and H. B. Hills); No. 7, E. W. Crittenden (now owned by Roberts Leinau and H. H. Watkins); No. 8, C. M. Biddle; No. 9, J. L. Lippincott.

The present fleet of the Club contains about thirty-

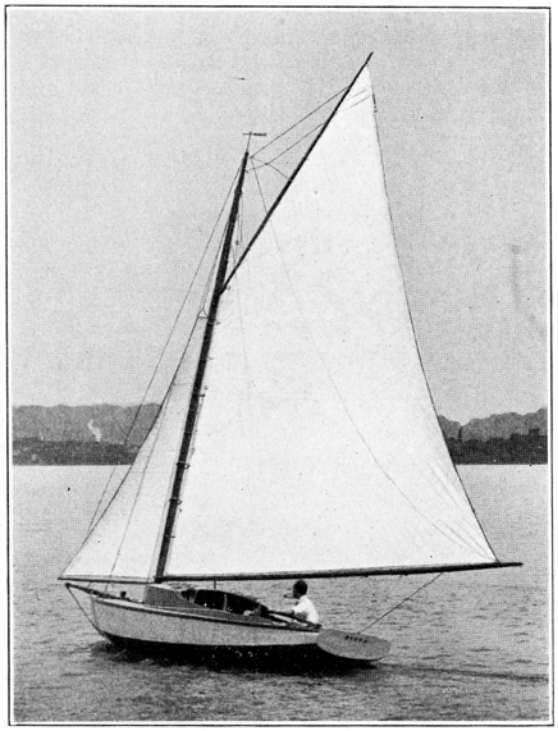


Riverton Country Club

Up-to-date in every particular and has one of the finest golf links in the country

five boats of all classes. The membership is over one hundred.

The Riverton Yacht Club has always taken a leading part in the celebration of the Fourth of July here, practically having charge of the whole day's events, from the children's parade, in the morning, to the closing, with fireworks on the pier in the evening. The children's parade idea was introduced in 1897 by Charles W. Davis and Albert J. Briggs, and enthusiastically adopted by the Club. Each child in Riverton on Fourth of July morning, whether permanent resident or visitor, is presented with a silk flag, a procession formed for a march to the river headed by a band of music, where the exercises of the day are opened by the singing of patriotic songs, and an address.



J. H. Hillman's Fiona, Riverton's First One-Designer

Until the organization of the Riverton Country Club in 1900, the Yacht Club was the only social and athletic club in Riverton.

RIVERTON COUNTRY CLUB.

The Riverton Country Club was organized in January, 1900, and the golf links were ready for play in July of that year. The introduction of this Club into the community met a want that had long been felt to exist in the social life of the neighborhood, and has been the means of attracting to Riverton many desirable citizens who have become permanent residents.

Ezra Lippincott and Edward H. Ogden were the originators of the plan, which met with instant and hearty response. The original officers were Edward H. Ogden, president; J. C. W. Frishmuth, vice-president; Weston Donaldson, treasurer; James S. Coale, secretary. The incorporators were the officers above named and Frederick S. Groves and J. Lawrence Lippincott.

The Club owns its grounds and clubhouses. The grounds consist of about sixty-seven acres, of which twenty acres are woodland, the only grove within a radius of many miles. The preservation of these trees was one of the incentives which prompted Mr. Lippincott and Mr. Ogden to purchase the site, and the thought of the management is in entire accord with the intentions of the founders of the Club in this respect. This wooded portion of the grounds has been greatly improved and beautified by cutting away the dead wood to allow the live wood a chance to grow, and is fast becoming one of the most attractive spots on the property.

The golf links are laid out in a nine-hole course, which is conceded to be unusually fine. Other attractions are a tennis court, bowling alleys, shuffleboards and billiard tables. Dances are held every two weeks from May to October. The clubhouse is situated on an elevation from which a pleasing view may be had of the surrounding country in all directions, and is fitted with sleeping accommodations and a restaurant.

The Riverton Country Club is a member of the Philadelphia Golf Association, and plays the Suburban League teams of that organization. Two years ago the Riverton Club won the championship, and is always to be found among the leaders. This year the Lynewood Hall and Philadelphia Cups were captured—the two principal trophies of the Association.

There are about sixty active players, of both sexes, among whom are several elderly gentlemen who are very enthusiastic in the game.

The present officers are: F. S. Groves, president; John S. Bioren, vice-president; Charles C. Miller, secretary; E. L. Williams, treasurer. Board of directors: Franklin W. D'Olier, Fred. G. Brown, H. McIlvaine Biddle, James S. Coale, Henry W. Hall, Walter H. Lippincott, Charles C. Miller, Joseph L. Thomas, Dr. Charles S. Mills and Dr. Walter Roberts.

RIVERTON POSTOFFICE.

The Riverton postoffice was established in the year 1871. Previous to that date mail for Riverton went to Palmyra, and it was necessary to go after it or pay a volunter carrier two cents for delivery. Charles Mattis was the first postmaster, and the office was originally located in the railroad station, Main street, in the house now occupied by Milton Vansciver. It was later moved to the house recently vacated by John J. Adolph, corner Broad and Main, then to Cowperthwaite's drug store, 304 Main street. From there it started up Main street, stopping for a time at 520, now occupied by George W. McIlhenny, after which it was located for some years at 528, where J. J. Adolph now has his news agency. From there it went to its present location, 609 Main street, where it occupies one of the finest postoffice buildings of its size in the State.

The office became second class about 1901. It handles more mail daily (averaging about 9,000 pieces) than most of the small offices on the Amboy Division. Nine mails arrive and depart daily, and it is the only postoffice between Burlington and Camden that is open on Sundays.

Two rural letter carriers are connected with the office, who make two trips a day (except Sunday). They deliver and receive mail, and cover about twenty miles. These are two of the largest routes in the service, serving 210 families and averaging 800 pieces daily.

CHRIST CHURCH, RIVERTON, N. J.

As there was no place of worship in Riverton in the early fifties, the first service was held in a private house loaned for the occasion by Daniel L. Miller, on Sunday evening, December 23, 1855, by the Rev. H. H. Weld, then rector of Trinity Church, Moorestown, N. J. This service was so well attended that Mr. Weld continued to come over from Moorestown once a month throughout that winter. In the spring a weekly Sunday afternoon service seems to have been arranged for by the Bishop of the Diocese, the neighboring clergy officiating, but most of the work fell upon the Rev. Mr. Millett, the principal of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington. In 1857 the Rev. Mr. Hyde, one of the professors of St. Mary's Hall, took Mr. Millett's place. In 1858 Mr. Hyde held service every Sunday morning, the Rev. Mr. Weld officiating once a month in the evening. In 1859 a lot was purchased opposite the present Riverton Station, and a church built upon it entirely free from debt, so that the first service held in it was the consecration service, which took place on June 9, 1860, the Rt. Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, D.D., Bishop of New Jersey, officiating. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Marcus F. Hyde and the Rev. H. H. Weld. The Church was incorporated this same year, two Wardens and five Vestrymen being elected. In 1862 the Rev. Levi Johnston, who had just been ordered Deacon, became the first resident missionary. He only continued in charge for one year, when the Rev. H. Palethorp Hay was elected rector. Mr. Hay resigned on February 13, 1866. The Rev. R. T. Roach was called to the vacant rectorship, entering on his duties July, 1866. A rectory was purchased this same year. In 1868 the present stone rectory was built and part of the present Church grounds given. In 1869 the Rev. Mr. Roach resigned and the Rev. H. H. Weld, S.T.D., who had held the first service in Riverton, was elected rector, entering upon his duties in January, 1870. In 1871 the Church was moved from its original site near the railroad and placed on the lot adjoining the rectory. The Church was also enlarged at this time. In 1876 a frame Sunday school building was erected and presented to the parish by William P. Ellison, as a Centennial offering. This building did noble service until 1895, when the present Parish House was erected. The new stone Church was built in 1883, and was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, Rt. Rev. Dr. Scarborough, on July 10, 1884. In the fall of 1888 the Rev. Dr. Weld, after a long and faithful rectorship, died and was succeeded on November 1 of the same year by the Rev. C. Heathcote Hills. Mr. Hills remained as rector for three years, enlarging the work and building up the parish. In 1891 the Rev. John H. Converse was called to the rectorship. During his rectorship of two years and a half steps were taken looking towards the building of a Parish House, which was becoming more and more a necessity, owing to the growing work. On April 1, 1894, the present rector, Rev. R. Bowden Shepherd took charge. Ground was broken that June for the Parish House and the corner stone was laid August 1, 1894. The new building was opened and dedicated on Saturday, April 20, 1895, and has been in constant use ever since. By this means the work has been greatly enlarged, and the whole community benefited, for the Free Liberty of Riverton was made possible by offering it a home within these walls, and free lectures have helped to interest and instruct many who otherwise would not have had such an opportunity offered them.

The grounds and buildings are entirely free from debt, and a successful effort has been made towards securing an endowment. The Church building has been greatly beautified and improved the past summer.

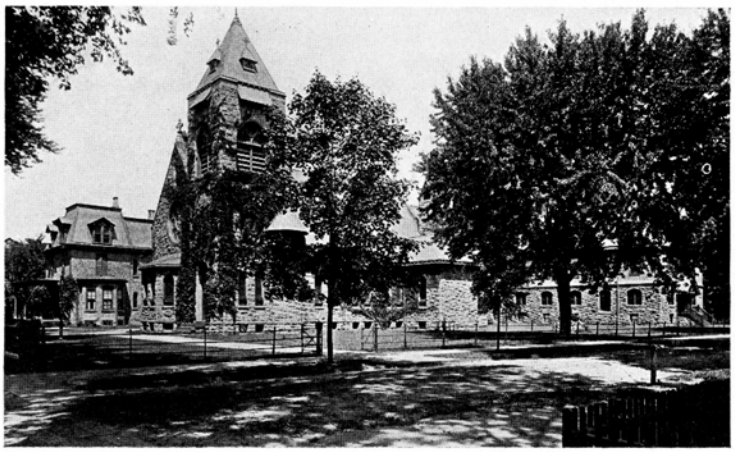
The first Church building was removed to Palmyra after the erection of the new church, where it is still in constant use as Christ Church, Palmyra.

THE MEN'S CLUB OF CHRIST CHURCH.

This Club is the outgrowth of a weekly meeting for the men of this vicinity, which was carried on for nearly twenty-five years. The Club was organized four years ago, and has since been conducted by the members. The rector of the parish is the president, but the other officers are chosen by the Club. The large basement, with its shuffleboards, its pool and billiard tables, is open to members on Monday and Thursday nights, from November to May, from 8 to 10 p. m. Magazines are also provided.

An annual supper is given each year, in January or February, with special speakers. Occasional smokers have been held.

Any man in this neighborhood over 18 years of age, endorsed by two members of the Club, is eligible for membership. The dues are 50 cents a year. There are at present about seventy members, and others will be cordially welcomed. For further information apply to the secretary.



Christ Church, Riverton, Rectory and Parish House. The Parish House was built 1895 and was the home of the Riverton Free Library from its organization in 1899 until 1908, when the memorial building was presented to the Library Association by Mrs. Edward H. Ogden.



Presbyterian Church and Chapel

The Chapel was built in 1898, under the Pastorate of the Rev. C. P. Butler. An addition was built to it in 1904, at a cost of $2,500.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Girls' Friendly Society is founded upon the idea of Christian sisterhood. It was organized in England in 1874, and has now extended to all lands where the English Church and her daughter in America are at work. The first branch in this country was formed in Lowell, Mass., in 1877. The Riverton branch was organized in 1886 by Mrs. Thomas Roberts and Miss Seckel. Riverton has been honored by having Mrs. Roberts elected president of the American Society, which position she has held for ten years. She is now honorary president.

It is a society for girls who are trying to live good, pure lives and to be helpful to others. Within its limits its members have a right to look for kindness, sympathy and help from every other member. Its motto is "Bear ye one another's burden."

Any girl of good moral character is eligible for membership after a probation of six months. She must be at least 12 years of age. There are three divisions in the local branch—seniors, juniors and candidates. Meetings are held weekly in Christ Church parish house on Wednesdays, at 8 p. m., for the seniors, and on Saturday, at 3 p. m., for the juniors and candidates. Miss Elizabeth B. Campbell is branch secretary.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Pursuant to a call issued in the early part of July, 1874, signed by I. M. Hoffard and Allen H. Brown, there assembled on July 18, in the Riverton schoolhouse, the Reverends Hoffard and Brown, the Messrs. Wells, Naudain, Davis, Ourt, Campbell, Listen, Steedle, Dreer and Mrs. Dreer for the purpose of forming a congregation for the worship of God according to the tenets of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Edward L. Duer was selected as secretary, and the Rev. Mr. Hoffard acted as chairman of the meeting. The following gentlemen were unanimously elected to serve as trustees: Messrs. Joseph Campbell, Charles W. Leavitt, Lemuel H. Davis, Lewis Ourt, Edward Lippincott, William F. Dreer, John Fraser. Mr. Davis was selected as president of the board, Mr. Campbell, treasurer, and William F. Dreer, secretary. In December, 1874, Calvary Church was formally granted a charter, and duly registered by the County Clerk. The selection of a lot and the erection of a building was referred to Messrs. L. H. Davis, Lewis Ourt, Edward Lippincott and Mr. Sanson. They secured the lot on the northwest corner of Fourth and Lippincott avenue, and John Fraser, architect, of Riverton, presented plans for the new building which would cost $4,000. Subscriptions were taken and the Board of Church Erection of the General Assembly advanced $1,000. James Wilson, a builder, of Burlington, was chosen to erect the building. Mrs. Dreer presented the pulpit as a memorial to her husband, Henry A. Dreer; L. H. Davis gave the bell in memory of his daughter, Re-Ella. His son, B. Frank Davis, and John Fraser presented a memorial window for the chancel.

On July 2, 1879, the church was dedicated. The Rev. Dr. Grier, of Philadelphia; Rev. E. B. Hodge, of Burlington; Rev. M. L. Hoffard, of Morrisville, Pa.; Rev. L. R. Fox, of Jacksonville and Providence, N. J.; Rev. A. A. Willetts, of Philadelphia; Rev. Allen H. Brown, Rev. D. W. Dehughes, of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church; and Lemuel H. Davis, president of the Board of Trustees, the Rev. J. R. Sanson, pastor in charge, took part in the dedicatory ceremonies. The press was represented by Rev. Allen H. Brown, for the Observer; Rev. Dr. Grier, for the Presbyterian; Rev. D. M. Dehughes, for the Christian Herald; Mr. Wells, for the Philadelphia Bulletin; J. H. Haffey, for the Beverly Banner; Mr. Stokes, for the Mount Holly Herald.

On April 7, 1882, the Rev. John R. Sanson was elected to the pastorate of the church. On June 25, 1887, the Rev. Charles W. Nevin was elected to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Sanson. Mr. Nevin served the congregation until March, 1889, when he handed in his resignation. On July of that year the Rev. Paul A. Houghtaling was called to the pastorate. The Rev. Richard Hodge was the next pastor, followed by the Rev. Courtlandt P. Butler, who was succeeded by the Rev. Charles L. Candee, who was followed by the present incumbent, the Rev. John G. Noordewier.

The present session consists of James Hemphill, clerk; James Forrester, Dr. Alex. Marcy, Sr., and Datis Reed.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.

Prior to the year 1873 the Catholics of Riverton were accustomed to attend divine worship at Riverside, Moorestown and Camden. In 1874 Catholic services were held for the first time within what is now the borough of Riverton at the house of Edward McKeon, which still stands on Main street. The first church was built on Fourth street, between Main and Howard, on ground donated by Lemuel H. Davis, a Presbyterian by faith, and a gentleman of broad religious opinions. The cor-

ner stone was laid May 31, 1879, by the Rev. Peter Jachetti, who had charge of the mission. The edifice was dedicated to divine worship on July 6 of the same year, by the Most Rev. M. A. Corrigan, archbishop of New York. In 1883 the Rev. Peter Jachetti was transferred to Trenton, and was succeeded by the Rev. James MacKernan, who immediately purchased the ground at Fourth and Linden, on which to erect a new church, as the first church edifice was becoming too small for the needs of the growing congregation. The Rev. John M. McCloskey had the present church erected during his pastorate. Rev. S. D. Walsh succeeded Father McCloskey and remained as pastor for the period of six years. In the year 1900 the Rt. Rev. Bishop McFaul decided to separate the Riverton mission from the parish of Beverly, and accordingly appointed in the same year Rev. J. F. Hendrick to the pastorate of the Sacred Heart Church.

Father Hendrick began his work by collecting funds for the building of a rectory. The parishioners responded generously and as a result a magnificent parochial residence was built on the lot adjoining the church on the north. The following year he was enabled to adorn the interior of the church with new and costly windows, a grand pipe organ, frescoings and beautiful paintings. On October 9, 1904, the silver jubilee of the church was observed with all splendor and due ceremonies.

The pastorate of Father Hendrick has been in every way a success. A gentleman of erudition and culture, he has endeared himself to Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

MOUNT ZION A. M. E. CHURCH.

The Mount Zion A. M. E. Church, which has been variously known as the Riverton A. M. E. Mission, Riverton A. M. E. Church, and finally by the name it now has, was started by the Mite Missionary Society in Roberts' Hall thirteen years ago last February. The officers of this Society were: Mrs. Alice Taylor, president; Mrs. M. Coggins, vice-president; Mrs. Eliza Starks, treasurer; Mrs. Martha Anthony, recording secretary; Mrs. Josephine Gould, assistant secretary; Mrs. Jennie Jackson, corresponding secretary.

For years meetings were held in Roberts' Hall, until in August of this year the congregation dedicated their own church building at Third and Penn streets, which had been erected at a cost of $1,400.

The first pastor was Rev. John Robinson, and the present incumbent is Rev. L. W. Generette.

The present board of trustees is composed of George Madison, Joseph Clayton, Howard Johnson, George Corney, George Lee, William Cephas and Isaac Fawcett. Stewards: Arthur Watts, Stephen Sparrow and George B. Coggins. Stewardesses: Mrs. Alice Taylor, Mrs. Joseph Clayton, Mrs. Phillis Ashley, Miss Lydia Owens, Mrs. William Cephas, Mrs. Hassie Brown, Mrs. Martha Still, Mrs. Lydia Watts, Mrs. Jennie Bond, Miss Allie Taylor and Miss Emma Harris.

The present membership is nineteen.

ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH.

St. Paul's Baptist Church was organized about twenty years ago. The Rev. John Robinson, of Virginia, was the first pastor, and the meetings were held at the home of Samuel Wade, at Wrightsville, who was one of the oldest and most influential members up to the time of his death in 1902. John Taylor, William Gabbons, Adam Edgerton and all the members of Samuel Wade's family were prominent in the early days of the church. Starting in 1891, services were held for a short time in Morgan Hall, after which the congregation moved to Joyce's Hall, where it remained until 1905, when a new brick church building was erected at East Riverton at a cost of about $3,900, not including the ground.

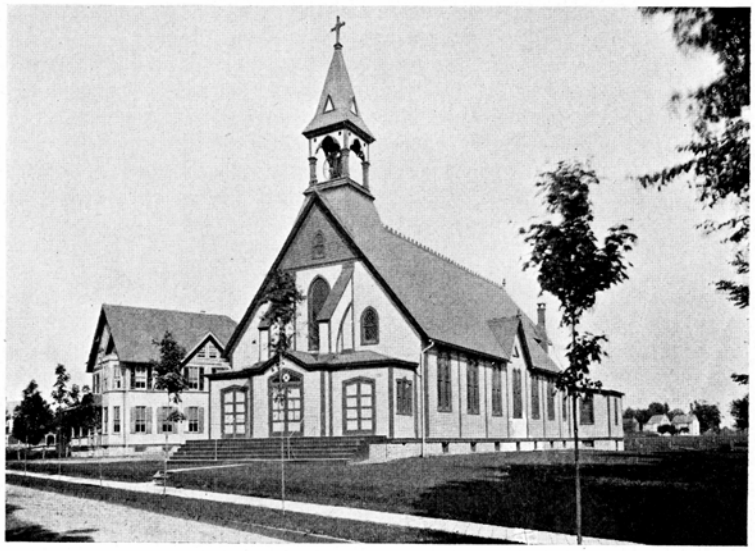
The present pastor is the Rev. Frank Lynch, of Richmond, Va., now living in Philadelphia. The congregation now numbers forty-five.

The deacons are Charles Turner, John A. Stark, Aaron Payne, Luke Jones, Benjamin Marks, Promise Austin. The trustees are Charles Turner, John A. Stark, Aaron Payne, Robert Turner, Henry Johnson, John Jones, Stephen Wise; clerk, John A. Stark; treasurer, John Jones.

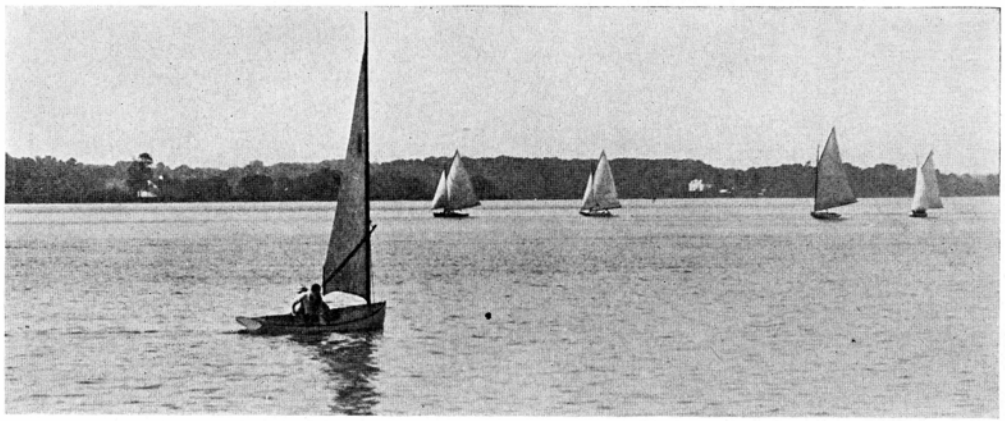
FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

Court No. 98, Foresters of America, is probably the strongest order, numerically, in Riverton. It now has a membership of 130, and is still growing. The first officers were: James J. Karins, financial secretary; Walter B. Hart, recording secretary; Horace G. Stonaker treasurer.

Meetings are held the second and last Tuesday in



Sacred Heart Church, showing the Rectory on the left, built since Father Hendrick, the present pastor, took charge. Through his efforts also the interior of the Church has been adorned with new and costly windows, frescoings and beautiful paintings, and a grand pipe organ installed



Scene on the Delaware during a race, showing a mosquito boat, with one-designers and cat boats in the distance

the month in Roberts' Hall. The dues are 75 cents a month, the sick benefits $5 a week and attendance by the Court physician. One hundred dollars is paid on the death of a member.

The present officers are: I. S. Williams, financial secretary; William Crouch, recording secretary; H. G. Stonaker, treasurer.

SHEPHERDS OF BETHLEHEM.

Friendship Lodge, No. 11, Shepherds of Bethlehem, was instituted May 24, 1897. The charter members were: George W. McIlhenny, Mrs. Henrietta Richman, Mrs. Lydia Norcross, Mrs. Virginia Mood, Mrs. Marion Sauers, Mrs. Annie Cole, Andrew J. McIlhenny, Mrs. Anna McIlhenny, Mrs. Clara Fox, Harry Lloyd, Mrs. Mary Steedle, Mrs. Anna Murphy, Samuel Cole, Mrs. Sarah Remine, Mrs. Mary Russell.

The first officers were: Commander, Mrs. Clara B. Fox; vice-commander, Mrs. Anna McIlhenny; treasurer, George W. McIlhenny; first past commander, Mrs. Marion Sauers; accountant, Mrs. Lydia Norcross; scribe, Mrs. Annie Cole.

The present officers are: Commander, Mrs. Mary Steedle; vice-commander, Mrs. Anna Lezenby; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Russell; past commander, Mrs. Henrietta Richman; treasurer, Morris Steedle; accountant, Mrs. Annie Cole; scribe, Mrs. Anna McIlhenny; organist, C. B. Wood; trustees, George W. McIlhenny, Andrew J. McIlhenny and Morris Steedle.

It is a beneficial order paying $4 a week benefits for ten weeks, and $100 on death of a member. The age limit for membership is from 16 to 50. The dues are 10 cents a week.

A. O. H.

On January 24, 1892, the Ancient Order of Hibernians was organized in Riverton with fourteen members, by Matthew H. Gaynor, County President of Burlington County. The original officers were: Michael O'Neil, president; Michael Fenlon, vice-president; Martin Kerrigan, Jr., recording secretary; John McDermott, financial secretary; Thomas J. Flannery, treasurer.

While this Order has a membership of only seventeen, owing largely to the fact that only those of Irish descent are eligible, it is one of the strongest financially in the State. The age limit is from 18 to 45, the weekly dues are 50 cents a month. Sick benefits of $5 a week are paid, and $50 on the death of a member.

The present officers are: James J. Flynn, president; P. J. Fenlon, vice-president; James Laughlin, recording secretary; John McDermott, financial secretary; Joseph T. Schuler, treasurer.

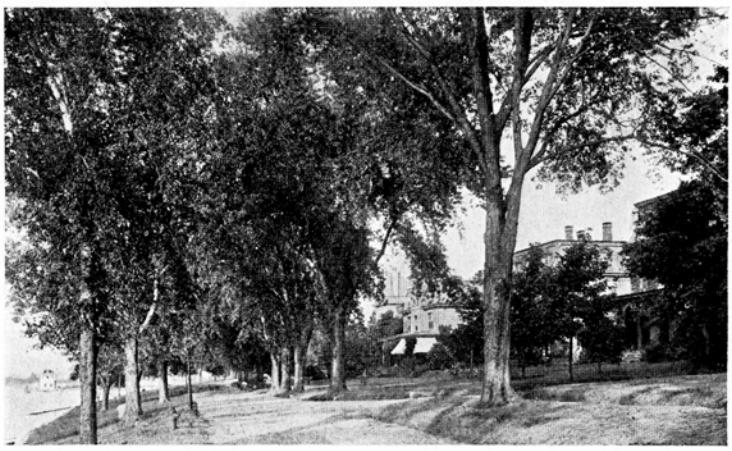
DREER'S NURSERIES.

Dreer's Nurseries, Riverton's largest industrial institution, was founded by Henry A. Dreer in 1838. The nursery grounds were located for the first eleven years on the historic Hamilton estate of the "Woodlands," on Woodland avenue, Philadelphia, then known as Darby road. In 1850 the nurseries were removed to a square of ground on Thirty-fifth street, below Haverford avenue. In 1873 they again changed their location, coming to Riverton, which had been selected as their permanent home five years before.

The Riverton seed and plant farm covers about one hundred acres, about eight acres of which are covered by greenhouses, packing sheds, cold-frames, etc. Some idea of the area under glass will be obtained from the fact that it takes fifteen boilers of a capacity of nearly one thousand horsepower and nearly twenty-five miles of radiating pipe to heat the greenhouses to the requisite temperatures. Both steam and hot water are used for heating, and over three thousand tons of coal are consumed every season.

It is not possible, in the brief space of a magazine article, to enumerate even a small number of the many varieties of plants and seeds which are grown. Among the specialties which are handled are new and rare plants, of which a large number are annually introduced; palms, ferns and other decorative foliage plants are grown here in large numbers and in greater variety than in any other establishment in the world, over two and one-half millions of ferns alone being grown every season. Hardy perennials, or what are known as the old-fashioned hardy flowers, which have again become such great favorites during recent years, are grown in even greater numbers. Roses for the amateur for outdoor planting are also one of the special features—not millions of tiny plants, such as are usually distributed by mail, but large, two-year-old plants, prepared in such a manner as to give immediate results to the planter. The trial beds of roses, containing over five hundred varieties, embracing not only the old standard varieties, but also the latest novelties—the result of the art of the world's most skilled hybridizers—may here be seen, and are visited by rose fanciers from the whole country.

The aquatic gardens, covering about eight acres of ponds located on the banks of the Pompess Creek on both sides of the railroad, are one of the most attractive spots in the nurseries from early in July until the middle of September. In looking over these, the pond of tropical water lilies, which is located to the rear of the packing sheds, must not be overlooked—containing, as it does, besides the glorious tender water lilies, specimen plants



View of Bank avenue, showing the well-kept bank, which is one of the most pleasing features of Riverton

of the wonderful Victoria Regia, with leaves frequently over six feet in diameter and of sufficient buoyancy to support the weight of an adult.

In conducting this establishment over one hundred and fifty men are employed, which number, during the busy season, is increased to over two hundred. A number of these employees have seen continual service for more than a quarter of a century.

CINNAMINSON BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The Cinnaminson Building and Loan Association of Riverton, which has become so widely known, was organized and incorporated on October 1, 1878. We find among its organizers the names of Edward H. Ogden, S. Robinson Coale, Ezra Lippincott, Edward H. Lippincott, Dr. H. B. Hall, James Hartley and William R. Lippincott, to whom the Association owes much for its successful career, as they gave much of their time and energy pushing forward the work. It would be difficult now to give the number of homes that have been secured through this Association in the past thirty-one years. At the present time it has more than $300,000 in gilt-edge securities. It has become one of the largest, having on record over 4,000 shares of stock, and also enjoys the reputation of being one of the best managed, strongest and safest banking institutions in the State. It matures its stock in about eleven years and three months. Its place of meeting is in the Cinnaminson National Bank of Riverton, on the second Monday evening of each month.

The present officers are: President, J. Otto Thilow; vice-president, Samuel Slim; treasurer, H. B. Lippincott; secretary, Joseph H. Smith; directors: Joseph L. Thomas, Thomas L. Morton, Robert Biddle, John B. VanBaun, William D. Lippincott, S. B. Jones, Samuel Slim, Howard Parry, J. Lawrence Lippincott; conveyancer, Howard Parry.

RIVERTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

At the close of an unsuccessful baseball season in 1907 Manager Lynch and Captain Warrington reviewed the situation and decided to make an effort to organize an athletic association. After much hard work this was accomplished, and the first meeting of the Riverton Athletic Association was held on March 1, 1908, at which the following officers were elected: President, Charles L. Flanagan; vice-president, E. H. Flagg, Jr.; treasurer, William B. Lynch; secretary, Elmer C. Warrington; directors: Samuel MacMullin, F. C. Cole, E. R. Williams, I. S. Williams and J. M. Hughes.

A first-class team, mostly of paid players, was put on the diamond, but they were too expensive to be a success financially, and their team work was not good enough to enable them to win from the teams that were played.

The first of March, 1909, it was decided at the annual meeting to select a team composed entirely of amateurs, and F. C. Cole was elected manager. Of course failure was prophesied, but the team proved to be a most pleasing surprise. It made good on the diamond, and was the first team Riverton ever had which ended the season with a balance on the right side of the ledger financially.

Encouraged by the success of the baseball team, the management decided to have the football team amateur, too. It was organized under the able leadership of Lawrence Keating. The football team was even more of a surprise than the baseball team had been. Their team work was excellent and from a financial standpoint they were all that could be desired. Their performance against the heavy Orange A. C. will long be remembered with pride.

A basketball team has been organized under the management of Edward Flagg, 3d. The first game will be with Merchantville on November 27.

Until this fall the Association has been devoted exclusively to athletics, not being in a position to develop much along social lines, but on December 7 an entertainment and smoker was held, which was much enjoyed by the members and their invited guests. Several such occasions have been arranged for the coming winter.

It is the fond hope of the members to have a clubhouse of their own at no distant date.

The admission fee is 75 cents, which also pays one month's dues. The monthly dues after that are 25 cents a month.

The officers of the Association for 1909 are: E. H. Flagg, Jr., president; S. MacMullin, vice-president; F. C. Cole, treasurer; E. C. Warrington, secretary; directors: John Seckel, John M. Hughes, I. S. Williams, F. P. Hemphill and W. R. Jones.

RIVERTON FIRE COMPANY.

The Riverton Fire Company was organized just after the fire which destroyed Joseph M. Roberts' store, and was incorporated May 5, 1890. The original officers were: John C. S. Davis, president; Walter Spackman, vice-president; A. J. Borie, secretary, and Charles A.

Wright, treasurer. The Company has rendered efficient service for nineteen years, and has several times been called on to assist the Palmyra and Westfield fire companies.

The property of the Company is the fire house, a chemical engine, one large and one small hose cart, over 1,000 feet of hose, all new, and several ladders. The Company has fitted up the second story of its building as a pool and billiard room.

The present officers are: Edward C. Stoughton, president; E. H. Flagg, Jr., vice-president; Louis Corner, Jr., treasurer, and William J. Thomason, secretary. The board of directors is comprised of O. H. Mattis, John H. Reese, Louis Corner, Sr., William A. Major and William B. Lynch.

RIVERTON LYCEUM ASSOCIATION.

The Riverton Lyceum Association was incorporated April 6, 1886, with Thomas Roberts president and Charles L. Flanagan secretary and treasurer. The erecton of the Lyceum was the outcome of an entertainment given in the schoolhouse, then a very small building, at which there were as many outside, holding tickets for admission, as had been able to crowd inside, and the dissatisfaction was very marked—particularly among those outside. That night Stephen Flanagan offered to give a lot if money could be raised to erect a suitable building of sufficient size in which to hold public entertainments, dances, fairs, etc. The money was raised and the building was erected, to the lasting satisfaction of Rivertonians. In this building the flower of Riverton society has danced, sung, and been entertained for nearly a quarter of a century, and there is no indication that the pleasurable usefulness of the Lyceum is nearing an end.

The affairs of the Association are managed by a Board of Directors, composed of Thomas Roberts, Charles C. Rianhard, Albert G. Cook and Dr. Harry P. Wyman. The officers for 1909 are Edward B. Showell, president; Dr. Alex. Marcy, Jr., vice-president; Charles L. Flanagan, secretary and treasurer.

CINNAMINSON NATIONAL BANK.

The Cinnaminson National Bank was opened for business February 4, 1907, with a capital stock of $25,000. For a time its headquarters were in Joseph M. Roberts' store, but steps were immediately taken for the erection of a suitable home for the institution, and in October of the same year the Bank moved into its own handsome building on East Main street, erected at a cost of $12,000, and fitted with the most modern equipment. It is said to be the handsomest bank building of its size in the State.

The organizers were: Samuel Slim, J. Lawrence Lippincott, L. L. Sharp, M.D., E. E. Compton, D. H. Wright, John H. Lewis, William Rudduck, Joseph M. Roberts, Samuel MacMullin, Alfred Smith, C. T. Woolston, F. G. Brown, Dr. Alexander Marcy, Jr., Robert F. Garwood and Joseph Morgan.

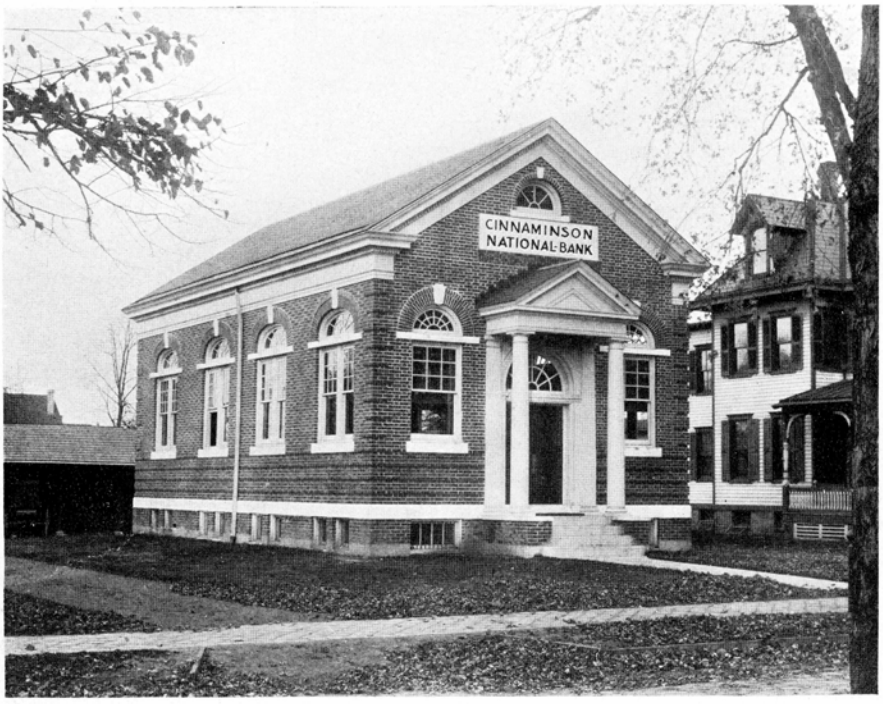
The first officers were: Charles W. Nevin, president; Dr. Alexander Marcy, Jr., and Joseph Morgan, vice-presidents; E. L. Williams, cashier. On the death of Mr. Nevin, on November 14, 1908, Mr. Morgan succeeded to the presidency, and J. Lawrence Lippincott became one of the vice-presidents.

The board of directors was composed of Charles W. Nevin, Dr. Alexander Marcy, Jr., Joseph Morgan, Samuel F. Ringgold, George C. Frank, Samuel Slim, Edmund Holmes, Joseph M. Roberts, Collins H. Haines, J. Lawrence Lippincott, Charles A. Wright and J. Otto Thilow. The board remains the same today, except that Joseph L. Thomas has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Nevin.

The Bank was a financial success from the first. Its depositors now number over 1,500, and the deposits amount to a quarter of a million dollars.

The phenomenal growth of the Bank is due to the high character of its officers and directors, who are men well known in the community for their stability and conservatism. This institution is equipped to handle all branches of the banking business to the complete satisfaction of its patrons.

Soon after its organization the Bank took over the



Cinnaminson National Bank, Riverton, one of the finest bank buildings of its size in the State. This bank has been a success from the very start. The deposits are now a quarter of a million dollars, having had an increase of over $82,000 in one year

work of the Riverton Savings Bank, which had been conducted by public-spirited citizens who met its operating expenses by private subscription. The savings department pays 3 per cent. interest on deposits, and is much used by the residents of the neighborhood.

Another feature in which the Bank is able to serve its patrons particularly well is the safe deposit boxes, in a burglar-proof vault, which are rented for the storage of papers and other valuables. Many residents this summer availed themselves of this safe-keeping for their silver, jewels, etc., while away to mountains or seashore.

The selection of the word Cinnaminson as a part of the name was particularly fitting, as it was the name of the township which formerly embraced the territory of what is now Riverton, Palmyra and Cinnaminson Township, so that not only Riverton but all the adjacent territory is represented in the title of the institution.

For the convenience of Philadelphia patrons the Bank has made arrangements by which deposits may be made at the Corn Exchange and the Franklin National Bank.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOME OF CINNAMINSON, N. J.

During a very heated period in the early summer of 1889 a busy doctor, working in one of Philadelphia's dispensaries, remarked to a friend while talking of the betterment of the poor, "It is not medicine these children want, but pure air, sunshine and good milk." The friend replied, "Can not we in this beautiful land find such a place?" The suggestion was followed by prompt action; a house and lawn on the Burlington pike was rented. Lydia Green, wanting to give her summer months for others' help, was engaged as matron; three children with their mothers came to us for two weeks. This was the beginning of the Children's Summer Home of Cinnaminson, N. J. All unorganized as it was, the work prospered, and a board of managers was appointed.

The first officers were: Mary Emma S. Wood, president; Elizabeth S. Coale, secretary and treasurer; Dr. Frances S. Janney, physician; Amelia R. Coale, chairman of visiting committee.

The Home has continued its work during the summer months ever since, with the exception of one year. In the winter of 1897 a house with seven acres of land, situated on the Riverton road, was purchased, the house greatly enlarged and a family of fifty children and mothers welcomed by July first.

The Home is supported by voluntary contributions; there is no endowment. The liberal gifts of fruit and vegetables from farmers round about help materially. The managers give much personal care—a more harmonious board could not be found. Each year about four hundred mothers and children are cared for. A kindergarten teacher interests the children, while mothers' meetings are helpful to older ones. Up to date there have been over 6,412 guests who have spent one and two weeks in this healthful environment.

The present officers are: Sarah Janney Deacon, president; Caroline Biddle Lippincott, first vice-president; Mary M. Marcy, second vice-president; Cornelia S. Coale, treasurer; Margaret F. James, chairman visiting committee; Alice H. Matlock, secretary.

MOTHERS' CIRCLE.

The Mothers' Circle was started as a section of the Porch Club by six or eight club members in 1896, by Mrs. E. C. Grice and Mrs. Howard R. Sharp. Mrs. Sharp was the first president, and Mrs. Alex. Marcy, Jr., was the first secretary. For a time the meetings were held in the Presbyterian Chapel, but as the membership and interest grew it was later decided to meet in the public school building. The Circle now has a membership of one hundred and thirteen, and is an auxiliary to the New Jersey State Congress of Mothers, of whch Mrs. Marcy has been president on two occasions.

The spirit of the Mothers' Circle is educational and social. The idea with which it was organized and under which it is still conducted was that of bringing the mothers together for mutual acquaintance and instruction in all matters pertaining to the home and the rearing of children; also an underlying desire to bring the mothers into sympathetic relation toward the teachers and the whole system of public education. This idea has grown and spread until in many cities we have what are called Parent-Teacher Associations, which have taken the place of Mothers' Circles.

In Riverton the original name is retained, although the aims and aspirations are precisely the same as those of the Parent-Teacher Associations.

The reasons for holding the monthly meetings in the



Children's Summer Home of Cinnaminson, N. J.

This Home was started in 1889, and the first year entertained three children and their mothers. Last year about four hundred mothers and children were cared for. The total number of guests entertained from the time the Home opened until the end of last season, was 6,412



Railroad station at Riverton

schoolhouse are that the parents may be thereby drawn into actual contact with the school life of their children and meet their instructors.

There are still parents who regard teachers and principals as the natural enemies of their children, and there are still teachers who regard parents as meddlers and desire them to keep aloof from school buildings, as they are required to do in France and Germany; but much good has sprung out of the mutual association. The meetings are invaluable to those mothers who attend, as many have testified. The association has taught women to regard themselves as mothers, in a broader sense, of all who need motherly love and protection; all homeless children, all overburdened daily toilers, all who are steeped in sin and crime, all who suffer for the crimes of others, and all who are in any way physically afflicted. Some of the subjects to be discussed during the present year are: "How can you retain the confidence of your children?" "The value of music in the development of the child," "Food values," "Self-control and respect for other people."

In December of each year a Christmas party is held, to which each member brings a contribution which is sent to some charitable institution. This year the party will be held on December 16, in the Porch Club. It will be a "thimble party" and each member is requested to bring a garment ready to be finished at that meeting. A little entertainment will be provided and a very pleasant time is anticipated.

The present officers of the Circle are: Mrs. R. F. Corry, president; Mrs. William G. Wilson, first vice-president; Mrs. Henry Ashburner, second vice-president; Mrs. Joseph M. Roberts, secretary; Mrs. Walter Tees, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Walter S. Spackman, treasurer.

THE PORCH CLUB.

The Porch Club, of Riverton, was first formed as a Reading Circle for the review of current books in the early spring of 1890. It had but a presiding officer and secretary until five years later, when a complete organization was effected, and meetings were held regularly once a week at the home of Mrs. Edward H. Ogden.

There were but eight charter members—Mrs. Grice, president; Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Murdock, Miss Coale, Miss Amelia Coale, Miss Helen Lippincott, Miss Cowton, and Miss Cecelia Leavitt, secretary. Mrs. Thomas Roberts was elected president in 1904, and still holds that office.

At a meeting held April 1, 1895, with Mrs. Grice in the chair and twelve members present, it was decided to frame a constitution and by-laws. The first regular business meeting was held a month later, at which the new constitution and by-laws were unanimously adopted. It was also decided to join the State Federation of Women's Clubs and thus keep in touch with the work and life of other organizations. The Club was incorporated in 1908.

The first social function of the Club was a Colonial luncheon, given by Mrs. Grice, which was followed two weeks later by a Colonial tea by Mrs. E. B. Showell.

Colonial history was the first subject discussed after the Club had been organized, and "Fiske's Beginnings of New England," "The Love Letters of the Winthrops," "The Life of Samuel Adams," and "The Letters of Abigail Adams," were read aloud by Mrs. Ogden.

In 1896 three sections were formed—the Junior Porch Club, which has since been discontinued; the Free Kindergarten, now known as the Mothers' Circle; and the Village Improvement Section. In 1897 the Club membership was increased to thirty-five, in 1899 to fifty, and the present limit is one hundred, with several applicants on the waiting list.

The Study Section was added in 1898, and the Music Section in 1899. In this year, too, it was decided to have on Executive Board.

In 1904 the Club began to hold its meetings in the building now occupied by the postoffice, where it remained until June, 1907, when it relinquished its lease and found temporary quarters in the old postoffice building. It was decided to buy ground and erect a permanent home for the Club, and the members set about this new project with their customary promptness and energy, so that on March 13, 1909, the memorial stone of their present handsome building was laid. The work was rapidly pushed to completion, and in May the Club took possession of its new home, less than a year after it had been decided to build.

The Riverton Porch Club has taken a keen interest in the various phases of club work, and has been an important factor in all public affairs making for the spiritual, moral and material uplift of the community of which it is a part. Educational interests have received a large share of attention, and three members of the Club are now serving on the School Board.

The Club has retained its membership in the New Jersey State Federation, and joined the New Jersey State Congress of Mothers and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

THE RIVERTON FREE LIBRARY.

The Riverton Free Library is the outcome of a parlor meeting held in January, 1899. This meeting was attended by a number of the representative people of Riverton, and much enthusiasm was manifested. It was decided to call a larger meeting at the Lyceum immediately after the University Extension Lectures had been delivered. At this meeting an organization was effected, February 3, 1899. The offer of the rooms in Christ Church parish house was accepted. The Library has been in constant service from that time, supplying an ever-increasing number of readers in Riverton, Palmyra, and the surrounding territory with good, wholesome literature.

The Riverton Free Library Association was incorporated in December, 1906, and in the spring of 1908 became the owner of a well-appointed library building centrally located, the gift of Mrs. Edward H. Ogden, a memorial to her husband, who was so greatly interested in the library movement from the beginning.

The newest fiction, the most helpful class books, reference books, and works bearing on the curriculum of the public schools are constantly being added. The reading and reference room is daily occupied by the young students of this vicinity who are in search of literary help.

During the first ten years 135,891 books have been circulated, but these figures are a very insufficient statement of the real help and uplift the Library has been to the community.

The Library is supported by the yearly contributions of the members of the Association. It has received one gift of $100 from the Borough of Riverton. The pressing needs are more contributions and an adequate endowment fund. The usefulness of the Library is only limited by its income.

RIVERTON BLUE ROCK CLUB.

The Riverton Blue Rock Club was organized February 2, 1906. The original officers were: John H. Reese, president; John Seckel, vice-president; William B. Lynch, secretary; William H. Stiles, treasurer; D. M. Clifton, field captain. The board of directors was composed of William H. Stiles, W. A. Hendrickson, S. J. Coddington and O. H. Mattis.

The first shoot was held on an open lot at East Riverton. After the shoot a committee was appointed, which secured suitable grounds and erected a clubhouse, which was built by L. F. Lowden.

The second meeting was held in February, 1906, at which thirty new members were elected. The Club was a success from the first, and now has a membership of ninety-five. A number of prize shoots have been held and the Club has awarded several valuable prizes. John Keating holds the record of breaking ninety-eight out of a possible one hundred. A number of shoots have been participated in away from home with such clubs as the S. S. White, Merchantville, Haddonfield and Delanco.

The charter members were: John H. Reese, John Seckel, William B. Lynch, William H. Stiles, Daniel M. Clifton, Louis Corner, Jr., William N. Mattis, O. H. Mattis, Ross Mattis, O. H. Mattis, Jr., H. B. Lippincott, H. L. Stockman, William A. Major, L. C. Cook, Dr. C. S. Mills, E. E. Compton, W. A. Hendrickson, C. C. Fitler, E. C. Stoughton and Robert Biddle, 2d.

The present officers are C. C. Fitler, president; Walter Thomas, vice-president; William H. Stiles, treasurer; William B. Lynch, secretary, and William Mattis, field captain.

RIVERTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

The Riverton Improvement Association had its origin in the ardent desire for the permanent improvement of the streets in the borough on the part of Robert Biddle, F. G. Brown, Walter H. Lippincott, J. L. Lippincott, K. E. Bennett, J. Carl De La Cour, Franklin W. D'Olier, C. S. Somervell, Walter K. Woolman, Joseph Beck Tyler, Dr. Walter Roberts, A. R. Cavanna, and F. P. Pfeiffer. Of course, there were many others to whom the methods of street improvement that had been in vogue seemed to be extravagant and unsatisfactory, but it was these gentlemen who started the movement toward better methods. They met with Mr. Biddle at his home the latter part of April, 1909, and talked the matter over. A larger meeting was held later at the Country Club, at which the name of the Association was decided on, and an organization effected with the following officers: Walter H. Lippincott, president; J. Lawrence Lippincott, treasurer, and Joseph Beck Tyler, secretary. The original members of the Association, enrolled at this meeting, were: Henry Ashburner, Killam E. Bennett, Robert Biddle, F. G. Brown, A. R. Cavanna, R. F. Corry, J. Carl De La Cour, Franklin W. D'Olier, E. H. Flagg, Jr., William A. Hendrickson, John H. Lewis, Edgar Lippincott, J. Lawrence Lippincott, Walter H. Lippincott, Dr. Alexander Marcy, Jr., Benjamin S. Mechling, H. E. Moyer, F. P. Pfeiffer, Joseph M. Roberts, Dr. Walter Roberts, Wilfred H. Robertson, C. S. Somervell, Joseph Beck Tyler, A. J. Wadhams, L. P. Warner, E. L. Williams, and Walter K. Woolman.

Soon after the organization had been effected a public meeting was called at the Riverton Lyceum. This meeting was largely attended and passed a resolution asking the Borough Council to consider the project of improving all of the streets at one time. The committee appointed to lay this before Council consisted of Walter K. Woolman, Charles L. Flanagan, and Charles F. Earp. In response to the action of the Association, Council appointed a committee, composed of Robert Biddle, Killam E. Bennett, and William A. Major, to confer with the committee from the Association in ascertaining the cost of the proposed improvements, and to ascertain what materials it would be advisable to use. After careful deliberation and the gathering of much data, the committee reported that all of the streets of the borough could be graveled six inches deep in the center and four inches at the curb at a cost of not more than $30,000, but did not advise immediate action, owing to other pressing needs on the public purse, among which was the new schoolhouse.

While the original object of the men who founded the Association was to secure better roads, many other projects which would tend to borough improvement were soon taken up, among which was a proposal to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to move its freight station to East Riverton. The matter of abating the smoke and whistling as much as possible within the borough limits was also taken up with the company. The latter requests were readily granted, but the matter of moving the freight station seemed to present greater difficulties. The committee appointed to present this request to the company was composed of F. G. Brown, Arthur Dorrance, and Joseph Beck Tyler. Several conferences have been held with Mr. Weirman and Mr. Snowden, who came to Riverton as guests of the committee and went over the ground. While nothing definite has yet been effected, there is good reason to believe that it is only a matter of time, and probably a short time, when the desired end will be accomplished. The Association now has a membership of nearly one hundred.

RIVERTON IRON PIER COMPANY.

The Riverton Iron Pier Company was incorporated June 3, 1886. The first president was Ezra Lippincott. Associated with him was Edward H. Ogden, secretary and treasurer, which position he held until his death. The original wharf was built about forty years ago by a few citizens of Riverton, among whom were Robert and William C. Biddle, Edward H. Ogden, Stephen Flanagan, Samuel C. Cook, William P. Ellison, Daniel L. Miller, Henry Bower, Lemuel H. Davis, Ezra and Edward Lippincott, and Thomas Roberts.

The present wharf is maintained by the stockholders of the Pier Company for the convenience and use of the citizens and visitors of Riverton.

The present officers are: Thomas Roberts, president; John C. S. Davis, treasurer; Charles L. Flanagan, secretary. The officers form the board of directors.

The Riverton Yacht Club built the clubhouse by permission of the Pier Company, with the stipulation that the club should maintain a waiting room for steamboat passengers.

RIVERTON AND PALMYRA WATER COMPANY.

The Riverton and Palmyra Water Company, which now supplies Riverton, Palmyra and much of the surrounding territory with water, was incorporated in 1888, the articles of incorporation having been signed by Henry C. Kelsey, Secretary of State, on July 23 of that year. The incorporators were Edwin F. Partridge, William S. Perot, Jr., David J. Hoar, Clifford Stanley Sims, William M. Paul, Howard Parry and Edward H. Ogden. The first meeting was held in the office of Mr. Partridge, 1025 Arch street, Philadelphia, on the last day of December, 1888, and organization effected with the following officers: Edward H. Ogden, president, which office he held until his death in 1903, when he was succeeded by Joseph Morgan, who had been vice-president. At the first meeting William M. Paul was elected vice-president, and served in that capacity until his death in 1902, when he was succeeded by Mr. Morgan. When Mr. Morgan became president, Charles M. Biddle was elected vice-president. Howard Parry was elected secretary, treasurer and superintendent at the first meeting, and has served in that capacity ever since.

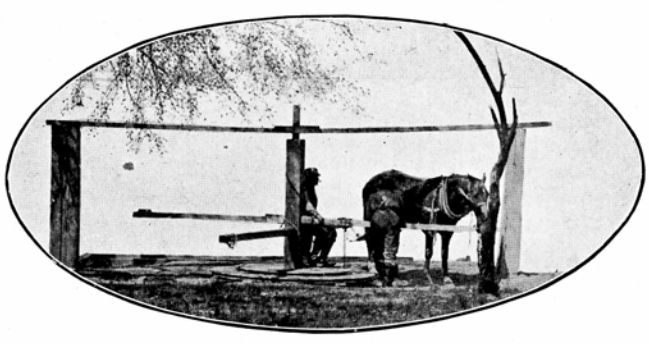
William M. Paul, of Moorestown, one of the incorporators, was really the founder of the company, for it was with him that the idea originated. Mr. Paul was a member of the Pennsylvania Pipe Company, afterwards the American Pipe Company, manufacturing cement pipe. It was at his suggestion that an effort was made to interest the people of Riverton and Palmyra in a water company. The plan met with very little encouragement and would in all probability have fallen through had not Edward H. Ogden started it in good earnest by subscribing for $10,000 worth of stock. Howard Parry obligated himself for $5,000 worth, and William M. Paul for another $5,000 worth. With this amount guaranteed from outside the pipe company assumed $30,000 worth and the water company was started with a capitalization of $50,000. Among those who soon became interested were Joseph Morgan, William F. Morgan, C. A. Wright and Dr. H. B. Hall, who was very active in promoting the interests of the new company. As it became apparent that the company was going to be a success the stock taken by the pipe company gradually changed hands until it is now practically all held by residents of this vicinity.

The original equipment consisted of a twenty-foot tank with a capacity of 40,000 gallons, mounted on a brick base about forty feet high, a pump with a capacity of a million gallons in twenty-four hours, and about eight miles of pipe. The service now being rendered requires nearly twenty-five miles of pipe, and is supplied from two standpipes with a combined capacity of 575,000 gallons, which are kept filled by a new pump of the latest type, having a capacity of two-and-a-half million gallons daily. There are also two other pumps with a capacity of a million gallons each and a duplicate boiler to insure continuous service in case of accident or breakdown. The capital stock has been increased to $100,000, $30,000 of which has been spent on improvements in the last two years. A new line has just been extended to East Riverton at a cost of about $6,000. The average daily consumption is 500,000 gallons.

RIVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The early history of educational matters in Riverton are somewhat shrouded in obscurity owing to the fact that prior to 1865 no permanent records were kept by the school board. At a public meeting in that year it was decided that "a book should be purchased in which the proceedings of all public meetings, trustee meetings and finances should be recorded."

As nearly as can be ascertained the first place in which school was held in this neighborhood was a little brick building which stood along the railroad opposite what is now Elm avenue. When the railroad was built in 1833 this building was moved, brick by brick to a nearby lot donated by Elias Morgan with the understanding that when it was no longer used for school purposes it should revert to the adjoining property own-



One of the picturesque features of Riverton, until a few years ago when it was discontinued owing to the property where a landing was made being bought up for residential purposes, was the Faunce Shad Fishery. This fishery was started a half century ago, and has been kept in the Faunce family ever since. The hauls were made in great nets, laid by boats and drawn ashore by the horse-power capstan shown in the illustration, which was placed on the bank on what was at that time the Cook property.
There is still shad fishing done at Riverton, but it is with smaller boats and nets, and lacks the picturesque features of the old fishery

ers. This school was conducted for the children living in the territory now occupied by Riverton, Palmyra, and part of Cinnaminson Township, but many pupils from here attended the Friends' School, at Westfield, which was conducted partly as a pay school. Some pupils paid, while those who could not afford to do so were taught free.

The first schoolhouse, in what is now Riverton, but was at that time known as School District No. 7, Cinnaminson Township, was a frame building on the site of the present school, corner Fourth and Howard streets. This building was erected about 1865, at a cost of $800. Joel Grant was the contractor, and Edward H. Pancoast worked for him as carpenter on the building.

At this time there were no County Superintendents, their place being taken by Township Superintendents. But little public funds were available for school purposes, the sum of $228.98 being apportioned by the Township Superintendent for the support of this school in 1865. Most of the money was contributed by interested citizens, and not raised by taxation. In 1867, the Township Superintendents were abolished. A school census taken in August of that year showed 125 children between the ages of five and eighteen years in the district.

At annual meeting held September 7, 1868, the following named citzens were present and voted: Charles Mattis, Samuel C. Cook, W. H. Inskep, Henry Bower, John H. Seckel, George L. Senat, Thomas A. Buttern, Joseph L. Thomas, Henry C. Thomas, Dr. John Tanner, William McIlhenny, Robert B. Knight, John A. Hendry, Edward Lippincott, William Faunce, William S. Thomas, Robert Cole, Robert Biddle, William T. Hetzell, Joel Grant, Louis Corner, David Pike, Charles Crosta, Richard Hatfield, Isaac Lovett, Ira A. Dillon, Robert Roach, Morris Steedle, George W. Davidson, William B. Ellison, John Bioren, Tras G. Schultz, Thomas Roberts, John Fraser, Rodman B. Ellison, Allen Hubbs, James Brown, Andrew Harbison, Robert Wells, Alfred Kimble, Daniel L. Miller, Ezra Lippincott and Lemuel H. Davis.

In 1874 a cellar was put under the building, a heater installed and the first well dug. In 1889 a one-room annex was built by Edward H. Pancoast, contractor, at a cost of $549.

The present large building, known as Building No. 1, was erected in 1892, Grant & Lowden contractors, at a cost of $4,400, and $500 for heating plant. The dry closet system, installed at a cost of $175, was paid for by individual contributions of citizens. In 1896 Building No. 2 was purchased from the Catholic Church, at a cost of $1,000, and a kindergarten was opened there the following year, the building having been enlarged and made to meet the requirements of kindergarten work by Contractor Louis F. Lowden, at a cost of $2,282.65.

In 1867 there was an enrollment of 51 out of 125 children in the district. In 1909 the enrollment had risen to 305, with an average attendance of 232.

The present plant being entirely inadequate to meet the requirements being made upon it, the School Board has been authorized to erect a new building to contain eleven class rooms, to provide for four hundred pupils, with a large auditorium and manual training room in the basement, at a cost of about $38,000, including the lot, and the contract has been made. The building will be up-to-date in every particular, both as to architecture and equipment, and will provide a school plant of which Riverton will have no need to be ashamed.

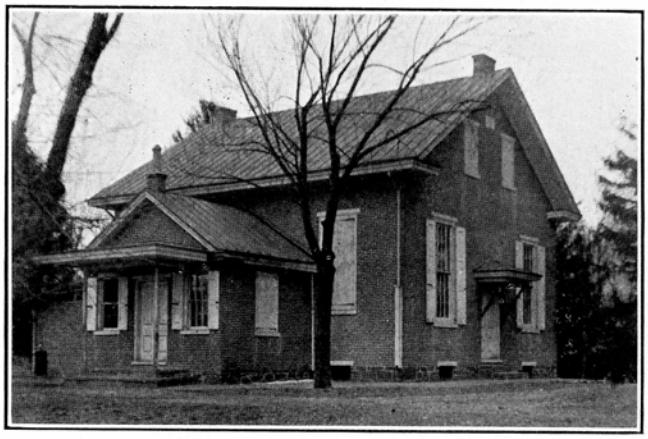
FRIENDS' SCHOOL, WESTFIELD.

The Friends' School at Westfield, in answer to a request made by Evesham Monthly Meeting of Friends, was provided for by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends in 1792, and was established as soon thereafter as was compatible with the necessities of the case. It was for many years the only school of the neighborhood, and was attended by pupils miles away, who walked, there being no public conveyance provided. This school was large, there often being 110 to 120 in attendance, and was in part a pay school.

Later a pay school was established at what was known to the older people of the present generation as the old stone schoolhouse on the road from Haines' Mill to Cambridge.

Prior to the establishment of this school, pupils walked from near Riverside, a distance of four miles, to Westfield.

There was also a school at a point about halfway between Riverton and Palmyra, but the school at Westfield being the better school, many walked from that neighborhood thereto.



Friends Meetinghouse, Westfield, as rebuilt after the original building was destroyed by fire in 1859

Friends' Meeting was established at Westfield quite early in the years of 1800. The Meeting House at Westfield was burned down in 1859, and rebuilt immediately afterwards.

The Orthodox Friends' Meeting and School, at what is now called Pomona, in Cinnaminson Township, was established soon after the separation of Friends into the two branches of Orthodox and so-called Hicksite Friends, in 1827. The school of that branch of Friends at Pomona was discontinued, probably about 1870.

The township of Cinnaminson was formed by a division of Chester Township in 1859. The divisions of Cinnaminson Township into Delran Township, and later into Palmyra Township; and still later into the borough of Riverton are of more recent occurrence and the causes thereof are too well known by most of the people of the various subdivisions to make dates important or of particular interest.

To those—if any—who are not familiar with the fact, it may be interesting to know that the word Cinnaminson is an Indian name, meaning sweet water, which they (the Indians) enjoyed in their time on the banks of the Delaware at what is now Riverton.

Riverton and Palmyra each have a street bearing the name Cinnaminson; and it is also a part of the title of the National Bank at Riverton, perpetuating the name as a token of regard for its derivation.

RIVERTON'S TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Of the towns along the east shore of the Delaware River between Camden and Trenton one of the very first to receive telephone service was Riverton.

The first telephone here was a public station located in what was then Cowperthwait's drug store, on Main street.

About 1895 a single position switchboard was installed in the residence of George W. Tucker, 516 Main street, and later removed to the frame addition on the east Mrs. Tucker, who had been an operator in Phœnixville several years before, took charge of the service.

When the switchboard was outgrown the central office was moved to the building occupied by Otto Sauers, where the service was maintained for several years. In April, 1900, William H. Stiles, the druggist, 526 Main street, took charge of the local traffic and the switchboard was transferred to that address.

In the meantime, the circuits to other towns had been increased and the number of local telephones had grown from a score to several hundred.

The present equipment is of the highest type common battery drop signal board, at which four operators can work simultaneously. This was installed in the second floor of the Price Building, Broad street west of Main, in the late fall of 1906. The board can now accommodate about 1,200 telephones, and is so arranged that this number can be nearly doubled. The outside plant is a combination underground and aerial cable, one such as is commonly used in towns of this size.

Riverton, including Palmyra and Cinnaminson, now has 621 Bell telephones, 99 of which are served by one-party lines.

Early Directory Discovered.

A Philadelphia and vicinity Bell telephone directory, dated July 1, 1886, has just come to light. In it there are three Riverton listings, namely:

Riverton No. 1, Heulings Sons, R. W., lumber and coal.

Same, Heulings Sons, R. W., lumber and coal, Palmyra.

Riverton No. 2, E. H. Ogden, residence, No. 2. (Also line connecting house and stable).

Among the early ones were: Riverton Gun Club (now disbanded), Dr. Alexander Marcy, Thomas Roberts, F. W. D'Olier, J. S. Collins & Son, A. V. R. Coe, H. A. Dreer, O. Sauers, Thomas Dewees (Palmyra), Dr. Frances Janney (private line to Westfield), Dr. H. B. Hall (private line to Palmyra), W. H. Stiles, G. W. Tucker, J. Lawrence Lippincott.

Palmyra, in the early telephone days, had one public telephone in the home of Thomas Dewees, at Fourth and Leconey avenue; later when Mr. Dewees (an employee of the Telephone Company) moved to Riverton the local central office was operated by Mrs. Charles Weyman, Sr.

BIOREN & CO.

Among our advertisements will be found one which can very properly be considered that of a local institution.

We refer to the firm of Bioren & Co., two members of which firm reside in Riverton, and for many years have been prominent in the various activities of our community. The firm is one of the oldest doing business in its line in Philadelphia, as well as one of the largest.

It was founded in 1865 by the father of J. S. Bioren, and has established during the last forty-five years a reputation second to none.

About a year ago a consolidation with the firm of E. C. Miller & Co. laid the foundation for a new era in the affairs of the firm, and as a result of the consolidation the firm is now a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and four of its partners are members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

Mr. Bioren is president of the Delaware Insurance Company and a director in the Merchants' Trust Company, and in addition thereto a director in some twenty or thirty public service corporations. Both he and Mr. Miller are on the Board and Executive Committee of The American Railways Company.

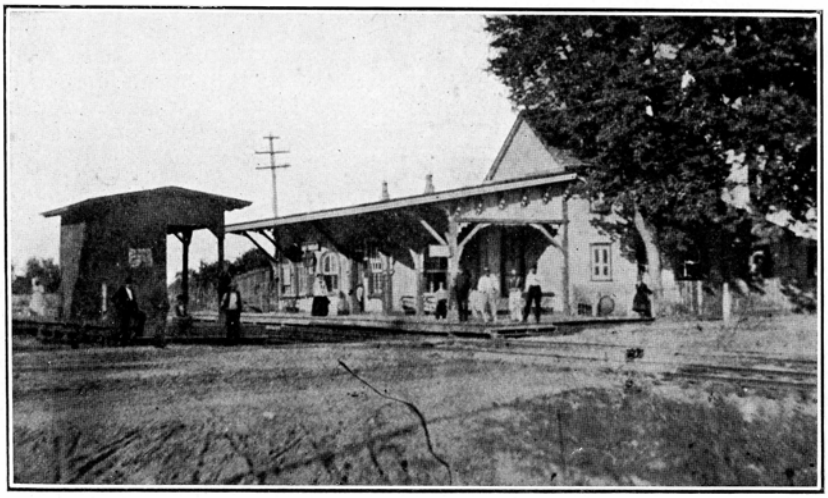
Mr. Miller is also president of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange and a director of the Real Estate Title Company.

Walter H. Lippincott is vice-president of the Logan Trust Company and an active director of the Burlington County Safe Deposit and Trust Company, of Moorestown.

Both Mr. Dale and Mr. Wieand, of the firm, are well known in financial circles, the latter having personal charge of the execution of all orders on the floor of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

I. B. P. O. E. OF W.

The Morning Star Lodge, No. 123, Improved Benevolent Order of Elks of the World, was instituted in Riverton, August 10, 1907, the following being the charter members: Josiah Conwell, John A. Stark, Timothy John-

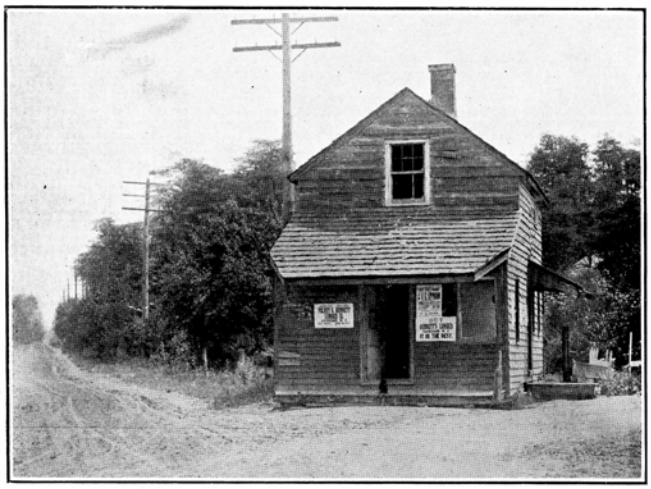


The accompanying half-tone shows the railroad station that stood on the southeast corner of Main street and the railroad. It was built about 1868 and moved to West Palmyra in 1886, where it is now used as a freight depot. The first ticket office was a small building or lean-to attached to the front end of the dwelling house shown in picture. There were no tickets sold for trains at Riverton prior to 1862. In that year Charles Mattis was appointed agent and tickets were placed on sale. The shed-like structure shown on the north-west side of track was a shelter for passengers waiting for trains going east as at that time the trains ran opposite to the way they now do; that is, they used the left track instead of the right

son, W. H. Pangelton, Samuel Conwell, W. H. Gassaway, William Johnson, George W. Lee, C. H. Harper, John Gibson, J. O. Butler. The dues are fifty cents a month; sick benefits, $4 a week, and $50 is paid on the death of a member. Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday nights of each month at the Elks' Home, Riverton, N. J. The membership now numbers about thirty-five. The present officers are: E. R., Charles Turner; E. L. K., Charles Harper; E. L. K., Benjamin Marks; E. L. K., George Madison; Esquire, John A. Starks; Treasurer, George W. Lee; Secretary, William Wade.

TOLL GATE AT FIVE POINTS.

The charter of the Westfield and Camden Turnpike Road was obtained during the sitting of the Legislature in the winter of 1853-4. The improved road was commenced in Camden, and first extended to the Pennsauken Creek; and some years later was extended on to Westfield, and up the branch to Pomona, at the intersection of that road with the road from Riverton to Moorestown. This road was first a gravel road, and many years later was converted into a stone road. It was a few years ago purchased by the counties and made a free road.



Toll House at Five Points

During the year 1854 the tollhouse, of which the above is a picture, was erected on the Burlington County side of Pennsauken Creek, just across the road from what is now the shops of Martin Kaufer. Some years later this tollhouse was removed, by Clayton Conrow, to its present site at Five Points, and is now used as a dwelling and shoemaker shop. The turnpike was finished and began taking toll in 1855.

THE BURLINGTON COUNTY SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANY.

The Mercantile and Financial Times questions if another financial institution in New Jersey has experienced such a rapid and positive augmentation of wealth and business as the Burlington County Safe Deposit and Trust Company. The corporation was chartered February 19, 1890, and commenced business April 1 of the same year. Commencing with a cash capital of $50,000, it was found expedient to double this in 1896. The earned surplus in 1896 was $30,000; it now is $130,000. The undivided profits in 1896 amounted to $5,703; these now foot up $116,000. The assets aggregated $538,852 in 1906; now the total is $1,780,380.

The management is distinctive for personal worth and eminent ability, being composed of gentlemen of the highest standing in financial, industrial and commercial circles. The implicit and widespread confidence enjoyed is attested by the deposits having reached $1,405,390. In 1896 the total was $538,852.

The executive officials have practically been identified with the management from the inception of the institution and deserve credit for the admirable results of their administration of its affairs. William W. Stokes is the president and trust officer; John C. Hopkins, vice-president; William R. Lippincott, treasurer; L. Hartman Burr, secretary; A. H. Coate, assistant secretary; Charles Ewan Merritt, solicitor; William D. Lippincott, assistant solicitor.

The company allows 3 per cent. interest on deposits. It is fully equipped to act in every fiduciary and trust capacity and becomes surety for the faithful performance of trusts. No charge is made for the drafting or safekeeping of wills. It takes entire charge of real and personal estates and loans upon mortgage and approved collateral security. Up-to-date facilities are afforded for protecting valuables from loss by fire or burglary in the modern vault of the company, located on the main floor of the banking house. The company enables out-of-town depositors and clients to transact their business through the mails as satisfactorily as by a personal visit to the banking house and the same courtesy and consideration is extended to all patrons and depositors regardless of the size of their accounts.

Trust funds are kept separate from the other assets and immediate means are sought to make them income earning. The trust funds held are $1,186,457.

R. W. HARTNETT COMPANY.

R. W. Hartnett, president of R. W. Hartnett Company, has for fifty years been engaged in manufacturing, rebuilding and selling printers' machinery and material.

He entered R. Hoe & Co.'s shop as an apprentice in 1857, and was in the employ of R. Hoe & Co. in New York and Boston until 1865, when he opened a printers' machine shop in Boston. He disposed of his interest in this enterprise in 1874.

After spending several years in selling presses, he came to Philadelphia and took charge of the Franklin Machine Company. In 1880 he resigned his position as superintendent of the Franklin Machine Company, and organized a firm of R. W. Hartnett & Bros. The new firm started with three men, and within two months twenty men were added. The new firm soon realized that to meet the wants of the printer it would be necessary to carry a stock of printers' supplies; this department was added.

In 1901 the firm of R. W. Hartnett & Bros. was dissolved, and a year later a corporation was formed, with R. W. Hartnett as president and general manager. The Company has the reputation of having the best equipped printers' machine shop and supply house in Eastern Pennsylvania.

The business was originally started at the location of the present Company, 54 North Sixth street, Philadelphia.

Present officers: President, R. W. Hartnett; vice-presirent, H. C. Magee; secretary and treasurer, E. D. Haney.

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 hostlery.

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 Evaul 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.

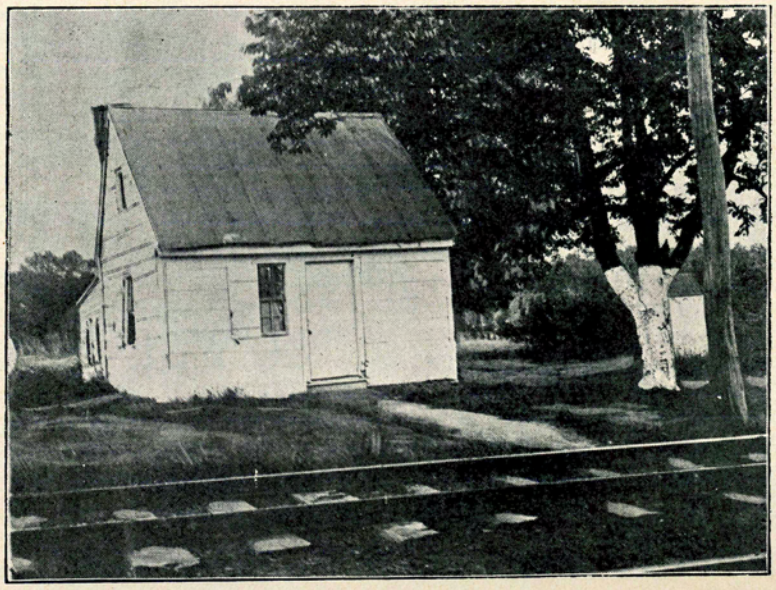
In August, 1895, a contract was made for the erection of an eight-room brick school building, on the same site with the old building. The cost of this plant, including furniture and the purchase of a property adjoining the West Palmyra School, was $12,000. The bonds were issued to be paid off $1000 yearly, 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

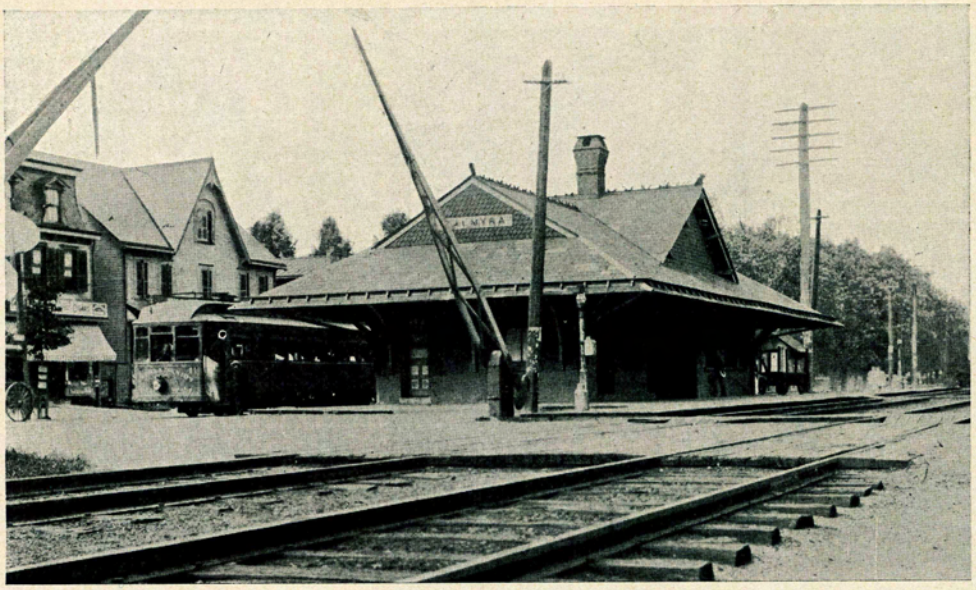


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Railroad Station at Palmyra, N. J., once known as Texas

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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Cinnaminson 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 Cinnaminson 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. Zelley, 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

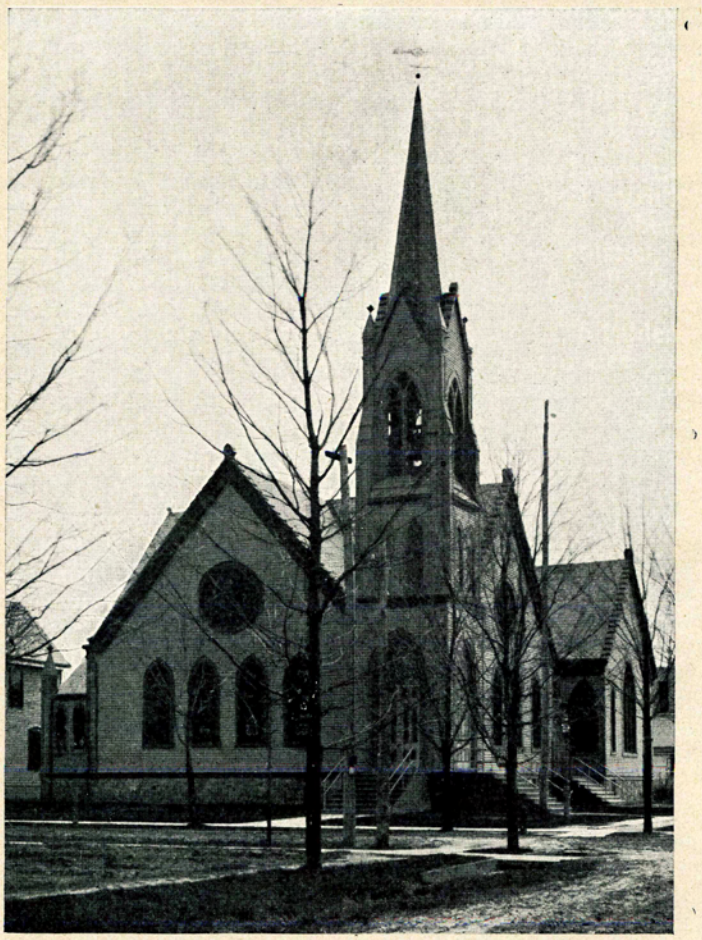


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Epworth M. E. Church, Palmyra

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.

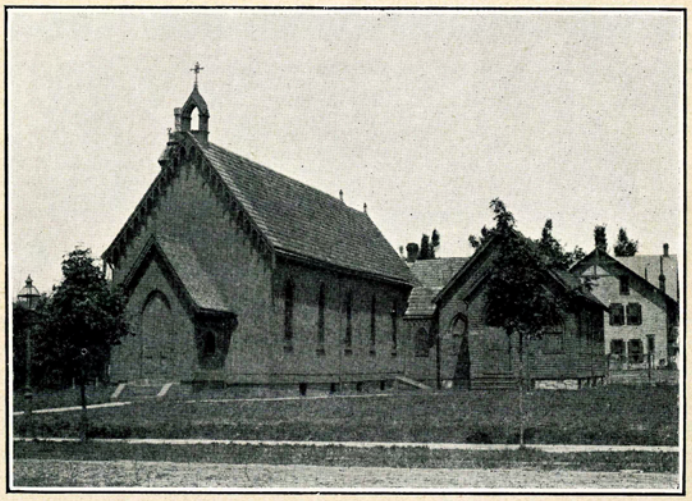
The following were appointed directors of this organization: Mrs. M. E. Connor, Mrs. C. E. Clites, Mrs. L. R. Westcoat, Mrs. C. E. Hamilton, Mrs. M. C. Russell.

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 Rudderow'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.

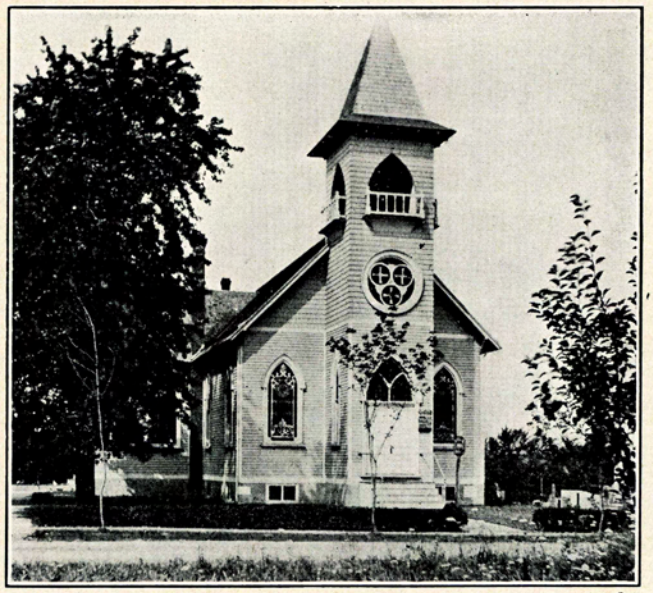
While the Association has always been handicapped by the lack of an adequate gymnasium, it has been an important factor in the religious work of the town, Morgan Hall being crowded to the doors, week after week, at the Sunday afternoon evangelistic meetings a few years ago.

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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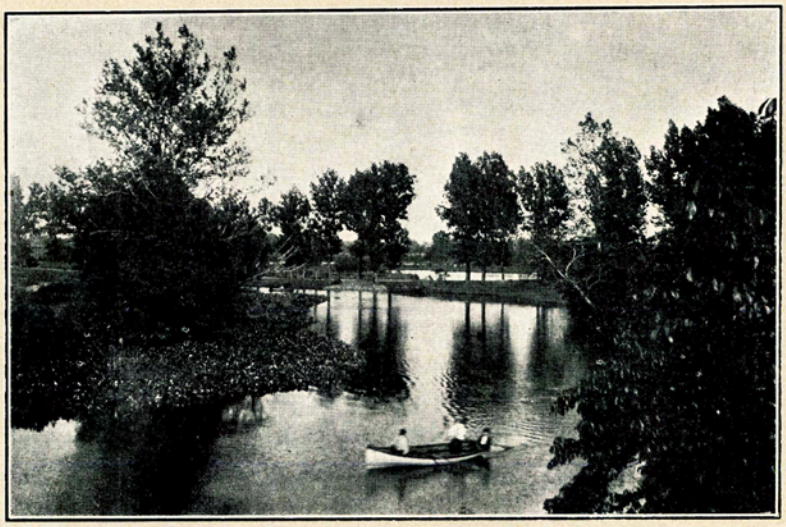


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Boating on Pensauken creek, Palmyra.

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 tweny-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 MANUFACURING 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 offie 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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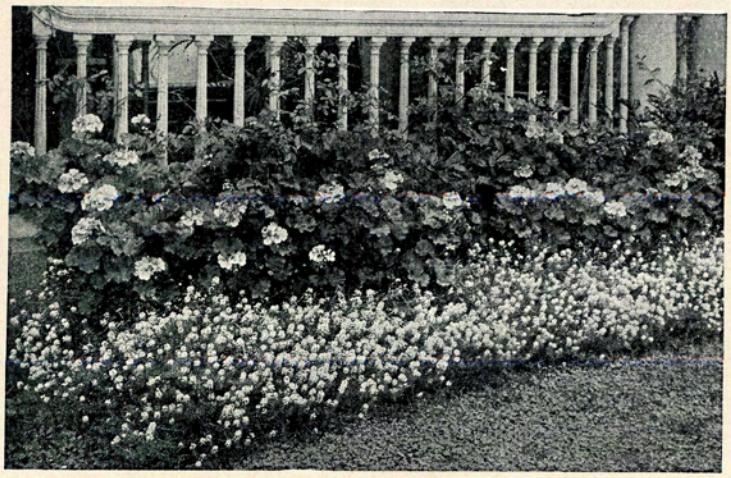
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MRS. ALFRED SMITH opened a dry goods store in Riverton in 1901, the first stand being in the Price Building, where the Adams Express Company now is. From there the store was moved to Main street, where D. M. Clifton now has his wall paper parlors. 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 esate 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 heating 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.

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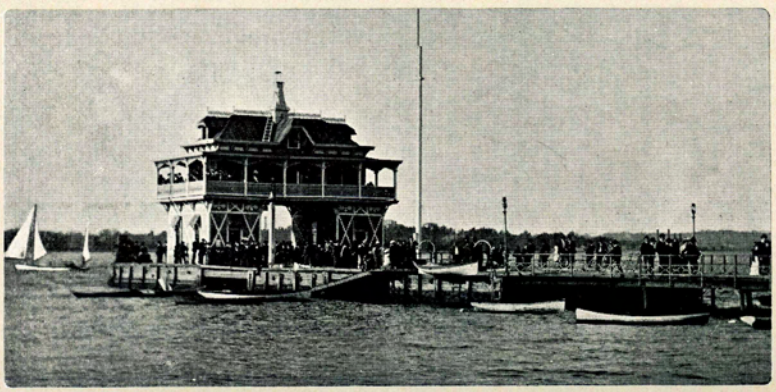
The first store at Cinnaminson was kept by Abraham Lippincott in a part of his farmhouse. Later Nathan Thorne established a store at its present site. This store was purchased probably seventy years ago by Micajah Dobbins, which was again purchased by Nathan Leeds, and later transferred by him to Samuel 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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This firm has been in existence for thirty years, having been started in 1879 by Joseph Matlack, at Ridge and Girard avenues, the present site of the Northwestern National Bank. Shortly afterwards Edward E. Coleman was taken into the firm and the business was conducted under the name of Matlack & Coleman. In 1881 the location was changed to 817 North Second street, and from there, on January 1, 1889, to 203 Market street, the present stand. At that time the name was changed to Matlack, Coleman & Co.

Following the death of Joseph Matlack, in 1905, his son Frank succeeded to his interests, and Augustus B. Kern to the interests of Edward E. Coleman, who withdrew from the firm, the name being changed to Matlack, Kern & Co., under which the business is now conducted.

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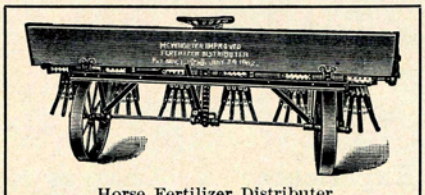
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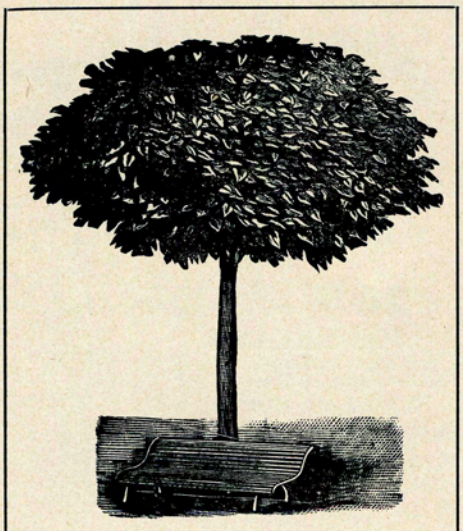
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