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“Council Holds First 1937 Session. Borough Starts New Year with Balance of \$29,441.52 in Treasury” (1 – BB, CO, DC, FE, LA, RE, SN, and SW) – Expenses left the Borough with a “small balance” at the end of the year. Swarthmore paid its \$1,038 share to the Central Delaware County Sewer Authority. T. E. Hessenbruch estimated that it would take \$3,720 “(with free labor)” to pave Cornell Avenue between University Place and Fairview Road, which would “make access to the Players Club easier”; adjoining property owners would be asked to pay 2/3 of the cost. Cinders were placed by George Gillespie on the east side of South Chester Road because there was no sidewalk; the council asked Gillespie and Company to put in a sidewalk by June 1, 1937. A new fire hose purchase was authorized. Expenses that secretary Elliott Richardson would incur while attending the annual convention of the PA State Association of Boroughs were approved. J. Howard Taylor “advised [council] he was turning over \$22.50 due him for planning alterations and repairs to Borough Hall where damaged by the recent fire, to the Fire Company.” The WPA was to be asked for labor to carry out minor improvements proposed by the Library Association.

“Speaks at Club on Public Relief. Mrs. William A. Jaquette in Authoritative Talk Following Local L. W. V. Luncheon Tuesday” (1 – AE, CW, DC, LA, PO, SN, and WO) – Elm Avenue’s Mrs. William A. Jaquette criticized a recent decision of the Goodrich Commission that would abolish PA’s Poor Boards; people were still suffering, despite money being available to help them. The state nevertheless went ahead and approved \$10 million for the Boards for unemployment insurance and, ‘The result was disastrous,’ said Mrs. Jaquette when she spoke at the Swarthmore League of Women Voters’ recent meeting. As president of the Delaware County Welfare Council, vice-president of the PA Conference on Social Work, and vice-president of the PA Public Charities Association, Jaquette argued that there were too many overlapping agencies. What’s clear is that ‘We have come thoroughly to believe that the state is responsible for the welfare of its people.’

Inset: **“Where’s That First 1937 Baby?”** (1 – SL and TS) – no babies yet, but there was a gift awaiting the first one born in 1937 at the Swarthmore National Bank

“‘The Guardsman’ Is Present Attraction. Popular Comedy, January Production of Players’ Club, Being Presented This Week” (1 – AC, CO, and SN) – glowing review of the play and actors

“New Year’s Open House at Club. Players’ Club Members Provide Annual Informal Entertainment” (1 & 4 – AC, CO, SL, SN, and VC) – Samuel Evans, Jr., chairman of the auxiliary cast committee, was in charge of the 1937 Open House. Dr. A. F. Jackson introduced him and then J. Ellwood Dougherty, “who [would] long be remembered for his characterization of Lord Brocklehurst in the December production of the ‘The Admirable Crichton’.” Dougherty took over, performing “a trio of music-visualizations” and the Desert

¹ The first issue in Volume IX was published on December 31, 1936, and is at the end of the 1936 file.

Madman.” His final dance was “created by Miss St. Dennis after her visit to the recently discovered city of the ancient Khmers.”² Also on the program was Barrie’s “The Twelve Pound Look,” introduced by Dr. Jackson and performed by Samuel Evans, Jr., Mrs. Evans, Mary Ryan O’Brien, and Roland K. Harrison.

“3 Houses Entered During Past Week. Matos, Gillespie Homes Robbed; Dr. A. M. Brooks Has Similar Occurrence” (1 – CJ, PI, SL, and SN) – Just after midnight on December 31, Dr. Franklin Gillespie’s house on South Chester Road and Harvard Avenue was “broken into and ransacked.” In the morning, the home of Mrs. Matos at 305 College Avenue was also broken into and ransacked, as was Dr. A. M. Brooks’s at 513 Elm Avenue, who discovered the crime when he returned from a vacation on January 4. Police superintendent Elliott Richardson advised residents to let the police know ‘when they leave their houses unoccupied even for a short period, and also to report to the department any suspicious characters immediately after they are noticed without waiting several hours as so often [was] the case.’ He reminded them that the telephone was staffed 24 hours/day.

“Ruth Wilson Wins More Laurels” (1 – SN and SS) – Ogden Avenue’s Ruth Wilson, a PA State titleholder in table tennis, won the greater Philadelphia Women’s Championship.

“Fortnightly Next Monday” (1 – AE, SN, and WO) – Mrs. Addison S. Wickham of North Chester Road was hosting the next Fortnightly at which Mrs. Henry A. Piper was to review Mrs. Winthrop Chanler’s “Autumn in the Valley.”³ Chanler was the “sister of F. Marion Crawford and niece of Julia Ward Howe”, and the author of “Roman Spring.”

“Two Worthwhile Programs at College During Next Week” (1 – AC, AE, and SC) – upcoming talk by England’s Albert Mansbridge and concert by Hungarian violinist Josef Szigeti, both courtesy of the Cooper Foundation

“Win \$25,000 and \$5,000 Prizes” (1 – SN) – The 25-year-old daughter-in-law of Swarthmore Avenue’s Mrs. George W. Feakins won \$25,000 in an Old Gold cigarettes’ contest. Winning second prize, \$5,000, was Charles Dieck, the son of Princeton and College avenues’ Charles Israel.

“Dies Here in Ninety-Sixth Year. Mrs. Ellen K. Brewster Passed Away New Year’s Day at Home in Swarthmore Apartments” (1 – AD, IR, NA, and SN) – Born in Ireland in 1841, Ellen K. Brewster sailed with her family to the United States in 1849. A graduate of the Young Ladies’ Seminary in Rockford, IL and, subsequently, a teacher, Brewster and her family were “intimate friends of Jane Addams and her family.” She married Joseph W. Brewster

² Cambodia was a “French protectorate” from 1863 until 1953, when it declared independence. A “timeline” of Cambodian history can be found at [bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-13006539](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-13006539) (accessed April 24, 2025).

³ On Elizabeth Astor Winthrop Chanler (1866-1937, see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_Winthrop_Chanler. For Katherine Woods’s review of the novel, see the book review section of the *New York Times* (November 29, 1936): 25 (accessed April 18, 2025).

after the Civil War; his father built the hotel Abraham Lincoln stopped at when he debated Douglas. Moving to Colorado with her husband, who was “in the business of cutting ties for the railroads extending westward,” Brewster and her sister “were the only women in these tie camps filled with hundreds of uncouth men employed by her husband. Here was her first experience with the Ute Indians on the warpath, and she saw them with human scalps dangling from their belts.” They wound up in Rosita, CO, living in a small hotel at which Helen Hunt Jackson wrote “Nellie’s Silver Mine” about Brewster’s daughter. She also “entertained Lucy Stone, who was lecturing on Woman’s Rights, a subject which greatly interested Mrs. Brewster. She cast her first vote in Wyoming and was among the first women to be called for jury duty in that state.” When her husband died, she moved east and, for the last four years, lived in the Swarthmore Apartments where her granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Helen Louise Smith, resided as well.

“J. J.’s Meet This Sunday” (1 – RS, SN, and WO) – meeting of the Trinity Church’s Junior Junior Woman’s Auxiliary at Elm Avenue’s Miss Catherine Fussell

“Harry B. Shidle Passes Away. Had Been in Ill Health Since Coming to Swarthmore 25 Years Ago” (1 – AD, CO, RS, and SN) – death of Harry Benton Shidle, who moved to Swarthmore in 1912, was a member of the Masons, Players Club, an attendant at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and lived at 208 Rutgers Avenue

“Home and School Session Monday. ‘Home Talent Night’ to Be Feature of January Meeting on ‘How to Read’” (1 – AC, BB, CE, QS, and SN) – The Home and School Association was organizing a “Home Talent Night.” President Howard Kirk implored teachers and members be ‘like good Quakers’ and ‘speak out in meeting.’

“Debate Scheduled for Club Next Week. Women to Decide Winners When Penn State Girls Oppose Swarthmore College Lads” (1 – LA, PO, SC, and SN) – Intercollegiate debating teams from Penn State (boys) and Swarthmore (girls) were to address at the Woman’s Club the question of whether Congress should declare minimum wages and maximum hours for industry. Hosting were Mrs. Warren F. Faragher and Mrs. I. L. Nickerson.

“[News Notes] Wedding Bells for Two Swarthmore Young Men. Engagement of Sarah Jessup and Charles Lincoln Announced New Year’s Day” (2 – SL and SN) – The Rev. Donald Kiskaddon McGarrah from Swarthmore Avenue and Montoursville, PA’s Ruth Moody got married with a double ring ceremony.⁴ Ahead was a wedding between Kenyon Avenue’s John Blair Floyd and Brookline, PA’s Dorothy Field McFadden. Haverford Avenue’s Sarah Frances Jessup was engaged to Boston, MA’s Charles E. Lincoln.

⁴ The fact that News Notes added this detail suggests that exchanges of wedding rings were not yet common in American marriages. I should add that in 1937, the headline about “Two Swarthmore Young Men” hearing wedding bells would not have indicated a same-sex marriage. The first legal same-sex marriage in this country was between two women and it took place in Cambridge, MA in 2004. From politico.com/story/2018/05/17/first-same-sex-marriage-in-us-may-17-2004-586604 (accessed April 22, 2025).

Ad for the Boyd Theatre: “Jane Withers. ‘Can This Be Dixie’”⁵ (2 – AC, BR, DC, and QA)

“Last Week’s Bridge Results” (2 – SL and SN) – winners at the Thursday Night Bridge Club

“Plan Spelling Bee” (2 – SL and SN) – at the Swarthmore Methodist Church’s social hall with Mrs. Lloyd E. Kauffman in charge

“Alumni Dance Chaperons” (2 – AC, CE, and SN) – at the high school gym

“Blazing the Lindbergh Trail”⁶ (2 – AC, SL, and UT) – presented by the Philadelphia Electric company and “accompanied by music and narration” at the Strath Haven Inn

“Christian Science Church” (3 – RS) – lesson-sermon on “Sacrament”

“Presbyterian Church Notes” (3 – RS, SN, and WO) – preaching by Latrobe, PA’s Rev. Paul H. McKee; Woman’s Association meeting at the church with sewing; Young Woman’s Guild meeting on “Stewardship,” January 14 at Miss Katherine Bronson, 734 Yale Avenue

“Vesper Services Resume Sunday” (3 – AC, RS, and SC) – at the college, with Alexander McCurdy playing organ on Sunday night

“Girl Scout News” (3 – BI, CE, CO, DC, GN, KO, and SN) – Miss Peggy Little, Mrs. H. J. Hanzlik, Miss Virginia Beagle, and Mrs. F. A. Child were directing a meeting of Troops 6 and 194 in the high school gym, with all Brownies “expecting to fly up” supposed to attend as well. Betty Landon, who lived at North Princeton Avenue, was gathering the members of Troop 16 for a program on birds by the Field Secretary of the Philadelphia S. P. C. A., Edward N. Skipper, at the Rutledge Horticultural Society in the Rutledge Fire House auditorium.

“Fire Company Auxiliary to Meet” (3 – DC, FE, SN, and WO) – at Mrs. Wallace Steigelman’s, 207 Dartmouth Avenue

⁵ Released in 1936, this film, whose title actually ended with a question mark (“Can This Be Dixie?”), was about members of a traveling musical medicine show that stopped at a plantation owned by Colonel Robert E. Lee Peachtree and helped “defend [Peachtree’s] mansion against Yankees and bankers.” It featured Hattie McDaniel (who, apparently “challenged” its racism), child actress Jane Withers in occasional blackface, and songs with titles like “Pick, Pick, Pickaninny” and “Uncle Tom’s Cabin is a Cabaret Now.” From en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Can_This_Be_Dixie%3F (accessed April 22, 2015).

⁶ I was unable to find a film with this title. By 1936, however, Charles Lindbergh had already completed numerous transatlantic flights and, in 1932, endured the kidnapping and murder of his infant son. He was also an antisemite and would soon become a Nazi enthusiast and leading member of the xenophobic “America First” organization. See pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/lindbergh-fallen-hero/ (accessed April 22, 2025).

“Local Orchestra Rehearsing” (3 – AC, CO, and SN) – rehearsal of the 40-some members of the Swarthmore Symphony Orchestra at the Bartol Research Foundation, with requests for players of French horn, trombone, tuba, English horn, and viola players from W. F. G. Swann

“Rev. J. J. Guenther Addresses Pupils. Senior High School Students Receive New Year’s Message on Return After Holiday Vacation” (3 – CE and RS) – The Rev. J. J. Guenther from the Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church spoke to high school seniors on how important it was “to be self-reliant, to face issues of life honestly and courageously, and to think in terms of opportunity and adjustment, not in terms of time.”

Inset: **“Mary’s Pet Recipe. Split Pea Soup with Ham Bone”** (3 – SL and TS)

“Basketball Game Tonight” (3 – CE and SS)

“One Group Not Listed” (3 – CW, PH, RS, TS, and WO) – The *Swarthmorean* omitted mention of the Woman’s Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church in last week’s list of groups that helped the Christmas charity of the Community Health Society.

“Church News” (3 – RS) – Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Friends, and Christian Scientists

“‘Seeing Eye’ Gets Over \$250” (3 – CW, DI, and WO) – Mrs. J. V. S. Bishop reported to the *Swarthmorean* that more than \$250 had been collected thus far, with seven canvassers as yet to hand in their proceeds. “It [was] expected the total sum of three hundred dollars [would] be reached.”

“Win at Annual Card Party” (3 – CW, SN, and WO) – Park Avenue’s Mrs. Edwin M. Boyd won the first door prize at the Woman’s Club benefit for its philanthropic fund; Harvard Avenue’s Mrs. J. V. S. Bishop won second prize. There were some 150 attendees at the event.

“Junior Club Events” (3 – AC, AE, SN, and WO) – With Sid Stratton’s orchestra contracted to play, the Junior Woman’s Club was holding its mid-winter formal dance. The Junior Club’s board was meeting at Cornell Avenue’s Mrs. James Bogardus on Monday. There was to be a literature section meeting chaired by Miss Ruth Wellburn and featuring Mrs. A. M. Lackey reviewing “Saint Joan of Arc” by Sackville West⁷ [sic].

⁷ Vita Sackville-West published this book in 1936. A 1996 article suggests that Sackville-West “idealize[d] Joan of Arc – not as a saint or a visionary, but as an active woman who led the life of a man without becoming male.” From Karyn Z. Sproles, “Cross-Dressing for (Imaginary) Battle: Vita Sackville-West’s Biography of Joan of Arc,” *Biography* vol. 19, no. 2 (Spring 1996): 158-177 (accessed online April 24, 2025).

“Classified” (4 – BR and RR⁸) – A “Middle-aged white woman” who lived at 11 Walnut Street in Morton and was a “thoroughly experienced, good cook” advertised under “Work Wanted.” So did a “Local colored man” who would do “housework, lawn garden” and was a “[c]areful driver.”⁹

“Orphans’ Court of Delaware County, Penna.” (4 – DC) – list of names

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“Three Candidates in Field for Library Board. Petitions Filed for Mrs. Sewell Hodge, Richard Haig and Guenther H. Froebel” (1 – BB, CO, PO, and SN) – There were three candidates for two Library Board positions that would open up after Mrs. Sewell W. Hodge’s and Thomas B. McCabe’s terms expired: Ogden Avenue’s Mrs. Sewell Hodge, who was a Board member since 1938; Riverview Avenue’s Richard Haig; and Swarthmore Avenue’s Guenther H. Froebel. “All adult residents of the Borough [were] eligible to vote”. When the polls closed, there was to be the annual meeting of the Library Association featuring reports by its president Roland L. Eaton, its treasurer Mrs. J. Passmore Cheyney, and librarian Mrs. Irwin Tschebull, who was reappointed.

“Local Fire Assoc. Auxiliary Meets. Regular Monthly Session Discloses Busy Program for Coming Week” (1 – CW, DC, FE, SN, and WO) – Dartmouth Avenue’s Mrs. Wallace Steigelman hosted the January meeting of the Ladies’ Auxiliary of the Swarthmore Fire and Protective Association where tickets were “distributed for the entertainment and dance” being “given by the Delaware County Ladies’ Auxiliary” at the Brookline Square Club¹⁰. The Swarthmore Auxiliary gave a “basket” to a local family for Christmas and was gearing up for the annual Delaware County Auxiliary Banquet that was being held at the Club House in Ridley Park with attendees Mrs. A. W. Mosteller (president) and Mrs. Charles Kimmel, Mrs. Edward Hickling, and Mrs. Steigelman. The Auxiliary was also invited to the annual Swarthmore Fire and Protective Association meeting at the Methodist Church’s social hall.

“First 1937 Baby Arrived This Week” (1 – BB, SL, SN, and TS) – Cornell Avenue’s Mr. and Mrs. Duane R. Terry had the first baby of the year, Emily Terry, born at Chester Hospital. The *Swarthmorean* gave her a bouquet of pink and white flowers; the Swarthmore National

⁸ I should note that I added the tag of BR (Blatant Racism) here because my impression is that the addition of “white” to an ad was meant as some racist assurance to possible employers, whereas an indication that someone seeking work was “colored” (RR for Racial Reference) was more of a warning designed to preclude any surprised or ugly reactions from potential employers.

⁹ His ad was also in the December 18, 24, and 31, 1936, and January 29, 1937 classified listings.

¹⁰ The Brookline Square Club on Mill Road in Havertown was founded in 1924 or 1925, depending on which of these two sources one reads. See havtwp.org/History_of_Haverford.html and paxonhollowgolf.com/-club-history (accessed September 3, 2025).

Bank had a “token” from “an anonymous well-wisher” for her. This was the fourth child for Mrs. Terry (née Emily Dawson).

“Hear Lively Debate at Woman’s Club. Penn State Girls vs. Swarthmore College Boys Proposed Pro and Con of Current Question” (1 – CE, DC, EU, LA, SC, SN, and WO) – The Woman’s Club hosted a debate between Penn State girls (pro) and Swarthmore College boys (con) moderated by the Penn State coach Mr. Schug on whether Congress should set a minimum wage and maximum work hours. Miss Zubroff spoke about the positive aspects for 15 minutes, “driving home the fact that there [were] in the United States, today, twelve millions of people dependent on the less-than-subsistence wage of the sweat shop worker.” Mr. Olds raised issues of “laissez faire”. Swarthmore’s Edmund Jones conducted the “cross-examination” and “the vivacious Miss Gerheim helped to add to the fireworks”. According to Schug, no winner would be declared unless a team requested – and no one did. The hospitality committee chaired by Mrs. Joseph Allison with Mrs. Warren F. Faragher and Mrs. I. L. Nickerson served tea. Ahead was a meeting of the chorus directed by Henry Hotz. There was also to be an open meeting organized by the Health and Welfare Section chaired by Mrs. Joseph Seal featuring Dr. Arthur Whitney, head of the Elwyn Training School,¹¹ on “Mental Hygiene”; a talk by Miss Gladys Norman on her work with the blind; Mrs. Abbie C. Enders on nursery schools¹²; and Peter Steik on “Literacy and Americanization.” The Literature Section was to hear Mrs. Phelps Soule review “I Am the Fox” by Winifred Van Etten¹³.

“School Board Told of Xmas Welfare Done by Pupils. Mr. Morey Reports on Fine Program Carried Out in Local Schools at Monday’s Meeting” (1 – AC, BB, CE, CW, IS, KO, LA, SN, TX, and WO) – Supervising principal Frank R. Morey addressed the Directors of the Swarthmore Board of Education, reporting on the schools’ Christmas welfare activities. He referred to them as ‘character-building values’ that helped create a ‘sympathetic understanding of the problems of people who are less fortunate.’ They learned the names of ‘needy and worthy families’ from ‘welfare authorities in the borough’, and then each home room was assigned a family ‘under a fictitious name’ for whom they collected food and Christmas trees, and provided toys ‘recondition[ed]’ by the Boy Scouts. Mrs. Thomas H. Lueders reported on the collection of \$5303.23 in taxes, James H. Hornaday on renewing insurance policies, and there was an announcement about a WPA allotment for repairs in the College Avenue building. Mrs. T. W. Crossen and her committee were given permission

¹¹ Elwyn was originally called the “Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-Minded Children.” It and the Vineland Training School in New Jersey were “two of the most important centers for eugenic research and pro-sterilization arguments in America.” From philadelphiaencyclopedia.org/essays/eugenics/ (accessed September 4, 2025).

¹² Enders was married to a Swarthmore College biology professor named Robert Kendall Enders (1899-1988). She apparently taught kindergarten in Swarthmore, contributing an article to *Childhood Education* v. 23, no. 8 (1947): 370-372 called “Bunnies, Buns and Babies.” See [tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/00094056.1947.10724793](https://doi.org/10.1080/00094056.1947.10724793) and en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_K._Enders (accessed September 4, 2025).

¹³ Lucy Tomkins reviewed this novel in the *New York Times* Book Review section (August 23, 1936): 7.

to use the school plant for adult dancing classes, just as president Dr. Robert C. Disque was authorized to attend the State School Directors' Association in Harrisburg.

"Friendly Circle Next Week" (1 – SN and WO) – at Mrs. George Alston's, 814 Westdale Avenue

"Mrs. Schatte Injured in New Jersey Accident" (1 – AD, CV, and SN) – Parrish Road's Mrs. Conrad Schatte, the daughter of Vassar Avenue's Mr. and Mrs. James Hanna, was hit by a speeding car in Hardingville, NJ, that "knocked" its driver "senseless" and "kept on its mad flight cracking through a wall of a frame house".

"Police News" (1 – CJ, CV, PI, and RR) - \$50 fine for disorderly conduct and an additional \$10 for driving with an expired learner's permit for Wilmington, DE's P. Harold Johnson; traffic stop for "William H. Black, colored, Philadelphia" because his car was damaged from an accident in Chester – he was permitted by the Swarthmore police "to go on in another car as the damaged one was not considered safe"; reckless driving summons to a driver of one of Martel's trucks; Marcus Hook's John Dimais had a thru traffic violation at Swarthmore Avenue and Chester Road

"Annual Red Cross Meeting Monday" (1 – CO, PH, and SN) – annual meeting of the Swarthmore Branch of the American Red Cross at Mrs. James Bacon Douglas's, 600 North Chester Road

"In Sunday's Vesper Program" (1 – AC, RS, and SC) – Swarthmore College Chorus was to perform parts of Schutz's¹⁴ Four Passions at Sunday Vespers.

"Study Local Government" (1 – AE, BB, PO, SN, TX, and WO) – The League of Women Voters' Study Group on Local Government was to hear Mrs. Hugh Denworth on taxation at Mrs. Theodore W. Crossen's, 2 Crest Lane. At the previous meeting, Mrs. Peter Told talked about the library, Mrs. A. W. Kent about "building inspection," and Mrs. Lawrence E. Davies and Mrs. Thomas H. Lueders about the Board of Education

"Company H to Be Local Post's Guest. Former Swarthmore National Guard Unit Will Hear Herbert Sanford January 18" (1 – AE, CE, MO, PL, and VM) – Company H, Swarthmore's former National Guard unit, was to be "entertain[ed]" by the local American Legion post with a talk by aeronautical engineer Herbert Sanford of the U.S. Aircraft Company in the Philadelphia Navy Yard "on the future development of trans-ocean flying." On February 15, the Post was hosting the Ridley Park Post and a Chester Post. There was to be a talk on "The Life of Abraham Lincoln" by R. B. Davis, "considered to be one of the leading authorities on Abraham Lincoln in this country", from the Bridgeport, CT Raybestos-Manhattan Company. Davis was also to speak at the high school.

¹⁴ On Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672), see "Before Bach, He Was Germany's Greatest Composer," from [nytimes.com/2020/03/20/arts/music/heinrich-schutz.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/20/arts/music/heinrich-schutz.html) (accessed October 22, 2025).

“Dr. Ackley Speaks to County L. W. V. Equalization of Educational Opportunity Subject Last Friday at Media” (1 – AE, CE, DC, PO, SN, TX, and WO) – Harrisburg’s Dr. Clarence Ackley, director of the Bureau of School Administration and Finance of the State Department of Public Instruction and Chief of the Division of School Law, told the Delaware County League of Women Voters in Media that “[e]qual educational opportunity for all is impossible under the present set-up”. That’s because children in poor districts were receiving \$393 each and those in wealthy ones were ‘backed by almost a million.’ He advised ‘expand[ing] to some wider concept of a taxing source and educational planning.’ Introducing him was Whittier Place’s Mrs. Brand Blanshard.

“[News Notes] Sunny Climes Entice Residents of this Section. Mrs. C. R. Buck Gave Last Week’s Program of Poet’s Circle; to Meet Again Next Wednesday” (2 – SL and SN)

Ad for the Washington Theatre in Chester: **Bobby Breen in a drama of Dixieland bursting with song! ‘Rainbow on the River’**¹⁵ (2 – AC, BR, DC, and QA)

“Birth” (2 – SL) – a daughter named Judith to Park Avenue’s Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barnes

“H. S. Faculty Members Ill” (2 – CE and SN) – Three high school teachers were out because of illness: appendicitis afflicted Miss Grace Wilson, head of the Latin Department; the grippe kept the German teacher, Karl Metzgar, at his home on Princeton Avenue; and Joshua A. Christian, who lived at Elwyn, was also out sick.

“Resident’s Mother Dies” (2 – AD) – death of the Swarthmore Apartments’ George Plowman’s mother, Mrs. Beulah Wilds Plowman

“Scout House Benefit Next Monday” (2 – KO, SN, and WO) – party at Mrs. William Craemer’s, 422 Harvard Avenue, by the Mothers’ Committee of Girl Scout Troop 6 to benefit the Scout House

“Art Section to Meet” (2 – AE and WO) – Miss Olive Cleaves, 123 Ogden Avenue, was hosting the Junior Club’s Art Section’s next meeting. Mrs. Genevieve Maxwell, “formerly of Swarthmore,” was sponsoring a six-lecture art course taught by the International School of Art’s Miss Marya Werten [sic].¹⁶

¹⁵ This 1936 Hollywood musical starred “boy soprano” Bobby Breen (born in 1927 as Isadore Borsuk, the son of Ukrainian Jewish immigrants in Montreal) and featured Black actors Louise Beavers and Lillian Yarbo. Wikipedia described its plot this way: “An orphan raised by a former slave in the South is forced to live with unfamiliar relatives in the North.” en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rainbow_on_the_River (accessed September 15, 2025). Like “Can This Be Dixie,” which was advertised as playing at the Boyd Theatre in the January 8, 1937 issue of *The Swarthmorean*, this movie was tagged with a BR for “Blatant Racism” because it seems to have glorified the Antebellum South.

¹⁶ Marya Werten’s surname was rendered incorrectly here as “Werten” and then as “Werton” in the January 22nd issue. It was spelled correctly in the January 29th issue.

“Two Rhodes Scholars from College” (2 – SC and SN) – President Frank Aydelotte announced that history major James R. Gardner from Baltimore, MD, and psychology major William C. H. Prentice from Williamsburg, VA (both from the class of 1937) were awarded Rhodes Scholarships.

“Garnet Wins First Prize” (2 – CE and SN) – In Hershey, PA, the Pennsylvania High School Press Association Convention awarded first prize to the *Garnet* for “magazine and newsmagazines in the class for schools of its size.” Jane Seely won a first-place award for an editorial, Estelle Chapman for a cover, and Dorothy Simmons for her short story.

“Tenth Grade Mothers’ Tea” (2 – CE and WO) – at the school, with Mrs. J. Paul Brown as the group’s chairman.

“Gets State Forestry Appointment” (2 – EC and SN) – Elm Avenue’s E. G. Youmans was appointed Assistant District Forester of the PA Department of Forests and Waters.

“Norman Thomas Here Next Week” (2 – LA, PO, SC, and TL) – Socialist Party leader Norman Thomas,¹⁷ who last spoke in Swarthmore on October 16, 1928 and ran for president in the last election, was to speak at Swarthmore College courtesy of the Swarthmore Chapter of the American Students’ Union. He was “recognized as the foremost authority on Socialistic principals [sic] and [was] the unchallenged leader of the Socialist Party. He [had] spent his entire life in studying labor conditions and working for the betterment of conditions among laboring classes.”

“Dramatic Impersonator Coming to the Inn” (3 – AC, CE, DC, SL, and SN) – Coming to the Strath Haven Inn after recent performances at the high school, the Mary Lyon School, and other Delaware County locations was Boston’s Roselth Knapp Breed,¹⁸ who used to be part of Swarthmore’s Chautauqua and was a friend of Park Avenue’s Mrs. Paul Alger. “As an artist creates a picture, so Roselth Knapp Breed create[d] her characters, with each costume and make-up change made in full view of the audience.”

“Christian Science Church” (3 – RS) – lesson-sermon on “Life”

“Trinity Church Notes” (3 – RS, SN, and WO) – The Woman’s Guild held a “luncheon and entertainment . . . for new members of the church” at North Princeton Avenue’s Mrs. F. P. Byerly. Next up was a card party at Mrs. John W. Adams, 323 North Swarthmore Avenue. Last Sunday featured the annual Epiphany Candle-light Service.

¹⁷ On Thomas (1884-1968), see, for example, archives.nypl.org/mss/2975 (accessed September 15, 2025).

¹⁸ Breed’s mother, Roselth Adams Knapp, is mentioned in Mary H. Graves, “Representative women of New England.” This short biography says that a daughter was born in 1879 and was married to Cambridge, MA’s Granville Domett Breed in 1902. See en.wikisource.org/wiki/Representative_women_of_New_England/Roselth_A._Knapp (accessed September 15, 2025).

“Presbyterian Church Notes (Home Town Son to Preach)” (3 – AE, AF, IP, RS, SN, and WO) – The son of the late Swarthmorean Dr. George Warren, “who in his youth was a leader of Swarthmore boys,” was “to preach in the pulpit of his old home church” at the Sunday service. The Rev. Harold C. Warren had his own church in Chicago and had recently “made a tour of the Holy Land.” The Women’s Bible Class was meeting at Mrs. George Van Alen’s at 211 Park Avenue to listen to the missionary Mrs. John Hail. The Woman’s Association was meeting at Mrs. Thomas B. McCabe’s at 609 North Chester Road for her review of “[o]ne of the outstanding mission study books, ‘Congo Crosses’”.¹⁹

“H. S. Team Scores Win” (3 – CE and SS) – basketball victory against Sharon Hill

“Saturday Evening’s Chaperones” (3 – SL and SN) – names of chaperones to the introductory, advanced classes, and senior assembly of the Swarthmore Dancing Classes

Inset: **“Mary’s Pet Recipe. Lemon Icebox Cake”** (3 – SL and TS)

“Last Thursday Night’s Winners” (3 – SL and SN) – bridge winners at the Woman’s Club House

“Girl Scout News” (3 – KO, SN, and WO) – There were 51 girls and six “leaders” at the weekly Girl Scout meeting in the high school gym. In charge were Mrs. A. P. Whitaker (folk dancing), Mrs. A. R. Venturini (singing), and Miss Peggy Little and Miss Virginia Beagle (athletics). There would be sewing tests and costume-making directed by Mrs. J. M. Potter.

“Local Leaders Needed” (3 – AC, DC, and KO) – Leaders were needed for Swarthmore Scouts. The Delaware County Scout Chorus for girls 14 and older was to meet at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Lansdowne.

“Church News” (3 – RS) – Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Friends, and Christian Scientists

“Classified” (4)

Ad for the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania: **““Sure it’s BIG BUSINESS!””**²⁰ (4 – LA, QA, and UT) – Illustrated with a white man wearing overalls, a checkered shirt, and what looks to me like a newsboy cap, this ad consisted of a folksy conversation between the man in the picture and a ‘fellow’ who asked him, ‘How does it feel to work for a big corporation?’ The worker responded with, ‘Well sir, for a minute I didn’t know what to say. I never

¹⁹ *Congo Crosses: A Study of Congo Womanhood* (1936), was written by Julia Lake Kellersberger (1898-1986), a Presbyterian missionary, along with her husband Dr. Eugene Kellersberger. There is a short biography of Julia Kellersberger (née Skinner) on a Presbyterian Historical Society’s Facebook page. See facebook.com/PresbyHistory/posts/julia-lake-skinnerthis-weeks-historicalfigurefriday-we-introduced-you-to-her-hus/1189023876590498/ (accessed September 15, 2025).

²⁰ Capital letters in original

thought of our gang that way. Of course we're big! You've got to be big to serve more than a million and a quarter telephones in Pennsylvania and something like 14½ million all over the country.'

"J.J.'s Hold Bake Tomorrow" (4 – CE, CW, RS, SN, and WO) – names of the teenage girls in the Trinity Church's Junior Juniors, who were preparing for a Bake and Food Sale in Martel's. Ahead was an inspection tour of the Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia for volunteer work there and at St. Martha's Settlement House.²¹

"Re-Elect Bank Officials" (4 – SN) – Stockholders for the Swarthmore National Bank and Trust Company elected new officers and directors (named).

"Cercle Francais Meets" (4 – AC, IR, and SN) – Some 25 members were at the third meeting of the season that was held at the Mary Lyon School. Miss Mary Crist and Madame Guffley served as hostesses, with Crist showing movie pictures from a recent trip to Europe. Madame Guffley's son and daughter entertained the audience with a Punch and Judy show.

"Spelling Bee Next Friday" (4 – SL and SN) – Mrs. Lloyd E. Kauffman was chairing a committee (with Mrs. Albert Behenna, Mrs. Ralph Wentzel, and Mrs. Charles Kimmel) that was arranging a spelling bee in the Methodist Church's social hall.

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"Estate Willing to Sell Simons' Sewer. Price of \$1760 Quoted by Borough Accepted; Cornell Avenue Decision Again Postponed" (1 – BB, CV, DC, FE, SN, and SW) – The Simons' Estate agreed to sell their sewer system to the borough for \$1,760; the solicitor was to "examine all phases of the proposition" and report back. Highway committee chairman T. E. Hessenbruch estimated how much it would cost to pave and lay sewers on Cornell Avenue between University Place and Fairview Road; the council tabled this question until the next meeting. The public safety committee was to consider A. T. Eavenson's proposal about saving money on the borough's vehicles' use of oil and gas. The Central Delaware County Sewer Authority re-elected J. Paul Brown as chairman. He instructed the council secretary to present a report on borough fire plugs and street lamps.

"Norman Thomas to Speak Here Today. Socialist Candidate for President Will Address Students and Friends at College at 4.30" (1 – PO, SC, SN, and TL) – College philosophy professor Jesse Holmes was to introduce Norman Thomas, who was coming to Swarthmore courtesy of the Young People's League of Philadelphia. "The standard bearer of the Socialist

²¹ The Episcopal Hospital was in Northeast Philadelphia and, according to one site, was reconfigured as "fifty-four units of lease-based recovery-focused housing and eight short-term beds" by Project HOME in 2018. From powerspreservation.com/?portfolio=hospital-of-the-protestant-episcopal-church-school-of-nursing. St. Martha's appears to have been located at South 8th Street and Snyder Avenue. See philadelphiastudies.org/2014/08/13/st-marthas-deaconess-house-8th-st-snyder-ave-1915/ (accessed September 15, 2025).

Party in the last three presidential elections, he was an outspoken critic of New Deal policies in the recent election, not because they were too liberal, but rather because they were too moderate.” In addition to his presidential candidacy, Thomas, who graduated from Princeton and the Union Theological Seminary, “ran twice as the Socialist candidate for mayor of New York City, and in 1924 for the governorship of the State of New York.” He was also scheduled to speak at Tassel’s Restaurant, 116 S. 13th Street²² in Philadelphia.

Photos²³ of John W. Powell, Secretary and Treasurer; Dr. John Byers Roxby, President; and Peter Told, Vice-President: **“Re-Elected Fire Association Officers”** (1 – BB, CO, FE, and SN)

“Heads Red Cross Again” (1 – CO, PH, and SN) – Mrs. J. B. Douglas was re-elected chairman of the Swarthmore Branch of the American Red Cross at the meeting held at her North Chester Road house. Also elected were Mrs. Edward M. Bassett as vice-chairman, Mrs. L. A. Wetlaufer as secretary, Mrs. Joseph J. Geer as treasurer, and five directors: Elric S. Sproat, Dr. Winthrop Wright, Dr. Harold Roxby, Mrs. Thomas Safford, and Mrs. Henry B. Cookman. (Other appointments were also announced.)

“‘Ah, Wilderness’ at Players Club Soon.²⁴ Eugene O’Neill’s Drama of Adolescence, February Production, Directed by J. W. Simmons” (1 – AC, CM, CO, and SN) – A cast “mostly of veteran performers” in the Players Club (named) was to perform O’Neill’s “Ah, Wilderness,” a play in which it was said that O’Neill “achieved a depth of feeling and tenderness for his characters unreached in previous plays and to have produced a drama rich in its understanding of everyday people in everyday family routine. It has been claimed that the play is autobiographical and that O’Neill [had] cast himself in the character of Richard, the dreamy high school senior who [was] so tremendously interested in Carlyle, communism, Oscar Wild [sic], and Swinburne; so deeply in love; and so infatuated with the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam.”

“Re-Elect Fire Officials Here. Dr. John B. Roxby Again Heads Local Association as Annual Meeting is Held” (1 – BB, CO, FE, MO, SN, and WO) – At the annual banquet of the Swarthmore Fire and Protection Association in the Methodist Church social hall, president Dr. John Byers Roxby was re-elected, along with vice-president Peter E. Told and secretary/treasurer John W. Powell. Elected as fire chief was Harry McHale. Dr. Roxby served as toastmaster. Speaking were Borough Council president Harry L. Miller; Alban Eavenson; Harry McHale; and president of the Ladies’ Auxiliary, Mrs. Wayne Mosteller. Her husband, who was retiring as fire chief, was given an “enlarged photograph of the Fire Company engines assembled before the Fire House”. The Ladies’ Aid of the Methodist Church served dinner.

²² I was unable to learn anything about Tassel’s. At present, the restaurant Alpen Rose is located at that address.

²³ The photos of Powell and Told were taken by J. Evans.

²⁴ The *New York Times* publicized this Players Club production as well. See [nytimes.com/1937/01/31/archives/to-give-oneill-play-players-club-of-swarthmore-will-offer-ah.html](https://www.nytimes.com/1937/01/31/archives/to-give-oneill-play-players-club-of-swarthmore-will-offer-ah.html) (accessed September 16, 2025).

“Birthday Dinner Here January 30. Swarthmore to Co-operate in. Raising Funds for Infantile Paralysis²⁵ Relief on President Roosevelt’s Anniversary” (1 – CW, PH, PO, SN, and WO) – The Women’s Roosevelt Club of Swarthmore was arranging a dinner at Dr. and Mrs. Louis N. Robinson’s house in honor of President Roosevelt’s birthday and to raise funds for victims of infantile paralysis. The executive committee, consisting of Mrs. Robert Brooks, Mrs. J. V. S. Bishop, Mrs. S. Milton. Bryant, Mrs. James Bogardus, Miss Olive Cleaves, Mrs. R. C. Disque, Mrs. Lovett Frescoln, Mrs. A. M. Myers, Mrs. Henry A. Peirsol, Mrs. John H. Pitman, and Mrs. Louis N. Robinson, was selling tickets.

“Find Robber’s Loot” (1 – AD, CJ, CV, FE, PI, and RR) – A boy from Woodlyn, Paul Gach, came upon a “leather zipper bag containing articles of apparent value” when he was laying traps along the stream. South Swarthmore Avenue’s. Howard Bastian reported the find to the police in Swarthmore, where it was discovered that the items – including rings, a bracelet, gloves - had been stolen on the weekend of January 3rd from Dr. A. M. Brooks’s house on Elm Avenue and from the Matos family on College Avenue. It appeared that the bag had been “thrown under the Yale Avenue culvert over Little Crum Creek” by the thief. There were three “minor collisions” in the borough: John Berry, “colored, of Chester”, hit South Chester Road’s Miss Ruth Hihn when she turned onto College Avenue from Chester Road; the vehicles of Rose Valley’s Donald T. McLeod and Benjamin West Avenue’s Otto Kraus, Jr. collided near Baltimore Pike; and so did the cars of Springfield’s Helena M. Ohlsson and Memphis, TN’s Leroy Cooper, Jr. at Yale Avenue. The engine of Donato Colafermina’s car caught fire when he tried to start it at the Swarthmore Garage. There was also a fire that had been quickly extinguished at 209 Garrett Avenue. Swarthmore Avenue’s Robert C. Brooks, Jr., was “warned for passing the thru traffic sign at Chester Road and Fairview Road at a high rate of speed.” Charles Winters, who drove for Martel Brothers, was warned for reckless driving. Marcus Hook’s John Demais was warned for a thru traffic violation.

“Annual Meeting at Library Monday. Mrs. Jesse H. Holmes, Charter Member of Board of Directors, to Address Session” (1 – BB, CO, IR, and SN) – The upcoming meeting of the Swarthmore Public Library Association was to feature elections and an “informal talk” by charter board member and current Moylan resident Mrs. Jesse H. Holmes, who just returned from abroad and was expected to tell stories of “her contacts with world-famous persons such as [Mahatma] Gandhi and [Aldous] Huxley”.

“Spanish Dancer at Club Next Tuesday. New Resident of Borough Will Perform with Daughter for Local Women” (1 – AC, LT, SN, and SP) – performances by the Tennessee-born Spanish dancer Aleja Campo (a.k.a. Riverview Road’s Mrs. Arthur P. Whitaker), who spent her summer in Mexico studying dance and music, and her daughter Nena at the Swarthmore Women’s Club

“Mrs. Myers to Address L. W. V. Group” (1 – AE, CW, DC, and WO) – The executive secretary of the Delaware County Welfare Council, Mrs. Judson T. Myers, was to address the League

²⁵ Poliomyelitis, known familiarly as polio, struck Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1921, when he was 39 years old. From fdrlibrary.org/polio (accessed September 16, 2025). At least as of this date, the Centers for Disease Control still recommend the polio vaccine for children.

of Women Voters' study group on public and private social work in the county at Mrs. Theodore W. Crossen's, 2 Crest Lane.

"[News Notes] David Bishop Tendered Bon Voyage Dinner Party. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Smalley and Burgess John H. Pitman and Wife at Inauguration" (2 – PO, SL, and SN) – Postmaster A. P. Smalley and his wife attended FDR's second inauguration, along with Vassar Avenue's Mr. and Mrs. John H. Pitman.

"Serve County Bar Association" (2 – DC and SN) – Wallingford's Eugene P. Balderson, Jr., formerly of Hillborn Avenue, was elected secretary of the Delaware County Bar Association, and Strath Haven Avenue's D. Malcolm Hodge, who retired as the Association's president, was "named one of the five directors."

"Two Local Women Re-Elected to SPCA. Humane Society Needs More Contributors to Carry Increasingly Large Demand" (2 – AE, AP, CJ, CO, DC, and SN) – Vassar Avenue's Mrs. A. R. O. Redgrave was re-elected as one of the two vice presidents of the Delaware County Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Lafayette Avenue's Mrs. Henry A. Piersol was elected as its corresponding secretary. In December, among 22 "complaints of cruelty" was one that resulted in the arrest and \$10 fine of a Philadelphia truck driver who ran over and left an injured dog. There were 205 reports for the previous year, and 11 arrests for offenses that included "beating, shooting, neglect, abandonment, placing poison, selling diseased, running over and deserting, etc. All were convicted." In 1936, there were 3,697 calls that entailed traveling 20,926 miles and using 2,201 gallons of gas. The SPCA also visited schools and clubs to give illustrated talk about animals, and secured graves for pet burials. "Financial help [was] much needed to carry on this humane and necessary work."

"\$350.00 Raised for 'The Seeing Eye'" (2 – AP, CW, DI, and SN) – "Seeing Eye" treasurer Mrs. Joseph Geer sent a check for \$350 to Morristown, NJ, for the organization's work training "dog and man so that the man though blinded may again take a place among his fellow men."

"Air Film at Inn" (2 – AC, PL, and SL) – "Lost in the Stratosphere" was being shown at the Strath Haven Inn.

"Garnet Passers Defeat Media" (2 – CE, SN, and SS) – The Swarthmore High team beat the County Seaters in Media.

Ad from by Mrs. Lloyd E. Kauffman, 313 Dartmouth Ave. Swarth. 2080: **"Subscribe Now to LIFE,²⁶ The New Picture Magazine. \$3.50 per Year. After February 1st, \$4.50 per Year. SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ALL MAGAZINES"** (2 – QA)

²⁶ *Life* magazine was first published on November 23, 1936. From [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life_\(magazine\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life_(magazine)) (accessed September 17, 2025).

"J. J.'s Meet Sunday" (3 – CE, RS, and WO) – next meeting at Swarthmore Avenue's Miss Connie Schoff

"Trinity Church Notes" (3 – AE, CW, MO, RR, RS, SN, and WO) – At the monthly Junior Woman's Auxiliary meeting at the Parish House, reports were made, "Lenten boxes were distributed, and it was decided to meet each Monday evening during Lent at the home of Mrs. A. Sidney Johnson, Jr., on Park Avenue for needlework and discussion of the year's study project 'The Negro.'" Mrs. John Burris West, Miss Elinor Willits, Mrs. A. Sidney Johnson, Jr., Miss Louise Campion, and Miss Rosalie Dryden were reviewing books for this theme. Trinity men were planning their February 11th dinner.

"Presbyterian Church Notes" (3 – AE, RS, SL, and SN) – sermon from State College, PA's Rev. Edward H. Jones on "The Greatness of God"; congregational dinner with tickets available from women in the church (named); study of the Book of John for the Woman's Class; visiting ministers ahead from Endicott and Syracuse, NY

"Sixth Grade Mothers Favor Musical Instruction" (3 – AC, CE, SN, and WO) – Music teacher Clarissa Randall spoke to the Sixth Grade Mothers' Group at Mrs. Henry I. Hoot's Lafayette and Princeton avenues house. Miss Randall "stressed the need of lessons in orchestral instruments for local children" and told the mothers about how to purchase secondhand instruments. Mrs. Frank R. Morey "gave a digest of articles pertaining to child training in current magazines." Mrs. B. K. Morse and Mrs. Norman Hulme provided refreshments.

"Girl Scout News" (3 – AC, KO, LT, SN, and SS) – Troop 16 leader Mrs. George Zimmer was taking a folklore class at the Philadelphia Girl Scout Headquarters at 311 South Juniper Street with E. O. Wittrup, director of the previous year's Folk Festival at the Academy of Music. Troop 6 leaders Mrs. F. A. Child, Mrs. Henry J. Hanzlik, Miss Peggy Little, and Miss Virginia Beagle were taking a mariners course. Mrs. I Steinberg, née Frances Peckerman, was to head Troop 194. That troop and members of Troop 6, some 45 in all, engaged in athletic activities led by Miss Peggy Little in the high school gym, singing led by Mrs. J. Hornaday, and Mexican dancing led by Mrs. A. P. Whitaker.

"Temperance Speakers Here Today" (3 – CE, DC, LQ, and WO) – Philadelphia's Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Killitt, Mrs Killitt being the president of the Philadelphia Woman's Christian Temperance Union, were coming to Swarthmore speak at the Rutgers Avenue and College Avenue schools. This week's Swarthmore WCTU meeting was postponed. The Delaware County branch "held a temperance institute" at the Ridley Methodist Church.

"Fortnightly Review Next Monday" (3 – AE, GU, and SN) – Mrs. Milton Bryant was to review "A Genius in the Family," a biography of the "famous gun" inventor Sir Hiram Maxim at Mrs. Joseph A. Perry's house on Thayer Road. Mrs. Earle P. Yerkes was to talk about the trip she and her husband took to Alaska the past summer.

"Youngsters Give Play" (3 – AC, CE, KO, and SN) – Third graders from the College Avenue school put on "The Last Roundup" at Bobby Hulme's Ogden and Swarthmore avenues

house. Mrs. Norman Hulme “entertained the parents who attended and the members of the cast.” Money was raised for the boys’ Rising Curtain Club.

“Church News” (3 – RS) – Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Friends, and Christian Scientists

Inset: “Mary’s Pet Recipe. Sweet Potato Biscuit” (3 – SL and TS)

“Post Office Job Open Here” (3 – BB and LA) – A substitute clerk-carrier job paying 65 cents/hour in the post office was open for takers of the U. S. Civil Service Examination.

“Nominate at Business Association” (3 – BB, CO, SE, and SN) – The Swarthmore Business Association met at the Strath Haven Inn and nominated a slate of officers: Charles R. Russell (president), Edward L. Noyes (vice-president), Alfred P. Smalley (secretary), and John E. Michael (treasurer).

“To Give Art Course Here” (3 – AE and IR) – Warsaw’s Miss Marya Werton [sic] was to give six art lessons in Swarthmore.

“Dancing Classes Saturday” (3 – AC and SN) – list of chaperones for the Intermediate and Junior Assembly dance classes

“Show Swiss Alps at H. S. Tomorrow” (3 – AC, CW, DI, SL, and SN) – Proceeds from a showing of a “moving picture taken in the Swiss Alps” and presented by Richard Soderberg, William Spencer, Guenther Frobel, Joseph Koch, and Norman Hughes at the high school auditorium were to go toward the “Seeing Eye.”

“Lectures Before New Jersey Garden Club” (3 – CO, GN, and SN) – Oberlin Avenue’s Dr. Edgar T. Wherry talked about the “Wild Flowers of New Jersey” at the New Jersey Garden Club.

“Win at Thursday Night Bridge” (3 – SL and SN) – list of winners

“‘Sid’ Johnson Reappointed” (3 – SN) – Park Avenue’s A. Sidney Johnson, Jr., was reappointed to the Corporation Law Committee of the PA Bar Association.

“Classified” (4)

“Several Speakers at Club This Week. Program on Tuesday Under Direction of Health and Welfare Section” (4 – AE, CE, CW, DC, DI, IR, LA, ML, SC, SN, and WO) – Director of the Mental Hygiene Department of the Public Charities Association of Pennsylvania, Dr. Camillia Anderson, was introduced by Woman’s Club Health and Welfare chairman Mrs. Joseph S. Seal, who herself was introduced by the president Mrs. Roland G. E. Ullman. According to Anderson, “Mental Hygiene and Emotional Health [were] synonymous and may be achieved by removing fear, prejudice, sensitiveness, and by being more co-operative.” Supervisor of the Adult Education Division of the Works Progress

Administration in Delaware County, Joseph C. Carey, was also introduced by Mrs. Seal. He “explained that the W. P. A. puts persons to work in a useful way, under local sponsors.” Also at the meeting was Miss Gladys Norman, who talked about teaching Braille in Delaware County “to those blind persons ranging in age from 45 to 74 who [had] recently become blind and who [could not] avail themselves of the services of the Overbrook School for the Blind.” Mrs. Abbie C. Enders, who was “better known as Mrs. Robert K. Enders of the Swarthmore Campus,” was “doing a splendid piece of executive work in the organization and development of Nursery Schools in four counties.” There were four in Delaware County: in Darby, Chester, Upland, and Haverford. Peter E. Steik spoke to the group about the “work of Americanization among the foreign born residents of the county.” There were four night schools “giving courses in the English language, commercial work, vocational work and even safety driving”. Mrs. Arno Viehover, Literature Section chairman, explained the rules for the Delaware County Federation of Woman’s Clubs’ current Literature Contest, which was open “to any woman in the county, irrespective of membership in a club.” Because she was ill, Mrs. Phelps Soule had to postpone her review of Winifred Van Etten. She would review Ibsen’s “Hedda Gabler” at the next Drama section meeting.

“Robert K. Enders Sails on Sixth Zoological Trip to Panama” (4 – AP, CB, LA, SC, and SN) – Although his expedition was stalled “because of the seamen’s strikes”,²⁷ Swarthmore College zoology professor, Cedar Lane and College Avenue’s Robert K. Enders, was finally able to sail from New York to Panama to the Barro Colorado Island Laboratory of the Institute for Research in Tropical America a week earlier. His family, two Swarthmore students, and the U Penn zoology instructor David Bishop (Swarthmore class of 1934), son of Harvard Avenue’s Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Bishop, were accompanying him. Enders chose to study Chiriqui’s fauna because of Chiriqui’s proximity to the Volcan de Chiriqui, which ‘offer[ed] an opportunity to trace back the origin of this fauna from what was originally a lowland fauna.’²⁸

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Inset: **“Cash Wanted. Flood Relief”**²⁹ (1 – CO, CW, and SN) – plea for donations from “this well-to-do community” to the Red Cross Flood Relief Fund, with quotes from volunteers Red Cross president Charles Russell, Fire Chief Harry McHale, School Superintendent Frank R. Morey, and Police Chief John Rogeri

²⁷ On this strike, see usni.org/magazines/proceedings/1937/may/merchant-marine-personnel-problem (accessed September 26, 2025).

²⁸ Enders gave a talk on “A New Rodent of the Genus *Rheomys* from Chiriqui” at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia in 1938. Another paper that drew on this trip was published by Enders as “Observations on Sloths in Captivity at Higher Altitudes in the Tropics and in Pennsylvania,” *Journal of Mammalogy* vol. 21, no. 1 (February 1940): 5-7 (accessed at [jstor.org/stable/4064253](https://www.jstor.org/stable/4064253) and [jstor.org/stable/1374649](https://www.jstor.org/stable/1374649) on September 26, 2025).

²⁹ There were devastating floods of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in January and February of 1937. See, for example, pubs.usgs.gov/publication/wsp838 (accessed September 26, 2025).

“On Board of Skytop Club³⁰” (1 – CO, SC, and SN) – The Strath Haven Inn’s Isaac G. Darlington was re-elected to the Skytop Club’s Board of Governors. Skytop was hosting a Swarthmore College house party in the coming weekend.

“Mrs. William Fryer Passes Away. Dies at Home of Daughter, Mrs. H. W. DeCourtenay, on Cedar Lane” (1 – AD) – The 78-year-old widow Arrabelle Ewing Fryer died at her daughter’s 517 Cedar Lane home.

“Spanish Program at Woman’s Club. Swarthmore Resident and Daughter Dance; Bryn Mawr College Teacher, Speaker” (1 – AC, CE, LT, SN, SP, and WO) – Introduced by Art Section chairman Mrs. Henry A. Peirsol, Riverview Road’s Mrs. Arthur P. Whitaker performed under her “Spanish name” Aleja Campo, “dancing before members and guests of the Swarthmore Woman’s Club”. Her daughter Nena also danced. Bryn Mawr College’s Spanish teacher, Miss Eleanor O’Kane, then lectured about her two years in Spain, “which culminated in her departure from that country because of the present civil strife.” She described the war as “more profound and less easy to settle than a class war, and was perhaps brought about by a desire of the masses to procure for their children that which was denied to them by circumstances – an education.”

Photo: **“Local Woman Dances at Club”** with caption “Aleja Campo, Spanish dancer, who with her daughter, Nena, performed at Tuesday’s meeting of the Swarthmore Woman’s Club, is known here as Mrs. A. P. Whitaker, and resides on Riverview Road” (1 – AC, SN, SP, and WO)

“Mrs. Jaquette Head of 1938 Conference. Swarthmore Woman Elected at Last Week’s State Convention on Social Work” (1 – CO, DC, LA, PH, PN, SC, and SN) – Elm Avenue’s Mrs. William A. Jaquette was elected president of the Pennsylvania Conference on Social Work that met in Philadelphia at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. “The large attendance from Swarthmore attested to the success of the program of the conference under Mrs. Jaquette’s able leadership.” In attendance were 20 Swarthmore residents [named - all women but one], including Miss Claire Thomas, the Delaware County Emergency Relief Board acting administrator and case supervisor, and members of the Central Delaware County Health Society.

“For Flood Relief” (1 – CO, CW, ND, and SN) – “The American Red Cross [was] appealing for two million dollars to feed, clothe, house and give medical assistance to sixty-eight thousand families under its care at the present time in the flooded region.” Treasurer of the Swarthmore branch, 750 Harvard Avenue’s Mrs. Joseph Geer, was collecting checks, canned foods, non-perishable foods, and blankets.

“Change of Place of Birthday Dinner. Whittier House to Accommodate Those Wishing to Aid Infantile Paralysis Sufferers” (1 – CO, CW, PH, PO, and SN) – Instead of taking place at Dr.

³⁰ I was unable to find any information about a club with this name.

and Mrs. Louis N. Robinson's College Avenue home, the President's Birthday Dinner was to be held at Whittier House.

"Graham to Star in Next Week's Play. J. William Simmons Directing 'Ah, Wilderness' for February Club Audiences" (1 – AC, CO, and SN) – Latest production of the Players Club

"Mrs. Jesse Holmes at Library Meeting. Mrs. Sewell Hodge and Guenther Froebel Announced as New Directors Monday Evening" (1 & 6 – BB, CO, SA, and SN) – "Featured by a witty and informative talk by Mrs. Jesse H. Holmes, one of the founders of the Swarthmore Public Library Association, the annual meeting was held last Monday evening in the Library Rooms in Borough Hall." Mrs. Holmes talked about her "interesting contacts with such world figures as Bernard Shaw, Mahatma Gandhi, and the Huxleys, and of her visit to a native mud village in India when she was traveling abroad with Dr. Holmes". Association president Robert L. Eaton, treasurer Mrs. J. Passmore Cheyney, and librarian Mrs. Irwin Tschbull delivered reports.

"Robbers Apprehended" (1 – AD, CJ, CV, DC, PI, and SN) – Under arrest by a Delaware Highway Patrol captain "on suspicion of having broken into the house of Alfred V. DuPont,³¹" in West Overhill, Delaware, Thomas Murphy and Donald Georgeson were being held at the Penny Hill Police Station. "Both men gave as their address, 505 South Swarthmore Avenue, Springfield Township." Swarthmore Police Captain Rogeri and Springfield's Sergeant Smith searched the men's home and found stolen items from DuPont along with others "recently stolen from the Swarthmore homes of Dr. A. M. Brooks and Mrs. Matos." Arrested in Swarthmore last week were Philadelphia's Archie Finger and David Plat "for selling magazine subscriptions for which they were receiving money, misrepresentation, and selling without a license." At the corner of Chester Road and College Avenue, Llanerch's Russell M. Anderson's car was hit by Philadelphia's A. L. Marsh, who was then hit by Wilmington's Edward Butler. Frank Marsh received a warning for improper use of his license.

"[News Notes] Dorothy Young Bride of N. H. Keedy in New York. Many Residents Ill with Grip; Children Celebrate Birthdays; Other Social Notes" (2 – SL and SN) – Park Avenue's Dorothy E. Young married N. Hunter Keedy of Martinsburg, West Virginia, in NY's Waldorf-Astoria.

"Birth" (2 – SL) – a son to College Lane's Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jester

"Sixth Year for the 'Big Show'" (2 – AC, CE, CW, and SN) – Five boys in the ninth grade (named) gave their sixth show, whose proceeds increased from \$2 at the first one to \$12 at the latest. The previous year's proceeds went to flood relief; the current to the "Seeing Eye."

³¹ This particular member of the DuPont family was a chemist and architect who lived from 1900-1970. See philadelphiabuildings.org/pab/app/ar_display.cfm/733506 (accessed October 1, 2025).

“At Annual Boy Scout Meet” (2 – KO and SN) – Several local Boy Scouts and their parents (named) went to the annual meeting of the BSA’s Valley Forge Council at the Penn Athletic Club.

“Martel Brothers Feted” (2 – SE and SN) – A banquet at Palumbo’s³² in Philadelphia was held in honor of the eighth anniversary of Morris and Jerry Martel’s business in Swarthmore.

“Gets Business School Diploma” (2 – SN) – Vassar Avenue’s Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. O. Redgrave’s daughter Elmira, a Swarthmore High School alumna and Hood College attendee, earned a diploma from her stenographic-secretarial course at the Peirce School³³ in Philadelphia.

“Last Week’s Bridge Winners” (2 – SL and SN) – names from the Thursday Night Bridge Club

“Mrs. Fraser to Lead Music Study” (2 – AC, AE, CE, and SN) – Wallingford’s Mabel W. Fraser was to teach at 235 Kenyon Avenue, the new location for a Swarthmore branch of Philadelphia’s Ornstein School of Music.³⁴ “Mrs. Leo Ornstein spoke to parents at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Chandler Prince, Guernsey Road . . . on ‘Modern Methods of Teaching Music.’”

“Local Charity Done by Friendly Circle. Motion Pictures Illustrating Welfare Work in This Section Seen at Meeting” (2 – CW, DC, PH, SN, and WO) – Mrs. George L. Alston’s on Westdale Avenue was the site of the latest Friendly Circle meeting. President Mrs. T. Harry Brown read thank you letters from the Circle’s “Christmas cheer,” knitting committee chairman Mrs. C. C. West “displayed another completed afghan” bound for an “invalid”, \$15

³² On Frank Palumbo and his restaurant at 824 Catherine Street in Philadelphia, see billypenn.com/2022/10/21/frank-palumbo-south-philadelphia-restaurant-mafia-headlines-of-yore/ (accessed October 1, 2025). A Rite-Aid, closed recently along with all the other Rite-Aid pharmacies, had been at the restaurant’s former site.

³³ Founded in 1865 and moving from Spring Garden and North Eighth streets to 1420 Pine Street and adjacent rowhouses in 1915, what’s now known as Peirce College was “part of a nationwide effort to formalize business training with an emphasis on office workers, clerks, and managers entering the rapidly growing industrial and retail sectors in northeastern cities.” Peirce recently relocated to the 19th floor of 1608 Walnut. From hiddencityphila.org/2022/10/peirce-college-on-the-move-since-1865/ (accessed October 1, 2025).

³⁴ Having studied at the St. Petersburg Conservatory, pianist and composer Leo Ornstein (1895-2002), the son of a Jewish cantor, “fled [with his family] to the United States in 1907” from tsarist Russia. With his wife Pauline, he founded the Ornstein School of Music at S. 19th and Spruce streets, among whose students was John Coltrane. From pcmsconcerts.org/composer/leo-ornstein/, milkenarchive.org/artists/view/leo-ornstein, and hiddencityphila.org/2013/02/there-was-no-end-to-the-music/ (accessed October 1, 2025).

was allotted for the Morton dental clinic, and the purchase of new scales for the Folsom Well-BabyClinic was approved. The group voted to buy wool for making children's caps. They considered several appeals for their help and then Mrs. Nellie Cunenco, Supervising Nurse of the Community Health Society of Central Delaware County, talked about its work, illustrating her talk with "motion pictures shown by Mrs. A. F. Jackson," president of the Society.

"Mr. Ogram at Bankers' Convention" (2 – SE and SN) – The assistant cashier and trust officer of the Swarthmore National Bank, Riverview Road's Harold Ingram, was at the American Bankers Association in Pittsburgh's regional conference.

"Speaks to Ridley Park Merchants" (2 – CO, DC, SE, and SN) – President of the Swarthmore Business Association, Charles Russell, spoke to Ridley Park merchants who were forming their own society.

"Chatter"³⁵ (3 – GN, LH, SE, SL, and SN) – First item: "Last week our postmaster's wife picked a full sized pansy bloom in their flower garden." Second item: A flood on August 18, 1928 was called 'the worst flood in the history of Swarthmore' in the *Swarthmore News*. "Gary White and Bob White created history by diving and swimming on peoples [sic] lawns." Third item: "Too bad Jerry Martel couldn't get to the party that was planned for him." Fourth item: "Who could have wanted over two hundred colored bulbs reported taken during the time the Christmas lights were up in the business section?" Fifth item: "Why do sign posters put up the signs of current attractions at the theatres behind the stores on old garage buildings"?

"Our Traveling Bard (E. C. Walton Is Headed South)" by Old Timer (3 – LH and SN) – on the trip to Florida taken by the "Pennsylvania poet"

"Christian Science Church" (3 – RS) – lesson-sermon on "Love"

"Presbyterian Church Notes" (3 – AE, CE, MO, RR, RS, SN, and WO) – sermon from Endicott, NY's Rev. John A. Visser; Young Woman's Guild meeting at Mrs. Walter Luff's, 413 Haverford Place, with Miss Gladys Quinlan from Swarthmore's A.M.E. Church; Sunday School classes for men, women, and children

"Art Course Begins Next Monday" (3 – AC, AE, IR, and SN) – Warsaw, Poland's Miss Marya Werten,³⁶ who studied at Warsaw's Academy of Art and Paris's Bazaar Ecole, and whose "brother assisted Madame Curie in the search for radium", was conducting six art classes "at the home of the Misses Katherine and Elizabeth Bassett" on North Chester Road.

³⁵ The start of a new column for miscellany?

³⁶ Werten (1888-1949), whose name is sometimes spelled as "Maria," is identified as a Polish Jew by Chicago's Polish Museum of America. Its website lists some of her major works. See polishmuseum.pastperfectonline.com/bycreator?keyword=Werten%2C%20Maria (accessed October 22, 2025).

"Mary's Pet Recipe. Banana Bread" (3 – SL and TS)

"J. J.'s to Draft By-Laws" (3 – CW, SN, and WO) – The organization was going to send two quarts of milk a day to the family they were sponsoring. They were also forming a committee (named) to draft new by-laws.

"For Criminal Court Jury" (3 – CJ, DC, and SN) – names of jurors (all male) who were to serve at the criminal court in Media

"Girl Scout News" (3 – AC, DC, KO, and SN) – There were 50 Girl Scouts in attendance at a meeting in the High School gymnasium, with "[m]uch progress made under the leadership of Miss Peggy Little, Miss Virginia Beagle, Mrs. James H. Hornaday and Mrs. A. P. Whitaker." A second meeting was scheduled to help with costumes and then for assistance to Troop 194 from Mrs. F. A. Child. A 25th anniversary of scouting was scheduled with entertainment from the Delaware County Chorus and the participation of Swarthmore delegates Virginia Beagle, Ruth Child, Joy Price, and Dorothy Wilson. "Two new captains [were] desperately needed for the Swarthmore troop."

"Church News" (3 – RS) – Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Friends, and Christian Scientists

"Tomorrow's Program at the Inn" (3 – AC, SL, and UT) – The General Electric Company was sponsoring "an all-sound educational program" of movies at the Inn.

"High School News"³⁷ (3 – AC, CE, CV, SL, SN, and VM) – The graduating class of 1937 was performing "Arms and the Man." 1935 graduate William Gittens received the Second Alternate Appointment for West Point. The High School received an honor medal "for having one hundred percent of the teachers as members of the National Education Association." Miss H. Kirk held a satire on "banqueting" with "a parody on after dinner speaking."

"New Health Society Officers Elected. Annual Meeting Held at Borough Hall; Last Month's Report Given" (4 – CE, CO, CW, DC, PH, RR, and SN) – There were elections at the Board of Directors of the Nursing Division, Community Health Society of Central Delaware County meeting. Elected were president Mrs. A. F. Jackson, first vice-president Mrs. Joseph Seal, second vice-president Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, treasurer Mrs. Edward M. Boyd, and secretary Mrs. J. Donald Gibson. Director of Public Health and Nursing for the SE Pennsylvania chapter of the American Red Cross, Miss Virginia Elliman, talked about the nursing profession. Supervising Nurse Mrs. Nellie P. Cuenco reported on the organization's work in December: 277 nurses' visits, 287 educational visits; health center attendance at six conferences; how they tried to get care for chronic patients; Xmas parties for [white] children in Woodlyn, Folsom, and Plush Mills, and for handicapped children. 'Although no

³⁷ This, too, appears to be a new feature, one, with its list of items, that resembles what I've been calling "News Notes."

party was given for the colored children in Avondale and Morton, Mrs. Phillip H. Jewett, a former Board member, distributed gifts among the group.'

Ad for Philadelphia Electric Company: **"This is the end. I'm going to Mother's where it's WARM"** (4 – BS, QA, and UT) – Illustrated with a frowning and well-dressed white woman saying these words to a husband bundled up in a coat, scarf, and gloves who is sitting in a chair and reading the newspaper, the text began with "WOE is Mr. Dusenberry! The light of his eyes . . . the pride of his home . . . Mrs. Dusenberry has just delivered her ultimatum. She's through . . . quitting her bed and board.³⁸ And all because Mr. D. doesn't know how to keep a comfortable temperature – always even and warm. We do feel for both Mr. and Mrs. D. But at the same time – we think they are a little silly." The rest of the ad mentioned gas heat and budget plans.

"E. Demuth Opens Darby Flower Shop" (4 – SN) – Garrett Avenue's Edgar E. Demuth was opening a florist at 44 Chester Pike.

"Boy Scout News" (4 – KO and SC) – meeting at the Swarthmore College pool for Troop 3

"Proposal" (4 – BB) – for sealed bids for supplying 1937's "gasoline and lubricating oil"

"Missionary From Japan Speaks Here" (5 – AE, CE, EA, NA, RS, SN, and WO) – Mrs. George Van Alen and Mrs. Carroll Thayer hosted the Woman's Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church at Mrs. Van Alen's Park Avenue home to welcome back former Swarthmorean Mrs. John Hall, who had been teaching in a girls' school in Japan since 1928. First, however, there was a business meeting about the next officers' election and then a mention by Miss Mae Lynd of the 100th anniversary of Dwight L. Moody's 100th birth and her reading of a letter from an Arizona missionary that thanked the class for their "Christmas treat" and gave a "vivid picture of the Indians and their enjoyment of the Christmas entertainment". As for Mrs. Hall, she brought a letter "to the young people of America" from their counterparts in Osaka expressing hope that 'if all of men of the world become sincere and good friends as the followers of Jesus Christ, the son of God, our hope [for peace would] be accomplished.' Attendees were named.

"Classified" (5 – RR) – "Work Wanted – Local colored man, lawn, gardener, houseman. Careful driver. Call Swarthmore 207-J between 7 and 8.30 A. M., 4.30 and 9 P. M."

"Blow to Industry and Employment" (5 – LA, PO, and PT) - how two legislative proposals in PA "menace[d] the realization of better times", one about a 'train limit' and the other about 'full crew laws'. The proposals "originate[d] with representatives of men in train service and [were] disguised as safety measures", but their real purpose was "to require the railroads to employ men they [did] not need in train operation."

Ad from the Associated Railroads of Pennsylvania: **"Why bring this up now?"** (5 – GD, LA, PO, and PT) – A large ad signed by 15 railroad companies basically reiterated what the

³⁸ All ellipses were in the original.

previous article said, characterizing “business and industry” as “emerging from the depression”. The two new bills “threaten[ed] a disastrous blow at the hopeful forces that [were] working toward better times.”

“Novel Contest Opens” (5 – MI) – essay contest from the Giant Tiger Market³⁹

“Local Society to Co-operate in Fight Against Social Disease” (5 – DC and PH) – A public meeting of the Community Health Society at the Haverford Township High School was organized “to combat venereal diseases”. Launching the nationwide campaign was the Surgeon General of the U.S., Dr. Thomas Parran, Jr., who was concerned that there were “550,000 new cases of syphilis and 1,000,000 new cases of gonorrhoea in the United States each year.” The goal was to make cases “reportable” in PA, one of just two states, the other being Nevada, “where these diseases [were] not reported to health officials.”

“Keeping Up on High School Basketball. Boys Win Once, Lose Once; Girls Take Second Defeat of Season” (6 – CE, SN, and SS)

“Public Forums Begin Here” (6 – AE, DC, GD, IR, PO, SN, and TX – U. S. Commissioner of Education Dr. John W. Studemaker was to be the first speaker in a Delaware County Public Forum program whose topics were to be: “Can America Stay Out of War?” (by Dr. M. W. Royse at the high school), “Will the Map of Europe Be Re-drawn?”, “Are American Liberties Safe?”, “Who Should Pay Taxes?”, “Why Depressions?”, “Family Income and Its Use”, “When We Are Educated”, and “Our Fears – How to Deal with Them”. There was a “Swarthmore co-operating committee” consisting of Mrs. Herbert Fraser, Mrs. D. R. Goodwin, Mrs. E. A. Jenkins, Mrs. Roland G. E. Ullman, Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, Clair Wilcox, Robert C. Disque, Charles Russell, Alben T. Eavenson, and Frank R. Morey.

“No Study Group Next Week” (6 – PO, SN, and WO) – The League of Women Voters would meet next on February 9 at Mrs. T. W. Crossen’s, 2 Crest Lane, when Mrs. Paul Brown would “explain the Shade Tree Commission”, Mrs. Dana Bigelow and Miss C. Crew were to talk about elections, and Mrs. Alfred Gary White was to talk about “the office of constable.”

“American Legion and Auxiliary Plan Ball; Other Notes” (6 – CW, DC, NA, VM, and WO) – Kenyon Avenue’s Mrs. Edwin A. Yarnall was hosting the Ladies’ Auxiliary’s next meeting. “Each member [was] requested to bring an offering, no matter how small, to add to the amount of the check being sent for flood relief.” Mrs. William W. Turner, who was not a member of the Auxiliary, was acknowledged for her “generous contribution . . . toward this fund.” Six families “were cared for at Christmas” in the form of food baskets, toys, dolls, neckties, and gloves. With the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution coming up, the Auxiliary was to post a copy in the high school of the governor’s proclamation to this effect.

³⁹ The Giant Tiger Market opened in October 1936 and was located on Baltimore Pike in East Lansdowne.

Photo: “Mrs. Jesse H. Holmes” with caption “Former member, Swarthmore Library Board, who returned to address Monday evening’s annual meeting” (6 – BB, CO, and SN)

“Dr. Cook Addresses Senior High School. Local Man Traces Progress of Pharmaceutical Profession for Pupils” (6 – CE, DC, and PH) – Dr. E. Fullerton Cook,⁴⁰ Professor of Pharmacy at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science,⁴¹ and a Wallingford resident who formerly lived in Swarthmore, spoke to students at the high school about the importance of education and “how the apothecary has taken his place side by side with the physician.”

“Series Dance Tomorrow Evening” (6 – AC, SL, and SN) – Dance classes were being canceled because the Swarthmore Series Dance was to take place at the Woman’s Club House, with Mrs. C. W. McDowell heading arrangements with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Addison Jennings.

“L. M. V. Meets Next Week” (6 – AE, DC, SN, and WO) – Wharton School of Finance and Commerce marketing professor Dr. Reavis Cox was to speak on “Government and the Consumer’s Interest” at the Swarthmore League of Women’s Voters. Attorney Howard Kirk was to speak on “The Legal Status of Women in Pennsylvania” at the Delaware County League in Media.

⁴⁰ Along with Eric W. Martin, Ernest Fullerton Cook (1879-1961) was the author of *Remington’s Practice of Pharmacy*, a version of which is currently in its 23rd edition. Cook’s obituary was in *The New York Times* (March 4, 1961): 23 (accessed October 29, 2025).

⁴¹ On this West Philadelphia institution (founded in 1821), which became part of St. Joseph’s University in 2022, see explorepahistory.com/hmarker.php%3FmarkerId=1-A-383.html and (accessed October 29, 2025).