The August 28, 1944 meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden, Del.

The meeting was held at Gild Hall, Arden, Del., and was presided over by Trustee Ware.

After the Chairman had declared a quorum to be present, the minutes of the July 24 meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Mr. E. B. Scott Chief of the Auxiliary Police of the Arden Civilian Defense Sector was read by the Secretary. Mr. Scott explained which the Auxiliary police were unable to assist in policing Arden.

The Secretary read a financial report which was presented by the Trustees for the period from March 25 to August 28, 1944. The report was accepted.

Herman Kumme reported for the Civic Committee. The report, a copy of which is attached, was accepted.

Dr. Jaffe stated that he thought the Civic Committee was justified in closing the swimming pool for lack of a chlorinating agent, but that the closing of a swimming pool as a precaution against contracting infantile paralysis was not justified since scientists do not know as yet how the disease is spread.

William Frank reported for the Board of Assessors. A copy of the report ~~being~~ is attached. The main point presented was that at a meeting with Trustees Ware and Cohen, the Board of Assessors was told by the Trustees that they, the latter, considered the full rental value of Arden land to be what the community through its democratically elected assessors decided it to be. The report as well as some attached personal remarks by Mr. Frank were accepted.

Edith Ware, H. J. Freeman, and Frances Harrison reported for the Community Planning Committee, the Auditing Committee, and the School Committee, respectively. The reports, copies of which are attached, were accepted.

Samuel Freeman and Russell Peterson reported progress for the By-Laws Committee and the Registration Committee respectively.

John Broeker reported for the Budget Committee presenting the budget which the Committee had drawn up for the period from March 25, 1945 to March 25, 1946. It was moved and seconded that the budget be accepted for submittal to a referendum.

During the discussion which followed the question arose as to what was meant by

the variable budget items proposed for partial payment of school janitor's salary and for school playground equipment. Mr. Brocker explained the items as follows:

"It is planned to spend a total of $438 for janitor service and playground equipment combined. The janitor, who receives a total salary of $500, will be paid between $177 and $280 by the Town of Arden depending on the amount which the State of Delaware appropriates for such services. At the present time the State appropriates $80, but an attempt is being made to increase this appropriation after July 1, 1945 to $250 per year. The difference between $438 and the amount paid by the Town of Arden for janitor services will be used for the purchase of playground equipment. Arrangements have been made with Ardentown officials so that Ardentown will pay one half as much as Arden pays for janitor service and for school playground equipment"

William Frank asked who decided whether an unexpended, budgeted fund was returned to the general town funds or was held over for expenditure in the next fiscal year. Mr. Peterson explained that the procedure at the present time was such that

any budgeted fund which was unexpended at the end of the fiscal year automatically reverted to the general town funds unless the Civic Committee obtained the permission of the Town Assembly to carry a specific fund into the next period.

Mr. W. J. Pressman suggested that the item labeled "General Emergency" be increased so as not to hamstring the activities of the Civic Committee in meeting emergencies.

Mr. Frank questioned the right of the Civic Committee to expend money from an emergency fund for items not specifically approved by a majority of the residents of Arden. It was decided that since any emergency item incorporated in the budget must obtain the approval of a majority of all the residents of Arden the provisions of the Deed of Trust would be satisfied regardless of how the Civic Committee expended such funds.

W. J. Pressman withdrew his previous motion and moved that the proposed budget be changed so that the emergency item would total $450 and that the amended budget be accepted for submittal to a referendum. The motion was seconded and

approved. A copy of the accepted budget is attached.

The Chairman asked for nominations for the Civic Committee. It was moved and seconded that the present committee be nominated. It was moved, and seconded, and approved that the nominations be closed. Thereby the following were reelected to the Civic Committee: Herman Kumme, Robert Bloodwell, John Gordon, William McClure, and George Morley.

The Chairman asked for nominations for the Board of Assessors, the nomination to be submitted for a referendum vote by the Hare system of proportional representation. The following were nominated: David Bloom, Lena Hurlong, William Frank, Samuel Fleiman, Frances Harrison, Frank Harrison, Victor Lance, H. D. Pressman, John Broeker, and Louis Marmorstein. Frances Harrison withdrew her name from nomination.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Assembly Secretary. R. W. Peterson was nominated. It was moved, seconded and approved that nominations be closed. Thereby Mr. Peterson was elected.

David Bloom pointed out that the National Planning Commission has asked small communities to submit plans for post war

building projects. Mr. Bloom suggested that Arden consider the building of sewers as a postwar project pointing out that the county has tentative plans for running a trunk line sewer along Grubb's road. Mr. Bloom moved that a committee of 6 be ~~elec~~ appointed to study the question of building a sewer system for Arden and to report back to the Town Assembly. He further moved that the following members be on the committee: H. D. Ware, Samuel Freeman, Frances Harrison, Samuel Harrison, Cecil Liberman, and David Bloom. The motion was seconded and approved.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that all of the committee be thanked for their fine work.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the meeting adjourn.

Signed: R. W. Peterson

October 24, 1944 meeting — No quorum
January 23, 1945 meeting — " "
February 13, 1945 special meeting — " "
April 24, 1945 meeting — " "