The January 24, 1950 meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden, Delaware was held at the Fire Hall and presided over by Trustee Ware:

After the Chairman had declared a quorum to be present the minutes of the August 22, 1949 meeting were read and approved with special commendation for Mrs. Ida Bessmann for her efforts in taking the minutes.

A letter was read from Miss Hazel Stephens in which she thanked the Town for the aid they had given her group in providing Xmas for the children at the Bacon Health Center.

Trustees report: The financial report of the Trustees was read and approved and a copy is attached. Trustee Ware reported that J. B. Finkelstein had received the approval of more than a majority of the residents as a trustee. He reported that Mr. Finkelstein would be presented formally to the Town as the third trustee at a meeting to be announced later. Mr. Ware said he had received requests from some of the residents for better postal service and also request that the post office name be changed to Arden instead of Frubb. Post Offici Mr. Ware had seen our representatives in Washington and found that it is not difficult to have the name changed. It is necessary to have a petition signed requesting the change. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the report be accepted.

Civic Committee: Mr. Worrell reported that details of Town maintenance are being carried out. Sixty loads of dirt have been ordered to fill in the swamp and then it will be leveled by a bulldozer. New ladders and a diving board stand have been purchased for the Swimming Pool. Plans for a deepening

the pool, removing some rocks and erecting new benches have been made. Most of the serious sewage disposal conditions have been remedied. There have been many complaints about the discharging of air rifles and twenty-twos around the community. The Civic Committee would like to have suggestions as to how to handle this situation. Complaints about the horse and rider that passed been riding on lawns and paths has been corrected and the owner is cooperating with the Civic Committee. There is a need for a wider culvert over entrance to Milky Way from the Harvey Road and replacement of the stile at this point. A motion was made that the report of the Civic Committee be accepted and that the meeting go on record that the Civic Committee be authorized to act on matter of controlling the shooting of guns in Arden. Motion was accepted.

Assessor - no report.

Budget - No report.

Community Planning - They presented a written report, a copy of which is attached outlining the cost of the sewage disposal system. They reported that a meeting would be held before the Feb. 18 voting date to present the plans in detail at that time Mr. Cahalan, the sanitary engineer, would be present to answer questions. There was considerable discussion as to how the cost of the sewage system could be handled. Mr. Aughey said the project should be considered as a capital investment rather than an

increase of land value. This money would then be an indebtedness to be assessed against each user. Mr Frank objected to this idea and stated that no policy has been outlined as to how the matter will be handled. Mr. Cahalan has suggested that the entire bill be sent to the Trustees as is the practice in handling taxes and school assessments. Mr. Harrison objected to the proposal to increase land rent. Question of who can vote was raised: Anyone who is a registered voter or eligible to be a registered voter in the state of Delaware can vote. A suggestion was made that the Trustees and assessors meet and try to work out some plan for handling the collection of money be worked out before voting on the question took place. Mr Vik reported that the planning committee had discussed the question of replacing trees that had died around the Green. They have agreed that ten trees should be planted each year and that the cost of replacing the trees be assumed by getting contributions of money rather than take the money from the budget. The report of the committee was moved, seconded, and accepted.

Registration Committee: They reported that Mr D. B Finkelstein had been approved by 249 residents out of a possible 430 votes. The By-laws, amendments and the Budget had been approved by a ~~vote~~ majority of the residents. The following people were elected to serve on the Board of Assessors: Henry Gingrey, William Frank, Frank Harrison, Harry J. Pressman, Emanuel Feirstein.

Carl Karlsson Samuel Freeman. The report was accepted.
Advisory Committee: reported meeting every month at which time problems of the various committees were discussed. Most of the details had been covered by Committee reports. The Advisory Committee felt that a steering committee should be elected or appointed to handle the program for the 50th anniversary of Arden and that this committee would be responsible for the expenditure of the 250 set aside in the budget for this purpose. Mr. Morley also brought up the question of the service being given to the community by the water company. We are not getting adequate service and the Committee urges the trustees to find out what can be done about the supply of water. Report accepted.
Safety Committee - no report.
Committee to meet with trustees - no report. It was moved seconded and approved that this committee be discharged with thanks.
By-laws committee: No report.
School Trustee: Mrs Kunne reported that the appropriation for the 4th room has been received and that plans were being made to complete the addition. It is possible that Arden will be incorporated into the Mt. Pleasant school district.
Unfinished business: The October meeting was not held because a quorum was not present. A Budget Committee could not be elected. It was moved and accepted that we waive the By-laws and elect a budget committee: The following

people were nominated: Earl Messimer, Albee Williams, John Page, Fred Pohl, Harold Monfort, Emanuel Gerstine, Fred Bundroch. The Registration Committee conducted the election and reported that Earl Messimer and John Page had been elected to serve for two years. Harold Monfort, Albee Williams and Emanuel Gerstine for one year.

New business:

Nominees were received for the Civic Committee to be elected in March: Arthur E. Stevenson, Gilbert Worrell, Morris Rosen, Albee Williams, Carl Karlsson, John Page, John Gordon, Lorenz Jones, Mary Kumme, Dora Messimer.

A resolution was passed that we ask the Postal authorities to change the name of the Grubbs P.O. to Arden and that they increase the size of the post office to give more adequate service and that we also go on record as requesting that Robert Woolery be retained as Postmaster.

Mrs Brooks asked if anything could be done to the bridge over the B+O Railroad on the Harvey Road. It was moved and seconded that a letter be sent to the Highway Department, urging them to expedite construction of the bridge and to cite the reason of lack of adequate fire protection for Arden because the Claymont Company cannot use the present bridge with their heavy fire trucks. Motion passed.

Ford & Wilfred. Joan Colgan thanked everyone for the aid they had rendered in helping them save their furniture and other possessions when fire destroyed the roof of their home recently.

Mr. Frank Harrison made a motion that was seconded and passed that Mr. H. P. Ware be elected a committee of one to take charge of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Lieder with power to draft anyone to aid him in carrying out the celebration.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Morley Secretary.