The June 26, 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 April 25, 1944, meeting were read and approved.

Trustee Ware stated that the Trustees had no report to make but that a financial report would be presented at the next meeting.

Chairman Kumme presented a report of the activities of the Civic Committee. The report, a copy of which is attached, was accepted.

Edith Ware, Thomas Farrell, and Russell Peterson reported progress for the Community Planning Committee the Budget Committee, and the Registration Committee, respectively.

Wm. Frank reported for the Board of Assessors stating that John Brocker had been elected Chairman and that Wm. Frank had been elected secretary. It was further reported that the Assessors would hold open hearings at the Gild Hall at 8:00 P.M. on July 7 and July 21.

Trustee Coker called the Assessors attention to the By-Laws

provision that open hearings be held in June and July.

Mr. Frank explained that the Board of Assessors had experienced difficulty in getting together at a time sufficiently early to provide for an open hearing in June and that the By-Laws provision cited by Mr. Cohen might be loosely interpreted to indicate that the two required hearings might be held at any time within the period from June 1 to July 31.

Frances Harrison reported for the special School Committee asking any members of the press who might be present to refrain from publicizing any part of the report of the discussion which might follow. The report, a copy of which is attached, included the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that this assembly go on record as demanding that the School Trustees take immediate and proper action to seek emergency funds from the state on the ground that failure to do so will gravely affect the civic and financial welfare of this community and

"Be it further resolved that unless the School Trustees provide acceptable, tangible proof to the Assembly School Committee of having effectively taken such action within a period of two weeks

from the date of this meeting
it the school committee is
hereby directed and empowered t
lay this matter before the resi
Judge of the County seeking he
advice and aid.

"And whereas the entire
school district is affected

"Be it further resolved that
the school committee is hereby direc
to contact other residents of the
district with a view to seek
their aid and participation in
this matter"

Mr. Morley a school trustee
criticized the school committee's
report and stated that he as
one trustee had put in consider
effort and time for many years
in an attempt to take the best
care of the school within th
limitations of the funds availa
He pointed out that Dr. Hollow
State Superintendent of Schools
had recently expressed satisfa
with the manner in which t
School Trustees ran the Ande
school. Mr. Morley further stat
that he had expressed his
willingness to cooperate with t
school committee and that he
would continue to the end of
his term of office or until he is
removed from office to endeavor
to obtain the best of everything
for the school.

William Frank asked the

Assembly to dissociate the short term school plan advanced by the school committee from the long term plan of which Dr. Holloway talked. The School Committee's plan called for immediate action while the long term plan might not go into effect for 5 or more years.

Clement Wood stated that comments to the effect that no more emergency school funds were available were incorrect and that such funds are under the direct control of the Permanent Budget Commission. He expressed the opinion that emergency funds could be obtained for the Arden school and emphasized the desirability of making the school repairs which had been cited in the committee's report.

Frances Harrison pointed out that nothing in the school committee's report was directed toward individuals, the Committee's main complaint being that the Board of School Trustees did not function as a unit and failed to cooperate with the P.T.A. and the Town Assembly's school committee.

Mrs. Harrison read a series of complaints from parents who have planned on removing their children from the Arden school. The complaints, a copy of

which is attached, were obtained by the school committee through interviews with the parents.

Mrs. Aughey criticized the school committee's report stating that some parts of the report gave the wrong impression to those who were not acquainted with the school situation. She stated that the Arden school had been closed for only 3 days during the 1943-44 school year because of lack of coal while some other schools were closed for the whole year on account of the coal shortage. Mrs. Aughey further declared that the Arden P.T.A. should not be considered as making an ~~abnormal~~ unreasonable contribution toward the school, since many other P.T.A. organizations regularly make greater contributions toward their schools.

Mr. Bloom congratulated the committee for the good job that it had done and thought that the committee's proposal promised improvement in the school situation.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the school committee's report including the resolution given above be accepted.

The chairman asked for nominations for the Auditing Committee, a committee of 3 members to examine the trust account and submit a

report at or before the August Assembly meeting.

William Frank moved that the Auditing Committee and the Registration Committee, which was also to be elected at the June meeting, be elected by a show of hands. The motion was seconded and approved.

The following residents were elected nominated for the Auditing Committee: H. J. Pressman, Sylvan Levy, Herman Kumme, Clement Wood, and Warren Hambly. Herman Kumme and Warren Hambly withdrew their names from the nominations. The remaining three were elected by a show of hands.

The Chairman asked for nominations for the three elected members of the Registration Committee.

Dr. Jaffe stated that since a technical job was involved in the running of the Registration Committee's duties, it might be advisable to take advantage of the present Committee's experience and return the present members to office.

Mr. Peterson pointed out that there was one vacancy to be filled because of the resignation of Robert Woolery whose letter of resignation had been read at the April meeting and whose resignation had been accepted by the Registration Committee.

A discussion followed as to whether Mr. W Oblery's resignation should be accepted or not. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the resignation be accepted.

The following residents were nominated for the Registration Committee: Rae Gerstine, Dora Missimer, Sam Harrison, Sylvan Levy, Mary Morley and Sam Freeman. Rae Gerstine and Sam Freeman withdrew their names from nomination.

Because of the difficulty of running a competitive election for these positions by a show of hands vote Mr. Frank moved that the election of the Registration Committee proceed via a secret ballot. The motion was seconded and approved.

Chairman Ware appointed Sam Freeman, J. K. Jaffe, and Ed Hurlong as tellers. The voting proceeded with the Secretary reading the roll of the residents of Arden.

The results of the election were as follows:

Mary Morley	69
Sylvan Levy	60
Dora Missimer	53
Sam Harrison	30

the first three being elected.

Dr. Jaffe reported that considerable damage had been caused to

his home in Arden during the winter months by prowlers who were apparently intent only on destroying property.

Mr. Bloom moved that the Civic Committee be directed to make every effort immediately to inaugurate a safety program directed toward protecting children on Arden roads, using funds specified for road repairs if necessary. The motion was seconded.

Herman Kumme, chairman of the Civic Committee, explained that the Civic Committee had contacted the State police in regard to patrolling Marsh & Grubb's Roads more frequently and had obtained the promise from the police that an attempt would be made to stop speeding on these roads, had written to individuals who have been driving recklessly on Arden roads, and had made considerable effort to find someone to accept the $375/year job as policeman for Arden.

Mr. Bloom's motion was approved.

Mr. Kumme stated that the Civic Committee had considered the possibility of obtaining the services of the Civilian Defense Auxiliary Police in patrolling Arden and that George Hall had recently asked the Civic Committee to write to the

Arden Civilian Defense Organization
thus, making the request for the
services of the Auxiliary police
an official one. Mr. Clement
Wood moved that the Secretary
of the Town Assembly be directed
to write to the officials of the
Arden Civilian Defense Organization
expressing the desire of the Town
Assembly to obtain the volunteer
services of the Auxiliary Police
in occasionally patrolling Arden.
The motion was seconded and
approved.

Edith Austin moved that
the roads of Arden be forbidden
to drivers who are unlicensed
according to the laws of the
State of Delaware. The motion
was seconded and approved.

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

Signed: R.W. Peterson