The July 23, 1945, Meeting of The Town Assembly of Arden, Del.

The meeting was held at Wild Hall, Arden, Del., and was presided over by Trustee Ware. After Chairman had declared a quorum to be present, the minutes of the June 25, 1945, meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from the Civilian Defense Corps of Arden which stated that $174.60 of the funds donated by the town of Arden for Civilian Defense had been returned to the Trustees of Arden.

A communication was received from Trustee Ware in which he requested that the minutes of the August 28, 1944, meeting be corrected since the statement that the Trustees considered the full rental value of Arden land to be what the community through its democratically elected assessors decided it to be, was not a policy of the Trustees. He pointed out that the Trustees could not be bound by such a statement without being grossly derelict in their obligation to the Deed of Trust. A financial report, a copy of which is attached, was
presented by the Trustees and
was accepted.

A report of the activities
of the Civic Committee a copy
of which is attached was
read by Chairman Kimme and
was accepted.

William Frank read a
report from the Board of Assessors
in which it was requested
that the Assembly give the
Assessor permission to submit
their report at the August
meeting rather than at the
July meeting so that they
might have more time to
arrive at the full rental value
of the Arden Lands. The report
further requested that the
leaseholders and residents of
Arden assist the Assessor by
expressing their viewpoints on
the full rental value of Arden
land either in writing or
at the open meeting to be
held in Bldg Hall at 8:00 P.M.
on July 24. The report, a copy
of which is attached, was
accepted.

The Community Planning,
Registration Auditing, By-Laws,
and School committees reported
progress.

The town officer, Frank
Starr, reported that his campaign
to remove stray dogs from Arden
had resulted in the licensing of
several dogs which he had previously considered to be strays, that most of the owners who speed on Arden roads are Arden residents, that the thefts from the homes of summer residents during the past winter might have been prevented if such residents would lock up their homes when they left Arden, and that several boys who had been caught participating in mischievous pranks were now cooperating in an exemplary manner. Mr. Starr's report was accepted with praise. Herman Krumm, reporting for the School Trustees, stated that they had encountered difficulties in arranging for the construction of the new school and that a report would be made at a later date. The report was accepted. Chairman Ware appointed the following three residents to fill the vacancies on the Special School Committee: John Walmsley, Ingeborg Stephens, and Philip Cohen. William Frank moved that the Assembly Secretary be asked to notify newly elected officers when they are elected and that the first person elected to the Board of Assessors be designated as temporary.
Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

John Gordon reported on the type and quantity of fire fighting equipment available in the Civilian Defense trailer which has been stationed in Anden throughout the war. The report, a copy of which was accepted, was accepted. A decision as to what should be done about acquiring the equipment was postponed until the federal government's procedure for disposing of the equipment is made known.

Warren Hamby pointed out that a considerable amount of fire hose was available at the place of employ and that he thought it could be obtained at a bargain. He suggested that the Town Council acquiring the hose.

Vester Angley asked the Trustees for an explanation for their failure to nominate a third trustee. Trustee Ware stated that he and Trustee Cohen had considered the problem and thought it advisable that the Town Assembly select a committee to confer with the trustees in regard to suitable candidates for the vacancy. Henry Angley moved
that a special meeting be called on August 6, 1943, to elect a committee of five members to confer with the Trustees of Arden in regard to selecting a suitable nominee for the present vacancy on the Board of Trustees of Arden. The motion was seconded and approved.

Carl Brooks moved that the question as to whether or not the quorum required for Town Assembly meetings be reduced to 35 be submitted to a referendum vote. The motion was seconded.

Henry Aughey stated that he thought 35 residents were too few to decide town policy. Samuel Freeman remarked that since all important questions were decided by referendum vote, he saw no objection to lowering the quorum.

The above motion was approved.

William Frank explained why it was desirable to have a large attendance at the Board of Assessors' public meeting on Tuesday, July 24. He stated that such important questions as, "Should all lots be 100% of lots?" and "Should the base rate be lowered?" would be discussed.

Henry Aughey moved that the Town Assembly recommend that the Board of Assessors set up the rental value of all lots
on a 100% base and retain all other factors as of the present date. The motion was seconded and then voted down.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Signed: R. W. Peterson