The June 26, 1944, Meeting of
the Town Assembly of Arden, Del.

The meeting was held at Gill
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 Hummel 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 Gill Hall at
8:00 P.M. on July 7 and July 31.

Trustee Coker called the
Assessor's 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 Harragon reported
for the special School Committee
providing any members of the press
who might be present to refrain
from publishing 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 the assembly
be 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 greatly
affect the civic and financial
welfare of the 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
duly directed and empowered to lay
this matter before the resident
judge of the county seeking the
advice and aid.

"And whereas the entire
school district is affected," he
further resolved that the
school committee is hereby duly
duly 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 coniderable
effort and time for many years
in an attempt to take the best
care of the school within the
limitations of the funds available.
He pointed out that Dr. Hollow
state superintendent of schools
had recently expressed satisfaction
with the manner in which the
school trustees ran the order
school. Mr. Morley further stated
that he had expressed his
willingness to cooperate with the
school committee and that the
would continue to the end of
the term of office or untilAdditional
removed from office to stand
for the best of everything
for the school.

William Frank asked th
Assembly to dissociate the short-term school plan advanced by the
school committee from the long-term plan of which Dr. Holliday
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 Vermont
Budget Commission. He expressed the opinion that emergency funds
could be obtained for the other school and emphasized the
desirability of making the school repairs which had been cited
in the committee report.

Franco 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 Y.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 Order
school. The complaints, a copy of
which is attached, were of the opinion by the school committee through interviews with the parents.

Mrs. Angley criticized the school committee 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 1923-24 school year because of lack of coal while some other schools were closed for the whole year on account of the coal shortage. Mrs. Angley further declared that the Arden P.T.A. should not be considered as making an unreasonably 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 report including the resolution given above be accepted.

The chairman asked for nominations for the Auditing Committee of 3 members to examine the trust account and submit
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. P. Presman, Sylvan Davis, 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.

Mr. Chairman asked for nomination 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 retain the present members to office.

Mr. Peterson pointed out that there was one vacancy to be filled because of the resignation of Robert Wood, 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. Wolery'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: Bae Serstine, Dora Trussiner, Sam Harrison, Sylvan Levy, Mary Morley, and Sam Friedman. Bae Serstine and Sam Friedman withdrew their names from nomination.

Because of the difficulty of running a competitive election for these positions by a slow of hands vote, Mr. Brack 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. R. Jaffe, and Ed Hurlong as tellers. The voting proceeded with the Secretary reading the roll of the resident of order.

The results of the election were as follows:

Mary Morley 49
Sylvan Levy 60
Dora Trussiner 53
Sam Harrison 30

The first three being elected.

Dr. Jaffe reported that considerable damage had been caused to
Big 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.

Norman Kummer, chairman of the Civic Committee, explained that the Civic Committee had contacted the State police in regard to patrolling Marsh Road more frequently and had obtained the promise from the police that an attempt would be made to stop speeding on these roads. He had written to individuals who had been driving recklessly on Arden roads and had made considerable effort to find someone to accept the $25/year job as policeman for Arden.

Mr. Bloom's motion was approved.

Mr. Kummer 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 suggested the Civic Committee to write to the
Order Civilian Defense Organist.

Mr. Clement

Wood moved that the Secretary of the Town Assembly be directed to write to the officials of the Order 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