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BEAUTIFUL PARK FOR PEOPLE OF LANSDOWNE – Pleasure Grounds along Darby Creek for the Use of the People of the Borough – Donation Day

Saturday was donation day at Lansdowne Park, along the beautiful and picturesque Darby Creek Valley in Lansdowne, and many old and young people of the borough came to the pleasure spot with baskets and wheelbarrows filled with small trees, flowers and shrubbery which were planted in different places in the park.

The land where the park is located was loaned to the people of Lansdowne by T. Elwood Bartram, J. Henry Bartram and Councilman W.C. Shuster, under the supervision of the Lansdowne Natural History Club, which will act as a commission. There is perhaps no prettier place in any part of this county than this little park, which is along the banks of the creek.

President Arthur Shrigley of the Lansdowne Natural Club, is speaking of the new park, said that the club has in view at some future time the idea of building a boulevard from Matthew's Hollow to Providence Road, which would give a fine driveway for a distance of one mile. President Shrigley believes that the property owners will give enough land for such a purpose. For some time the club has been engaged in a movement to have the waters in Darby Creek purified, as at the present time dye water and other sewage is permitted to run in this stream. Dr. Dixon of the State Health Department has this matter in hand and it is expected that in the near future the pollution of this stream will be prohibited. President Shrigley also said that the banks of the creek have been used as a dumping ground for rubbish of all kinds and this has been stopped and the club has removed the rubbish. Besides the little folks who planted flowers and shrubbery in the park on Saturday were C. Wilfred Conrad, Franklin S. Chambers, Dr. G. Victor Janvier, A. Conova Swayne, Thomas P. Conrad, Samuel S. Pennock and President John Shrigley of the William Trades School.

The Lansdowne Natural History Club has also started another civic improvement movement which will be held in Lansdowne this summer, and all within a radius of one mile of the borough hall are invited to enter the contest. Every resident is asked to make his lawn or lot as beautiful as possible by planting trees, shrubbery, flowers and keeping the grass well mowed. Those having the prettiest lawns or lots will be awarded prizes by a committee. Those wishing to enter the contest are invited to present their names to the committee on or before June first.

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