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PLAN LARGE AND HANDSOME PARK FOR LANSDOWNE BOROUGH –
Natural History Club Leads Movement to Secure Beautiful Pleasure Grounds for the Use
of the Public – Prizes Awarded For Well Kept Lawns

The Lansdowne Natural History Club which was instrumental in securing for the people of Lansdowne, the pretty borough in the eastern section of this county, that beautiful pleasure park along the banks of the picturesque Darby River, in Lansdowne, is now endeavoring to enlarge the present pleasure grounds. This organization, which is composed of the prominent people of Lansdowne has since its formation been advocating a public park and play grounds, the cultivation of flowers and beautifying of lots and lawns, and planting of trees. But the most important object which the organization is at present working for is a greater Lansdowne Park. President Arthur Shrigley said in an interview that the club has secured land along the creek for three quarters of a mile, but that the great drawback to make a big park is money. President Shrigley said that the proposition to finance the building of paths and a boulevard from Kellyville Bridge along the river for a distance of about two miles is more than the Natural History Club can do, and that it would be necessary for the money to be raised by public subscriptions and by the assistance of the borough.

PRESIDENT SHIRGLEY'S WARNING – President Shrigley also said that many people of Lansdowne do not realize that within a very few years, all the vacant land will be improved with dwellings, and that there will be a little property left for a park which is necessary in any community. President Shrigley said that the Natural History Club will formulate plans for raising the necessary money from now on, and that there will be a public meeting held in the near future.

At the flower show held in the Lansdowne Friends' school house there were on exhibition many displays of flowers and plants. The affair was such a grand success that the club has decided to make it an annual event. There were many exhibits, beautiful, novel and unique. The committee of the Natural History Club also made an inspection of \$7 lawns and lots in the borough, in the contest for the best kept lots and lawns. The judges awarded the prizes as follows: First, Henry E. Johnson, for the largest and best kept lawn, and for having the best garden and the finest trees; second, T.W. Scattergood; third, William Fogg; fourth, A.C. Swayne. Mrs. M.T. Homer was awarded a special prize for having the most magnificent Japanese garden. The prize consisted of magazines and books treating of gardening and floriculture. The prizes in the flower show were awarded to the following persons: For the best general display, Robert F. Irwin; best display of rose, Dr. Matthew S. Cryer; best single rose, Dr. Cryer; best water lily, Arthur Shrigley; best canter berry beds, George Foster White; finest collection of larkspurs, C.C. Lippincott; most beautiful bouquet, George Goucher, Carroll Lippchott received special mention for a beautiful display of poppies and Dr. Cryer was also awarded a special prize for the most novel exhibit, a handsome dahlia in full bloom, a very rare thing for this time of the year.