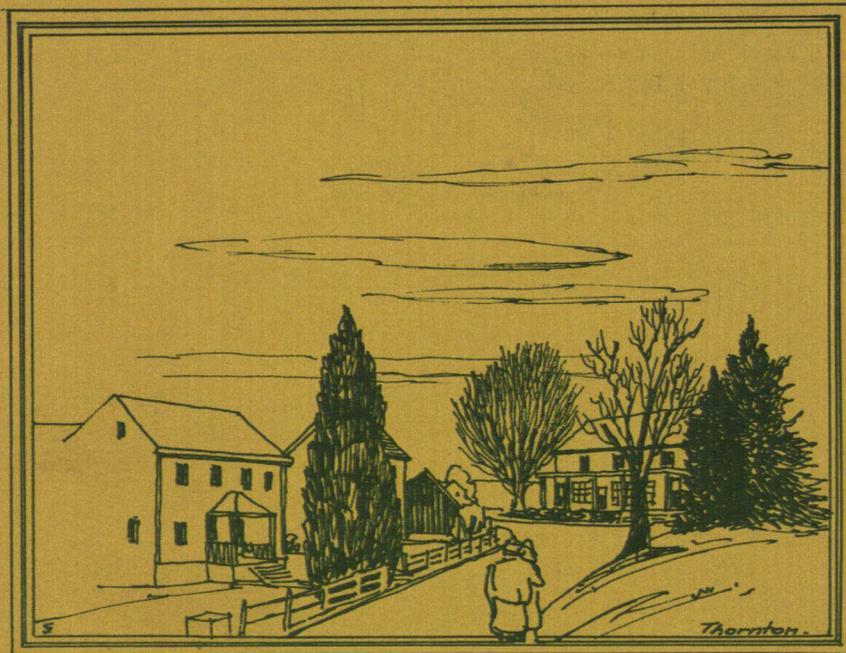


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THORNBURY
DELAWARE COUNTY

THORNBURY ORGANIZATION OF RESPONSIBLE REPUBLICANS

PURPOSE: To promote political responsibility within the Republican Party through informed and active participation of citizens in their government.

POLICY: To restore the principles of democracy to our party on the local and county levels by improving from within rather than attacking from without.

MEMBERS: Any registered Republican who subscribes to the principles on the inside back cover is eligible to membership in TORR and is invited to attend and vote at TORR meetings.

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LOCATION AND AREA

Thornbury Township, Delaware County, is a township of the second class covering 9.16 square miles in the Northwestern sector of the county. The Township is bordered by Edgemont, Middletown, Concord, and Birmingham Townships and Chester Heights Borough in Delaware County, and by Westtown and the other Thornbury Township in adjacent Chester County. The center of the Township is located at approximately 75 degrees, 30 feet West Longitude and 39 degrees, 55 feet North Latitude.

Major communities in the vicinity of Thornbury Township include West Chester, pop. 15,705, approximately five miles to the Northwest and Media pop. 6,444, slightly over six miles to the east. Wilmington is 11 miles to the south and Chester City nine miles to the southeast. Philadelphia is 20 miles due east.

HISTORY

Thornbury Township, once the home of the Lenni-Lenape Indians, is part of the vast river and bay area named DELAWARE in honor of Lord de la Warr, Governor of the English colony at Virginia. The land was discovered by Henry Hudson in 1609, and for the next seventy-two years was claimed at different times by the Dutch, the Swedes, and the English.

In 1681, King Charles II issued a patent to William Penn to found a colony, named PENNSYLVANIA or PENN'S WOODS. The land within the present boundaries of Thornbury Township was taken up by "first purchasers" from William Penn. The original grants were copper-plate prints on parchment; some are still extant and show a price of £100 for 5000 acres.

The Court of Equity in Chester recognized THORNBURY TOWNSHIP in 1687, and appointed township officers. At that time, only Chester County existed; Delaware County had not been formed. Hugh Durborow was the first Constable. Thornbury was named after the birthplace in England of the wife of George Pearce, who in 1685 had been granted title to 490 acres in the Township. Landowners in the Township included John Simcock and John Beller, each with grants for 1500 acres.

This area was re-surveyed by Isaac Taylor between 1701 and 1728. By then, landowners were John Taylor, Randolph Vernon, Elizabeth Hickman, John and Thomas Cheyney, William and Joseph Brinton and John Pile. One of the fieldstone farmhouses was known as the "Beehive" because the owner, Caleb Brinton, had 18 children. (This house, built in 1703 has been restored beautifully and is still occupied. It is now in the Chester County portion of the original Thornbury Township).

The Battle of the Brandywine, the only major battle of the Revolution fought in Pennsylvania, was within sight and sound of the western part of the Township; at that time approximately three hundred people lived in the Township.

In 1789, a century after Thornbury Township had been formed, the Assembly authorized the division of Chester County. In forming Delaware County, Thornbury Township was divided. Border landowners specified whether they wished to belong to Chester County or to Delaware County. This accounts for the jagged shape of the present northern boundary.

Thornbury Township was enlarged by taking in the North end of Aston Township in 1837; the boundaries of the Township have remained unchanged since that time.

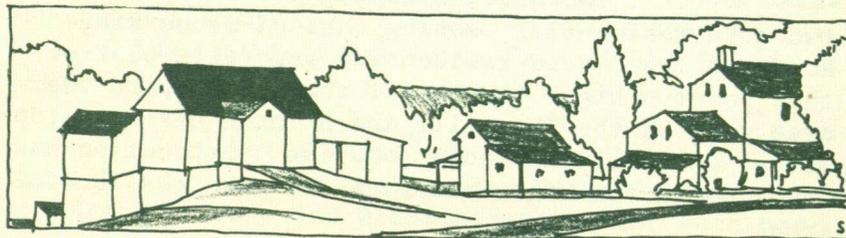
TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE

Thornbury Township is drained by the East Branch of the Chester Creek (Creek Road) and the West Branch (Brinton Lake). They converge at Rockdale in Aston Township approximately three miles downstream from Glen Mills. The flood of September 13, 1971 wreaked extensive damage in the flood plain area destroying two dams and seriously damaging the Arch Dam at the Glen Mills Quarry on the east branch. Water covered Creek Road to a depth of 8 feet in places and altered the courses of many of the small tributaries throughout the township.

Topographically, the township consists of a western plateau and an eastern valley. The plateau centers on the divide between the east (main) and west branches of Chester Creek and consists of gently rolling land breaking into steeper slopes nearing the two creeks. Elevations range from a low of 140 feet at the intersection of Chester Creek with the township's southern boundary, to a high of 485 feet northeast of Thornton.

Thornbury is largely overlain by Chester soils which are of satisfactory permeability and generally provide good surface drainage. Some pockets and veins of Conowingo clays have been found.

The subsoil consists mostly of gabbro and Baltimore gneiss, both relatively dense rock formations, which are not especially productive of subsurface water.



LAND USE

Thornbury, while still open and spacious, is not the rural township it was in 1955. Then, out of a total of 5,872 acres, only 553 were in residential use. Today, over 1,500 acres are so occupied. Steadily, crop, orchard and pasture lands are being converted to fine residential settlements.

The Glen Mills Schools occupy over 700 acres. Broadmeadows Prison over 250 acres and Cheyney State College over 100 acres in Thornbury, the remainder being in Chester County. Thus, about 18% of the land is classified as institutional and, as such, pays no township taxes. However, such land does not require township services.

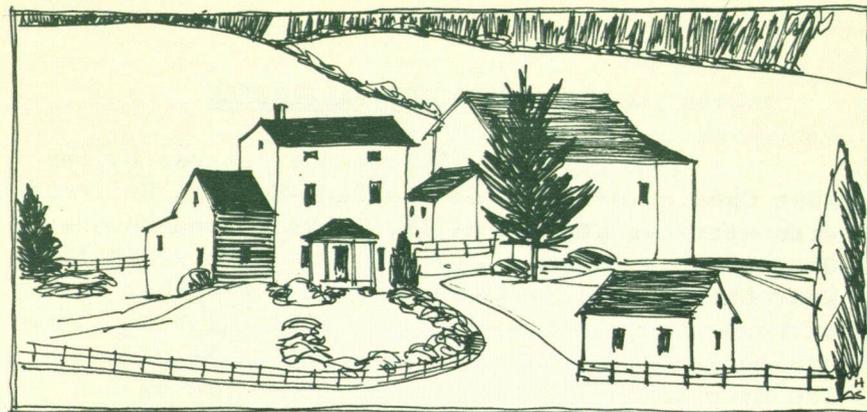
The commercial areas of the township are to be found in Thornton, Glen Mills, Cheyney and along Middletown Road. Convenience stores, markets and beauty shops are located in Thornton and Glen Mills.

Glen Mills is the site of one of the largest trap rock (diabase) quarries in the state, producing over one million tons per year.

Penn Oaks Country Club spreads across the line from Chester County into a portion of Thornbury Township.

POPULATION DENSITY

Thornbury's zoning presently calls for two acre residential zoning east of Stone Ridge Road and 1-3/8 acre residential generally west of that point. Light industrial zoning occupies the area west of the Thornhill and Brinton Lake developments. Most of the recent housing construction has occurred in the high density 1-3/8 acre residential area.



Thornbury's recent population history is shown below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Occupied Dwelling Units</u>	<u>Non-Institutional Pop.</u>	<u>Inst. & Others</u>	<u>Total</u>
1950	310	1,401	700	2101
1960	490	1,450	585	2035
1970	686	2,442	210	2652

The 1980 population is expected to approximate 4,000.

UTILITIES

The Chester Water Authority provides public water from wells in the Thornton area to the Brinton Lea, Thornhill and Longview Drive sections. It also brings water from the Octorora line up Cheyney Road to the Broadmeadows Prison and all the way across the township following Cheyney Road to Cheyney State College. Present plans call for a water tower to be erected on the prison property with a water main loop being laid from Byers Corners (Glen Mills and Cheyney Road) west along Glen Mills Road to Brinton Lake Road to Baltimore Pike at the Fibre-Metal Building across from the Eric Theatre.

While there are no public sewage facilities in the township, Glen Mills Schools, Cheyney State College and Broadmeadows Prison each has its own modern disposal system.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Thornbury Township is served by the West Chester Division of the Penn-Central Railroad with stations at Glen Mills, Locksley and Cheyney. On week days there are nine trains each way between West Chester and Media where there is either through or connecting train service to Philadelphia. There are three trains in each direction on Saturdays. The trip to Philadelphia takes less than an hour. Through train connections to Washington or New York are made at Philadelphia. Wilmington, Delaware also is a major stop on this Boston to Washington corridor.

The Philadelphia International Airport, which is situated largely in Delaware County near Philadelphia, is a 35 minute drive from Thornbury Township.

There are no major highways through the township although the projected relocations of U.S. Routes 1 and 202 may change that picture.

U.S. Route 202 on the west leads to Wilmington on the south and West Chester and King of Prussia on the north. Historic Baltimore Pike (U.S. Route 1) runs east to Media and Philadelphia and southwest to Baltimore. U.S. Route 322 connects southeasterly from U.S. Route 1 in Concordville to Chester and then on to the New Jersey coast. On the east, Pa. Route 352 runs north and south making connections with Pa. Routes 926 (Street Road) and 3 on the north and U.S. Route 1 on the south.

SCHOOLS

Thornbury Township has been a part of the West Chester Area School District since the jointure in 1964. Elementary students attend school in the township at Thornbury Elementary School in

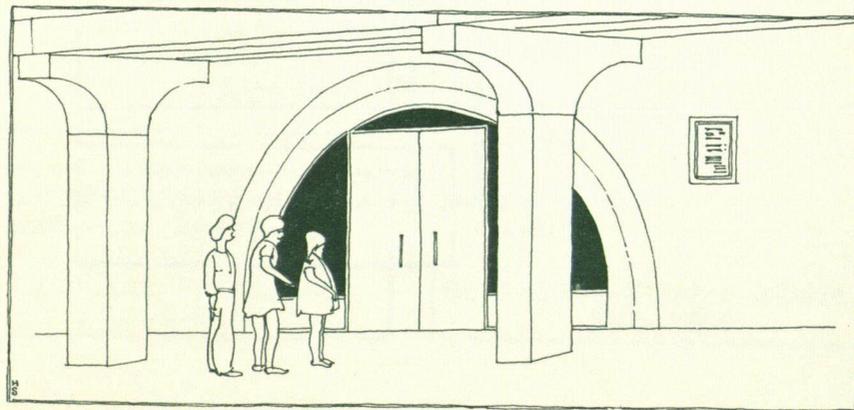
Glen Mills, while the older students may attend Stetson Junior High, East Junior High or Henderson Senior High, all in the West Chester area.

The West Chester Area School Board consists of directors who are elected from the area school district at large. Each member is elected for a six year term. At the present time, two members of the School Board reside in Thornbury Township: Mr. Kenneth Balsley and Dr. Alston Meade. The School Board holds public meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at East Junior High and meet in executive session at various other times.

The West Chester Area School District is financed by a combination of state funds, local real estate taxes, and a real estate transfer tax, a per capita "head" tax and a wage tax.

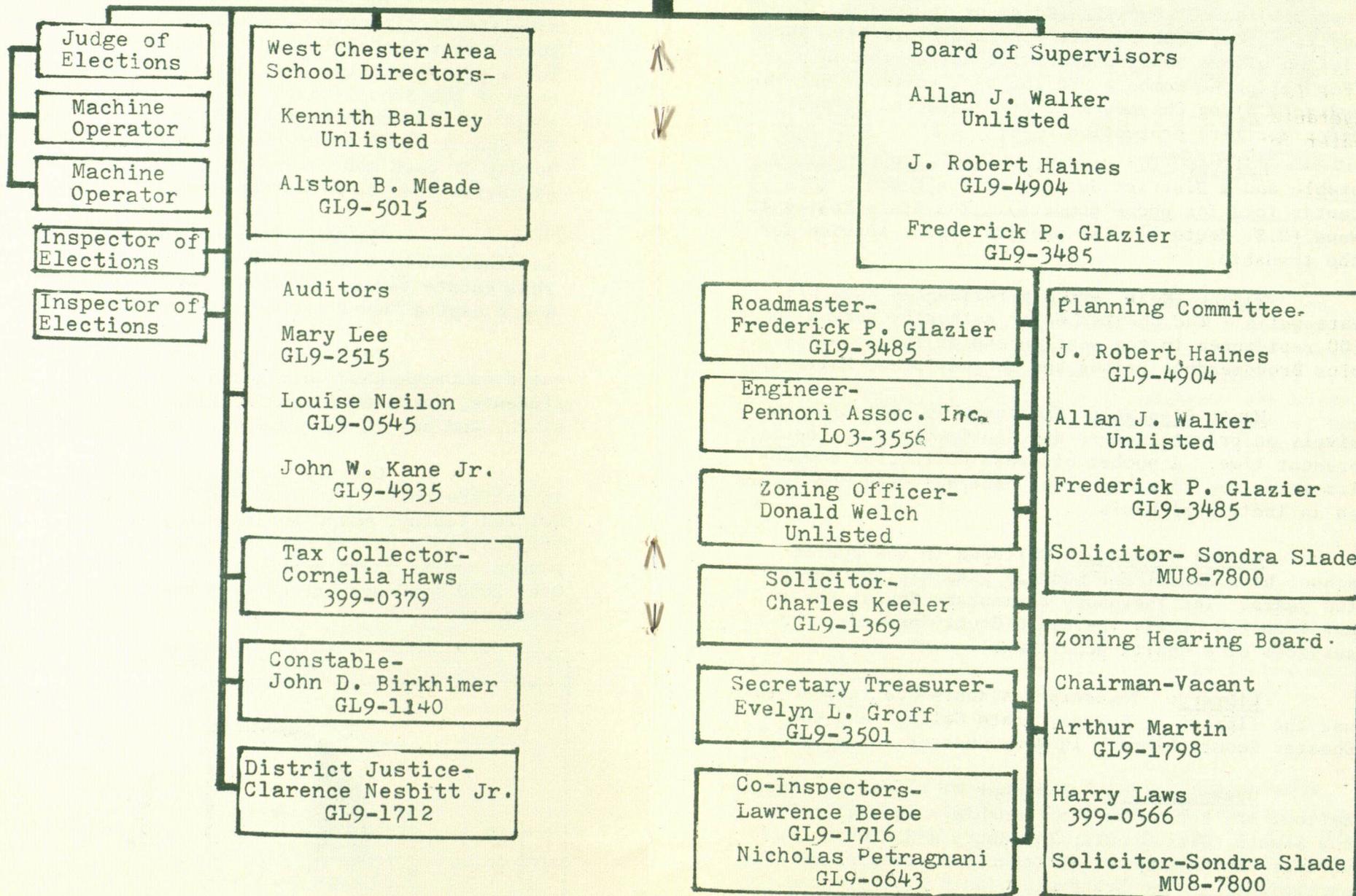
The Thornbury Elementary School located on Creek Road just north of Glen Mills has 350 students, enrolled in grades kindergarten through sixth, and has 14 full time teachers on the staff.

Cheyney College, originally started in Philadelphia in 1837 as the "Institution for Colored Youth", moved to Thornbury in 1903. Its original role of teacher training has now been expanded and it is an accredited Liberal Arts College. Over 2000 students attend with over 700 as dormitory residents.



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Fire Protection: Thornbury residents may call on fire companies in Concordville (Concord Township) and Gradyville (Edgemont Township). In addition, the Concordville Fire and Protective Association offers ambulance service to the township. (For telephone numbers see the back cover). Several hydrants along Cheyney Road are connected to public water for fire protection.

Police: The township has a part time constable and a District Justice of the Peace. (See center fold for phone numbers). The State Police at Wawa (U.S. Route 1) also provide police service for the township.

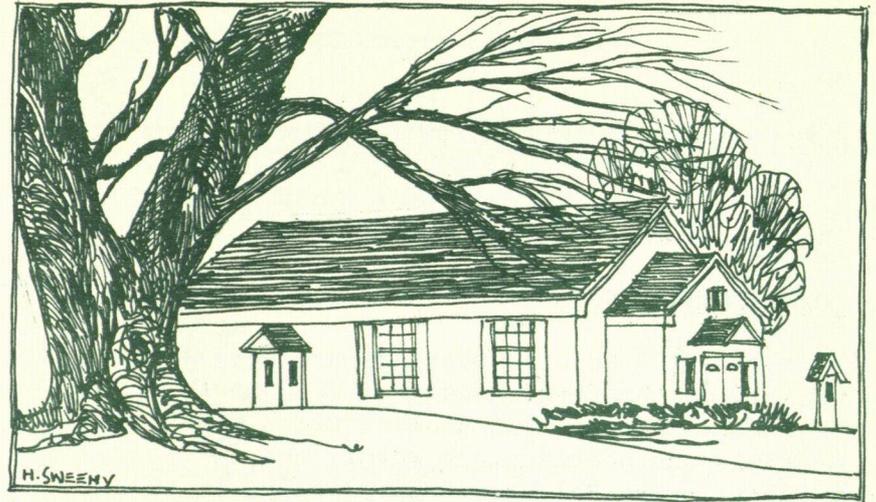
Water: Most township residences have private wells. The Chester Water Authority serves about 100 residences in the western end of the township plus Broadmeadows Prison and Cheyney State College.

Waste Disposal: The township relies exclusively on private sewers and septic tanks at the present time. A number of trash collection companies serve the township under contract with homeowners on an individual basis.

Health Services: Children in the public school have dental and medical examinations every two years. The Thornbury Elementary School has a nurse on the staff. Delaware County provides the services of a Health Department.

Library: Township residents are invited to use the library at Cheyney State College and the Chester County Library in West Chester.

Organizations: A number of community organizations are active in the township: an active PTA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Thornbury 4-H Club and various church groups. Thornbury residents may also participate in the Brandywine Youth Club program.



Churches: The township is served by three churches located within its boundaries. They are the Bethlehem Methodist Church at the corner of West-town and Glen Mills Roads, the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the corner of Locksley and Cheyney Roads and the Stoney Bank Community Church at the southern edge of the township on Stoney Bank Road.

GOVERNMENT, ECONOMICS AND TAXES

Thornbury is now a township of the second class; when its population reaches an average of 300 per square mile, it may apply to become a township of the first class.

GOVERNMENT

A three member Board of Supervisors with authority to establish zoning and construction codes, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens in accordance with the laws of the commonwealth and to levy taxes for township purposes.

ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS

Every two years, one of the supervisors is elected for a six-year term.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at 8:00 P.M. usually on the first Monday of each month at the Thornbury Elementary School on Creek Road. Special meetings and hearings are advertised in advance usually in the Delaware County Daily Times.

TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION

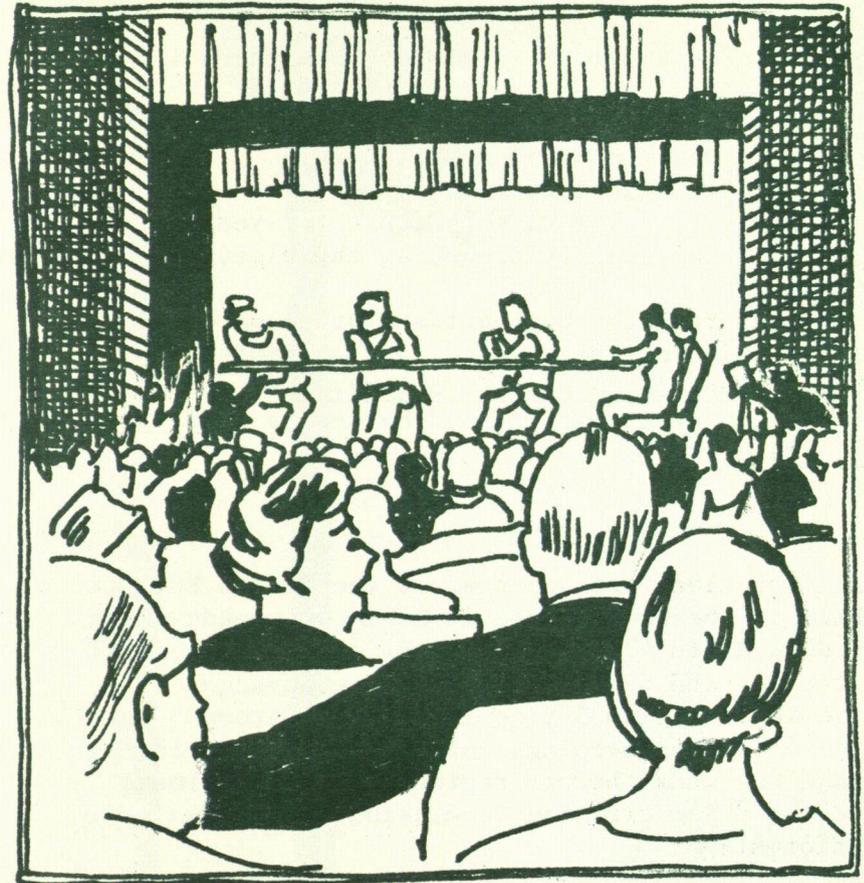
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TAXES

For 1972 the township has an assessed valuation of \$2,912,000.00. Assessments are made and revised periodically by a County Tax Assessor. The township real estate tax is now two mills, yield-\$5,824.00 annually. There is no township debt. Elected auditors make an annual audit "in accordance with state law."

The Delaware County and Institutional District millage totals 31.90 for 1972 while the West Chester School District millage stands at 119.0 through June, 1972. The school district also levies a \$10.00 per capita tax on residents over 20 years of age; the township, \$5.00.

A 1% wage tax levied on gross personal wages is split by the township and the school district. The township's share is expected to exceed \$16,000 in 1972. The township also receives about \$6,000 in real estate transfer taxes annually (1% of the real value). Thus, total tax receipts by the township in 1972 should exceed \$40,000.



VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

To vote in Pennsylvania it is necessary to be:

- 1) 18 years of age or more
- 2) a citizen of the United States for at least 30 days
- 3) a resident of the State for 90 days immediately preceding the election
- 4) a resident in the election district for at least 60 days immediately preceding the election
- 5) registered under the Permanent Registration Act

It is necessary to re-register when there is:

- 1) a change of name by marriage, divorce, Court decree
- 2) change of address
- 3) a failure to vote for a two-year period immediately preceding the election

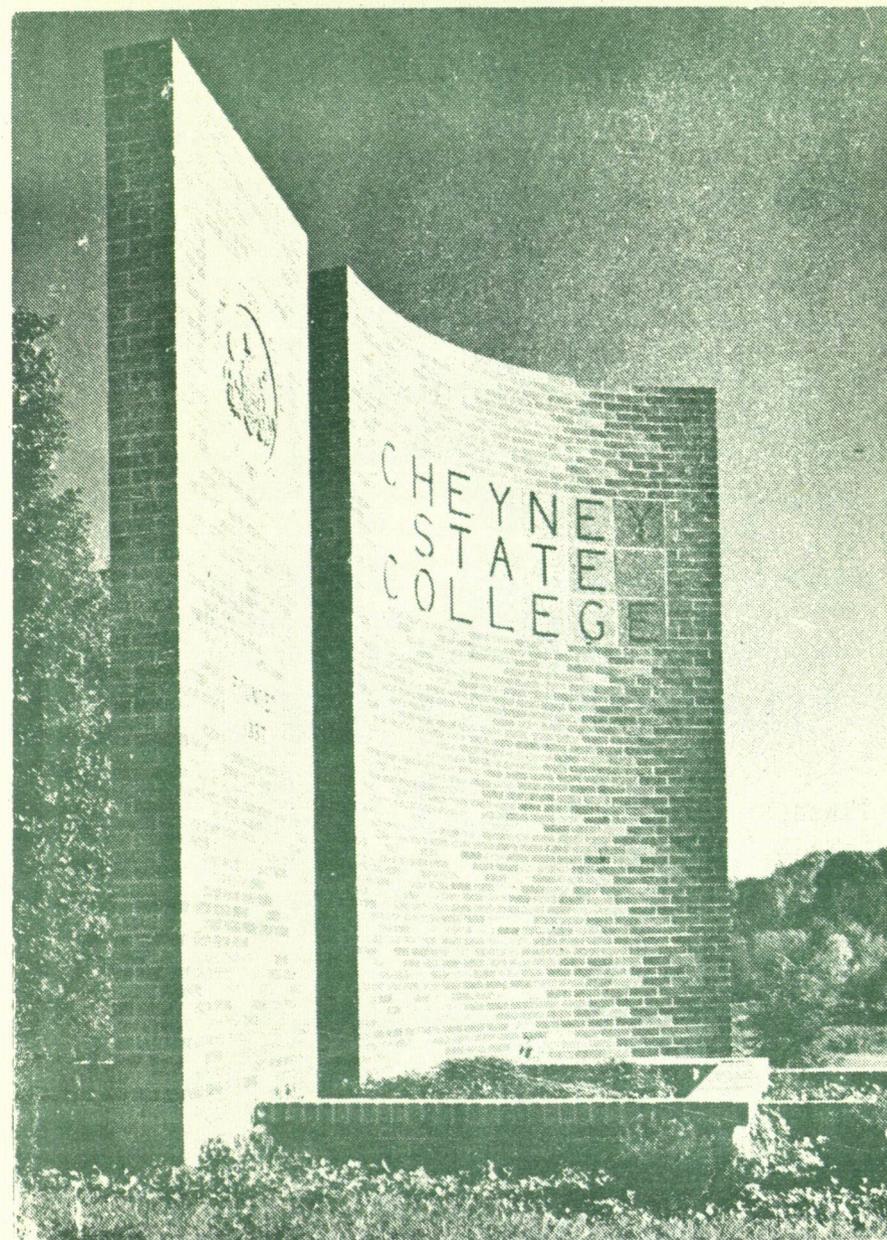
Citizens register non-partisan or by party affiliation, which may be changed, but not more than once between an election and a primary. No change is permitted in party affiliation between a primary and an election.

Registrations are accepted at the Curran Building in back of the Court House in Media on weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and by traveling registrars at times and places advertised in advance. Usually, the Registration Office is open on Saturday mornings and on Friday evenings until 9:00 P.M. during the last few weeks before registrations are closed. Call the Registration Commission at 891-2431 for information.

Voters who are absent from the county on Election Day for any of the following reasons may apply for an absentee ballot.

- 1) members of the Armed Forces, their spouses and dependents
- 2) persons unable to attend the polling place due to illness
- 3) persons absent due to occupation or business reasons

For details on absentee ballot applications, call 891-2271.



THORNBURY CITIZENS

Your County Commissioners:

Harry T. McNichol	891-2221
Nicholas F. Catania	891-2221
William A. Spingler	891-2225

SOME PERTINENT TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

The township has enacted ordinances concerning:

HORSES: Generally, no more than one on a lot of minimum size - three acres required for two and one additional acre required for each additional horse. Incidentally, a pony is a horse.

DOGS: Keep them on your property or the dog warden will see that you are fined. If you have a complaint about dogs, call the State Police (GL 9-4150) and ask them to contact Thornbury's dog warden.

ROOM RENTALS: Only when granted as a special exception by the Zoning Hearing Board.

TRASH, SEWAGE, WASTE: Do not dump within the township.

SWIMMING POOLS: A permit is required before building. In addition, by June 1, 1972 all swimming pools must be protected by a three (3) foot high fence and a locked gate.

HOUSES: See the Co-Building Inspectors for details. Assurance of adequate water quality and quantity as well as evidence of adequate waste drainage capability is required before a building permit can be obtained.

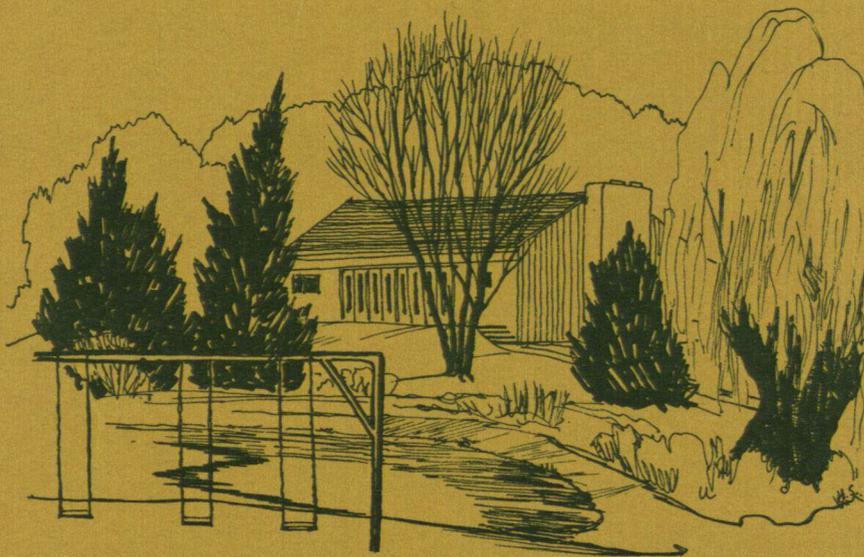
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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

1. Resist pressure from the GOP county machine.
2. Build a responsible, responsive political organization.
3. Achieve self-determination for Thornbury and its voters.
4. Promote representative township government and political action.
5. Create comprehensive planning and orderly, well-balanced development.
6. Encourage qualified candidates to compete for township offices.
7. Support candidates who are free of any hunger for personal power which might compromise the township.
8. Demand that the good of the Township take first priority.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

State Police GL 9-4150
Edgemont Township Fire Co. No. 1 GL 9-2414(Fire)
Concordville Fire & Protective Ass'n. GL 9-2511



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