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WORKING IN FRANCE

Fine Cooperation of Y. M. C. A. and French Society

A Forest Hills Gardens Resident Tells of His Experiences and Speaks Highly of the French People
--Keen Interest in the Life of Lincoln

By ROBERT J. COLE

Going abroad with the hope of giving something, I find after fourteen months that my memories are chiefly composed of what others gave me. The record is one of kindness, of friendship offered freely by French soldiers and civilians in many places. When I hear Americans finding fault with France I know that they have seen only one side of life there. They are comparing the best of America with the worst of the other nation—a method as unjust as it is ungenerous.

My fourteen months in France were divided by the Armistice. From May to November, 1918, I had charge, with a French associate, of two huts or Foyers du Soldat on the line of march between Chalons-sur-Marne and Reims. The work included everything from grinding coffee, buying soap and Eau de Cologne and running the phonograph, to teaching English and translating into French the applications of a passing American troop for war crosses. In the six months we had three American detachments—for about a week each time. It took me two days after one of these visits to repair the doors of the hut. I used to tell the French that our young American savages were hard on furniture but useful on the battlefield and they agreed with me. It would be impossible to express more complete appreciation of America's part in the war than I heard just after Chateau-Thierry. And without any words, I could feel the change in the atmosphere—in the renewal of courage and hope that came to France when we began to exert our unwearyed strength.

Doubtless many American soldiers expected a full fledged Y. M. C. A. service, like that in Twenty-third Street, New York, to be created in France. But the *poilu* who had never had anything of the kind done for him was humbly grateful for every privilege. If we had given nothing but the millions of sheets of free letter paper, furnishing pine tables and benches, where the men could write and visit, that would have been worth all the effort. Entering the war late as we did, we Americans could not appreciate the contrast



HOME OF ROBERT ANDERSON POPE.

The house pictured above is located on the corner of Continental Avenue and Groton Street, and was designed by Albro and Lindeberg, architects, for Mr. R. A. Pope. The design is an adaption of the English farm house type.

The exterior is of hand trowelled stucco with a base course of rough texture brick. A feature of the interior plan is the finely panelled living room, the floor of which is of quartered white oak, laid in random widths and lengths, and sets below the floor level of the entrance hall. The windows throughout are set with leaded glass and are equipped with quaint hardware imported from England.

between the conditions that existed, even back of the lines, in the first years and the comparative comfort of the organized cantonments, 1918 model, with Y. M. C. A. or Foyer du Soldat huts for the soldiers' leisure hours.

In the last attack, a shell hit the foyer, which I had just left to go to lunch. My French comrade was wounded and the two huts were on my hands. A colonial soldier, detailed to help me, rose to the occasion and was soon doing the whole job. I encouraged him and he encouraged the army!

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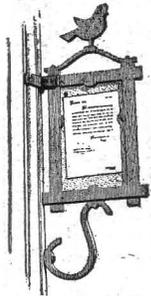
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Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 9 Station Square, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.

OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS.



The report of the secretary of the Audubon Society, a digest of which was published in the last number of the *Bulletin*, calls attention again to the value of the birds and our responsibility in their protection. One scientist states: "Destroy the birds and in a comparatively few years the insects will have multiplied to such an extent that trees will be denuded of their foliage, plants will cease to thrive and crops can not be raised. One chickadee will daily eat from 200 to 500 insects." It is estimated that in Massachusetts the birds daily consume 2,560,000,000 insects. Apply these facts to Forest Hills Gardens and it is easy to see how dependent we are on the birds (which have been attracted here through the efforts of the Audubon Society) for the beauty of our gardens, parks and parkways, and for the produce of our vegetable gardens. It is the duty of every resident here to belong to the Audubon Society, which educates the people of the Gardens in the protection and feeding of the birds.

A. K. Fisher, of the United States Biological Survey figures that each year in New York State about 3,500,000 birds are killed by cats. The homeless and wandering cats ought not to be tolerated in the Gardens.

Aside from the economic value of the birds, their bright colors and cheerful songs mean much to a war worn world. The last clear call of the veery thrush at dusk in Olivia Park is a benediction to the day. Support of the Audubon Society insures the protection and multiplication of these our feathered, singing friends, who make their homes in our hospitable shrubbery and trees and in the inviting bird boxes near our homes.

The local Audubon Society has one hundred members. Support of this organization proves your interest in the protection of bird life. If you are not already a member, join now.

WORKING IN FRANCE

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In conversation with many soldiers, I had found a keen desire for better understanding of America. Abraham Lincoln being the best expression of our national ideals, I prepared, or rather developed in action, a simple talk on his life and character. The department of education of the Foyer du Soldat gave me permission to repeat the talk in a large number of the huts. This took me to many parts of France and finally, for a few days, into Germany. On the border, at Metz, I attended Miss Wilson's last concert for the *poilus*, who showed appreciation of her singing of their song "Madelon" by drowning her out in the chorus.

Curiously enough, as I sat in the station waiting for the train that was to carry me toward the coast on the homeward journey, a great gun sounded almost over my head. It announced the German acceptance of the terms of peace. I ran up to the street level, close to the Invalides, where Napoleon lies buried, and watched the harmless flashing of a row of cannon. The war was over and it was time to go.

Though my own work was among the French, I saw enough of the American Y. M. C. A. to be able to smile at the criticisms now so common. Time will bring out the truth. I don't blame our boys for doing a certain amount of grumbling. All soldiers do that. The people at home who take their off hand remarks too seriously are making the greater error.

HEAR ROBERT J. COLE.

"The Gospel of America" will be the subject of an address to be delivered by Robert J. Cole, in the Social Room of the Church-in-the-Gardens, on Sunday morning, August 10th at 10.45 o'clock.

MEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

A most interesting event will take place today and tomorrow, August 9th and 10th, on the Inn Courts. A round robin doubles tennis tournament will be held on these days, beginning this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. All men of Forest Hills have been invited to participate and a large number have registered for the matches.

Partners will be assigned by lot and in the round robin every team will play every other team eleven games. The winning team will be the one that has the largest number of victorious games to its credit. Two racquets have been donated to give to the members of the victorious team.

The following gentlemen comprise the committee: W. W. Dunklin, Chairman; Ray Bell, Secretary; E. H. Ellis, Treasurer; Stanley Hillman, L. M. Bart, Leonard Buck, Ed. Spahr, John Winkler and L. P. McGahie.

THE INN.

Mrs. C. H. Ungerman has just returned from a trip to the Adirondacks where she has taken her son to camp. Mr. Ungerman recently arrived from Birmingham and will spend the remainder of the summer with his family at the Inn.

The Rev. John Graham, of Brooklyn, who is taking the place of Rev. Nichols of St. Luke's, will spend the week-ends, together with his wife, at the Inn.

Miss Sally Pierce and Miss Martha Williams have returned from a most enjoyable visit to Lake George.

Miss Maude L. Wallace, of the Inn, entertained several friends at Tea on Saturday last in honor of her birthday.

Another attractive birthday affair was the party of little Miss Jane Worthington in celebration of her fifth anniversary, on Friday, August first. More than a dozen pretty children gathered in the Sun Parlor for the "real" party, where cakes, candies and most wonderful ice cream were served, followed by games and fun, for which many prizes were awarded.

Mr. L. P. Witzleben, who, with his family, has been a guest of the Inn for many months, has recently left for Holland on a business trip and will be absent for several weeks.

Mr. Richard S. Newcombe spent the week-end at the Inn visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. Reis, and will return with Mrs. Newcombe about September first to remain during the winter months.

Mrs. John M. Glenn left a few days ago for a vacation of several weeks, and will be followed in a few days by her husband, though both Mr. and Mrs. Glenn will return to the Inn for the month of September.

Mrs. Belle Harding Heinly, of Alabama, is among the new arrivals at the Inn and it is hoped will remain for the coming season.

Mr. Frank J. Ross has his two sons, Frank, Jr., and Richard, with him for the month of August.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Caullet, of New Jersey, have been the guests for the past week of Mr. H. Rowbotham of the Inn.

Among the new residents are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rogers of Huntington; Miss M. E. Burdick, of New York; Mr. Arthur R. Dunham, of New York; Mr. Charles E. Stuart, of New York; Mr. Frank R. Finch, of Kansas City; Mr. H. D. Gumpper, of Chicago; Miss Mary E. Kiernan and Miss Y. D. Bedard, of New York.

Mrs. Richard B. Watrous has just returned to her family at the Inn, after spending several weeks with relatives in Maine.

PERSONALS.

Cecil Root, of Vancouver, Wash., United States Naval Radio operator, on board the S. S. West Togos, a cargo ship, has been visiting his uncle, Mr. Fred W. Goudy, of Deepdene Road.

Major Clarence A. Perry, of Beechknoll Road, is ill at the U. S. Army Hospital number one, Gunhill Road, the Bronx.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Mays, of Slocum Crescent, have returned home after a trip to Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester I. Barnard, of Greenway North, announce the birth of a daughter, Frances, on July 25th.

Margaret Latshaw, of Summer Street, and Janet Perry, of Beechknoll Road, have returned from a visit in Alburgh, Vermont.

Mr. F. K. Seward and family, of Whitson Street, are at Monument Beach, Mass.

Dr. S. E. Davenport, Jr., and family, of Groton Street, are at Northampton, Mass.

Mr. Earle G. Hines and family, of Puritan Avenue, are spending some time at West Milford, New Jersey.

Mr. B. J. Hirshorn and family, of Bow Street are having a vacation at Laurel Beach, Milford, Conn.

Mrs. Adolph Dietsche, of Ingram Street, with her little daughter, Annette, is spending the summer in West Kill, Green County, New York.

John P. Curtiss has sold his house at 34 Greenway Ter-

aces, to Col. William W. Gray. Col. Gray is well known in the Gardens, having spent a winter at the Inn and recently has resided at 141 Slocum Crescent.

Mr. Arthur H. Flint and family, of Beechknoll Road, are spending their vacation at Southampton, Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Atkinson, of Markwood Road, are summing at Nassau by the Sea, Long Island.

Mr. H. H. Buckley and family, of Markwood Road, are enjoying their summer at Cathedral Farm, Oneonta, New York.

Mrs. M. J. Hoban and children, of Slocum Crescent, are at Spring Lake Beach, New Jersey.

Arthur L. Favreau has opened a store at 155 Continental Avenue, where he can supply hardware, tools, paints, automobile accessories and all sorts of household necessities. Mr. Favreau has been a resident of Forest Hills for seven years.



HAYING TIME IN FOREST HILLS GARDENS.

The above is a picture of haying time in Forest Hills Gardens—a most interesting scene for Greater New York. In a few years this picture will be a curiosity because of the rural conditions which it depicts.

The house which is shown in the picture is that of Mr. Harold P. Daniels on Markwood Road. Mrs. Hartley Le H. Smith, formerly of the Gardens, but now of Shrewsbury, Mass., Betty Smith and John Daniels can be seen in front of the hay wagon.

VACATION IMPRESSIONS.

From parched Canada to soaked Forest Hills! From the heat of "Our Lady of Snows" to the chill, damp atmosphere of Long Island! Well, we know a lot of reversals these days. And I discovered that we of Forest Hills receive a good deal of underserved sympathy. The Canadians were still talking of their blistering June when I got there about the first of July, and I was told several times by friends that "we often thought of you sweltering in New York; it must have been awful there." When I told them that we had had only a day or two of really uncomfortable weather and absolutely no uncomfortable nights, they simply did not believe me.

"Why we have read of heat prostrations in the big cities; folks sleeping on fire escapes, park benches, &c." "But," I said, "we live in Forest Hills." And when the climate of a suburb within nine miles of New York compares favorably in midsummer with that of Canada—can you beat it?

Canada is merging from her war burdens strong and hopeful. She has big problems to face, but big problems are not impossible to these "maple hearted" sons of victory. Poor Alberta and Saskatchewan are in the throes of a crop failure—so serious that cattle will have to be shipped out to prevent their starving; and hay will have to be shipped in from Ontario.

"July Vacationist."

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

A treat in information was afforded those who heard Mr. Paul Super last Sunday morning on the "Crisis in Korea."

Another opportunity to get facts at first hand will be given this coming Sunday, August 10th, at 10:45 o'clock, when Mr. Robert J. Cole, our neighbor, will speak. Mr. Cole has just returned after many months of service with the French army in the Foyer du Soldat. He has some very good things to relate to us and has kindly agreed to deliver an address on the subject: "The Gospel of America." Let us give Mr. Cole a cordial welcome.

Placards at the Church and in the Village stores will announce subsequent topics and speakers. **WATCH THE PLACARDS!**



CHURCH SERVICES.

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 9.30 o'clock
Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings, 8 o'clock Holy Communion; 11 o'clock Service and Sermon. Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings, Address at 10:45 o'clock. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

Church of Forest Hills.—Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 10 A. M.; sermon at 11 A. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street.

Christian Science Society of Forest Hills. Services Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School 9:45 A. M.; Wednesday evening at 8:00. 173 Continental Avenue.

THE PLAYGROUND.

Boys' Tennis Tournament.

The boys' tennis tournament, announced for July 28th, will take place at the West Side Tennis Club, at 10 o'clock, on the morning of August 11th. The courtesy of the West Side Courts has been extended by Mr. George Agutter, to the boys of Forest Hills for this event. Gold and silver medals will be awarded as prizes.

Edgar Snow, of Meteor Street, is in charge of the tournament.

Athletic Badge Test.

Last week three boys passed the Athletic Badge test, thereby obtaining a bronze button which means much in the playground world. It stands for efficiency in mind as well as body. These boys will soon receive the bronze button from the Playground Recreation Association of America: Maurice Mayer, Tyler Sweeney, Frank McGirr.

Playground Fund.

The Community Secretary is very happy to report that in this last week excellent returns have come in answer to the letter sent to all residents of Forest Hills concerning the Playground and Community Council Fund.

Play in Groups.

The playground here is the only one on the Island which has supervised play other than the summer months of the year. Because of the organization of the Forest Hills Community Council, which has the direction of the playground, the Community Councils of New York City and the Boroughs have come to us to secure suggestions for similar organizations.

The result of the spring work, it is hoped, lies in the fact that the children have learned to play fair in groups; some of the girls and boys have not the advantage of having brothers and sisters. The playground has tried to develop the spirit of play in groups rather than in the individuals.

SCHOOL GARDEN.

It was no little pleasure for me to inspect the beautiful school garden in connection with P. S. 101, Queens, on my recent visit. Miss Agnes A. Cording, Principal of this school, has for some years been a leading exponent of

school gardens for children. She has not only encouraged it in her own school, but she has taken a great interest in the public propaganda for the school garden movement. She is one of the directors of the School Garden Association of America, which is the largest school garden association in the world. Of the seventy-five gardens which we are maintaining this summer this is one of the most beautiful and productive. We have engaged Mrs. J. F. Cooke, of P. S. 90, Queens, to take charge of the garden at Forest Hills on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9 to 11 o'clock. I sincerely hope that all the good people of Forest Hills who have children in the school will see that they attend these garden exercises and keep the garden in excellent condition.

I hope to visit it again in September and find it one of our best gardens.

Van Evrie Kilpatrick,
Director of School Gardens, New York City.

COMMANDMENTS OF THE PLAYGROUND.

BE HONEST with yourself and others.

Be **LOYAL** to your Government, your school and your playground.

Be **OBEDIENT** to your parents and to your supervisor.

Be **NEAT**. Cleanliness is another word for care.

Be **COURTEOUS** at all times.

Be **CHIVALROUS**. A good deed is never forgotten.

Be **GENEROUS**. A selfish person has few friends.

Be **SQUARE**. Remember, a cheater never prospers.

Be **GAME**. The world loves a "Plugger," but nobody likes a quitter.

Be **CONSIDERATE**. Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Be **CONSTRUCTIVE**. Help build. Do not destroy what another has worked to accomplish.

Be **PUNCTUAL**. Time and Tide wait for no one.

The Playground.

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF FOREST HILLS GARDENS.

Report of Treasurer, June 8, 1918 to June 3, 1919.

Receipts.	
Carried over from June 8th, 1918.....	\$177.06
Dues	\$39.00
Sale of Bird Guides	1.90
Proceeds of lecture by Mr. Baynes	79.00
Total	\$356.96
Disbursements.	
Stationery	\$12.00
Stamps and sundries	12.87
Lecture, Mr. Baynes	195.00
Expenses of lecture	30.00
Thirty-nine bird houses and suet holders ..	16.25
Painted sign	2.50
	\$368.62
	\$168.99
Balance in bank June 8, 1919.....	\$163.31
	\$168.99

Respectfully submitted,
MARY E. KNEVELS, Treasurer.

COMING EVENTS.

Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, at the Sales Office. Phone Forest Hills 6200.

Tuesday and Thursday, 9 A. M.—Children of Public School 101 work in garden.

August 9th, 2:30 P. M.—Beginning of a Round Robin Doubles Tennis Tournament, Inn Courts.

August 11th, 10 A. M.—Boys' Tennis Tournament, on West Side Club Courts.