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## WORLD'S GREAT PROBLEMS

### Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip Addresses Men's Club of the Gardens

Seriousness of the Present Conditions Presented—  
Speaker Declares He is not  
Pessimistic

"The problem will be solved not by injunctions, not by laws, but in the hearts of employers and employees." The problem referred to was that of labor. The speaker was Frank A. Vanderlip and he was addressing a meeting of the Men's Club, Forest Hills Gardens, Thursday evening, November 6, at the home of the president of the club, Rowland H. Smith.

After a few introductory remarks by President Smith, he presented Mr. Lawrence H. Abbott, president of the *Outlook* Company, as chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Abbott, in his graceful manner, introduced Mr. Vanderlip. He was enthusiastically greeted by the large number of men present.

Mr. Vanderlip said that last Spring he returned from Europe and expressed the opinion that a serious situation, which might grow worse, existed in Europe. "I have not a word to take back as to the seriousness of the situation," said Mr. Vanderlip, "and conditions have in some respects grown worse." He added that those who believed that Europe would recover quickly from the effects of the great war had been disappointed. He then traced briefly the awful effects of the war in the leading countries of Europe, calling attention particularly to the fact that in France 50 per cent. of the men between 20 and 30 years of age were killed and a large part of the industrial region was devastated; that in England, while the loss of life and damage to industry was not so great, the economic efforts were almost as distressing as in France; that Italy is almost overwhelmed by debt and is in grave danger of a revolution, and that Germany is suffering severely. Mr. Vanderlip said that Belgium is perhaps in better condition than any of the other allied countries.

In conclusion, Mr. Vanderlip said that, in spite of the dark picture which he had painted, he was not pessimistic as to the future. He believed that the United States had before it greater opportunity than any country ever had in the history of the world. The power of manufacturing in mass production and its wonderful natural resources were referred to especially as advantages which will help it in doing its part in the reconstruction of the world.

The following gentlemen were elected into membership of the club:

Mr. James R. Garretson	Mr. Chas. F. Moore
Mr. Kenneth Judson	Mr. H. F. Pomeroy
Mr. George A. Douglass	Mr. S. S. Freeman
Dr. J. A. Corsecaden	Mr. Henry J. Skipp
Mr. J. F. McTyier	

A resolution indorsing the movement to obtain a new public school building in Forest Hills Gardens was adopted.



HOME OF GEORGE SMART

On Deepdene Road, near Olivia Park, is the home of George Smart. The house, adapted from the old "Dutch Colonial," with its gambrel roof is quaint and admirably adjusted to its use. The entrance is dignified and well proportioned. The exterior walls are of rough texture brick and the roof is covered with red and brown tiles.

The house was designed and erected by the Homes Company.

## Community Council

### Plan to Co-ordinate Organizations of Forest Hills—Meeting of Taxpayers' Association

At a recent meeting of the Community Council of Forest Hills, Mr. Ernest Leo, organizing secretary for Queens, made an earnest appeal to have the Community Council or the Taxpayers' Association become a part of the great organization of Community Councils of New York City. He presented a pamphlet containing a statement of the work and problems of the councils prepared for the conference held at the home of Mrs. Frank A. Vanderlip last July and pointed out that Forest Hills, by becoming a part of the splendid movement which originated during the war and resulted in highly important service being rendered, could promote its own interests while helping to solve the problems of not far distant neighbors in the borough. He spoke especially of the need for work among foreigners at our very door.

Following Mr. Leo's address, a committee was appointed to form a new plan of community organization in harmony with that of the Community Councils of New York City and this committee has had several meetings and agreed upon a plan which will be presented to the Taxpayers' Association, the Men's Club, the Women's Club, the Mothers' Club, the Audubon Society and perhaps other organizations for their consideration. It is understood that this plan affects the Taxpayers' Association in an important way and it is expected that keen interest will be manifested at the meeting of the Taxpayers, who, by the way, are not only those who pay taxes on real estate, but every citizen of the community—to be held at the Church-in-the-Gardens, Friday night, November 21, at eight o'clock. An able speaker representing the Community Councils of New York City will be present and address the meeting and there will be an opportunity for every one to express his views and vote on the proposed plan or some other plan to efficiently co-ordinate the numerous organizations of the village.

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### THE OBLIGATION OF CITIZENSHIP

**I**n a community like ours of well-to-do people, whose opportunities for education and culture have been manifold, it is reasonable to expect the rendering of great service for the common good. This service, philanthropic, charitable and the like, has been rendered to less fortunate people by our men and women individually in countless ways of which the public knows nothing. We have many citizens here whose charities have meant much to the city, state and nation. Our organizations, churches and clubs, have the forward, outward look, trying collectively to help the less fortunate who live near and far. We are determined that living in the Gardens shall give us open minds and kind hearts and that nothing of the smug complacency of the average well-to-do neighborhood shall be ours. All of this is commendable and the Editor of the *Bulletin* hopes that this spirit shall grow until it becomes all embracing and all absorbing. Then we shall truly live in a garden of usefulness and service.

We comfortable people, tempted sometimes into a feeling of self-sufficiency, are likely to forget the duties of citizenship in this the greatest democracy in the world, imperfect though it is. We pride ourselves on our "government of the people, by the people and for the people," and we forget that we are the people by whom the government must be maintained. We deplore the election of incompetent and corrupt officials, shaking our heads in disappointment and despair that such elections should take place and fail to see that we and our kind are responsible for such elections. Too many of the men of the class who would and could vote intelligently and independently in past years have been away from home on election day or for one excuse and another have not used the franchise. The well-to-do, protected woman will have the same temptation to take the newly acquired responsibilities of citizenship lightly. We must remember that our national, state and city governments will be just as good as and no better than the rank and file of the citizens make it. Being an integral part of the city of New York, as a small percentage of commuters is, because large numbers live in New Jersey and Connecticut and outside of the city, in New York State, our responsibility as citizens is very great and every man and woman in the Gardens ought to vote at every election.

The last meeting of the Taxpayers' Association, when an opportunity was given to our citizens to hear the candidates for office, both republican and democratic, plead their causes and cases and when Judge Davies explained the contemplated constitutional amendments, was well attended, but when one consi-

ders the importance of such an occasion he realizes that "standing room only" should have been at a premium. The intelligent exercise of the franchise is a moral obligation of every man and woman in the Gardens.

### Censored Movies in Forest Hills Gardens

The Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens will conduct a very high grade moving-picture show in the social room of the church every Saturday afternoon during the winter beginning with next Saturday, November 22. This form of entertainment has come to stay and the Guild believes that it is the proper agency to conduct this kind of education and diversion for the children, young people and adults here. Every show will furnish amusement, entertainment and instruction of the highest order. A committee of the Guild is in charge of this important enterprise, with Mrs. B. A. Rolfe chairman. The proceeds will go to the work of the Guild and very largely to the church fund for a new parish house. The nominal charge for admission will mean that whole families will attend these performances and the audience will be limited to the capacity of the room.

### WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

A large meeting of the Women's Club was held at the Inn on Monday afternoon, November 3, when 31 new members were welcomed. Miss Helen Varick Boswell, the speaker on current events, covered the news of the day in an able and comprehensive way. Mrs. C. H. Hasselbrink was the soloist. The principal speaker, Mr. David C. Adie, was introduced by Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh, chairman of the club's philanthropic activities and he spoke on the "Solution of the Labor Problems." He told of the many mistakes of the leaders on both sides of the question. He spoke of three so-called cures having been tried: (1) selling stock to employees, which is not a panacea; (2) shop committee, which is better than the first cure, but is not a permanent one; (3) Whitley plan of England, which is the best plan and it is being tried in the clothing trades. He said there must be more co-operation between capital and labor, leaders must be more adaptable and plans must be more flexible.

### Evening Entertainment

The entertainment given in the Church-in-the-Gardens under the auspices of the Women's Club, as a part of a series, on the evening of November 12, was well attended. The artists, Mr. H. Lawrence Hunt, tenor, Miss Karla, violinist, and Miss Anna Welch, harpist, assisted by Miss Collins Buchanan and Miss Edna Rothwell, accompanists, delighted the large audience. Refreshments were served at the close of the entertainment in the social room, for the benefit of the philanthropic work of the club. The next entertainment will be given on December 12, the whole series being in the hands of the ways and means committee, Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, chairman.

### The Current Readings Chapter

At the home of Mrs. S. E. Davenport, 20 Groton Street, on the afternoon of November 25 at 2:30, the current readings chapter will meet and Mrs. H. P. Daniels will review the book, "Russia in Upheaval," by Ross.

### RECENT PURCHASES

The Sage Foundation Homes Company announces many sales of recent date. The new group on Park End Place is completed and new owners are occupying the houses as follows: O. W. Erwin, K. P. Collins, C. W. Carpenter, G. B. Wells, R. H. Coleman, Curtis Flory, Thomas F. Frawley.

Thomas S. Redmayne and family have moved into their new home, 310 Burns Street.

Thomas D. Cutler has recently moved into his new home, 137 Greenway South.

W. T. Anderson, 34 Greenway South, has sold his house to E. M. Skeehan, of Ingram Street. Mr. Skeehan will not move in until spring.

Harvey T. Warren, Greenway South, has sold his house to H. W. Hardinge, 410 Riverside Drive. Mr. Warren has purchased a house on Greenway North, near Puritan Ave.

### Audubon Society Offers Attractive Prizes

In order to stimulate interest in the birds, which find homes in Forest Hills Gardens, and to encourage observation of their traits and habits, among the children and young people here, the Audubon Society, through its school and junior committee, invites all boys and girls between the ages of six and eighteen years to enter a contest, which starts with the publication of this *Bulletin* and closes on December 19.

The children between the ages of 6 and 11 are expected to write bird stories of 100 words which will describe something about the birds here, which has come under the personal observation of the boy or girl writing the story. For the best story submitted by children of this age a copy of "The Burgess Bird Book for Children" will be given as a prize. Dr. W. T. Halliday, the famous naturalist, says of this new book: "This book, with its 58 colored illustrations by Fuertes, is the best bird book for children I have ever seen."

A story of 200 words will be expected from the boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 14 years and it, too, must describe something which the boy or girl writing has observed in the Gardens. The prize for the best story in this group will be a copy of "Our Winter Birds," by Frank M. Chapman. This book, Dr. Chapman, the bird authority, has written to form an introduction to the study of birds.

The High School group, or the boys and girls, between the ages of 14 and 18 years, must write a story of 300 words, covering again some incident of bird life which has occurred in the Gardens. For the best story in this group, a copy of "The Travels of Birds," by Dr. Chapman will be coveted possession.

The judges in this contest, which ought to arouse the interest of the entire community, will be Miss Mary A. Fairchild, principal of public schools 3 and 101, Mr. G. S. Catlin, principal of the Kew Forest School and Mrs. George Smart, president of the Audubon Society. All stories should be addressed to the *Bulletin*, 9 Station Square, Forest Hills. The prize stories will be printed in the *Bulletin*.

### BOY SCOUTS

As nearly every one in town can testify, the Scouts have been busy taking subscriptions for the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call and have kept up the splendid record they made in the Liberty Loan drives.

David Millar and Leon Schoen were elected to the troop at the last meeting and will be enrolled as soon as they have passed the tenderfoot tests.

Signaling is the order of the day and all Scouts are now working on the semaphore system of sending messages. Later on the Morse code or Wig-wag will be taken up.

### PERSONALS

Miss Louise Lenz, who is a kindergartner of Los Angeles, California, visited the kindergarten in public school 101 on Friday. Miss Lenz is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Emma Van Loan, of Greenway Terrace.

Mrs. B. A. Rolfe, of Bow Street, has been visiting in Chicago and Detroit.

Mr. H. W. Hillman, of Markwood Road, has sold his house to Mr. W. R. Hulbert, and Mr. Hillman and family will live at the Inn this winter. I. M. Noble and family have rented the house from Mr. Hulbert.

Dr. F. Q. Blanchard, of Cleveland, who preached in the Church-in-the-Gardens on Sunday, November 9, was the guest of Mr. George Smart and family of Deepdene Road.

Mr. Lawrence F. Abbott and family, of Greenway South, have moved into their home for the winter.

Mr. Robert Fuller and family, of the Gardens Apartments, have moved back to their home in Bronxville. They spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. D. G. Clark, of Deepdene Road.

Lost—Bunch of black aigrettes, liberal reward. Phone 6271 Forest Hills.

### THE RECENT ELECTIONS

Forest Hills' citizens and citizenesses went early to the polls on election day, and although this was what is called by the politicians an "off year," it gave the voters an opportunity to practice voting for the very important national and state elections of 1920.

The election was of considerable local importance, as by the accession of Major La Guardia to the Presidency of the Board of Aldermen there will now be an active and watchful minority representation in the City's Board of Estimate. This State's Senate District, the 2nd, will be represented for the first time by a Republican Senator, Karie. This, the 6th Assembly District of Queens, has made a change and selected a Republican Assemblyman, Mr. Baum, at the same time retaining the services of the present Alderman, Mr. Schmitz, and re-electing Judge Cragen, both Democrats, to another ten years in our 2nd District Municipal Court.

Those who were fortunate enough to meet these gentlemen at the Taxpayers' Campaign meeting right before election, as well as all other residents, should make a note of the names of their representatives, so that, if occasion arises, communications respecting their official conduct may be sent to any of them.

The results in the Forest Hills polling place were: For President of the Board of Aldermen: Moran (Dem.), 62; La Guardia (Rep.), 247. For Justice of the Municipal Court: Cragen (Dem.), 80; Smith (Rep.), 231. For State Senator: Burns (Dem.), 75; Karie (Rep.), 238. For Assemblyman: Looke (Dem.), 98; Baum (Rep.), 210. For Alderman: Schmitz (Dem.), 51; McDavitt (Rep.), 252.

### YOUNG MEN'S CLUB

On the evening of November the eighth a group of young men gathered at the home of Mr. Charles Dowse for the purpose of organizing a club. The following officers were elected: President, Frank Millang, Jr., Vice-President, Robert Nachman; Secretary, Charles Dowse; Treasurer, Thomas Paton, Jr.; Sergeant-at-Arms, Edwin Dowse. This organization will be known as "The Harmony Club of Forest Hills," the object being to promote the formation of athletic teams and to encourage the development of musical ability. If further information is desired communicate with the President, Frank Millang, Jr., Forest Hills 6597.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Miss Agnes A. Cording, formerly principal of public schools 3 and 101, Forest Hills, was appointed, on November 1, principal of public school 92, Queens, located at Corona, L. I. This is a school of 28 classes, extending from the kindergarten through the eighth year.

Miss Mary A. Fairchild came to public schools 3 and 101 on November 1, from public school 16, Queens, where she had been acting principal for four years. Public school 16 is a school of 35 classes, ranging from the kindergarten through the eighth year.

Miss Fairchild was formerly an instructor in a Teachers' Training School.

### CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Mothers' Club will meet on Monday afternoon, November 17, at public school 3, at 3 o'clock, when Mrs. Albert Morton Gray will be the speaker on the ever delightful subject "Children's Books." Mrs. Gray knows books and she knows children, so this ought to be a profitable meeting for the mothers. Mrs. George A. Douglass, president of the club, urges all mothers to come with lists of books and with the books themselves which have proven a help and a delight in their own homes.

### PLAYGROUND NOTES

November 1 proved to be a very rainy day, so that at three o'clock in the afternoon the girls and boys who were invited to attend the Hallowe'en party on the playground had to gather in the kindergarten-room. About sixty came in various charming costumes. Games and the usual Hallowe'en "eats" were enjoyed.

The playground most any afternoon at four o'clock shows many groups of boys and girls at play. One is busy at basket-ball, another at soccer, hockey, baseball, tetherball, ring-games and sand-box. All boys and girls of Forest Hills are welcome on the playground.

### THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS

Our former neighbor and church treasurer, Rev. William A. Rice, D.D., will be the speaker tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Rice comes to us with a special message and it is hoped that a large congregation will be present to welcome him.

The members and friends of St. Luke's Episcopal Church will join us in a special service in The Church-in-the-Gardens at 10:45 on the morning of Thanksgiving Day. Dr. Charles E. Burton and Vicar R. S. Nichols will conduct the service. A very hearty invitation is extended to all in the community who may wish to share in this public expression of Thanksgiving.

Following the recent announcement that the Trustees had arranged for the purchase of additional land on which to erect a parish house and parsonage, a most important meeting of the church membership was held last night at the church, when most interesting plans for the future were made. The next *Bulletin* will report this meeting in full. The committee on a new Pastor made a report.



### 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. Sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday School for Juniors and Intermediates at 9:45 o'clock. Primary School at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor Society—7:45 P. M. Cor. Ascan Avenue and Greenway North.  
 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.

### COMING EVENTS

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

Every Monday and Friday, from 3 to 5 P. M., the library is open in the Sales Office.

Every Friday, 8 P. M.—Meeting of French Circle, 114 Ascan Avenue.

Every day except Sunday, the playground is open to all. Miss Fox in charge from 3 to 6 P. M.

Every Friday, 5 P. M.—Girl scouts, Public School 3.

Monday, November 17, 3 P. M.—Mothers' Club, Public School 3.

Friday, November 21, 8 P. M.—Taxpayers' Association, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Tuesday, November 25, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 20 Groton Street.

Friday, November 28, 8 P. M.—Music Chapter, Women's Club, 20 Continental Avenue.

### A UNIQUE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Ford Martin, of 23 Greenway Terrace, celebrated his eighth birthday on November 1, in an original way. Each of his 75 juvenile guests, instead of a birthday present, brought him a silver coin, instead of a birthday present, toward buying a baby's "pen" for toddling French kiddies at the Florence Nightingale Hospital, Bordeaux. As a result, no less than three hundred francs have been sent to Dr. Anna Hamilton, director of the famous institution, where nurses are trained. The party was addressed by Miss Grace Ellison, of England, who is here promoting this work on behalf of the French Government. Mrs. Homer Croy ran some fine motion pictures, Miss Beatrice Petrie told the story of "Alice in Wonderland," and games were played, ice cream and cake topped off a gay afternoon in the house which was draped all over in Allied flags. It was "some afternoon," says Ford.

### THE INN



The Harvest Moon Dance given on Halloween was quite as big a success as the Barn Dance held two seasons ago, which has always remained fresh in the minds of the guests as one of the most enjoyable affairs held at the Inn. On this occasion the decorations were almost similar to the former one, with the addition of a big red moon and a quartet of colored boys (brought from the South for the affair?) as a setting at the back of the ballroom. Not a dull moment

was spent during the entire evening, some game or fun following each dance, with small prizes to the fortunate winners. Miss Laura Lee, who is conducting the dancing lessons and also acting as hostess at the Saturday night dances, was kind enough to favor us with an impromptu solo dance, which was extremely beautiful and much appreciated.

The next important event in the "life" of the Inn is a masked costume dance to be given on the eve of Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 26th, for the benefit of the Big Sisters of Queensborough. This is an annual dance, which has always been most thoroughly enjoyed and proved a great help to the needy families who are assisted by this wonderful organization. We trust this dance will be even a greater success in every way than heretofore, and take occasion to mention that everyone who appears on the dancing floor must be in fancy costume of some sort, though no limitation is made as to variety. Tickets will be on sale at the Inn shortly after the fifteenth.

The last Sunday evening concert was a tremendous success, thanks to the courtesy of Mme. Alba Rosa Victor, a splendid violinist of European renown, assisted by Mrs. W. Paulding De Nike at the piano, as well as our own very capable trio under the direction of Mr. W. Joseph. Several well-known musicians and soloists have promised to assist in making our weekly concert enjoyable this winter, and the guests of the Gardens are most cordially invited to attend.

Miss Lee has formed a most enjoyable dancing class for adults on each Monday evening from 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock, and many of the married folks who haven't learned the new steps and therefore have not participated in our Saturday dances, are becoming enthusiastic in their new "sport." Guests of the Gardens are invited to join and can secure particulars from Miss Lee on Saturday evening or attend the class now forming on Monday evening next. The children's dancing classes on Saturday afternoons are fast growing in numbers, and the little tots are most adorable dancing about on their toes trying to imitate little birds.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Pershing are spending a few weeks in Chicago but will return to the Inn before the holidays.

Mrs. S. B. Brownell and Miss M. A. Brownell have returned to the Inn this winter.

Mr. T. H. Spence, of Milwaukee, spent the week end as the guest of his mother, Mrs. T. H. Spence, who was one of our earliest "settlers" at the Inn.

Mr. F. R. Harty has just returned from a several week trip through the South.

Mr. Gale Hunter and Mr. F. J. Nash have also recently returned. Mr. Hunter has been exploring and showing in Alaska and the Northwest for the past several months.

Miss Doris Thomley, of the Inn, has been the guest of Miss Esther Smith, of Atlanta, Ga., for the past five weeks and is expected home the coming week.

Mrs. H. S. Grattan, of 15 Greenway Terrace, who has been critically ill with pneumonia for the past five weeks is recovering, and her physician hopes to move her to Lakewood, N. J., shortly to recuperate.

### ALL SERVICE MEN—ATTENTION!

There will be a meeting of all men who were in the Service, for the purpose of organizing a local post of the American Legion, at the Sales Office at 8 P. M., Wednesday evening, November 19.