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Manager  
Forest Hills Inn  
Station Square  
Forest Hills, New York 11375

Dear Manager:

A friend sent me an article that described the repair of the clocks in the Inn Tower. This brought back some pleasant memories.

I was five years old when my father, Herman L. Zimmermann, opened his electrical contracting business in 1916 in Forest Hills just across the street from the New York side of the Long Island Railroad. I walked under the trestle and stood at the corner, looking at the Square, the police booth, fountain, apartments, the entrance on the side going to Jamaica and points east. I remember thinking how beautiful it was then and is now.

I remember when Teddy Roosevelt talked there and there was a Scotch Bagpipe Band that scared the life out of me. They were bearded giants and each carried a long dagger in his boot.

I remember the dances in the Square when it was covered with canvas to provide a dancing surface.

I have been in the clock towers behind the clocks because dad kept them in repair. He also decorated the Square for Christmas, and other holidays. He ran strings of colored lights around the entire Square. One year he went all out by taking a large bass drum and sketching a pumpkin head on it. He put a slow flashing light behind one eye so that it would wink. He mounted this on the outside of the clock tower.

I noticed that the young man in charge of the repair project is named Paul Zimmermann. He is not a relation, but the name is appropriate. Good work, Paul.

I keep a post card picture of the Square in my photo book. The photographer stood at the same spot where I stood back in 1916.

My friend also told me that a taxi cab driver requested that his ashes be sprinkled in the Square. This is interesting because it shows that someone else loved that place.

Yours truly,

*Karl Zimmermann*  
Karl H. Zimmermann, EE, PE

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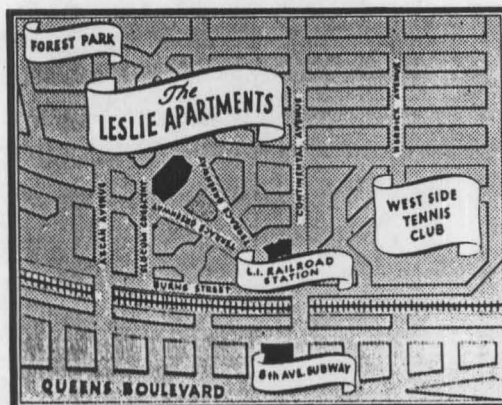
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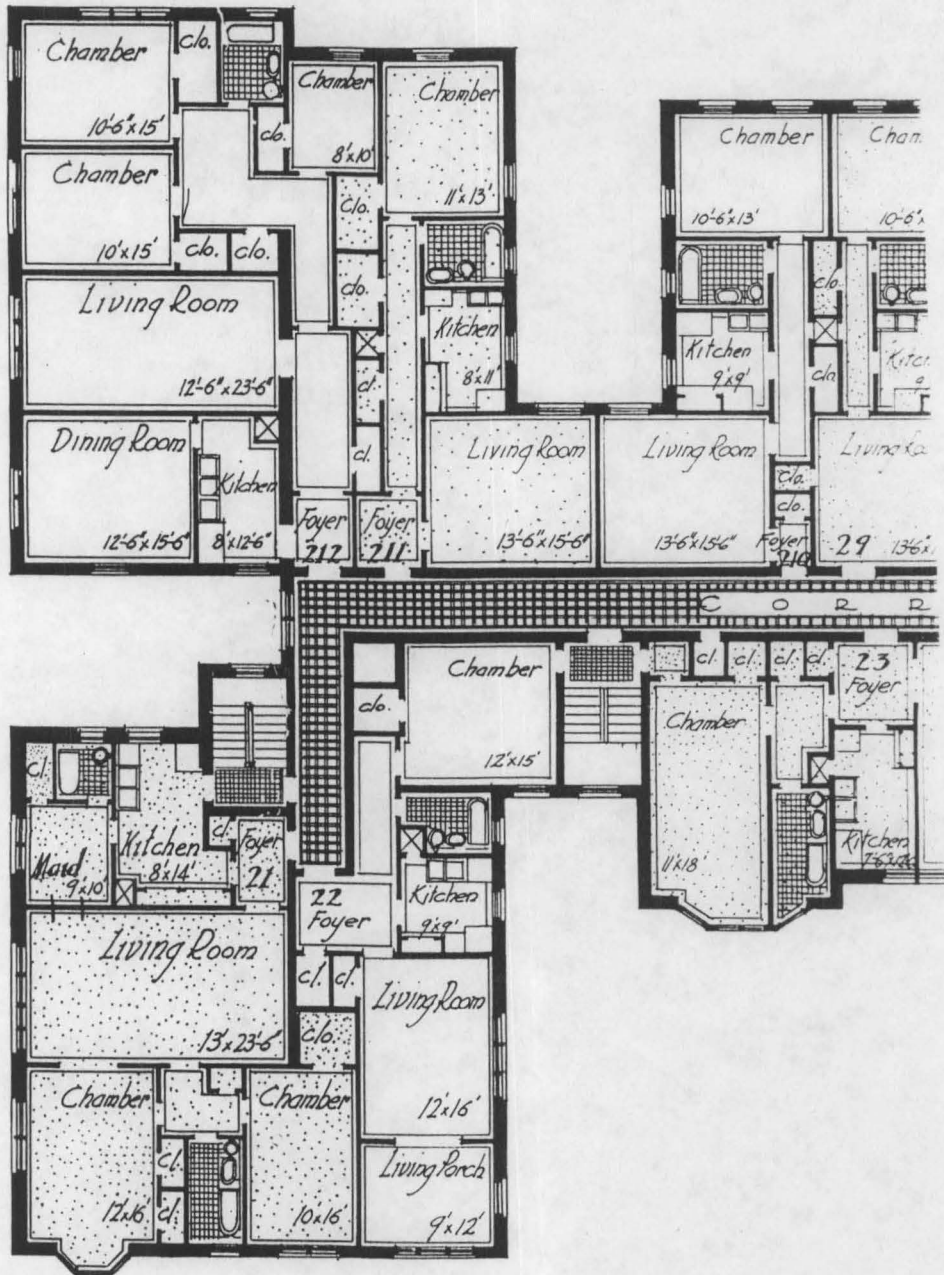
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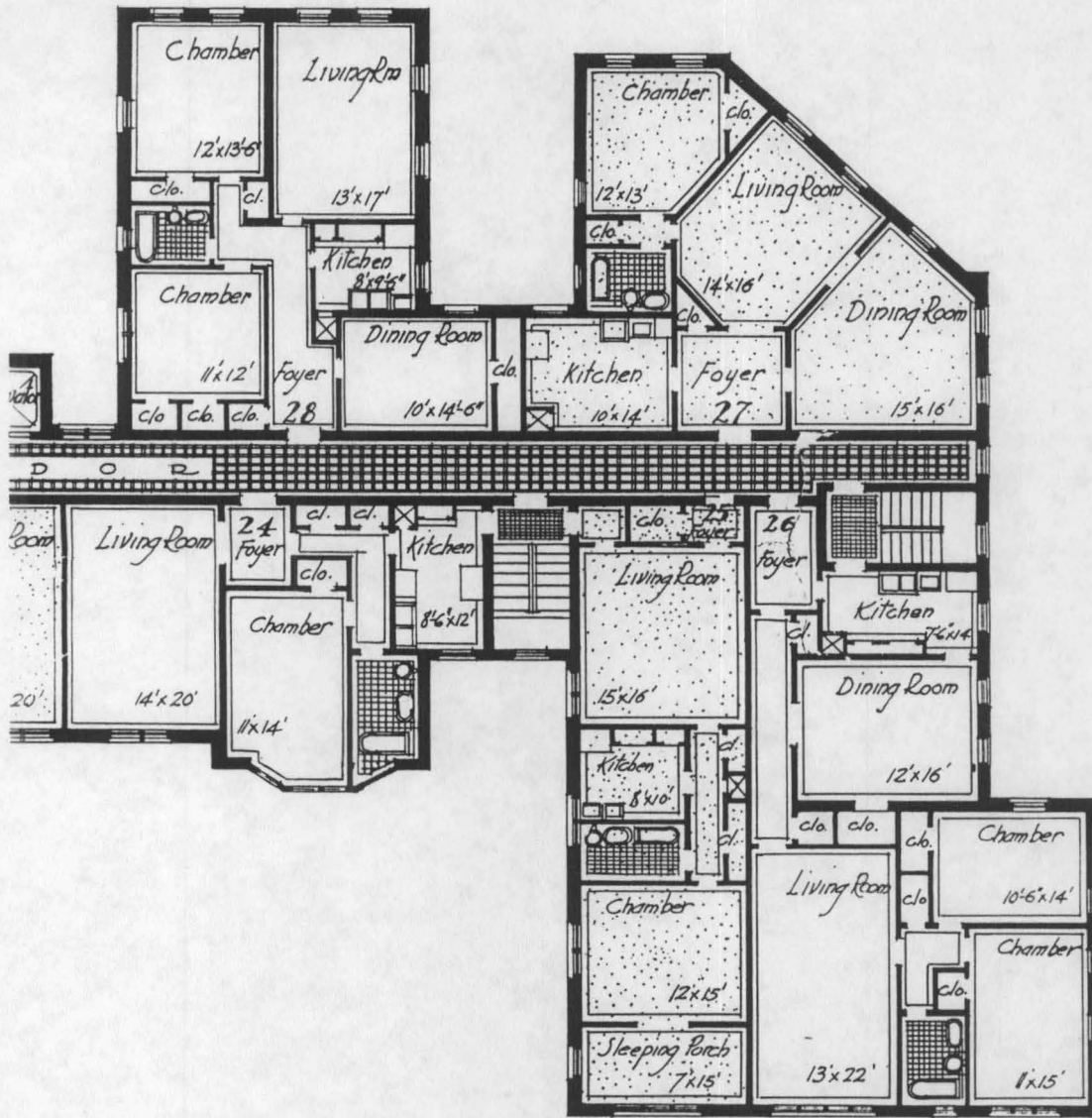


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