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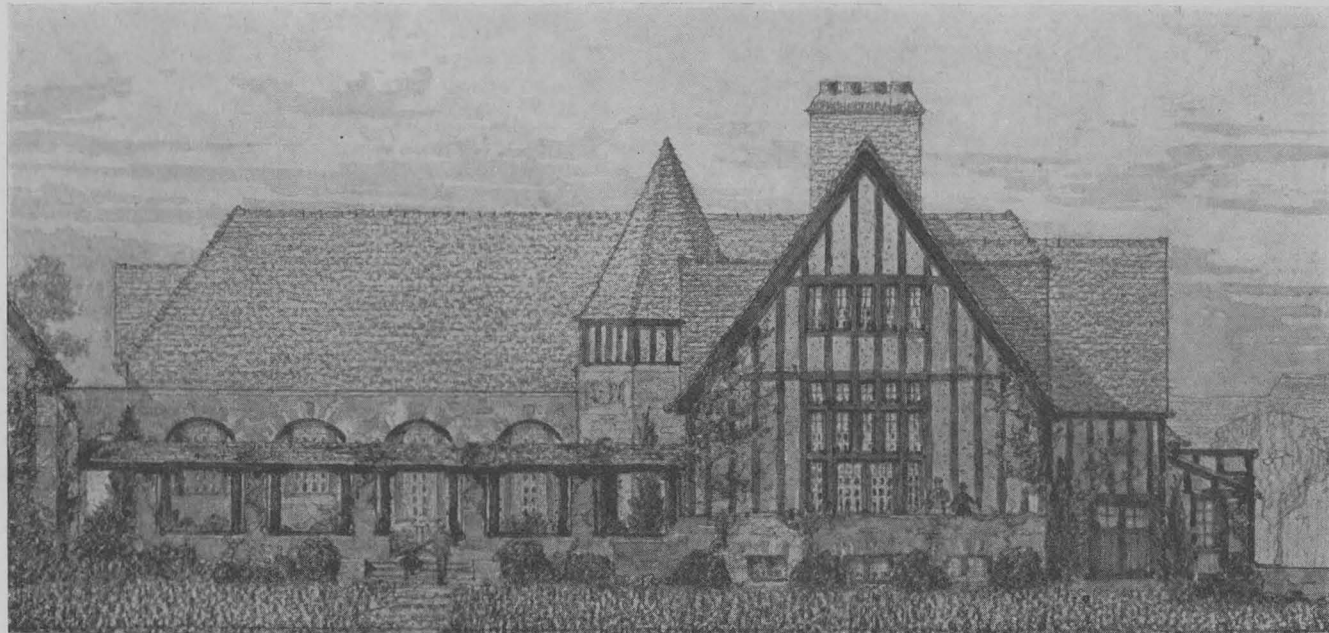
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INVEST *in* HEALTH *and* HAPPINESS



BUY BONDS *of the* COMMUNITY HOUSE

Community Life Demands a Community Center

A few years ago, when Forest Hills Gardens was smaller, its community life was ideal. Everybody knew everyone else and there was a neighborhood spirit that meant much to all.

As The Gardens has grown in population, its community life has been weakened and its friendly, neighborly spirit has been endangered.

These are facts that should cause grave concern, especially at this time, when our transportation problems and our relations with the great enveloping city require solidarity of spirit and sentiment. We must stand solidly together as a community, if we are to maintain our rights and preserve for ourselves and our children the advantages of Forest Hills Gardens.

The gradual decline of community spirit has been due, in large part, to the lack of a community center—a common meeting place

for all of us—such as the Community House will afford.

As Years Follow the Years

the Community House will become the hallowed repository of delightful memories, historic mementos and time-honored traditions. Future generations of residents of The Gardens will have cause to be grateful to the founders; meanwhile the present and the rising generations themselves will enjoy its happy privileges.

This Home of Forest Hills Gardens Community Life

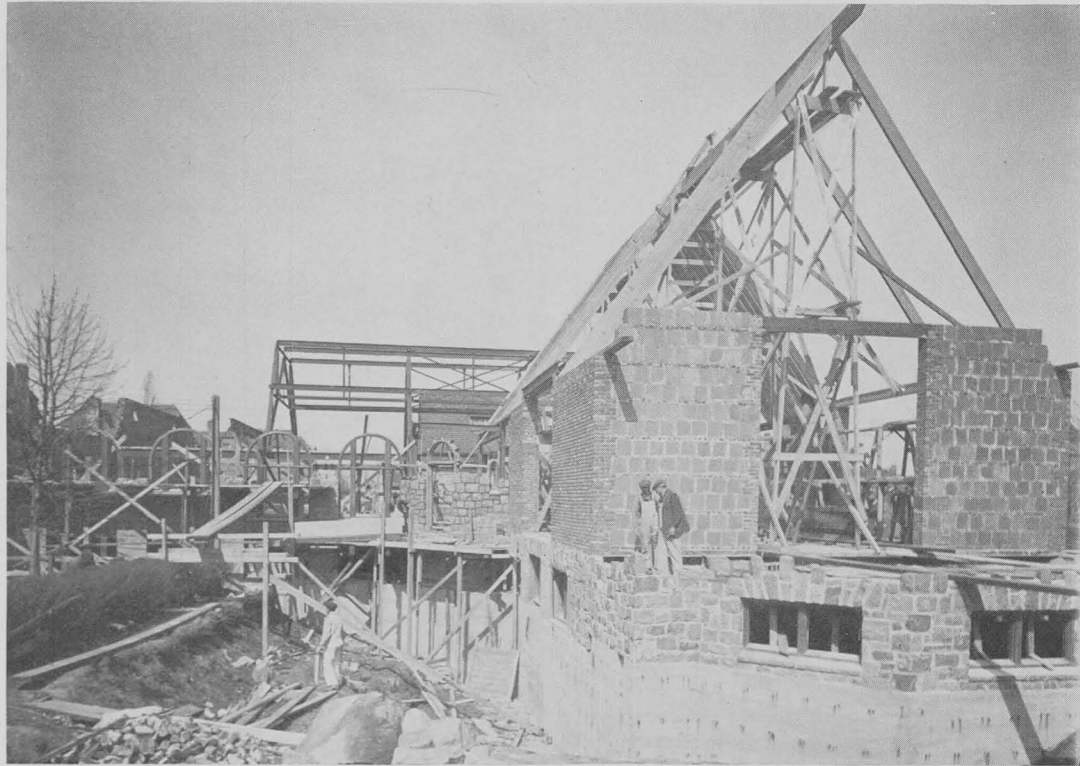
is to be ready for occupancy, according to the building contract, by August 1, 1926.

But if every resident of The Gardens will "do his bit" (as we used to say during the War), the building in all probability can be completed in time for the 4th of July this year.

Let us all get behind this great civic enterprise and make the dedication of the building a feature of Independence Day celebration.

The Walls of the Community House Are Rising Rapidly

on the strong foundations of concrete built some time ago. The building is being erected in accordance with the approved specifications of the Gardens Corporation. It will be an artistic, substantial, enduring monument to the public spirit, civic pride and cultural aspirations of the present generation of The Gardens citizens.



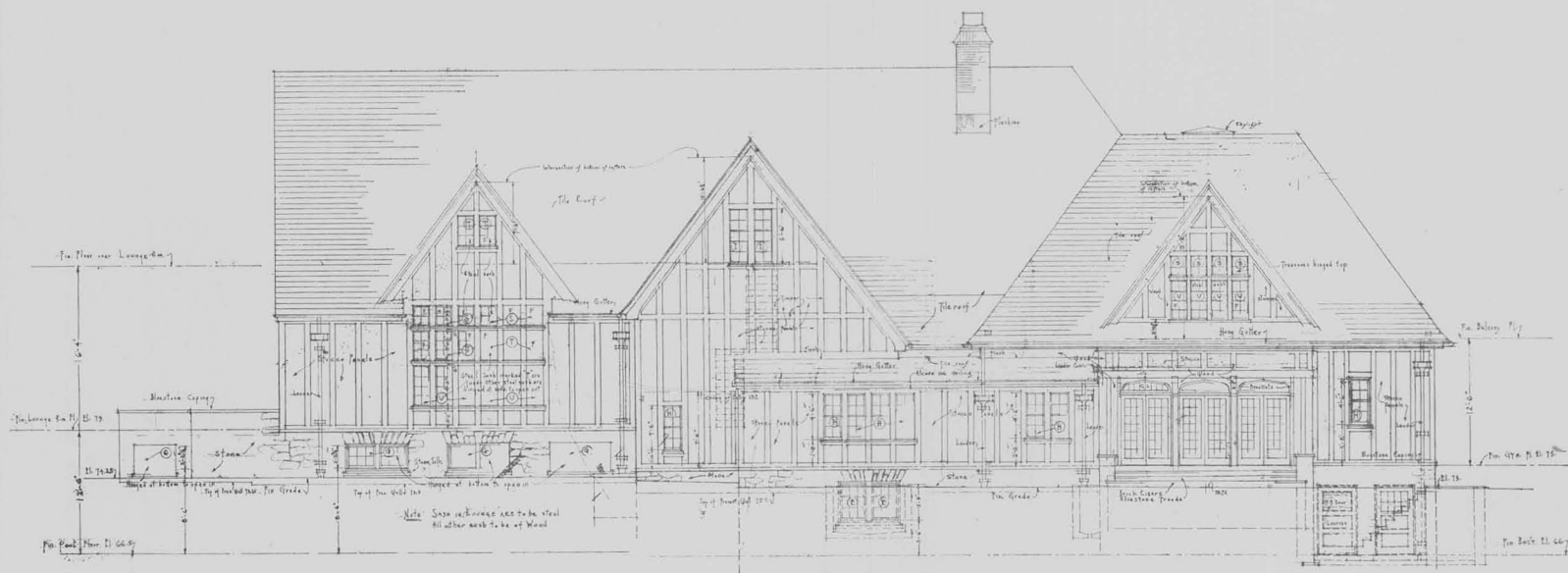
Photographed April 1, 1926, by Monteiro

The Community House Affords a Great Opportunity

to the dwellers in The Gardens for sound investment in community happiness and welfare, as well as in individual enjoyment.

The building will be an architectural adornment

worthy of The Gardens. It was designed by Mr. Grosvenor Atterbury, the eminent architect who has supervised the building development of The Gardens from the beginning.



• BORAGE PLACE ELEVATION •
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

Here Are the Facts

on which subscriptions to the Debenture Bonds of the Community House are offered:

The postponement of the erection of the building has resulted in large economies. The original estimate of \$250,000, by careful engineering has been reduced until the contract cost for the building (in addition to the planning and foundation costs of \$25,000) is only \$135,000. A few public-spirited citizens of The Gardens, led by the

Chairman of the Building Committee, have made possible this great saving by spending much time, effort and thought on the problem during the past few years.

The plans have been drawn and re-drawn, revised and re-revised until the building is as nearly perfect in its adaptation to its purposes and environment as is humanly possible.

When the Community House was first projected, representatives of the various organizations in The Gardens collaborated with the architectural committee and offered suggestions for the floor plans and arrangements. The accepted plans on which the Community House is now being built are the result of innumerable conferences and the painstaking care of those faithful and hard-working women and men.

More than three hundred citizens have already contributed money to bring the enterprise to its present state of progress. Many of those who

have contributed have expressed a desire to contribute more, now that the work is being pushed to completion.

Assurance of Permanent, Trustworthy Control

The management and uses of the Community House will be directed by a Committee of Citizens representative of various interests of the community.

For very good practical reasons, legal title to the property will be vested in the corporation of the Church-in-the-Gardens.

The two outstanding reasons for having the property owned by the church are: exemption from taxation as church property, and the assurance of a trustworthy and permanent control of the prop-

erty for its avowed purposes of community welfare. The Church-in-the-Gardens has always been "community minded." Its doors have been thrown open for meetings of various organizations which make up our community life. It can be relied upon to continue its public spirited policy through the Community House, but on even broader lines.

Add to this the fact of management by the representative Committee of Citizens, as above mentioned, and you have an ideal organization assuring impartial treatment of all.

Here Are Some of the Purposes

for which the Community House will be used, purposes which will be supplemented, no doubt, as the interests of the community develop and broaden:

It will afford a meeting place for such organizations as The Gardens Players, the Mothers' Club, the Choral Club, the local post of the American Legion, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, the Men's Club, the Women's Club, the Celebrations Association, the Gardens Corporation, various philanthropical societies and committees, etc.

The splendid auditorium, seating nearly five hundred persons, will be equipped with a stage, and will be available for amateur theatricals, lectures, concerts, citizens' meetings, religious services, dances, parties and various social entertainments.

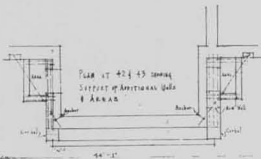
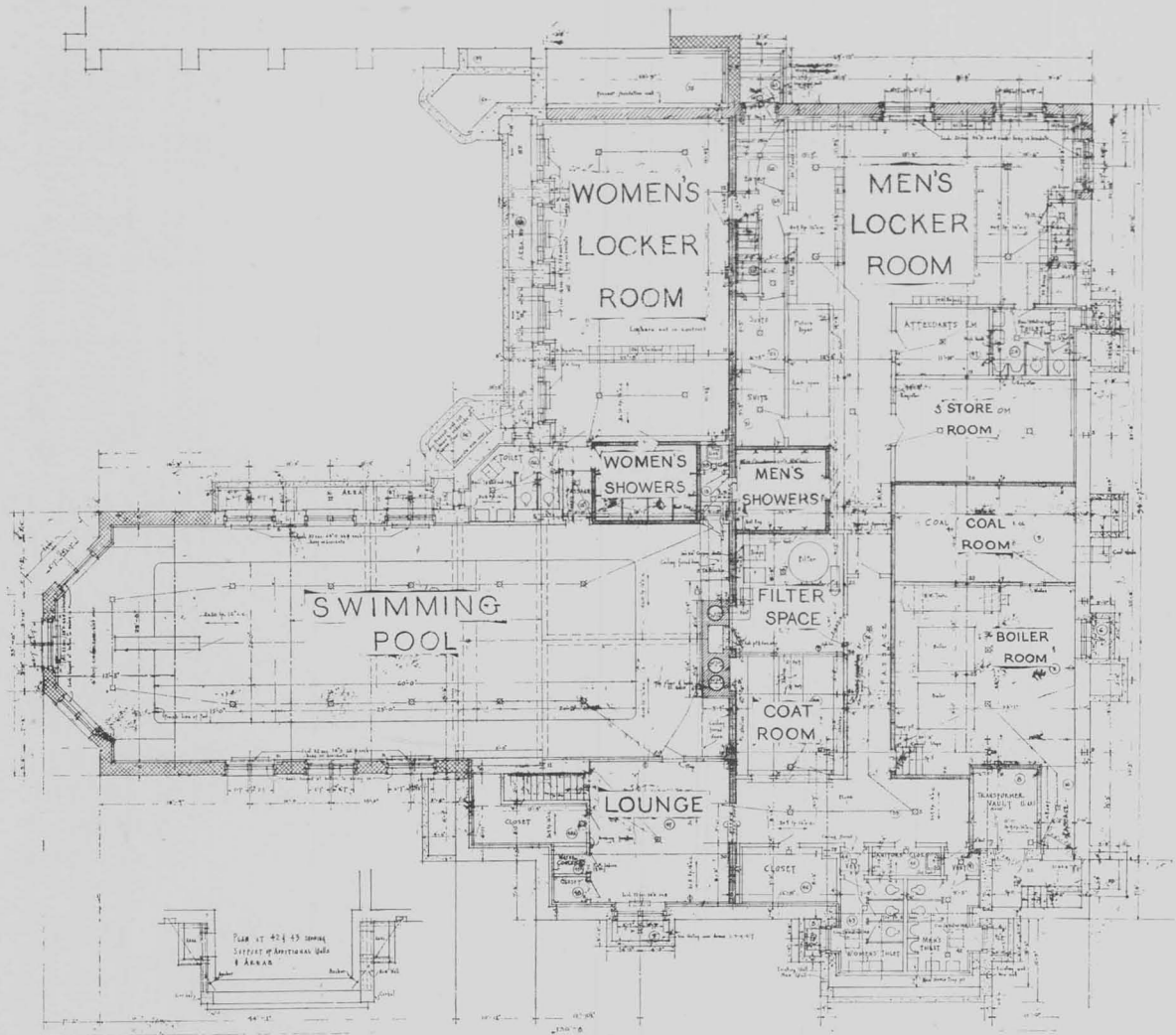
A splendid gymnasium will be available for all residents of Forest Hills Gardens and it is expected that classes will be conducted under trained

supervision for men, women and children. Provision for indoor golf practice and handball will be made.

A modern tiled swimming pool, sixty feet long, will be a perpetual source of enjoyment; it will be available at appointed hours for the use of men, women and children.

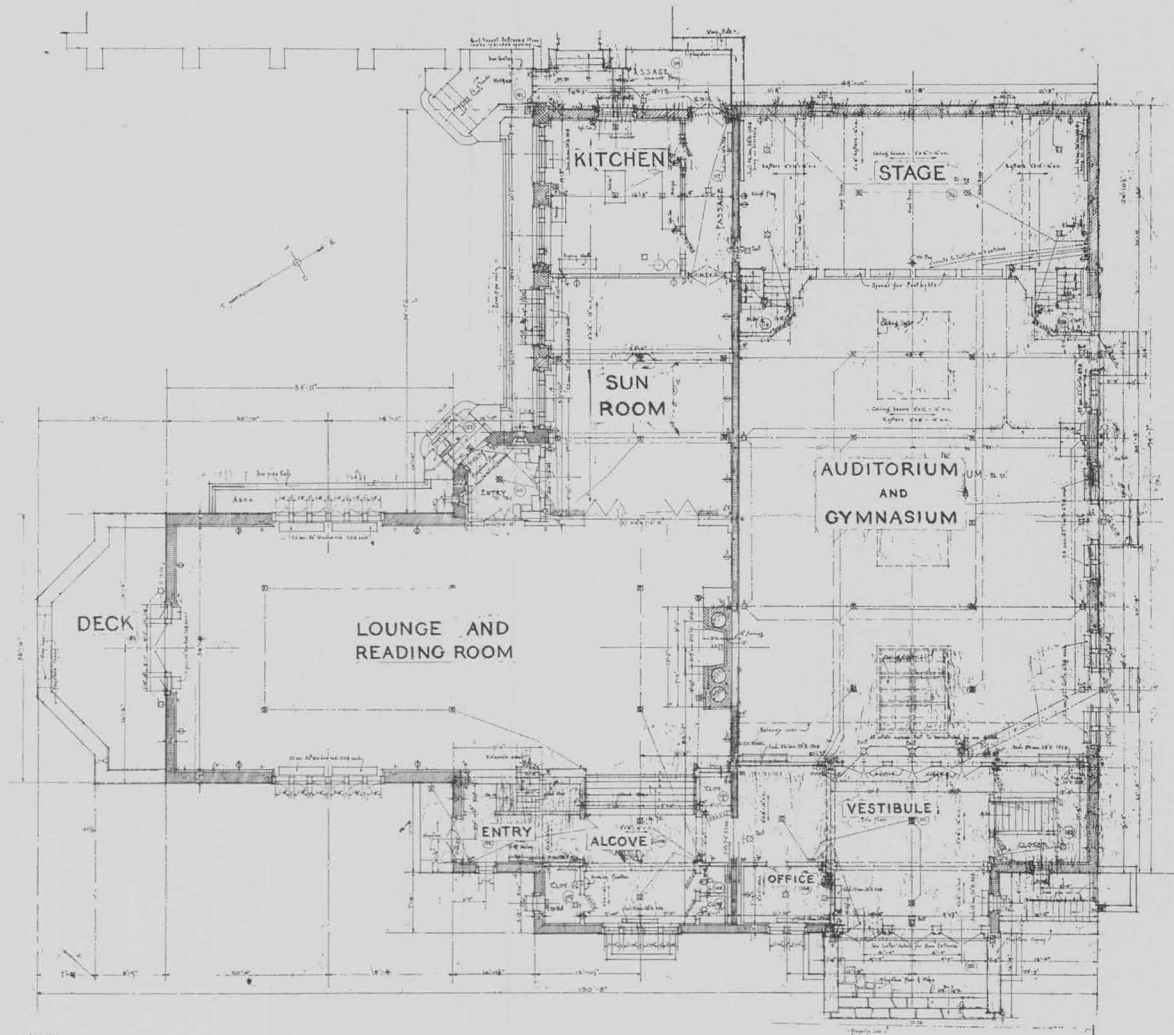
In connection with the gymnasium and swimming pool there will be men's locker rooms and women's locker rooms and showers. Lounge, social and sun rooms will be provided where neighbors can meet and have friendly visits. There will be reading room facilities and eventually, no doubt, a library of good books will be installed.

A modern kitchen will be an attractive feature, providing facilities for giving luncheons, teas and suppers.



Plan at 42' 45" height
Street of Amsterdam Hall
& Annex

FIRST FLOOR PLAN
Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"



- LEGEND
- Concrete
 - Brick
 - Wood
 - Glass
 - Metal
 - Steel Deck
 - Wood & Plaster

MAIN FLOOR PLAN
 1/2" Scale 4'-0"

How the Community House Fund Stands

(Compiled from Official Statement of the Treasurer,
as of December 31, 1925)

Receipts

On account of pledges made by over 300 citizens.....	\$32,988.00
Gift of Mrs. Alfred H. Smith to pay for the land.....	14,930.00
Bequest of Mrs. Alfred H. Smith for furnishings	20,000.00
Gift of Women's Guild.....	2,509.74
Interest on Securities, etc.....	3,999.69
Total Receipts*	<u>\$74,427.43</u>

Expenditures

Cost of Land.....	\$14,930.00
Title Expense.....	146.08
Architectural Service.....	8,806.10
Excavation and Foundation.....	16,303.65
<i>Investment in Land and Building</i>	<u>\$40,185.83</u>
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	2,836.79
Cash Assets (Liberty Bonds, U. S. Certificates and Cash).....	<u>31,404.81</u>
Total	<u>\$74,427.43</u>

* Not including \$20,000 received from Estate of Mrs. Alfred H. Smith for *endowment*; income only to be used for maintenance.

What the Community House Fund Needs

To Complete the Building will cost.....	\$135,000.00
(Contract \$132,500; landscaping \$2,500)	
To furnish the Building, estimated cost.....	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total Funds Needed.....	\$160,000.00
To meet these needs we have <i>approximately</i> :	
Cash Assets (See Statement on opposite page)	31,000.00
Unpaid Pledges (After making allowance for uncollectible pledges due to deaths, re- movals, etc.)	29,000.00
Loan and grant proposed by Congregational Church Board	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total Funds in Sight.....	\$75,000.00
<i>Money Yet to Be Raised</i>	\$85,000.00

Additional Funds to the Extent of \$85,000

are needed immediately to complete and furnish the building as will be seen from the foregoing statements.

The Executive Committee of the Citizens Ways and Means Committee have unanimously decided on the following plan for raising the additional funds needed, and the plan has been officially authorized by the Church-in-the-Gardens.

Debenture Bonds are to be issued in denominations of \$1000, \$500 and \$100.

Subscribers will be furnished with bonds corresponding to the amount of their subscriptions when paid.

Individuals who previously subscribed and paid \$100 or more on pledges to the Community House fund will, if they request, be furnished with bonds covering their fully paid subscriptions. Those who have paid uneven amounts may obtain bonds in multiples of \$100 by paying the necessary additional amounts.

These bonds are an actual investment rather than an outright contribution, *because they will be redeemed*, as described fully in the bonds themselves.

In an actual money sense they are non-interest bearing, and are subordinated to other indebtedness, but in a larger sense, *they will yield a high rate of interest* in satisfaction, happiness, community friendliness, character building, good health, wholesome environment and the general welfare of the community.

Anyone buying a bond prior to or on July 4, 1926, will be known as a *Founder* of the Community House. All Founders will have their names enrolled in some suitable manner in the Community House. This is a democratic undertaking and everyone buying bonds to the best of his ability will be treated as everyone else.

Once a Year Beginning in 1928

a meeting of the Founders of the Community House will be held, attended by pleasant social features, at which a drawing of bonds to be called for payment will be conducted. Lots will be drawn and at least \$2,000 of bonds will be redeemed. It is anticipated that much interest and pleasure will attend this annual drawing and it will become an event and a tradition in the life of The Gardens. The success of this plan has been demonstrated in other similar causes, where the annual drawing of bonds is looked forward to with great anticipation by the bond holders.

The Community House will have many opportunities for revenue. Well patronized, it should produce a surplus, enabling the management to retire *more* than \$2,000 in bonds annually. Already there have been several applications for the use of the auditorium, an indication of the revenue-producing possibilities of the building.

It is earnestly hoped by all the members of the Citizens Committee that *every resident* of Forest Hills Gardens will become an owner of these bonds and that *everyone will subscribe to the limit of his ability*.

The Executive Committee wish to offer this suggestion: that residents of The Gardens who do not have children but who are interested in the welfare of the community should invest in these bonds as heavily as possible for themselves, while residents who have children might very well, for sentimental reasons, invest in as large a bond as possible for each member of the family.

In the course of time all of the bonds will be redeemed, some in 1928, and annually thereafter. You or "your heirs, successors or assigns" will *get the money back* that you put into Community House Debenture Bonds.

The Executive Committee, in whose name this booklet of information is issued, received its appointment and authority from a group of citizens who met and enrolled as a Citizens Ways and Means Committee of the Community House, at a meeting held Wednesday, March 10, 1926.

The Executive Committee was appointed from the larger committee because it was felt that a

large committee would prove unwieldy in directing the program of raising funds for the Community House. But every member of the Citizens Ways and Means Committee agreed at the meeting to give the movement his personal interest and to be subject to assignments of special duties by the Executive Committee.

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* Names received *after April 12, 1926*, could not be included, on account of going to press on that date.

*When you cheerfully do your share of work for
the Common Weal;*

*When you gracefully meet the responsibilities of
life, public and private;*

When you freely co-operate with your neighbors

~ You are a good citizen