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HOME OF FREDERICK K. SEWARD.

On Whitson Street at the end of Norden Road, is the attractive Colonial home of Frederick K. Seward, illustrated above.

The exterior walls are of white stucco which with the red and brown tiled roof form a pleasing contrast. This house is a good example of the American Colonial type. The Homes Company was the architect and builder.

GARDENS' PLAYERS.

The Players have now under rehearsal three plays which will be presented early in February. New members will be welcomed into this organization and those interested should apply through its Secretary, Miss Maude Marren of 51 Burns Street.

RED CROSS KNITTING.

An order has been received from headquarters that no more knitting is to be done and Mrs. Robert Whyte of 54 Ibis Street therefore asks that all completed garments be turned in to her at her home not later than January 20th.

A CORRECTION.

The caption under the "Button Day" picture in the last number of the Bulletin should have contained the name of Master Frank Dean Low as the "Button" winner. This was written in error as "Master Dean."

WELCOME COMMITTEE PLANS.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Taxpayers' Association to devise some appropriate means of welcoming home coming troops as they pass through Forest Hills, met on January 3rd, at the call of Chairman Stowe for organization and outline of plans.

Mr. Stowe was able to report at this first meeting that he and Mr. Demarest had already ascertained not only that decoration at the station would be welcome, so far as the Long Island Railroad was concerned, but also that Mr. Atterbury's associate, Mr. Tompkins, was ready to draw up whatever designs were necessary at once, and all that was needed more, was concerted committee and community action to put the welcoming plan through. (For full account of this meeting see page 3.)

Mr. Tompkins is now drawing up plans and the next meeting of the Committee will be held as soon as they are ready for submission.

WOMEN'S CLUB.

At the meeting of the Women's Club, held last Monday at the Inn, a most enjoyable afternoon was spent listening to the fascinating Irish readings and storytelling of Seumas MacManus.

Business matters taken up at the meeting included the formation of a "Chapter of Good Works," with Mrs. Burton Marsh as Chairman, which is to aid in charitable works wherever needed in this and surrounding communities. Another action taken was to enter formal protest to be lodged with the Mayor, against the appointment of William R. Hearst as Chairman of the committee to welcome returning soldiers and sailors.

Resolutions were passed extending the sympathy of the Club to Mrs. Aleck Weir at the death of her daughter, and to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt.

The Literature Chapter of the Women's Club will be reorganized at a meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Lee Galloway, 250, Greenway South, on Monday, January 13th, at 2:30 P. M.

All members of the Club who are interested are asked to come to this meeting.

LIEUTENANT GARRETSON RETURNS.

Lieutenant James Garretson of Ascan Avenue, returning from service in France, landed at Newport News on Wednesday, January 8th.

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Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 27 Greenway Terrace, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.

CYRUS C. BLAKE.

Cyrus C. Blake, a member of the Sales Department of the Homes Company, died suddenly of pneumonia, on the morning of Sunday, January 5th, at his home, 507 West 186th Street, New York, after an illness of only a few days.

Mr. Blake had been connected with the Sales Department since its organization in 1911, and by his courteous salesmanship helped steadily for seven years in the development of the Gardens. Both Homes Company and his associates, as well as the residents of the community, held him in high esteem and are shocked and grieved at his sudden death.

Mr. Blake, who had been married but little more than a year, is survived by his wife and his parents, who are living in Wakefield, New Hampshire, where Mr. Blake was born.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Lieutenant S. E. Davenport, Jr., has returned from Camp, mustered out of service, and is at present staying at the Gardens Apartment.

Mr. Eugene F. McGirr, of Cranford Street, was a member of Senator Dowling's party attending the inauguration of Governor Alfred E. Smith. They were entertained at the Governor's mansion while in Albany.

Dr. Frederick Brown Humphreys, of Summer Street, was commissioned Major just after the signing of the armistice, at Vittel, France, where for the past five months he has been in charge of the laboratories of a group of base hospitals at and near Vittel.

Miss Martha Allen, of Beechnoll Road, sailed on December 21st for overseas service with the Y. M. C. A.

THE MOTHERS' CLUB.

The meeting of Monday, January 20th will be held in the Public School at 2 P. M., to enable the Mothers to watch the children at work in the various class rooms. Mothers are at liberty to attend at either school for this purpose at 2 o'clock, but at 3 o'clock all should gather in School No. 101 in Russell Place in the Gardens for the regular Club session.

The Inn.

The celebration of New Year's Eve at the Inn was a splendid success, over three hundred guests attending the midnight supper, cabaret and dance. The cabaret of professional and home talent was much enjoyed, Mr. Worth Colwell claiming the honors in his interpretation of a "Modern Vampire." Plenty of souvenir noise-makers welcomed the coming in of the New Year and dainty little picture frames were given to the ladies as remembrances of the happy occasion. General dancing followed the clearing away of tables and it was far into the wee hours of the morning before the orchestra finally played "Goodnight, Ladies."

There were many relatives and friends of the guests of the Inn who spent their holidays here, including Miss Frances Wilson, who has been the guest of Miss Estelle Brion and Miss Grace Farrar of Brooklyn, who spent the holidays as the guest of Miss Roberta Becker. Miss Brion and Miss Becker entertained a large party of friends at the New Year's Eve Party, including many of Miss Brion's school friends from Birmingham, Pa.

Mrs. R. Angell of the Inn entertained her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley G. Tobey, during the holidays.

Miss Eleanor O. Brownell of Bryn Mawr spent the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. S. Brownell, who recently moved into one of the new apartments of the hotel.

Mrs. James E. Little of Philadelphia was also one of the holiday guests, visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. Boles, of the Inn.

Dr. Roy Devaney, U. S. N., who has been in France for the past eight months, has once more returned to his many friends of the Inn and spent New Year's as the guest of Mrs. Aspinwall Goodrich.

Mrs. R. L. Lee of New York was the guest over the New Year of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Godwin of the Inn.

Mr. Daniel J. Morse has returned to school at Andover, Mass., after a delightful stay at the Inn over the holiday season.

Mrs. George J. Cox and little Miss Virginia Cox of Youngstown, Ohio, have again become residents of the Inn and will be joined in a few days by Mr. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw of Montclair, N. J., are spending the balance of the winter at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Taylor of Richmond, have returned to the Inn after an absence of several weeks.

Mr. Charles Bishop, a former resident of the Inn, who has been stationed at Camp Lee, Va., has returned and with the cessation of his Government work now anticipates making his home here.

Mr. W. S. Hernon has received his discharge from the Navy and is again a welcome guest among his many friends at the Inn.

Ensign Fred Tobey, whose home is in Chicago, Ill., was a guest of friends at the Inn on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Robert E. Dunlap, of Cincinnati, O., was the guest of Miss Sally H. Pierce during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Y. Low and Master Frank Dean, who have been guests of the Inn for some time, have taken an apartment in the Gardens Apartments.

Honor Roll, P. S. No. 3.

6B—Olivia Edwards.

6A—Collier Elliott.

5B—Curtis Kloetzer, George Simons, Dorothy Broadbent, Ruth Haas, Ellen Yepsen, Ruth Davies.

5A—Magda Bolognini.

4B—Elizabeth Burns, Evelyn Dow, Evelyn Levin, Margaret Mohan, Elsa Neumer, Emilie Peborde, Regina Sherman.

4A—Frank Maginnis, Mildred Vanderveer, Betty Knight, Eileen Moynahan.

3B—Bramwell Case, Harford Getz, Sidney Le Blanc, Denise Peborde.

3A—Ernest Wye, Edward Cussler, Doris Earle, Catherine Murphy, Catherine Rowan.

2B—Harriette Barnard.

2A—William Cana, Floyd McTyler, Harry D. Freeman.

1B—Mary Backus, Robert V. Leighton, Cecily Teague.

1A—Bernard Moynahan, Sam Serena, Vincentia Engelbach, Harry Spangenberg, Buster Yepsen, Thomas Peffer, Peter Johnson, Jane Mays, Dagmar McQueen.

WELCOME COMMITTEE PLANS .**Minutes of Meeting, January 3rd, 1919.**

Meeting called to order by the Chairman Mr. Stowe. Mr. Demarest, Mr. Thoms, Prof. Galloway and Mr. Osborn present.

Mr. Stowe reviewed the general proposition of determining upon an appropriate welcome for the troops passing through Forest Hills.

Mr. Stowe reported that he and Mr. Demarest had secured a tentative permission from Mr. Savage, General Manager of the Long Island Railroad, to allow an attractive decoration and illumination of the Forest Hills Station, subject to his approval of the final plans submitted by the supervising architect. Mr. Savage was seen in the absence of Mr. Peters, Federal Manager of the Long Island Railroad.

Mr. Stowe further reported that he and Mr. Demarest had seen Mr. Tompkins, associate of Mr. Atterbury, and that the former had agreed to submit plans for the proper decoration of the station. Owing to Mr. Atterbury's absence in Europe, Mr. Atterbury will be unable to take a personal interest in this work although he expressed a willingness to place his office at the disposal of the Forest Hills Committee, resulting in Mr. Tompkin's promise to draw up appropriate plans.

A very elaborate plan submitted by Mr. F. B. Colton, resident architect, was considered by the Committee. Several objections raised were sufficiently strong to call forth a decision not to use the idea embodied in this design. The Committee criticized its low visibility, resulting from the fact that it must be placed at quite a distance from the track in the space between the apartment house and the railroad track, and from the fact that troops on but one side of the train would be in a position to see this sign of welcome. Furthermore, being a smaller unit, it would be less liable to attract attention than the more formidable display of the station.

The main objection to the desirability of the one available location for this sign, lay in the fact that it would appear to many people to be a project of the residents of the South side of Forest Hills and not of the North and South sides combined.

One most important objection was the fact that the spirit of this design was the spirit of the memorial to those who had sacrificed their lives and not the spirit of welcome to those who were returning.

The last criticism was one of cost, the rough estimate being between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

After dismissing the subject of this design the question of the adoption of the suggestion to decorate and illuminate the station was considered. This method of expressing our welcome to the troops was adopted by the Committee with a unanimous vote, for the following main reasons.

The use of the American Flag, the Flags of the Allies, festoons of green, box trees and other similar forms of decoration were recognized as carrying more of the spirit of welcome so successfully used in the small French Villages abroad.

By decorating both sides of the station, troops on both sides of the train would be in a position to receive the impressions desired. The troops on the outside side of the train receiving an especially clear impression of the station across the tracks intervening.

Another big advantage of this scheme being that it would represent the entire community of Forest Hills and not one section, as both sides of the track, of course, would be decorated.

Next the matter of the extent of the Committee was taken under consideration, and the following names submitted to the Secretary with the request that he invite them to join the Committee.

Mr. F. C. Thompson, Mr. A. Thompson, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Adam Treu, Dr. S. E. Davenport, Jr., Dr. Forry R. Getz, Mr. Robert C. Adams, Mr. Edwin B. Wilson, Mr. Murray S. Brown, Mr. Harvey Warren, Mr. F. E. Backus, Mr. F. B. Colton, Mr. A. Weir, Mr. David Millar, Mr. Harry Hunt Robinson, Mr. V. E. Engelbach, Mr. George B. Everitt, Mr. Lawrence F. Abbott, Mr. Ernest M. Bristol, Mr. Roland H. Smith, Mr. Alex Cameron, Mr. J. A. King, Mr. Frederick J. Risk, Mr. A. C. Wessman, Mr. L. P. McGahie.

In discussing the practical phases of this scheme several important points were raised.

The need of adequate policing and caretaking were emphasized by Mr. Demarest, who has been in a position to realize the degree of menace that exists for all property in Forest Hills. It has been suggested that a specially appointed caretaker might be responsible for this, that the local police would, of course, co-operate, and that the boy scout organization might be effectively utilized.

In discussing the matter of illumination, it was agreed that it was very desirable to have appropriate illumination every evening until roughly eleven o'clock, unless the cost of this illumination was prohibitory.

This discussion led to the conclusion that any half-way measures for carrying out this idea of welcome must be disregarded as both unsatisfactory and unworthy of the dignity of the purpose in mind.

At the same time it was the sense of the meeting that simplicity should be one of the strong features of the decoration.

A consideration of the sub-committee was next proposed by the Chairman.

Mr. Demarest was appointed Chairman of the Decoration and Illumination Committee.

Mr. F. C. Thompson was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mr. E. B. Wilson was appointed as Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

Mr. Osborn was appointed Chairman of the Maintenance Committee.

The members attending the meeting were appointed as a nucleus of the Executive Committee, not to exceed 20 in number.

It was the sense of the meeting that the Chairman of each Committee should build up his own Committee and present rough plans for the consideration of the entire Committee at its next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10.

Respectfully submitted for approval.
Gardner Osborn, Secretary.

Anti-Hearst Resolution.

The full text of the Anti-Hearst resolution, adopted by the Taxpayers' Association, protesting against his appointment by the Mayor as Chairman of the committee to welcome home-coming troops, is as follows:

"Resolved, That the Forest Hills Taxpayers' Association emphatically voices its protest against the action of the Mayor of the City of New York in appointing William Randolph Hearst as Chairman of the sub-committee on Military Affairs of the General Committee which is charged with the duty and given the privilege of extending a welcome to our home-coming troops, and we request that the Mayor reconsider his action and call for the resignation of Mr. Hearst from this sub-committee.

"We feel that it is needless to enumerate the things which Mr. Hearst has said and done before and during the troublous period of the war with Germany. They savor of the Pro-German and Anti-Ally and do not ring true with the American spirit. A person with such a record cannot sincerely welcome home-coming troops and should not be accorded the privilege of any part in the joyous and heartfelt greetings with which the people of New York will acclaim their returning heroes. Why not correct this error, Mr. Mayor, before it is too late?

"Further, Resolved, That the President of the Association be requested to forward this resolution to John F. Hylan, Mayor of New York."

The above was unanimously adopted at a regular meeting of the Forest Hills Taxpayers' Association, Forest Hills, New York, Friday, December 20th, 1918.

THOMAS B. PATON,
President of the Forest Hills Taxpayers' Association.

Scout Membership.

The Scouts in the Borough number some two thousand, and boast of the largest per capita membership of the five Boroughs in the city. Manhattan and Brooklyn only exceed in numbers. The Queens Scouts are desirous of creeping higher up the ladder and intend to do so before the end of the year.

Coming Events.

Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, 27 Greenway Terrace. 'Phone Forest Hills 6200.

Tuesdays at 8 P. M., at the Sales Office of the Homes Company.—Meetings of the Chess and Checkers Club.

Thursdays at 8:15 P. M., at Ninth Regiment Armory, 14th Street, New York City—Ninth Coast Artillery Drill.

Monday, January 13th, at 2:40 P. M.—Meeting to re-organize Literature Chapter of the Women's Club at the home of Mrs. Lee Galloway, 250 Greenway South.

Tuesday, January 14th, at 4 P. M.—Boys' Gymnasium Class.

Thursday, January 16th, at 4 P. M.—Girls' Gymnasium Class.

Friday, January 17th, at 8 P. M.—Dramatic Club meets at Seminole Avenue Club House.

Saturday, January 18th.—Swimming Class leaves Forest Hills on 10:35 A. M. train for New York.

Monday, January 20th, at 2 P. M.—Meeting of Mothers' Club for Public School inspection. Regular meeting at 3 P. M. in P. S. No. 101, in Russell Place.

Two Roosevelt Incidents.

Two incidents in Forest Hills show a side of Colonel Roosevelt's character, which were not generally known, although it was one of his strongest characteristics—his remarkable tenderness and sympathy. When he learned that his little friend, Lawrence Hunt, was very ill three years ago, he wrote him a letter wishing him "good luck" and enclosing the bullet with which he killed an elephant in Africa. This letter did more than the physician to make him well.

When the Colonel saw in the daily press that one of the boys who went from Forest Hills into the Navy had given his life for his country, he sent the following letter to his mother:

"My Dear Mrs. Hunt:

"I have just learned of the death of your gallant son, Rice. I am very, very sorry. I know what it means.

"Faithfully yours,

"Theodore Roosevelt."

A Fighting Brigade.

Three Forest Hills boys, Walter Ryan, George Gorman and Francis Lauer are members of the fighting brigade which has received the following commendation from Major General John F. O'Ryan:

HEADQUARTERS 27TH DIVISION, U. S. A.
American E. F., France.

October 22nd, 1918.

FROM: Commanding General.
TO: Commanding General, 54th Infantry Brigade.
SUBJECT: Commendation.

1. I write to express through you to the officers and men of the 106th Machine Gun Battalion and the Machine Gun Companies of your Brigade, my admiration and respect for their valor, initiative and endurance during the great battle for the breaking of the Hindenburg Line and the operations subsequent thereto.

2. Almost continuously since that battle the division has been fighting and marching, lying in shell holes at night, attacking at dawn, fighting throughout the day against a most determined machine gun and artillery resistance and repeating this after temporary relief which meant only lying in other shell holes or pits in position of close support. The skill, endurance and determination of the machine gunners contributed largely to the successes of the operations which resulted in our forcing the crossing of the LE SELLE RIVER, capturing BANDIVAL FARM and the town of ARBRE QUERNON, taking the farms of JONC DE MER and LA RUE, and in co-operation with flanking divisions, driving the enemy to the line of the CANAL DE LA SAMBRE.

3. Whether in attack or in resisting counter-attacks, the conduct of the machine gun units has been characterized at all times by the exceptional courage and skill of officers and the valor and determination of the men. The machine gun units have won the respect and admiration of the entire division.

JOHN F. O'RYAN,
Major General.

Church Services.

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 9:30 o'clock Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings, 9:45 o'clock, Sunday School; 11 o'clock, Morning Service and Sermon. Fridays, 10 A. M., Litany Service. Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.

Vicar's residence, 100 Puritan Avenue; telephone Forest Hills, 6508.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 10 o'clock; sermon at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday at 7:30 P. M. in Social Room. 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.

Church-In-the-Gardens.

Baptized Sunday afternoon, January 5th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns Mantle, 114 Ascan Avenue, Karen Magda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. W. Hassellriis, and Norman Borch, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hassellriis. It was a unique service of unusual interest, the fathers being brothers and the mothers sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Mantle were sponsors for Karen Magda and wished to have the service at their home to make their joy complete. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammer were sponsors for Norman Borch. The service was performed by Dr. Kent, pastor of the Church-in-the-Gardens, who used the baptismal bowl presented to him by the baptized children of his church in Brooklyn, which they had bought with their birthday pennies—"love pennies" they called them. Mrs. Kent was also present.

Notwithstanding the many strong outside interests and appeals in 1918, Red Cross, United War Work and Liberty Loans, with their demands on purse and personal service, the Church-in-the-Gardens had a good year. Twenty-three members were received, a net gain of twelve; the Sunday School grew in attendance, and the Treasurer closed his books with all bills paid and a balance on hand. A report of the annual meeting and dinner will appear in the next number of the Bulletin.

**A Memorial Service for Theodore Roosevelt,
The Church of Forest Hills.**

The Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock will be a memorial for Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. It will be brief and inspiring, such as the Colonel would command. It will include a boy's own tribute composed by the boy himself.

Every loyal citizen, regardless of creed, will be welcome. The service will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Edward Lawrence Hunt.

The church has signalized served the community during the last month. Dr. Wilbur S. Chapman preached the last sermon of his life here. It was a great memorable message. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst stirred profound enthusiasm with a message for the times, and the Moderator of New York Presbytery, Dr. Mendenhall, gave a graphic story of a recent conference more significant than any church gathering since Pentecost.

Public School News.

On January 6th the school reopened with its full quota of teachers. Miss Mae R. Follmar has been placed in charge of the 3B and 3A children. Miss Follmar has been transferred to P. S. 3 from P. S. No. 126, Brooklyn.

The school children are to be congratulated upon earning a prize of \$100 in the Jacob Wertheim competition for the sale of W. S. S. and Thrift Stamps. A check for the amount has been received, together with a beautifully engraved and framed testimonial, which recites in detail the terms of the contest and records the achievement of Public School No. 3, the leader of the entire School District in the per capita sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps.