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PROGRAM CARRIED OUT

Rain Does Not Dampen the Spirits of Participants or Audience on Christmas Eve

The Christmas Eve celebration was carried on in spite of weather man's indifference to the plans of the comtented. The members of the Forest, Park Riding and Hunt chrested in red and white costumes, carrying lanterns, beyond the lead of Dr. T. T. Sweeny, and rode up and down winding streets, as the first part of the program.

In an improvised living room on the lower platform of station, a Christmas Eve Fantasy was acted by the choor Gardens Players under the direction of Mrs. Donald Clark. The dances were given by the pupils of Miss Demor Rantlett. Harvey Warren, as Santa Claus, litering and later with the help of his assistants, distributed little remembrances to the children. Taking part in Fantasy were Tyler Sweeny, Denie Claypool, Stiles Tut-Florence Hoban and Prentiss Wynne. The dancing Bears were Henry Lee Willson, Marburg Yerkes, Jamin Halsey and Baker Hanna. The Dancing Dolls Fantasy Kendrick. It was a clever skit, well acted and the regret was the weather.

With the Community tree lighted and at the sound of the side, girls carrying torches and dressed in white with a both of red, preceded the members of the Women's Chorus, the came from the upper platforms down to the improvised side on the lower platform of the station. Men carried in the Yule Log and after singing the Yule Log song in the square joined the women on the platform and the program music, printed in full in the last Bulletin, was given. The Men's Chorus and the Women's Chorus are parts of the Choral Club, which is being conducted by Bruno Huhn meets for rehearsal every Thursday night. It was a morram of high grade music and given as well as it could sally be given in view of the rain. It won and received the gratitude of the audience.

LA FORGE CONCERT

A concert will be given in the Masonic Temple, Forest Ells, Friday eve, Jan. 20 at 8.15 by Frank LaForge, comser-planist, Ernesto Berumen, Mexican pianist and asesting artists. An excellent program is assured, the proram being under the personal direction of Mr. LaForge, the is well-known as a composer and recognized as one of leading accompanists. Mr. Berumen, during the few tears he has been in this country, has established himself a concert planist of first rank, having appeared in recital the principal cities and as solo planist with Madame Schumann-Heink. The entire proceeds will be donated to be building fund of St. Luke's Church, Forest Hills, Tickets, 150 each, on sale at Forest Hills Inn.

POST WILL ENTERTAIN

The local post of the American Legion will entertain all ex-service men of Kew and Forest Hills, at the home of Commander Springsteen, 112 Queens Boulevard, Monday, Ian. 9, at 8:15 P. M. Dr. David Latshaw, chaplain of the post and Capt. E. Langer, commander of the 106 Post A. L., will be the speakers.

The recently elected officers are: Howard Springsteen, commander; M. J. Folensbee, Robert Turner and Thomas B. Paton, Jr., vice commanders; G. E. Fahys, Jr., adjutant; R. W. Turner, treasurer; Hon. C. P. Caldwell, committeeman; J. G. VonHofe, chairman entertainment committee and Dr. David Latshaw, chaplain.



Community Christmas Tree and Fireplace in Station Square

THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

This year, for the second time, the Church-in-the-Gardens opened its doors to the Gardens Players for their presentation of the Christmas mystery play Eager Heart on the afternoon and the evening of Dec. 28. The Churchin-the-Gardens makes an uncommonly fitting and beautiful setting for this simple poetic old English story of the Nativity by A. M. Buxton. The performance, as the Gardens Players offer it, is dignified and reverential, observing one tradition from the old monastic order that is now seldom preserved, that of bringing the actors on in solemn procession through the church to the altar where the story is enacted and following the play with a similar processional in exit. The mystery was played with simple sincerity and sacred appeal*embellished this year with music which added a solemnity to the proceedings.

Many persons are responsible for this delightful, if still rather new old-time custom in Forest Hills and much credit is due them. To give a mete of individual credit would seem to appraise the act above the deed and so the community should offer its thanks to the Church through Dr. Latshaw whose encouragement of the Players has prompted the effort and to the Players through Miss Bertha Mandell who again directed the play.

There is a significance in this annual performance of the Gardens Players that may not easily be seen. The Players are strolling mimes in the truest sense, for homeless as they are, they must either set up their trappings in the great out-of-doors or go abroad for housing. In Forest Hills only the Church gives them shelter and out of this welcome grows a new beauty in the performance of Eager Heart. And the people came in flocks to see and hear them.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The Men's Club will meet, Friday evening, Jan. 13, at the home of George H. Merrill, 47 Markwood Road, when Colonel Arthur Woods, former police commissioner of New York City and member of the President's Unemployment Commission, will speak on, "Some Aspects of the Unemployment Situation."

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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.

KNOWING NO OBSTACLES

N one of the poems by Robert Louis Stevenson, beloved by children everywhere, there runs the line

"The organ with the organ man is singing in the rain."

On Christmas Eve in Forest Hills Gardens, every one who took part in the program from the youngest to the oldest and every one who stood in the audience had the singing spirit. The members of the Forest Park Riding and Hunt Club, who rode through the streets in cororful costumes and carrying torches, were unmindful of the weather. The children in the pantomime-French Dolls, Teddy Bears and Tin Soldiers-all danced on a platform rainsoaked and never uttered a complaint. The keys of the piano were deluged with water but that did not interfere with the time or the spirits of the musician. Santa Claus and his assistants, forgetting the traditions of snow and sleigh bells, distributed the gifts to children standing under umbrellas.

The Men's Chorus carried on the burning Yule Log -no danger from fire on that wet night-and sang right lustily. The young women, torch bearers for their older singing sisters and the women singing, clothed in white and with touches of red, were also oblivious to the reign of Pluvius.

Men, women and children stood in the rain and enjoyed the program, in the good spirit for which an American crowd is famous. Courage, devotion and community spirit were present one hundred per cent.

It is apparent from all comments that every parent of a little child wants Santa Claus to go around from house to house next year. Not only the little children can then enjoy him but the shut-ins and aged. It is suggested that simplified floats and small groups of singers go in different directions, so that the strain of singing all over town on one group of singers will not be the experience, as in past years. There may be some changes in the program next year, but in any event Christmas Eve will be celebrated in a community way. Constructive criticism and practical suggestions will be most welcome by the Forest Hills Gardens Celebrations Association.

MRS. KATHERINE DOW ATTERBURY

On Dec. 21 Katherine Dow Atterbury, widow of the late Charles L. Atterbury, and mother of Grosvenor Atterbury, died after a short illness at her residence in New York. Although a non-resident, her interest in the progress and growth of Forest Hills and her fondness for the place, due to its inherent charm as well as to her son's part in its development, make appropriate the mention here, as one of us, of the passing of a beautiful character.

MRS. JOHN BREWER

Forest Hills friends of Mrs. John Brewer (Ida C.) were shocked to hear of her death, which occurred on Dec. 24, at 6 P. M. at her home, 146 Henry Street, Brooklyn. Mrs. Brewer had not been in robust health for several months, but her friends here did not realize that she was dangerously ill. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis officiated at the funeral services and the burial took place in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarrytown, New York, in the Brewer family plot. Mrs. Brewer is survived by her husband, John Brewer, and two children, Mrs. James W. Ridpath (Mabel Brewer), of New Sharon, Iowa, and Charles D. Brewer, of Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Brewer was born in New York City and after her marraige to Mr. Brewer, she lived in New York and Brooklyn and later in Summit, New Jersey. The Brewers lived in Forest Hills on Greenway South and also at the Inn, from September, 1914, to December, 1920, and were members of the Church-in-the-Gardens. Miss Mabel Brewer, now Mrs Ridpath, was the teacher of the kindergarten in public school 101 and also served overseas with the American Friends Service Committee. Mrs. Brewer was essentially a home loving person and a most hospitable hostess.

THE MAGIC OF COMMON INTEREST

(By one who values his membership in the Gardens Players' above anything else he possesses.)

When the Nyack Players visited the Gardens Players in November and together presented a bill of three one-act plays, the Gardens Players were invited to come to Nyack and join in a bill of plays there. Thursday, Dec. 29, and almost before the grease paint of the Eager Heart performance was well removed the Players, bag and baggage journeyed to Nyack where, the Players will tell you, there is every bit as much community spirit as there is at home. Of course the Nyack Players are the more favored of fortune-they have a fine club house and a stage that is just about perfectly equipped. The Gardens Players presented "The Scaring off of Teddy Dawson" which was on their recent bill of three short plays produced at the Kew Club. The Nyack Players produced "Dust of the Road" by Kenneth Sawyer Goodman.

Starting off with a dinner to which twenty playersboth Nyack and Gardens-sat down, following the privilege of playing on their wonderful stage to a singurlarly appreciative audience and ending up with a dance and a supper-well, the Players are an unspoiled lot and here was a riot of Christmas spirit and good fellowship. Friday morning they all scampered back again, the whole trip giving a clearer idea of how old friendships are made than all the material gift giving that ever was or will be

"WOMEN'S CAPITOL"

A group of wealthy women who have put in several thousand dollars each and a number who have qualified as "founders" by the payment of a thousand dollars each, have given the start to a movement which plans to build a "Acropolis to American Womanhood" in Washington, D. C Seven thousand "builder members," at \$10 per, is the quota of Greater New York. When the dream comes true, memberships at \$1 each are expected to gather in \$1,000,000 year. The property, for which title will be taken on Jan. is located on "Temple Heights."

The building scheme, of this memorial to the great women of the past, is prodigious. A sylvan theater, modeled after Greek ideals, is in the plans. The Founders' Club is a part of the scheme. In the Temple Triumphant, (which is the main building of the group) will be a Hall of Memory, with a colonnade of pillars on which will be engraved the name of the great women of the states. The Temple will also contain an auditorium which will seat 2,000 people. Guest House will be an exclusive woman's hotel and will furnish a much needed place for women visiting in Washington

F. Burrall Hoffman, Jr., and Murray Hoffman, of New York City are the architects for this massive scheme, compelling in its beauty and still most utilitarian in its plans Mrs. James Carrol Frazer is the recently elected president and working with her is a list of officers and board of governors of leading women from every state in the counter Mrs. Max P. Hyman is chairman for Forest Hills.

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THE INN



The holiday festivities opened at the Inn with a dance, after the community celebration in Station Square. Refreshments were served to the guests about midnight. The decorations were carried out in the Christmas colors, red and green, of laurel, holly and poinsettias. The kiddies hung up their stockings at the fireplace in the lounge, and these were plentifully filled by "Santy," who appeared again on Christmas morning and distributed the many gifts which were left under the tree in the balroom.

The Christmas dinner was served at midday on Monday, after which a tea dance enjoyed by residents of the Gardens, as well as the

On Thursday evening a dance was given to the young the home for the holidays from school.

On Saturday, New Year's Eve was celebrated in the real way with a supper dance; at midnight the old year flashed out and the new year welcomed by the merry with their horns and noise makers. The supper and dance were alternately enjoyed by all.

The New Year dinner was served at noon on Monday; Monday evening a farewell dance ended the holiday — brations, which were voted a success by all partici-

John B. Johnson, of Bordentown Military Institute, Borentown, N. J., is the guest of his father, J. M. Johnson, where the holidays.

Norman and Phillip Sewell, from Oakville, Ontario, are ending their Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. Mrs. Oswald Sewell.

Albert Wright, Jr. is home for the holidays and is enjoybe same with his parents and sisters.

Mrs. Edward H. Risirg and daughter, Miss Margaret Risng have returned from Saugerties, N. Y., for their usual fisit to the Inn.

J. M. Cirne, of Boston, Mass., is again numbered among seguests of the Inn.

Senator and Mrs. J. A. C. Johnson, of Englewood, N. J., have arrived to make their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Newton, and son, of St. Louis, Mo., are also numbered among the new arrivals.

S. M. Rinehart has returned, after a short absence.

PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. Edward L. Keyes, Jr., of Ascan Avenue, gave large reception one afternoon last week, in the ball room of the Plaza Hotel, to introduce their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Keyes. There were more than one thousand guests present, who included, besides the debutantes of the seasen, many older friends of Dr. and Mrs. Keyes. The ball mom was profusely decorated with Christmas greens and beskets and bouquets of flowers sent to Miss Keyes.

Mrs. F. R. Getz, Olive Place, invited some friends to Incheon on Thursday, Dec. 29, to meet Mme. Nevin de Sentillaine and Miss Harford, the sister of Mrs. Getz, who was a visitor in the home, from Atlantic City.

Boyd Oliver, of Sacramento, California, now attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Getz on New Year's day.

Residents often picture in retrospect the night of September 29, 1917, when Forest Hills entertained 1200 of the boys from Camp Mills. The soldiers were entertained at dinner in the homes and then followed an inspiring community celebration in Station Square. Many of the boys became fast friends of their hosts and hostesses. S. M. Karasulla, one of the Rainbow Division boys, now located successfully in business in Philadelphia, visited Dr. and Mrs. Getz, on Christmas week end. "It is a pleasure," says Dr. Getz, "to have some of these western boys remember their friends, who entertained them in the war time."

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Chalmers, Continental Avenue, entertained their friends on New Year's day. The hospitable Chalmers home has been for many years thrown open on this holiday, when they welcome their friends from Forest Hills and other towns in the vicinity.

EUROPEAN LITERATURE TODAY

Distinguished Russian Addresses Women's Club—Chapters and Committees Active.

In speaking before the Women's Club, last Monday afternoon, Dr. Gregory Zilboorg, Russian author and dramatist, on "High Lights of Contemporary European Literature," said that we used to think that literature served to express beauty. "I am interested in beauty that makes everything a part of me and me a part of it," declared the speaker. "Today hatred is the stimulus and there is no love in humanity," continued Dr. Zilboorg. He spoke of the broken condition of Europe in general and that affects literature. The German theatre today shows that Germany is decaying. He referred to the deplorable condition in Russia today, which makes artistic life in that country impossible, but the literary life is strong because many Russian authors are abroad. Novels lately published in France speak still of the technicality of war. Touching upon American literature Dr. Zilboorg said that America in the present is in the literary spell in which Russia lived in the sixties and seventies-a novel is written for commercial purposes. A new element is entering into American literature and that is the ability to suffer. "Main Street" is a success, because it reflects the attitude of the socially conscious American intellectual. Mrs. Donald G. Clark, chairman of the current readings chapter introduced the speaker.

The club voted \$100 to be given to the work of the philanthropic chapter. Mrs. A. M. Gray, chairman, reported \$50 given to the Jamaica Y. W. C. A. Various smaller amounts have been voted to needy and deserving cases. Good clothing has been sent to the Jamaica Day Nursery and at the next meeting of the chapter at the home of Mrs. Lee Galloway, on the afternoon of Jan. 19, baby clothes will be made at the request of the district nurse of Jamaica.

Mrs. Martha M. Allen reported the interest of the City Federation in law enforcement—a special committee is taking up the subject. Mrs. Allen quoted from Attorney General Daugherty in his statements to the American Bar Association, on strict obedience to the law.

Mrs. Rowland H. Smith and Mrs. Augustine J. Wilson were elected delegates to the City Federation, on Feb. 3. Mrs. Louis D. Speir and Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh were elected alternates. Mrs. Joseph Barrett and Mrs. Wilson were elected delegates to the Long Island Council of Women Clubs. Mrs. A. A. Stokes and Mrs. George Smart were elected alternates.

New members are Mesdames Everett De La Vergne, Horace MacRoberts, Jr., L. B. Westbrook, R. N. Hays, H. Clayton Smith, Carl H. Getz, W. R. Mercer, Charles S. Winston, Arthur Ryder and Walter Ring.

SKATING ·

The playground next to public school 101 has been levelled, piped and flooded for skating. The Mothers' Club has advanced the money with the expectation that the community will repay it for the expenditure. William P. McCulloch has generously helped the committee on arrangements and has secured free water for spraying from the Citizens' Water Supply Company. The Homes Company has been very helpful through Louis P. McGahie.

Those wishing to skate may secure family tickets beginning Jan. 7, from Mrs. Lawrence F. Abbott, the treasurer of the club. The family tickets cost \$2 each for a family of three; each additional skater in a family must pay \$1. It is hoped that only those who have secured tickets (tags to be worn when skating on the ice) will use the rink, as otherwise the scheme will not be a financial success-which it must be in order to repeat it another season. For a successful rink the labor of a man to spray it daily is imperative and this costs money.

MISS MOORE ENGAGED

Judge and Mrs. Charles F. Moore 18 Greenway Terraces gave a dinner and dance at the Vanderbilt Hotel, Manhattan on the night of Dec. 29 in honor of the engagement of their daughter Donna Randolph to John Matthews, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews, Sr., of 261 Barclay Street, Flushing, L. I.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS

We sincerely regret that the first Sunday of the new year marked the termination of Dr. Latshaw's pastorate of the Church-in-the-Gardens. We are more fortunate, however, than most churches are, under similar circumstances, because we still have Dr. Latshaw and his family with us as members of the church. They are to continue their residence in Forest Hills, as Dr. Latshaw resumes his work with the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. in New York, which so kindly loaned him to us for the past sixteen months. The church has grown more in all departments during these months than in any similar period since its organization.

Dr. Charles E. Burton, of our own church, will preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Calvin W. Laufer, a prominent officer of the Presbyterian

Board, will be the preacher on January 15. The Sunday School has doubled its enrollment since the autumn. This naturally calls for additional teachers. Anyone desiring to render a practical Christian service should confer with the superintendents of the school.

One of the most unique services which has been conducted by the Christian Endeavor Society was that held last Sunday evening under the leadership of the young people at home on vacation from school and college, preceded by a very enjoyable tea and social hour. All young people of the congregation would find great pleasure and benefit in joining such a live, wide-awake society. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

The Women's Guild will hold the annual meeting Friday afternoon, Jan. 13, at the home of Mrs. Edwin Bird Wilson, 134 Puritan Avenue. Election of officers will take place J. F. McT.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURER TO COME

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Forest Hills, cordially invites the residents of the town to attend a free lecture on "Christian Science," to be delivered in the Masonic Temple, Queens Boulevard and Continental Avenue, on Sunday evening, Jan. 8, 1922, at 8.15 o'clock by William D. Kilpatrick, C. S. B.—of Detroit. Mr. Kilpatrick is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston.

CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 6:45, 8 and 11 o'clock, Ascan Avenue near Queens Boulevard.

St. Luke's Episcopal-Revd. Wm. P. S. Lander.

Sundays—Holy Communion, 8 A. M., Church School, 9:30 A. M. Service and sermon, 11 A. M., Vespers, 4 P. M.

Holy Days-Holy Communion, 7:30 A. M.

- Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 A. M.; sermon, 11 A. M.; Christian Endeavor, 8 P. M.
- Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills-Sunday mornings. sermon at 11 o'clock. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street.
- First Church of Christ, Scientist of Forest Hills—Services Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.; Wednesday evening at 8:00. Reading room open daily from 2 to 4 P. M., except Sundays and holidays. Masonic Temple.

REMOVAL OF ASHES.

Through the arrangement of the civic committee of the Women's Club, John Farrell, 98 Queens Boulevard, Elmhurst, is removing the ash cans from the cellars and the garbage cans from the premises and returning the cans, at fifty cents a week, per house. This plan has meant much in the general tidying up of Forest Hills. For fifty cents extra, per family, per week, he will rattle down the furnace, put on coal and take ashes from the ash pit, once a day. The more customers he has the better service he can render.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM THE FOREST HILLS GARDENS AUDUBON SOCIETY.

Scatter Your Crumbs

Amidst the freezing sleet and snow, The timid robin comes.

In pity drive him not away, But scatter out your crumbs.

And leave your door upon the latch For whoseever comes,

The poorer they, more welcome give, And scatter out your crumbs.

All have to spare, none is too poor, When want with winter comes;

The loaf is never all your own, Then scatter out your crumbs.

Soon winter falls upon your life, The day of reckoning comes,

Against your sins, by high decree,

Are weighed those scattered crumbs. ALFRED CROWQUILL.

MANY NEEDY CASES

An appeal has come to the BULLETIN signed by Mrs. Ida Lucas Alford, president of the Big Sisters of Queens Borough, 5 Locust Street, Flushing, and Miss Eudora Davies. Department of Public Welfare, Town Hall, Flushing, asking for generous contributions from the residents of Forest Hills to help those who suffer from poverty in this borough. Many children are in great need of food and clothing.

There seems to be an impression that money contributed to Manhattan charities will be used to alleviate suffering in this borough'; that is not the case. The Department of Public Welfare and the Big Sisters of Queens Borough are the only welfare organizations which cover the entire borough, and they work in the closest cooperation with each other. Other organizations, doing splendid work, are restricted either to certain localities or creeds or races. Such work is valuable and is not overlapped by that of the Big Sisters or the Department of Public Welfare.

Mrs. Alford or Miss Davies will be glad to receive contributions and will readily give information about needy cases, but of course the identity of the unfortunate personwill be disguised.

SINGERS HAVE A SOCIAL HOUR

The rehearsals of the Forest Hills Choral Club were resumed last Thursday night, Jan. 5, in the Social Room of the Church-in-the-Gardens. The study and rehearsal of new music was much enjoyed under the direction of Bruno Huhn, conductor.

Later in the evening a social committee, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh, served refreshments. Associate members were invited to join the active members at this time and all enjoyed this happy change in the program.

New members were received at this meeting for half the regular dues, \$5, for the remainder of the season.

COMING EVENTS

- Monday and Friday, 3 to 5:30 P. M. Library Open-Sales Office.
- First and third Tuesday evening of each month, 8 o'clock-Forest Hills Lodge, 946, F. & A. M.-Masonic Temple
- Thursday, 8 P. M.—Choral Club Rehearsal, Church-inthe-Gardens.
- Monday, 8 P. M.—Public School Lectures. Public School Jan. 9, 3 P. M.—Mothers' Club, Greenway South and Union Turnpike.
- Jan. 9, 8 P. M.-American Legion, 112 Queens Boulevard
- Jan. 10, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, Tennis Place Apartments.
- Jan. 11, 6:30 P. M.-Dinner and Annual Meeting, Churchin-the-Gardens,
- Jan. 13, 8:15 P. M.-Men's Club, 47 Markwood Road.
- Jan. 18, 2 P. M. Card Party, Women's Club, 108 Greenway North.
- Jan. 19, 2:30 P. M.—Philanthropic Chapter, Women's Club. 250 Greenway South.
- Jan. 20, 8 P. M.-St. Luke's Musical, Masonic Temple.
- Jan. 20, 8 P. M.-Community Council, Social Room, Church-
- in-the-Gardens.
- Jan. 24, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 175 Slocum Crescent.
- Jan. 27, 2:30 P. M.-Music Chapter, Women's Club, 113 Jewell Street.



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