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ANNUAL ELECTION

Successful Year Closed by the Busy Women's Club on May 2

Chapters and Committees Make Reports of Important Work—Mrs. Augustine J. Wilson Re-elected President

The new officers of the Women's Club, who will serve next May, were chosen at the meeting held at the Inn on the afternoon of May 2, and are as follows: President, Mrs. Augustine J. Wilson; vice-presidents, Mrs. Alick Weir, Mrs. E. H. Mays and Mrs. Robert C. Adams; recording secretary, Mrs. E. D. Sealy; corresponding secretary, Miss Wilhelmina Backus; treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Beazell; members of the executive committee, Mrs. W. S. Ortgies, Mrs. D. G. Clark, Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh and Mrs. C. P. Tompkins. These names were presented by Mrs. James Rea, chairman of the nominating committee, and the ballot was cast for them.

In making her annual report, the president, Mrs. Augustine J. Wilson, spoke with appreciation of the co-operation of all members during the past year. The large number of meetings of the club, as well as of committees and chapters, and, covering as those meetings have such a diversity of subjects, show the scope of the club. Mrs. Wilson attended over forty meetings held in the interest of the club's work during the past year, and she said it was a pleasure and a privilege to be the president.

The reports of the year's work showed great activity. Mrs. E. B. Swazey reported \$315.52 in the reserve fund, and \$22.92 in the checking account. Miss Wilhelmina Backus, as corresponding secretary, has mailed 2,726 communications in the work of her office. Mrs. E. D. Sealy read a resume of the minutes of the year as her report. Mrs. D. G. Clark, chairman of current readings, gave a report of the work of her chapter and told of the splendid reviews of books that have been given. Her report was original in that she claimed that each book had left a picture in the minds of those who had heard the reviews. Mrs. F. R. Gutz told of the philanthropic work that has been accomplished. The Jamaica Day Nursery has been assisted; to one large family in Long Island City, 100 garments were given; a Syrian mother and children have been greatly helped; a Newtown High School girl is grateful to this committee for clothing, and many other benevolences have been under this committee's supervision. The club voted \$100 to help the sick Syrian woman, whose husband is in a tubercular hospital and who, with her children, will go to Bear Mountain for the summer where she can support herself and little ones. The club's gift will help her during the next few weeks during her convalescence.

Mrs. George Smart closed her report on American Citizenship with these words: "May the members of the Women's Club, following the United States Flag, the symbol of the ideals of the country, prove by hard co-operative effort and the wise exercise of the franchise, that they really are American citizens." Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe told of the many afternoon and evening meetings that have been held with the general subject of current events, covering China, Russia, France and the United States. Mrs. John A. McFarlan announced that today there is a membership in the club of 287, and that during the year 61 new names have been added. Mrs. C. P. Tompkins told of the work of the house committee. The important and apparent work of the civic committee was presented by Mrs. L. D. Speir. She spoke of the clean-up campaign and the good accomplished.

The new members for May are: Countess Sparre, Miss Maud Wallace and Mesdames George Cochran, E. C. Butler, Albert James Lowry, J. M. McMillin, J. Frederick Beck, Prentiss Wynne, William A. Hume and Jac. Auer.

Grover Tilden Davis, at the piano, and Miss Catherine Cavalli, violinist, gave a most pleasing musical program.



HOME OF JAMES VALENTINE

The above house, at the corner of Beechknoll Road and Puritan Avenue, is the home of James Valentine. The porch is under the main roof. The garage is connected to the house and forms a part of the composition. The style of the house is modified English and is built of hollow tile, stucco and a shingle tile roof. The architect was Robert M. Farrington.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Members of State Legislature to Speak at May Meeting. Committees Will Report.

The May meeting of the Community Council will be held on the evening of May 20 in the Church-in-the-Gardens.

Last month there was no regular Council meeting on account of an accumulation of committee work which demanded attention. Two of these committees are of especial importance just now and the community will want to hear their reports. These are the "High Cost of Living" and the Anti-Mosquito committees.

The speakers of the evening will be State Senator John L. Karle and Assemblyman Henry Baum. Both men were at the October council meeting, just prior to the fall election, and told at that time what they proposed to do in state affairs if elected to office. This has been an unusually crowded session of the state Senate and Assembly. Questions of vital interest have been pending. We expect to hear from these, our representatives, what attitude they have taken in these decisions and how faithfully they have discharged the trust we placed in them by giving them our votes.

Cutting Shrubbery

Complaints are coming in to the Community Council officers, who refer them to the police, that the beautiful blossoming trees and shrubs are being broken for bouquets for house decorations. Strange as it may seem, this vandalism is not entirely on the part of strangers who are driving through. Two complaints came in one afternoon concerning residents of this community who were seen breaking great branches from a dogwood tree growing in a vacant building plot. The shape of this tree has been ruined and all for a few days' pleasure to one family. Such a selfish act shows a decided lack of the Forest Hills Gardens' vaunted "Community Spirit."

Mr. Tappan Elected

At the May meeting of the City Parliament of Community Councils held as usual in the Aldermanic Chamber of the old City Hall, the annual election of officers took place. Robert Tappan, of 28 Whitson Street, was elected Borough Vice-President from Queens. Mr. Tappan has been for several months a delegate to the Parliament from the Forest Hills Community Council.

MRS. H. P. GREEN,
Community Secretary.

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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.

ORGANIZED PLAY

IF you will go to the playground, any afternoon between three and six o'clock or any time all day Saturday, you will find a large number of children playing under the direction of a play leader, thoroughly equipped by training and experience to lead our children in organized play. It is a fortunate community which is able to secure the services of Mrs. Edward S. Moffat (Emma Pierce), for many years at the head of physical education and hygiene in the New Jersey State Normal School at Montclair. She knows her subject and she loves children and her chief aim in the playground work is to train the character of the children through their games. Not only muscular development and mental activity are promoted on the playground but moral poise and power come to the child who plays under intelligent supervision. Mrs. Moffat has the personality and the purpose to bring the best out of our children.

We sometimes erroneously think of the playground as the place for only the poor children in the slums. These "children of disadvantage," as the children of the poor were called by Dr. Jowett, are surely much helped by the playground. Our "children of advantage," too, need to learn fair play and team work from the contact with other children in the place where naturally and unrestricted they "play the game." There will come a time when only those who have learned to cooperate and to serve will take the place of leaders. That cooperation, service, justice and democracy, Mrs. Moffat is ready to teach our children. Let us support her and the work to the maximum of our ability.

ELIZABETH LOUISE DONNELLY

Elizabeth Louise, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Donnelly, 315 Burns Street, died on May 11. The services were held at the home on Friday afternoon, May 13 and were conducted by Dr. David Latshaw, pastor of the Church-in-the-Gardens. The burial took place at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Elizabeth was six years old on January 13, last and moved with her family to the Gardens the first week in April. She is survived by her parents, an aunt and two younger brothers.

LADIES' NIGHT

On Monday night, May 16, the Men's Club will hold "Ladies' Night" at the Inn. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rogers will give groups of songs and recitations which they gave so successfully during the war to the United States soldiers in France. The program will begin at 8 o'clock. This will be the last meeting of the administration of Lawrence F. Abbott as president, and undoubtedly will be largely attended to show appreciation of him.

TEA FOR MR. AND MRS. LEWIS

The man who helped make Forest Hills Gardens famous is temporarily with us at the Inn. One of the surprises of "Main Street" was the fact that our town was alluded to as a delightful fairy land and its author is here to become a little better acquainted with it.

He was formally admitted to Forest Hills society Sunday afternoon at a tea given by Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe at their home on Greenway South, with the writers of Forest Hills and Kew and a few others in attendance. The affair was the most graceful and charming that Forest Hills Gardens has seen in a long time. The day was perfect and the tea was a close second.

With Mr. Lewis was Mrs. Lewis, who before her marriage was one of the editors of *Vogue*. They expect to remain at the Inn until June 15, when they will sail for England to be gone a year. Mr. Lewis wants it to be known that he does not expect to lecture. The literary lecturers come from the other direction.

"Main Street" has just been dramatized and rehearsals were begun this week. Its reception as a play will be eagerly watched. Mr. Lewis is at present at work on a new novel, but it is not to be a small town epic.

Mr. Lewis is more pleased than ever with Forest Hills Gardens, but has not yet made up his mind to become a resident. The Lewises have traveled widely over the United States and are seeking an ideal place to settle down and bring up their family.

Homer Croy.

FROM "MAIN STREET" TO FRED STONE

It is always interesting to meet some one who is what John Kendrick Baangs calls a "celebrity," and a number of us met the author of "Main Street" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe on Sunday afternoon. Since the editor has asked Homer Croy to "cover" that party, I should like to tell of another "celebrity" who was on the bill boards of Forest Hills for that same afternoon.

We walked from the Stowe home down "Main Street," (Greenway South) and then down Ascan Avenue to the Church-in-the-Gardens, where Fred Stone, the comedian, gave a moving picture show in the social room, showing four or five reels of cowboys and Indians in Wyoming, and Eskimos, polar bears and seals in Alaska. It is Fred Stone's hobby to take these moving pictures, and he wanted to do something for the town in which he lives. Dr. Latshaw is the leader of this church organization whose first desire is to serve the community. Dr. Latshaw and Fred Stone talked it over. What was the result?

Men, women and children packed the room. It was not difficult to tell that his neighbors enjoyed most the pictures in which Mr. Stone appeared. After E. H. Mays introduced Mr. Stone, the comedian arose on his crutches, his companions since his fall, and said with the dryest smile: "Dear Community. You must not expect me to be funny, for I feel as funny as a crutch." But he was humorous, of course. He promised to bring some new pictures next fall and there will be one hour for children and one for grown-ups. I shall be "among those present."

One of the Crowd.


MOVING PICTURES FOR COLLEGE FUND

On Saturday, May 21, at 10:15 A. M., at the Rialto Theatre, Fulton Street, Jamaica, moving pictures, "The Courtship of Miles Standish" and "Hunting Wild Animals in the Rockies," will be given for the benefit of the Mount Holyoke College Endowment Fund. Admission will be twenty-five cents.

EASTERN STAR

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star residing in Forest Hills or Kew, are asked to kindly forward their names and addresses to Mrs. H. W. Thoms, or Miss A. Kroeger, 41 Harvard Street, Boulevard 6584.

THE INN



The production of the "Blue Bird" at the Inn on Wednesday evening, April 27, was more thoroughly enjoyed than any of the moving picture series which have been shown this winter, not only by the young people, but the older ones applauded most heartily at each new adventure in the search of the beautiful blue bird.

The dancing exhibition in the drawing room of the Inn given by Mrs. Lillian Backus for the benefit of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and also to terminate her successful season at the Inn, met with much success and more than repaid Mrs. Backus for her untiring efforts during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Newcombe of the Inn recently returned from a long and most delightful tour through South Carolina. Mr. Newcombe is an ardent golfer and spent considerable time on the several wonderful links around Camden.

Col. and Mrs. A. C. Blount and their debutante daughter, of Morristown, N. J., are among the new arrivals at the Inn and will remain until late in the summer, when they leave for their summer home.

Miss Gladys Tree, who has been a guest of the Inn for some time, left last Saturday for her home in England, where she will spend the summer, returning in the early spring.

Sinclair Lewis, with his wife, mother and small son, are guests of the Inn, and will remain until the middle of June, when they leave for Europe. Mr. Lewis is visiting New York awaiting the presentation of his book, "Main Street," on the dramatic stage, and will remain until the opening performance.

Dr. and Mrs. Jinkins and their small son, of Galveston, Texas, are among the recent arrivals.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cast and Miss Beatrice Cast have just returned to the Inn from their home in Malden, Mass., which they have closed for the summer with a view of remaining at Forest Hills during that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of the Inn recently left for their summer home in Roaring Brook, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace, who are among the pioneer guests of the Inn, have left for Chicago on a month's vacation to visit their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Easton have returned from Palm Beach, where they have spent the entire winter. Mr. Easton purchased a beautiful little home there last winter and Mrs. Easton returned north in splendid health after basking in the sunshine and warmth of that delightful winter climate.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl MacFadden and little "Billy" recently left the Inn and have taken Mrs. Martin's house on Continental Avenue until the fall, when they hope to move into their new home.

Mrs. Charles Plummer and little Ruth, of the Gardens, are spending a month at the Inn during the absence of Mr. Plummer on a business trip to Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Shares and small daughter of New York are among the recent arrivals, also Mr. and Mrs. Osgood and small daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Smith and Miss Betty Jane left the Inn on May 1 for their home in Grand Rapids, but will return for their summer visit about the middle of July.

The many friends of Maelyn Arbuckle were grieved to bid "Daddy Dumplings" a fond good-bye when he departed this week for his home in Maine, where Mrs. Arbuckle and he spend the summer months as old-fashioned "farmers."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Wheeler and daughter, Virginia, former residents of the Gardens, have returned from California and are located at the Inn.

LIVELY INTEREST

Forest Hills Gardens Mothers' Club Held a Meeting at the Home of Mrs. Lawrence F. Abbott.

The home of Mrs. Lawrence F. Abbott, Greenway South, was filled when the mothers of the Gardens met on last Monday afternoon to hear the plans of the committees appointed at the last meeting and to get acquainted with each other. Mrs. Harold P. Daniels was in the chair.

Mrs. Mary Hoppe, principal of the public schools here, was present and asked that all children who expect to attend public schools next fall please register before May 27, in order that she may get the proper supplies. Miss Maude Wallace reported that the Homes Company would take care of all apparatus on the playground, putting it up, taking it down and storing it in winter. A sum of \$406.65 is in the playground fund today with all bills paid. Mrs. James A. Corscaden spoke of the need of a children's library here. Mrs. Donald G. Clark, who will have charge of summer classes for children, asked for volunteer teachers in singing, clay modelling, story telling, etc. She also called for an enrollment of children who will attend. Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe spoke of the program for the coming year.

Mrs. Edward S. Moffat, the new playground leader, made a most logical statement of the work of the playground. She says the children are safe on the playground, as safe physically as anywhere. And if any accident should occur she is equipped to give first aid. She says children learn obedience on the playground and also there they learn team work and fair play.

The next meeting of the club will be held the second Monday of October.

THE SUMMER PEST

The effective local work done in the anti-mosquito campaign of 1916, and the draining of the salt marshes by the city in 1917, greatly diminished the Forest Hills mosquito pest. For the past three years, however, we have been unable to obtain a man to do the work here. This year the prospects are brighter and we hope to secure the services of a good man to begin shortly. Inspector Folemsbee made a complete survey of the neighborhood for mosquito breeding places and made a full and printed report in 1916.

The Health Department of the City of New York promises that no mosquitoes will come to us from the Corona dump. Our local inspector needs to see that that promise is kept. The local worker must make a house to house canvass to see that no stagnant water is around the premises. Roof drains, cellar window openings, or any place where water can stand must be attended to. The Sage Foundation Homes Company and Cord Meyer Development Company should be particularly careful around their shops, stables and new houses. The tradespeople should also cooperate and should be sure that there is no stagnant water left for breeding places.

As to the finances, there is a little over one hundred dollars in the treasury, including one \$25 contribution made last year. No collecting has been done for anti-mosquito work for almost four years. This year we need \$1,000, and every resident of Forest Hills is urged to send from \$5 to \$25 to the treasurer, M. J. Folemsbee, 55 Bow Street. Please do not wait until the pests are with us in full force, as the expense is to start at once. Every cent invested goes into actual mosquito elimination work. We promise that those who send in their checks promptly will not be asked to do house to house collecting, but those who procrastinate will not only be called upon but will also be invited to do collecting themselves. Any surplus funds are carried over to begin the work early next year. Please send checks NOW.

S. W. Eckman,

Chairman Anti-Mosquito Committee of the Community Council.

WANTED—Six boys and six girls from 6 to 14 years old to take important parts in the Fourth of July performance of the Gardens Players in Olivia Park. Report for trials and rehearsals at the sales office at 8 P. M. Tuesday evening, May 17.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



On account of the enlargement of duties in connection with his regular work R. P. Kaighn has found it absolutely necessary to resign the superintendency of the Sunday school where he has rendered such devoted and efficient service for eight years since its organization. After much reluctance and with sincere regret his resignation was accepted.

As a result of Mr. Kaighn's resignation a very careful study has been made of the Sunday school and also all other features of work among the young people. It has been decided to make a complete change in the organization compelled by the continued growth of the work and in making this change it was agreed that it should be done in line with modern and well tried methods. The church voted last Wednesday evening to place all work of an educational character under the direction of a Council of Religious Education composed of the pastor, the general superintendent of religious education, who takes the place of the superintendent of the Sunday school, one representative each from the church committee and the Women's Guild and the superintendent of each division of the Sunday school.

At the inception of this new plan of organization Dr. Latshaw has consented to serve as general superintendent until the next regular election of church officers. The new plan of organization will become effective in the autumn.

The music at the Sunday morning, eleven o'clock service, under the direction of E. Everett Hall, organist, is of the highest order. Tomorrow morning, Mrs. Ferguson, a soprano of rare charm, will sing. It is necessary to come on time at these services to secure a good seat.

The last of the Tuesday evening lectures on China, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Elliott, Winter Street, will be given on May 24. There will be no lecture on May 17. Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Hayes will both speak on May 24. The Elliott home is just large enough to accommodate the people who attend.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Forest Hills, announces a lecture on "Christian Science" to be given by John C. Lathrop, of Brookline, Mass., who is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church in Boston. This lecture will be given in the Masonic Temple, on Sunday evening, May 22, at eight o'clock. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

CHURCH SERVICES

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

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday, 8 A. M., Holy Communion; 9:45 A. M., Sunday School; 11 A. M., Morning Service. Holy Communion first and third Sunday in each month.

Church-in-the-Gardens—David Latshaw, D. D., Pastor. Sunday morning: Sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 o'clock.—Christian Endeavor Society, Sunday, 7:45 P. M., Social Room. Wednesday evening, 6:30, dinner and conference of Sunday School workers.

Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills—Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 10 A. M.; sermon at 11 A. M. 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.

MRS. SAGE TALKS TO CHILDREN ON BIRDS



Every public school child of Forest Hills had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Mary S. Sage, of the Long Island Bird Club, speak on "Our Feathered Friends," on May 5. Mrs. Sage came through the courtesy of the Long Island Bird Club and was introduced to the children by the president of the Audubon Society, who had arranged for her coming. Mrs. Sage knows birds and she knows children, so her message reached her listeners. Next fall she will use lantern slides as she talks to all the public school children assembled in public school 3. She encourages children to "hunt the birds with a camera," and then she will reproduce their pictures on her slides. The co-operation of the Long Island Bird Club with the local Audubon Society is to the advantage of both.

PERSONALS.

Henry W. Lohman, of Kew Gardens, announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss Eunice Stewart Lohman, to Arthur M. Murray, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew T. Murray of Richmond Hill. Miss Lohman is a graduate of the Finch School. She has many friends in Forest Hills.

Mrs. T. T. Sweeney and Tyler have sailed for Europe, where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Thomas C. Chalmers, of Continental Avenue, has completely recovered from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Buckley and daughter, Esther, are back in Forest Hills, occupying their beautiful home on Markwood Road.

Mrs. H. P. Hamilton, of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, has returned to her home after a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Swazey, 162 Slocum Crescent.

Carl C. Joys, of Burns Street, is in London on a business trip.

Mrs. Martha M. Allen has rented her house on Beechknoll Road for the summer to George Ernest Fahys, of the Alvin Silver Co. Mrs. Allen will spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Post at West Long Beach, L. I. Miss Allen, who is teaching in a girls' high school in New York, is staying at the Smith College Club House in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Everard Stokes, Baby Beatrice, Mrs. Stokes and Miss Dorothy have gone to Spring Lake, N. J., for the summer. They return to Forest Hills Gardens on Oct. 1, when they hope to go into their new home which is being built on Greenway North.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On the afternoon of May 25 an informal reception will be held at public school 3 in order that friends of the school may go over the new building and inspect the work of the children in their classrooms.

Plans are now being made to hold a fair at the school during the first week in June, the proceeds to be given to the fund for purchase of a moving picture machine or lantern for the school.

School Garden

A school garden has been planned for public school 103 this spring. Through the courtesy of the Sage Foundation Homes Company the ground has been plowed.

COMING EVENTS

First and third Tuesday evening of each month, 8 o'clock—Forest Hills Lodge, 946, F. and A. M., Masonic Temple.
 May 16, 8 P. M.—Ladies' Night, Men's Club, Inn.
 May 17, 8 P. M.—Rehearsal for July Fourth Play. Sales Office.
 May 20, 8 P. M.—Community Council, Church-in-the-Gardens.
 May 25, 1 P. M.—Informal reception, Public School 3.
 May 30, 3 P. M.—Memorial Day Exercises—Children's French Dances. Village Green.