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HOME OF W. B. DAVIS.

In this number of the Bulletin is shown the home of W. B. Davis, situated on Wendover Road near Terrace Place. The plans and general layout were carefully studied to adapt them not only to the street, but to the curvilinear street in the front and the general topography of the land. The plot was fan shaped, with the rear line wider than the front, seemed to call for exactly the plan selected, namely, that of an angle shaped house with the narrow part in front.

On account of the exposure the living and dining rooms and the porch were placed to the West, the kitchen wing naturally facing the East on Wendover Road. As the ground sloped sharply from the front, a stone retaining wall was erected on the rear line to form a level terrace for the flower garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are lovers of flowers and through their good judgment and hard work, have made of this quaint house and garden one of the prettiest places in the Gardens. The house is not a copy of the English or French cottage types, but is an adaptation of an English farm house, fitted to the needs and comforts of modern living. Although containing but seven rooms, they are all of good size, with ample closet and dresser space, and all modern conveniences. The heating is the vapor vacuum system with magazine-feed boiler and thermostatic control. The house was contracted for by the Homes Company from the designs of Albro & Lindeberg, architects.

The Company has sold the detached house on Bow Street near Continental Ave. to Mr. Clark Brown, of the United Booking Co., 1564 Broadway.

## A RECREATION FOR "GROWN-UPS."

Edwin Arden.

In Forest Hills, we have a playground which is said to have cost \$2,000. It is well situated and of adequate dimensions, but like a partially furnished house, it needs some finishing touches. It wants a little furbishing here, a little ingenuity there and a little supervision all over.

Understand, the "grown-ups" are not asked to manage and supervise. No indeed. The little folks are going to do all that themselves. They are going to appoint their officers, make their rules and run their playground and when they want advice they are going to ask some "big little-folks" who were once kiddies themselves, and they are going to get all the help in that way that they want and need. It is true that aside from occasional advice, they want some fresh sand for the "sand pile"—a lot of balls to toss around and heaps of little things that only "little folks" know about. But these are so deliciously easy of attainment, that it is almost needless to say, they are already given.

### FOURTEEN DOLLAR BANK ACCOUNT.

They have \$14 which is all their very own, but the "grown-ups" are not going to let them dig into that. That's the reserve fund and there's no use of a reserve fund that doesn't reserve. So the big people who are going to be children again, are going to freshen up the "sand-pile" and add to the "play ball" munitions and the other odds and ends of playground stock.

But what are they going to play? And how are they going to play it? Quite simple. Other people have thought of and answered these questions, notably a group of "grown-ups" which does nothing but think of "Parks and Playgrounds."

These busy big people remembered the countless times they said to themselves and each other, "What shall we do this evening?" or "How are we going to kill the time?" or perhaps, "I really don't know what to do with myself today." So, from bitter experience—they grew wise in their own generation and they are giving the surplus of that wisdom to the younger generation by inventing what they call a "play-leader," or in other words, someone *who knows* how to teach kiddies how to play. If "grown-ups" do not know how to play—how should the "not-grown-ups" know, without a teacher? And the "Parks and Playgrounds" people will send a play-leader to Forest Hills as many afternoons as Forest Hills wishes.

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The playleader will cost \$1.50 an afternoon. Say the summer consists of four months. For the sake of argument, let us further say that the little ones of Forest Hills will be made healthier and happier with a "leader" three days a week. About \$80 will take them through the summer. This is the maximum figure. With the alert brains and mimetic faculties of healthy children, the leaders entire curriculum will probably be absorbed before half the summer is over. This will cut the teachers salary in two and instruction will be replaced by mere supervision and self government.

### A NEGLIGIBLE OUTLAY.

Think of it. At an outside estimate \$150 will cover everything. \$150 for four months healthy enjoyment for our little ones—all of them—everyone welcome in a playground of their own, governed by them and in the real sense, conducted by them.

### A GOOD BUSINESS MOVE.

In a community such as Forest Hills, this amount is a mere nothing. It is a trifle. For remember that not alone is this an investment to parents, but it is in the young people that *every tax-payer*, must see the interest on his capital invested in Forest Hills. This is a commercial axiom. But beyond and above this pecuniary question, is another.

### BIGGEST AND BEST OF ALL.

Although they may not, perhaps, voice it—the big thing that the children want, is the keen interest—the hall-mark as it were, of mother and father. Not a perfunctory interest graded by a contribution. Not a donation of duty; but a live, eager, human enthusiasm. The enthusiasm of "Children of a larger growth," who have brushed away the years and are living again as children *with* their children. The thrill in the breast and the choke in the throat which only come when you bring happiness to others.

Than which there are no bigger emotions in this old world.

About one hundred and thirty people heard Mr. Cleaves talk about our native birds at the Arbor Day lecture on May 5th.

Are you reading the bulletins these days and watching the wonderful bird life about you? The Gardens were never so full of nest builders. How fine it would be if everybody would put up a bird house. Don't

be discouraged because you do not have a tree. Birds that use the artificial nesting boxes prefer a bare pole because it reminds them more of the dead branch that used to provide them with a snug home.

## GARDENS CLUB PEP.

### Pep Vobiscum.

Two additional tennis courts will soon be ready, thanks to the pep in the tennis committee. Six courts will allow anyone a game any time so look up your tennis rating and start challenging. One court will be reserved for challenge matches.

Some rapid strides in membership lately, among the most recent additions are:

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Cherington	Vaughn Hulse
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fay	George Wilkinson
Robert L. Wetmore	Thomas DePuy
Elmer Young	James Wright
Carl Rollins	A. D. Tisworth
William Bryan	Austin Kinney
William Arnold	Gilmore Kinney, Jr.
John Mallery	

They all add to that fund of pep we boast of.

Some baseball team this year. Under the leadership of Julian Warder they beat Berkeley Hall last Saturday, 6 to 1. They can stand more rooting and show best form under this condition so come out if your voice is strong any Saturday afternoon and boost your town.

The tennis players of the fair sex want their ratings posted so we will have a ladies' tournament. The last entries will be accepted on May 21st. If you haven't time to write, phone 6309 until May 21st. The finals will be held on the gala day, May 27th; new comers day at the Gardens Club all day and in the evening. Everyone is welcome—bring your neighbor, entertainment for all—Baseball game 3:30 P. M. The crack 7th Regiment team will play Warder's Peps. Champion tennis matches, men's singles, mixed double and the final test of the ladies. Prizes for winners will be distributed in the evening, then a reception, and we will finish off with a rousing get together dance. Something doing every minute. Bring your lunch if you wish.

## BOY SCOUTS.

Members of both troops took part in the Red Cross Campaign on the day of the Preparedness Parade.

Valentine Gress has passed his tenderfoot test and will be registered as a member of Troop II on May 31.

Oliver Jones has been nominated for membership in the Troop.

An interesting item on the program of last week's meeting (Troop II) was a question box on general items of interest in Forest Hills. The Wolf Patrol won out in the number of correct answers.

Will some "Boy-man" in the property volunteer to go with the boys on a hike, camping over one or two nights?

The Kendrick family on Puritan Avenue has a new automobile.

The Shakespeare Pageant to have been held this afternoon has been indefinitely postponed.

The Park Department of Queens Borough is co-operating with the Health Department in the anti-mosquito work by draining all park swamps and breeding places.

George Sherwood Eddy, Raymond P. Kaighn and M. J. Stickel were delegates to the International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association held in Cleveland last week.

"The Truth about Preparedness" will be told by Dr. John Haynes Holmes and Ellis O. Jones on the evening of June 12th at the Sales Office. In connection with the meeting there will be an exhibit from the much talked-of "War against War" show of Woman's Peace Party. Admission free.

Park Commissioner John E. Weier has announced that fishing will be permitted in Kisenia Park on the last Saturday in the months of May, June, July and August. From 8 A. M. to 1 P. M. he will permit boys to fish, and from 1 to 6 P. M. men may enjoy the privilege, which must be by permit.

#### PLAYGROUND OFFICERS.

The Young People's Playground Association has elected Dorothy Flint, chairman, and Eunice Rossman as assistant director of the committee in charge of the activities on the playground.

#### TAXPAYERS NOTES.

The question of consolidating the two schools is very much alive again. A transportation scheme has been worked out and will be presented at the Taxpayers meeting on the 31st. It is proposed to ask each family having children who would be served by the auto buss to pay \$1.00 per month. If this is generally accepted the whole plan can be worked out. A full attendance is desired at the meeting.

Edmund O'Shea, 334 Burns Street, has been appointed Chairman of the Police Committee. He is working out a plan for a Forest Hills Home Defense League and will be assisted by Fred Neumer. It will be necessary to secure 100 volunteers. Since about 30 of our residents have already joined the company which meets at Elmhurst it seems likely that the additional 70 can be secured.

G. W. Beavers has been asked by the Taxpayers Association to enlist and organize a group of citizens to march with the Grand Army veterans in the Decoration Day parade in Jamaica.

#### THE INN.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Robinson have returned from a winter in St. Petersburg, Fla., and are located at The Inn.

Miss M. A. Kirk has returned to The Inn for the summer after spending the winter in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Anderson and two children are at The Inn; also Mr. and Mrs. George deB Keim; Mr. R. H. Dana and Mr. and Mrs. Dana, Jr.; Thos. Ackerland; Mr. and Mrs. Jester and family; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Magrane, of Brookline, Mass.

Mrs. Emma Springs, of The Inn, is making quite a stay in Atlantic City.

Mrs. K. P. Collins has returned to The Inn after an extended visit in Washington, D. C.

A. R. Urion, of Chicago, Ill., spent several days with his son, who is located permanently at The Inn.

R. W. Renfrew, Jr., of New York City, spent the week end at The Inn with his parents.

Ivan Simpson, of New York City, has joined the family at The Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashton A. Floecker, of New York, have decided to make The Inn their home.

Mrs. Anna King Clark is spending the spring and summer with her brother in Old Lyme, Conn.

Charles Clifford Miller, who has been living at 18 Greenway Terrace, has purchased the Boardman Robinson house on Continental Avenue.

The choir of the Roman Catholic Church in Richmond Hill will furnish the music for the dedication of the Church of Our Lady of Martyrs on Queens Boulevard and Ascan Avenue on Sunday, the 28th.

The Health Department has announced that strap and "figure eight" muzzles for dogs do not meet the requirements of the law and that wire muzzles with straps at the neck must be substituted. The Police Department is co-operating in enforcing this provision.

#### "THE ROMANCERS."

Attention is again called to the activities of the Garden Players who give their first presentation, "The Romancers" by Rostand. It will be given on June 9th in the Tea Garden of the Inn. The cast is now hard at work on this charming love comedy that never fails to please. The coach is a professional one, who by the way, is a wonder.

The admission will be a dollar.

#### CONCERT.

The chorus for the concert of the Musical Art Society on June 6th, will include over fifty trained voices. The program will include, besides many solo numbers, the following choral numbers:

"The Heavens are Telling," from "The Creation."

"The Stars are Shining in Heaven," by Rheinberger.

"Spring Song," Mendelssohn.

"Time of May,"—Hammon.

## COMING EVENTS.

To make this column as complete as possible, we desire the co-operation of all organizations of the community. Kindly send all communications to the office of the Homes Company, addressed to the "Bulletin."

Saturday May 20—3.30 P. M. Gardens Club Grounds. Baseball game. Ridgewood A. C. vs. Forest Hills.

Saturday—3 to 5 P. M. May 20th. Social Room, Church in the Gardens. Cradle roll party for children and mothers.

Sunday, May 21st—Opening services in St. Luke's Chapel. 8 and 11 A. M. Public cordially invited.

Friday, May 26th—at Garden City. Music Festival to be given by the Musical Art Society, with Forest Hills branch participating.

Friday, May 26th—8 P. M. McDonald's Restaurant, 65 West 38th Street, New York City. Reception, bridge and dance by the women of the parish of the Church of Our Lady of Martyrs.

Saturday, May 27th—Gardens Club. New Comers Day. Baseball and tennis in afternoon, reception and dance in the evening.

Sunday, May 28th—10 A. M. Dedication of Church of Our Lady of Martyrs, by Bishop McDonald, of Brooklyn.

Wednesday, May 31st—8.15 A. M. Social Room Church-in-the-Gardens. Address by Hon. Lawson Purdy, on, "Taxation." Public cordially invited.

Friday, June 6th—8.30 P. M. Tea Garden of The Inn. Concert by Forest Hills Musical Art Society, assisted by Garden City Musical Art Society. Admittance \$1.00.

Friday, June 9th—8:15 P. M. Tea Garden of the Inn. Open air production of Rostands "The Romancers" by the Gardens Players. Admittance \$1.00.

Monday June 12th—8 P. M.. Sales office. Address, "The Truth about Preparedness," by Dr. John Haynes Holmes. Admittance free. Public cordially invited.

## COMING BASEBALL GAMES.

May 27th—7th Regiment at Forest Hills, 3:30.

June 3rd—First Amateur League game. Montclair A. C. vs. Forest Hills, 3.30.

A complete schedule has been printed and distributed by the management of the Forest Hills Club.

## FOURTH OF JULY.

The Fourth of July celebration is beginning to agitate the minds of some of our interested citizens. A preliminary meeting was hld to discuss a program for the occasion, and J. Hart Gress, 82 Tennis Place, was selected as Chairman of the Fourth of July Celebration Committee, and L. E. Brion, Secretary. This celebration is distinctively a community affair and it is hoped that every resident of the Gardens will give his or her personal effort and influence towards making the occasion a thorough success. The Committee solicits suggestions from the residents and requests that all communications be addressed to the Secretary, care The Homes Company.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 9.30 o'clock, Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings. Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Sermon at 11 o'clock. St. Luke's Chapel. Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Prayer meeting Thursdays at 8 P. M. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

Church of Forest Hills (undenominational) — Regular preaching services each Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Prayer meeting Wednesdays at 8 P. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street, North Side.

## CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

The annual Party of the Primary and Cradle Roll Departments of the Sunday school will be held in the Social room on Saturday afternoon, May 20th, from 3 to 5 o'clock. The mothers of the children in these departments are invited. There will be songs and recitations, presentation of certificates, games and refreshments. The mite-boxes are to be brought in and the contents sent to the "Agness Louise Kindergarten" at Talladega College and the Kindergarten in Foochow, China.

The address of Mr. John Godfrey at the union meeting in the Social room last Sunday night was fascinating in its revelation of the marvelous ingenuity of the men and women who beg on the streets and at the door. To the question, "Are there any honest beggars?" he replied that in 15,000 he had investigated he had not found one.

Dr. Kent told the story of the Church-in-the-Gardens at a preliminary meeting of some of the residents of Jackson Heights, North Elmhurst, to take steps to start a community church and Sunday school. Over thirty persons, the majority men, were present, representing seven denominations. Seven persons volunteered to work in the Sunday school which will be started as soon as the building which the Queensborough Corporation is putting up is ready.

The May Musicale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buckley was a notable success.

Sherwood Eddy has written two little books, one entitled "Doubt," the other "Life, and What to Live For," that should be read by all men. They are ten cents each, published by the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association.

## OPENING OF ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL.

Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 21st, 1916.

## Services:

8 a. m.—Holy Communion—Archdeacon Nichols.

11 a. m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon and Holy Communion—Archdeacon Nichols and Rev. W. P. Lander.

Vested Boy Choir—Mrs. Lewin S. Thomas, of The Inn, at the Organ.

A history of the mission will be published in our next issue.