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HOME OF B. S. HALSEY.

This number of the Bulletin contains a picture of the Colonial home of B. S. Halsey, situated on the southwest corner of Greenway South and Ascan Avenue.

Special attention has been given by the owners to the planting; being well selected, it forms a pleasing setting to the white stucco of the house.

The principal features are the well studied colonial entrance, with its curved pediment and doric columns, flanked at each end of the house with porches of the same period of design as the entrance. There are eight rooms and two baths, with the wide first and second floor halls running entirely through from the front to the rear.

In the southwest corner of the plot, there is a two-car garage of the same design as the house. The driveway running through from Greenway South connects with the service lane at the rear.

The house and garage were designed and erected by the Homes Company.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

From the rumors that have been circulated in the Gardens, this year's celebration will be a banner affair. Many of the residents who were going away for the summer have postponed their departure until after the celebration. There will undoubtedly be a record crowd this year as every one you meet expects to have guests and keep open house. The committee has adopted a formal program, details of which are being perfected and will be fully announced in our next issue.

PROGRAM FOR JULY 4th.

Forenoon:

9-10 Flag raising exercises. 10:30-12:30 Tennis and Baseball Games at the Gardens Club grounds.

Afternoon:

1:30-4 Children's games in Station Square. 4-4:45 Children's party in Tea Garden. 5-6 Allegory and Classic Dancing at Olivia Park.

Evening:

7:45 Parade in Costume. 8:15-11 Circus in Station Square. 11 Dancing in Station Square.

The members of the Committee and their wives will wear Yama Yama and Pierrot costumes. All residents are invited to come in either of these costumes and join in the evening parade.

Rehearsals for the chorus, which is to sing at the Flag Raising, are to be held on Wednesday evening, the 28th, and Friday the 30th.

The proclamations and the buttons will be distributed by the Finance Committee several days in advance of the Celebration.

Special attention is called to the very beautiful poster drawn and presented to the Committee by Herman Rountree, which will be displayed at the Inn and Chemist Shop.

FLAG POLE.

The flag pole to be erected at the head of the Green, located at the intersection of Greenway North and Greenway South, has arrived on the ground. The community is indeed to be congratulated upon receiving this particular pole as it was formerly the boom of the victorious yacht Columbia, which twice, in the International Races, successfully defended the Cup. The flag pole (or boom) has been presented to the community by William L. Harriss, of Sloeum Crescent. The cost of transportation and erection is assumed by the Fourth of July Celebration Committee and the base is presented by The Homes Company. The flag is the gift of Clifford Miller.

Every effort will be made to have the pole erected for the Fourth of July Celebration, at which time there will be a flag raising with appropriate ceremonies.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

The Gardens Chapter of the Women's Club desires everybody in the community personally represented at the Flower Show on Wednesday, June 21, from one to six in the Tea Garden. An attempt to keep in tune with the Shakesperian note is the underlying idea of old English nosegays, garden hats, children's smocks, bags of lavender and rose petals and the folk dances given in costume by the children. Through the generosity of the chapter a part of the proceeds goes to the Playground. Come one and all.

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HISTORY OF ST. LUKE'S MISSION.

C. C. Foster.

First Service held October 19th, 1913, in the home of Mrs. C. A. Ashburner, Station Square.

Through the kindness of the Management of the Sage Foundation Homes Company a meeting place for the congregation was then provided in the store on Station Square now occupied by the Post Office, and later in unoccupied houses on Greenway North and Greenway South. On the renting of these premises, services were continued at the homes of George C. Le Blanc, Puritan Avenue; Alexander L. Fryer, Ingram Street; and during the past four months at the home of C. C. Foster on Slocum Crescent.

The services have been conducted successively by the following clergy under the supervision of Canon Roy Farrell Duffield of the Cathedral at Garden City (Archdeacon of Queens).

Rev. Lewis C. Morrison, now of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Rev. H. R. Bennett, now Rector of Grace Church, Greenville, Jersey City.

Rev. W. P. Lander, ordained Priest at the recent Ordination Service in Garden City, and who will hereafter be in charge of the Church of Annunciation at Glendale.

The Ven. Archdeacon Nichols, formerly of Tahiti and recently of St. Peters, Bay Shore, took charge of St. Luke's on May 1st and will be in residence in Forest Hills in June, locating at "The Inn."

It is hoped that all residents in the Community will feel free to call for the services of Archdeacon Nichols, Rector of St. Luke's, whenever they have occasion for them, and pending his removal to Forest Hills, he can be quickly reached by message communicated to C. C. Foster of 36 Slocum Crescent, who will act as Warden.

A neat building has been erected as the first house of worship of St. Luke's congregation, on Greenway South and Cranford Street. The great interest taken in the erection of this structure gives good promise for the success of the Episcopal Church in the Community and it is hoped that now that a beginning has been made all Episcopalians in Forest Hills will lend their hearty support and encouragement to the founders by their attendance at the services.

Mrs. Lewin S. Thomas has kindly consented to take temporary charge of the music and it is hoped to form a choir in due course.

DOG SHOW.

The second annual dog show of the Queensboro Kennel Club will be held in a large tent in the field in the rear of the Sales Office on Saturday afternoon, June 17, 1916. Judging will begin at twelve o'clock sharp. Practically all dog owners of Forest Hills have made entries.

BOY SCOUTS.

Scout Burton has brought honor to the troop in winning first prize for Queens in the Brooklyn Eagle Bird House contest.

Scout Millang visited the troop at a recent meeting. He says he will be with us again permanently in the autumn.

The troop is planning for an overnight hike next week.

Scout Jagoe's school vacation has commenced. We welcome him back to the troop.

The troop made a good showing in the Sunday school parade last Saturday.

MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION NOTES.

Our regular Inspector, M. J. Folensbee, was graduated from a Civil Engineer College on June 15th and immediately took charge of the work of preventing local breeding. In the meantime we have had the services of a trained Inspector loaned by the Union County, N. J., Mosquito Extermination Commission. He began work June 5th.

The first brood of mosquitos now on the wing is the result of eggs laid in stagnant water by the females which hibernated in our cellars. They could have been prevented entirely by oiling the nearby pools but funds are limited and we could not undertake the work as early as it should have been started. We hope to prevent all fresh water breeding around Forest Hills from now on. Every citizen should see to it that there is no stagnant water on or near his premises.

The big job of draining the Jamaica Bay salt marshes has been started. It will take three months to complete. The local Water Company is working on Flushing meadows but their ditches are hardly deep enough to give good service.

A great Anti Mosquito meeting is to be held in the Station Square on Tuesday evening June 27th with new moving pictures, speeches by leading expert exterminators, etc. The whole Borough is to be invited and it is expected that many committees will be represented.

All residents who have not already done so are urged to send their \$5 subscription to the mosquito elimination fund to G. L. C. Earle, Greenway South, the Treasurer.

Wanted—One or two big Forest Hills boys to act as assistant Inspectors this summer. Very interesting work and some pay. See S. W. Eckman, Chairman of the Committee.

C. W. Fuller has been in Philadelphia during the past week.

A country club house to cost \$100,000 has been planned for Kew Gardens.

Dr. Thomas C. Chalmers and family and Mrs. Susan Rossman have gone on an auto trip to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey T. Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Julian T. Warder are making an automobile tour of Maine.

Dr. and Mrs. Kent motored to Southold, Long Island, this week. They plan to spend the month of August in their new bungalow there.

At the Gardens Club courts a tennis tournament for schoolboys will begin on Tuesday, June 27th. The finals will be played on the morning of July 4th.

For two weeks the fields have been white with wild daisies. Quantities of them have been sent to gladden the hearts of those living in the congested districts.

C. W. De Pue's article on "Insect Enemies" in the last issue was editorially commented on in the Bulletin. We expect to publish additional articles from time to time.

The Crop of June roses promises to be unusually abundant but will be somewhat later than usual because of the backward spring weather. They should be in their glory on July 4th.

The success of the initial production of the Gardens Players gives promise of a successful issue for their ambitious program for a permanent drama society. Rostands play could scarcely have been given in a more delightful setting and the acting was splendid.

Our commuters are urged to buy their monthly tickets, mileage and trip books from the local office of the Railroad rather than at the other end of the line. This office often makes a poor showing in comparison with other offices and it counts against us when questions of service and schedules are up. Monthly tickets will be on sale for 10 days before the first of the month.

The case against Preparedness was effectively stated by Ellis O. Jones and Dr. John Haynes Jones Monday night. The open discussion proved to be lively in the extreme. It was evident that there was a strong preparedness sentiment especially among the men. Lawrence Hunt read an interesting letter from General Leonard Wood urging preparedness as a basis of righteous peace.

Miss W. Wackerman and Wm. Jasmagy, directors of the Queensboro Conservatory of Music, have made arrangements with several residents of Forest Hills Gardens to start the study of the violin and piano in the fall. Anyone desiring to make arrangements for instruction, which will be given at the student's residence or at the institute, can address the Queensboro Conservatory of Music, 30 Foxall Street, Brooklyn.

INN NOTES.

Mrs. Coolidge, son and daughter, are located at the Inn. Mrs. Coolidge is the sister of Mrs. W. R. Hurlburt of Forest Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. George O. Reddington have made their home at the Forest Hills Inn. Mrs. Reddington is the sister of Mrs. H. F. Ayres.

W. S. Hays of New York City is located at the Inn.

Mrs. A. M. Reager of Louisville, Ky., spent several days at the Inn with her brother, J. M. Marshall.

Wm. O. Laughna of Bridgeport, Conn., spent several days at the Inn with his daughter, Mrs. Keim.

Mr. Renfrew, Jr., of New York City spent the past week at the Inn with his parents.

J. N. Gibson of New York City is now living at the Inn.

A. R. Howard and E. H. Ellis of New York City are located at the Inn for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Cornell are living at the Inn.

Mrs. J. C. H. Tupper and her Companion, of New York City, are living at the Inn for the summer.

Ensign O. G. Berry of the U. S. N. spent the week end at the Inn with his parents.

Mrs. Cassie Parson has left the Inn and gone to Canada for the summer.

Mrs. Jos. McCoy and her daughter of St. Louis, Mo., are staying at the Inn.

Mrs. L. D. Clarke has come back to the Inn for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Robinson have left the Inn and after a two weeks' trip will return to their home in the Gardens.

Mrs. Rockwell and son have gone away for the summer. Mr. Rockwell will stay at the Inn.

WAR RELIEF WORK.

The War Relief of Forest Hills Gardens has made since April over 5,000 oakum pads and about 4,500 gauze compresses.

Owing to the generosity of the Women's Club which presented us with \$25 and to Mrs. Pope who gave a subscription dance in her home, raising \$15 besides the cake sale at which \$100 was cleared, due to Mrs. Latham Baker's successful management—we are able to meet all our debts, and will be able to start work in the fall anew.

Forest Hills has not only made a name for itself at the National Surgical Dressings Committee, where our work is sent to the trenches unopened (a privilege accorded but one other committee in the United States) but a group of women have gone in every Thursday for the past four weeks to the British War Relief at 45th Street and 5th Avenue and have shown them our system of oakum pad making. From there we have sent directly to the trenches 905 oakum pads.

Next Tuesday is the last meeting until August when we will resume the work.

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, June 17th—12 to 5 p. m. Sales Office. Second annual dog show by the Queensboro Kennel Club.

Monday, June 19th—8 p. m., at the residence of George S. Richards, Markwood Road. Address by Roy C. Schindler, "The Detection of Crime." Auspices Men's Club.

Wednesday, June 21st—1 to 6 p. m., Tea Garden. Flower Show. Auspices Gardens Chapter, Womans Club. Admittance 25c.

Tuesday June 27—8 p. m., Station Square. Mosquito Extermination meeting for the entire Borough. Addresses by experts. Moving Pictures. Public cordially invited.

Tuesday, July 4th—All day. Community Celebration. Admittance by badge.

BASEBALL GAME.

Saturday, June 3rd, 3:30 p. m. Montclair Athletic Club vs. Forest Hills.

MENS' CLUB.

The officers of the Men's Club for the coming year are as follows:

President, B. B. Kendrick; Vice-President, R. P. Kaighn; Secretary, S. E. Davenport, Jr.; Treasurer, J. J. Finnegan.

An extra meeting of the Club will be held at the home of Mr. George S. Richards, Markwood Road, on Monday evening, June 19. Roy C. Schindler, detective, will give a talk on "The Detection of Crime" and demonstrations of the detectograph. The "Waite Case," and other prominent cases will be spoken of and described.

Lyndon Burton, of Rockrose Place and a member of the Journeyman's Class, won a Queensboro gold medal for his wren box in the Eagle Bird House Competition which closed on June 10th. Any wren family brought up in Lyndon's house will be so proud that the rest of the birds might as well move away.

The box was simple in design but so well made that both Mr. Naughton and Miss Knevels felt pretty sure a prize was due him.

Two houses sold before a spade was put in the ground is a record for the Homes Company this week. Back of Mr. Warder's house, on Greenway South, Lawrence Abbott, Vice-President of the Outlook Pub. Co., will build, and on the Greenway South near Cranford Street, John A. Hopkins, of Barse & Hopkins, Publishers, has bought the so-called "prize house."

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.

Until further notice the services of the Church will be held in the Social Room while the new organ is being installed. It is planned to hold services regularly during the Summer, after June the Bible School and Church uniting.

The Children's Day exercises were much appreciated, a good congregation being present in spite of the rain. Flowers, birds and children, three of God's most beautiful works, made the place and service most attractive. Thanks are due to Mrs. Baker and her assistants.

The practice of giving to each baptized child of the Church a Bible after its seventh birthday was begun on Children's Day, the first recipient being Forry Harford Getz.

The portable chapel has been renamed the Victoria Congregational Church. It was rededicated Sunday afternoon, June 11th. The prayer of dedication was offered by Dr. Kent.

The following paragraph by F. Hopkinson Smith was quoted in a letter recently received by Dr. Kent from a lady who visited the church and greatly admired its beauty: "I have always believed that duty and beauty should ever go hand in hand in our churches. To me there is nothing too rich in tone, too luxurious in color, too exquisite in line for the House of God. Nothing that the brush of the painter can make glorious, the chisel of the sculptor beautify, or the T square of the architect ennoble can ever be out of place in the one building that we dedicate to the Creator of all beauty."

HOME DEFENSE LEAGUE.

The Police Committee of the Taxpayers' Association reports that there are 68 volunteers for the Home Defense League recorded with the police department from Forest Hills. Our homes being in one of the outlying sections of New York city would, in the event of a crisis, need a large number of special policemen to assure protection. Therefore, it is imperative that we have at least 100 men who will volunteer to train for this work, which requires only a small portion of their leisure time. Applications for the League can be obtained from the policemen at Station Square. All men are urgently requested to join.