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THE HOME OF F. E. SMITH

On the corner of Greenway South and Shorthill Road is the Colonial residence of Dr. F. E. Smith, proprietor of the "Chemist Shop," Station Square.

The house has nine rooms, three baths, sleeping porch and garage. The garage is attached to the house and the sleeping porch is over it. The arrangement of the garage offers a good solution of this problem on a corner lot, the entrance to the garage being on the end, is not visible from the street.

The walls are built of hollow tile faced with Tapestry brick, and the roof is variegated in mottled brown, harmonizing with the brick work.

The plan of the house is the "Colonial" type with the hall in the middle. There is a back stairs from the pantry to the landing below second floor.

The woodwork of the main rooms including the floors is stained dark warm colors, and the decorations are simple and refined.

The bedroom woodwork is painted cream white.

The house was designed by R. M. Farrington, architect.

INTELLIGENT SPRAYING

By Chalmers W. DePue

From experience I have learned that, to the ordinary householder, spraying for insects on his fruits and flowers is something which he does, not because he thoroughly understands the subject and knows why and for what he is working, but because some government bulletin or the literature of some spray manufacturer has told him he ought to do so. The usual routine is for the commuter to rush in to a seed store about four minutes before train time and holler, "Gimme something to spray my roses with"; he pays for it with one hand, grabs it with the other,

and goes on his way rejoicing. Right there is his mistake. He got "something" and nine times out of ten it is the wrong thing. The bugs thrive on it, increasing instead of decreasing, and the commuter becomes disgusted with the home garden and the seeming futility of everything connected therewith. A few simple essentials will help you greatly in your fight with these pests. Simply remember: There are three main kinds of troublesome insects:

First—Eating, which actually bite off the leaf or flower, as the case may be, and eat it. They leave holes on the spot where they work. You have seen those caterpillars, of all kinds and colors, which are eating your gardens and trees.

Second—Sucking, which by means of a long tube attached to their mouth, suck the juices from within the plant. A common example would be the green aphid on house plants.

Third—Scales, which also suck from within the plant, but which are covered with a thick hard scale, or shell. Look very closely on the bark of your apple or pear tree, for they are only the size of a pinhead.

Now as to remedies, here again there are three main kinds.

For the first class mentioned above get a spray which is a stomach poison, one which contains arsenic, being the one most commonly used. Bordeaux mixture, which contains arsenic, is also good.

For the second class get a contact poison. The most common generally contain nicotine or an extract of tobacco in some form.

For the third class get a stronger contact poison, such as lime-sulphur. Use only in the winter when the leaves are off the tree, as this is a strong spray and will injure any tender vegetation it may fall upon.

It would require pages to tell about insects and spraying in anything like a complete manner. This is only a brief summary, written with the hope that it may let a little light in on the subject, and help to a more intelligent enjoyment of your garden and its fruits.

Remember, first what you want to spray for, then buy the spray. Don't get your cart before your horse.

PRECAUTIONS

This community is taking every precaution possible to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis. Children under twelve years of age are being kept at their own homes, parents are taking the precaution of changing their clothes on return from the city, and all sanitary measures are being strictly enforced. There seems to be no need for over anxiety, but there is still need for using every precaution.

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SIDE LIGHTS ON THE MOSQUITO WAR

The other day we found a man trying to beat John Boroughs. By putting salt in a fresh water pond he was apparently anxious to change the brood to salt marsh mosquitos. Anyhow, the scheme was not effective in destroying mosquito breeding.

Another put a whole barrel of fuel oil on a little hole less than 20 feet across. This shows proper vengeance, but gross extravagance.

Still another concern put ten barrels of oil in a large salt water pond full of killi fish, with no mosquito breeding present.

Excellent reports of extermination in New Jersey have been received. In Union County a maximum of five mosquitos were taken in a single fifteen minute collection, in comparison with our 67 in the same time. In many collections but one or two were taken.

Sections of Bergen County are practically mosquitoless, notwithstanding the proximity of 8,000 acres of salt marsh. Here the whole work of extermination in 265 square miles, with 30,000 homes, 1,000 indexed mosquito breeding places, is done by thirteen inspectors and an appropriation of \$18,000 per annum.

In the last publication of "The Mosquito Exterminator," edited by the New Jersey Experimental Station, exception is made to the claims of one of the editors of the New York Evening Post, that the mosquitos infesting New York are of Jersey birth. The State Entomologist says that thousands of people from Hackensack to Atlantic City are occupying their unscreened porches every pleasant evening without being troubled by mosquitos and better still, occupying their sleeping rooms without disturbance.

GOLDBERG'S PLACE CLEANED UP.

On inspection, August 2nd, every one of the items in the last Bulletin concerning our neighboring pest hole had been carried into effect. It took a long time to impress the owner that we meant business. Now one can walk over clean earth fills where once he was in danger of disappearing in the mire.

To the residents of Forest Hills who have not yet contributed to the present campaign let it be impressed that the funds are *not* being used merely to pay a laborer to go around tipping over rain barrels. That is a small matter. We want funds to finance a borough-wide enterprise to set in motion political and civic forces which will demand the prompt and thorough enforcement of Section 272 of the Health Code by a larger and better equipped corps of inspectors, or the introduction of such new methods and legislation as will result in a wholesale elimination of the mosquito pest.

A REAL MOSQUITO PROBLEM

By Inspector M. J. Folsenbee

While the last issue of the Bulletin was on the press an enormous brood of salt marsh mosquitos got on the wing from the meadows on the south shore of Long Island. Thus, when the Bulletin reported but a few mosquitos, the people were being greatly bothered by the pest. The daily papers, however, were kept posted as to the cause of the trouble, and so only a few people called for an explanation of the statement. But few complaints have been received that mosquitos are coming into the houses at night, but outside they are pretty bad, and they will be felt now until cool weather begins.

When the work of extermination was started a year ago, the city authorities promised that the salt marsh problems would be solved and the only thing remaining to make this territory mosquitoless would be the elimination of the fresh water breeding places. Here is a summary of the night collection made on August 3rd by the Inspector: Total mosquitos taken in 40 minutes in three separate standard locations occupied on previous collections, 156. Salt marsh specie 152, fresh water 4. This result was checked by the New Jersey State Entomologist. Not a single fresh water mosquito was taken at Greenway Terraces, nor on Gown street, but the total number of salt water mosquitos taken in these collections was 108. There was not a single culex pipien, or house mosquito, taken in this entire collection. It is needless to show further how well the committee has fulfilled its promise.

The Forest Hills people understand the situation, but the old Borough of Queens is fast asleep. The worst of it is that the majority of the people in the Borough believe that mosquitos are a necessary evil. They forget that the Board of Health has power to enforce Section 272 of the Sanitary Code which makes it a violation for a property owner to maintain a mosquito-breeding place and they are too timid to demand such enforcement. On the other hand there are only seven health inspectors for the Borough of Queens, whereas in order to prevent mosquito-breeding even after the meadows are all drained it will require at least seven more between June 15th and September 15th. At present every health official is busy on the poliomyelitis campaign.

The work on Jamaica Bay meadows is progressing very well. More than a million feet of ditches, one-quarter of the contract, is completed.

By the time this issue is in the hands of the readers orders will have been served by the Health Board on property owners of the Flushing Bay Meadows to begin draining. We hope to get this work well under way in the near future.

PLAYGROUND NOTES.

While the children are confined in their yards, the playground activities will be carried on by games of contest through the mail. Letters have been sent to the children to this effect, and of anyone has been neglected, kindly send the name in to Anne R. Smith, Play Leader, Forest Hills Inn.

The tower of the Inn is being retiled.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sheahan are spending two weeks at Asbury Park.

Mrs. George Fancy, has gone to Pieton, Nova Scotia, to visit her son.

The Girl Scouts cleared \$13.00 from their refreshment stand at the ball game.

The Jackson Orphan School Band gave a concert at the Inn on Saturday evening.

It is worth a climb to the tower of the Church-in-the-Gardens to see the new chimes.

Mrs. Benj. J. Halsey and children are on a farm near Paterson, N. J., for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McCulloch and children returned this week from a month's visit in Canada.

The Agricultural Society for Queens and Nassau will hold a big County Fair at Mineola, September 26th to 30th.

Donations for the playground fund may be sent to Mrs. Homer Croy, at her summer address, Ringville, Mass., until October 1st.

Edw. Dowling, who has been the chauffeur for the Homes Company for the past five years, has taken a position with the Continental Avenue Garage Co.

Many of our residents attended the big tennis matches last week at the West Side courts. There seems to be general satisfaction that the East won from the West.

The greenhouses in Forest Park have recently added the Thompson collection of rare crotons which won several awards and attracted wide notice at the International Flower Show held at Grand Central Palace last winter.

Little Catherine Close, who has been ill with poliomyelitis, has had a mild form of the disease and all symptoms of paralysis have, as this is written, disappeared. Her early recovery is confidently expected and hoped for.

Work on the Queens tunnel under the East River, from Queensboro Bridge Plaza to 60th street, Manhattan, has again been postponed awaiting an easement allowing the tunnel to run under a strip of land recently acquired by the State for barge terminal purposes.

The welcome announcement is made that on September 1st the Queensboro subway will be completed to Grand Central Station, there to connect with the Interborough subway system. Full transfer privileges will prevail. It is also announced that the Second Avenue "L" trains will be running across the Queensboro bridge to Bridge Plaza Station by November 1st.

ELIZABETH CHALMERS.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Dr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Chalmers because of the death of their little daughter Elizabeth. She was taken suddenly ill with the most virulent form of poliomyelitis and died on Tuesday, August 1st, after but three days' illness.

THE INN

Mrs. J. A. McLochin, her daughter and little Miss Mary, will spend the balance of the summer at the Inn.

Misses Genung and Smith have returned to the Inn for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith and daughters, Misses Helen and Betty Jane, are once more at the Inn. They motored from their home in Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. Smith reports many of the roads in bad condition.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Howe and daughter are once more at the Inn, where they expect to spend the balance of the summer. Miss Howe's skill as a pianist makes her a popular guest.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Taylor are at the Inn for a few weeks. Mr. Taylor is an officer of the United Fruit Co., and they have been spending some time in the tropics.

Col. Gilmore, who was Lieutenant Colonel during the Spanish-American War, has joined the family at the Inn.

Mrs. M. S. Pohlemus has returned to the Inn.

NEW ARRIVALS

A daughter, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peters, Jr., 114 Greenyar North, on July 27th.

A son, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Fryer, 39 Ingram street, on July 31st.

Suzanne Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fuller, at the home of H. W. Hillman, 47 Markwood Road, August 6th.

POLICE PROTECTION

In the near future the Police Committee of the Taxpayers' Association will distribute a card on which will be printed the telephone numbers of the Police Booths at the Station Square and at Union Turnpike and Queens Boulevard. This card should be attached to the transmitter of your telephone so that it will always be in plain sight. You are requested to make use of this information to assist the Police Department by reporting any suspicious looking persons seen about town. Further you are especially requested to notify the Police Department if you intend leaving town for any length of time, by writing or telephoning to Capt. Place, 277th Precinct, Elmhurst, New York City, stating that you intend closing your house for a certain period. The police officer on this post will then be instructed to watch your house during your absence. Whenever you intend leaving your house without the protection of a member of your household, if this is only for a few hours, notify the police booth at the Station Square so that he may visit your house at intervals during your absence.

Telephones—Station Square Booth, 6329 Forest Hills. Union Turnpike Booth, 464 Richmond Hill.

WOMEN VS. MEN

The annual Labor Day baseball game at the Gardens Club grounds between the men and the women will be a big event this year. The official handicapper announces that the men will be more completely handicapped and hobbled than formerly and that it will be open season for umpire baiting. Mr. Warren has sent out an S O S call for women players and will be glad to have volunteers send in their names.

SOMEBODY FORGOT

The sale of railroad tickets at the local office on the first of the month did not show the gain expected. To be sure, there was a gain of about \$400 over the same month last year, but that is only about the normal increase to be expected from the growing population. Some careless resident forgot and bought his ticket at the New York terminal!

SCOUTS READING

The list of books from which the Girl Scouts are to choose their reading in the contest during the summer and fall:

Treasure Island, Water Babies, Janice Meredith, Hon. Peter Sterling, Careers of Danger and Daring, Leather Stocking Tales, Pilgrims' Progress, Jungle Book, Lorna Doone, The Virginian, John Halifax, Gentleman; The Crisis, Richard Carvel, Freckles, The Harvester, Michael Halloran, Melody, Captain January, Patsy, Robinson Crusoe, Adventures of Robin Hood, Huckleberry Finn, Tom Sawyer, Alice in Wonderland, Through the Looking Glass, The Life of Alice Freeman Palmer.

Copies of these books are solicited for the Scout Library from friends who may be interested. Books will be called for if notice is sent to Mrs. Norman B. Baker.

DR. TANNENBAUM'S ADDRESS

Dr. Simon Tannenbaum, Health Officer for the Borough of Queens, spoke at a meeting held by the Taxpayers' Association in the social room of the Church-in-the-Gardens on Monday night. He reviewed the history of poliomyelitis and explained in detail the methods taken by the Health Department in preventing its spread insofar as possible. In the matter of home quarantine, he explained that a period of eight weeks is required for the sick child and its attendant, and where there are other children in the home, a further period of two weeks to determine whether the infection has spread to them. Where children have been exposed to infection the period of isolation is two weeks. He called special attention to the danger of infection being spread from abortive cases where the paralysis symptoms do not occur. It was reassuring to have him cite figures to indicate that danger of infection is much less than is usually supposed. He approved the methods of precaution now being applied in Forest Hills and further urged the use of a mild salt solution for cleansing the nose and throat of all children.

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. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Evensong at 5 P. M. St. Luke's Chapel, Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.

Church-in-the-Gardens — Sunday mornings. Combined church and Sunday school service at 11 A. M. Prayer meeting Thursdays at 8 P. M. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

Church of Forest Hills (und denominational) — 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.

SALES.

The brick house on Russell Place, now in process of erection, has been sold to Robert B. Luckey, Assistant Treasurer of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Mr. Luckey expects to take possession about November 1st. !

Mr. Stephen L. Coles, Electrical Engineer and Expert, has bought the house at the east end of the brick group in Ascan avenue. With the purchase last week of one of the interior houses in this group by Mathe Hasselriis, this entire group has been sold.

The house on Greenway Terrace lately occupied by C. C. Miller has been rented to James Garretson, of Garden City.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Issued by the Forest Hills Taxpayers' Association

Now that we have had Infantile Paralysis in our own community, we must be equally careful to guard against panic on the one hand, and any trace of carelessness on the other.

After consultation with the authorities of the Department of Health, the Taxpayers' Association urges a strict adherence to the following precautions:

Parents, on returning from the city, particularly fathers returning from their business, should not touch their children, or allow their children to come in contact with them, until they have changed their clothes and bathed. The discarded clothes should be placed where the children could not by any possibility come into contact with them.

Children under 12 years of age should be kept strictly at home and should not be allowed to play with children other than their own brothers or sisters. They should not even accompany their parents on walks or errands about town.

Miss Ann Smith, the Play Director, employed by the Forest Hills Women's Club, who, aside from her recreational training, has been a special student in Hygiene at the Teachers' College, under Dr. Wood, the Physical Director, is for the remainder of the season to devote her time to help the parents of Forest Hills to enforce these precautions with the minimum sacrifice to the children's pleasure.

Parents may call upon Miss Smith, who lives at the Forest Hills Inn, for advice and aid in protecting their children from danger during the present epidemic.

Aside from these precautions, those included in the article already published in the Bulletin, and distributed as a circular, should be adhered to even more rigidly, and certain others should be added:

1. Do not let your children come into contact with tradespeople.
2. Do not permit your children to eat uncooked fruit or vegetables.
3. Do not let your children harbor or play with any stray cats or dogs.
4. Mothers should keep away from congested districts of the city.
5. New garments should not be worn by children until they have been boiled or disinfected.
6. Swat the fly. Keep your garbage covered, or, if possible, burn it. Keep your garbage receptacles and the space around them scrupulously clean. In short, observe the utmost cleanliness both of person and home.
7. Since the premonitory symptoms of the disease are those common to all the milder forms of infection, send for your physician early if your child is not well.
8. See that your servants observe these precautions.