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HOME OF PHILLIP HOOPER.

On Greenway South and Cranford Street, is the attractive home of Mr. Hooper pictured above. Designed and planned by Grosvenor Atterbury, Architect, it possesses rather unusual features. As it is primarily the workshop of Mrs. Hooper, who is well known as a poster designer, the house was planned with a studio and living room on the ground floor, from which a tile loggia leads to the pretty garden and bird bath in the rear.

On the second floor is the owner's apartment, consisting of a sitting room, bed room and private bath, with a guest room, two servants rooms and bath additional.

The entire third floor was laid out as a billiard room. The Homes Company was the builder.

TENNIS MATCHES.

The residents of the Gardens have been well represented in the attendance at the National Patriotic Singles Tournament at the West Side Tennis Club during the past week. This tournament was held this year in place of the usual annual championship matches. About the only difference was that the results were not to be used as a basis for ranking the players, the proceeds going to the fund raised by the various matches being held at most of the tennis clubs throughout the country for the Red Cross Society Ambulance Fund. Some of the tennis stars of the country took part in the tournament—Williams, Griffen, Behr, Murray, Mathey, Niles—and their duties in the service of the country have not taken off any of the sharpness of their service or game on the courts. The matches did not draw as big an attendance as in former years, but the club anticipated this and did not provide as many seats; the stands they did provide, however, were filled at every match. We missed the few stars who found it impossible to get away from their governmental duties—McLoughlin, Church and Bundy—and our friend of last year, the Jap star. One of the specially interesting features were the games played by Miss Bjurstedt and Miss Brown.

THE LAWN.

Watering the lawns—Most of our lawns are suffering from the long hot, dry spell. Water should be artificially supplied to prevent them from being seriously injured from lack of moisture. Water freely late in the afternoon, or better still, at night; if done in the hot sun it will evaporate quickly and will probably form a crust and at least half its value will be lost. A light sprinkling is valueless; it only freshens up the grass temporarily and is often harmful. It will tend to bring the roots to the surface for the water; this makes the grass more susceptible to injury and causes it to burn up with the next hot sun. Your lawn should be saturated to a depth of at least four inches. After you have watered for what you consider a long enough time, dig down with a knife and you will often be surprised to find to what a little depth the water has reached. Do not let the water run on the grass without a sprinkler attached to your hose, as this will wash the soil from the roots of the grass. Nozzles which throw a small stream for a long distance should be avoided for the same reason. There are many good lawn sprinklers on the market; the ring sprinkler is a good one, as it distributes the water evenly, like rain. Light dressings of artificial manure are beneficial at this time and will be found not only to keep the turf in good color but also in health. Nitrogenous manures tend to encourage grass; phosphatic manures tend to encourage clover. Highly soluble manures should not be used on sandy soil; they will dissolve with the first rain and be washed out of reach of the roots of the grass.

Crab or September Grass—Many lawns at this season of the year are badly infested with this annual, tender, surface rooting plant. As this plant is an annual it will die with the first frost and if it is not allowed to ripen its seed it cannot reproduce itself. Therefore keep your lawns closely mowed. To pluck out this plant is a tedious job and it is better to prevent the seeds from falling now by mowing. Strengthen your lawns in the spring and produce a dense and close turf which will exclude blown seeds from adjoining lots and tend to make it difficult for them to find a lodgment in the turf. In this way your lawn can be kept practically free from this weed.

THE GARDENS CLUB.

The Gardens Club tennis team, composed of Burt, Mecabe, Warder and Kirchwey, defeated Bayside three matches to one on August 19th. The team now leads the league.

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Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 27 Greenway Terrace, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.

"SMOKE" BENEFIT AND DANCE.

A few gentlemen of the community have organized to promote a benefit entertainment and dance for the SUN TOBACCO FUND to be given on the evening of August 30th, 1917, at the Forest Hills Inn.

Have you heard about the SUN TOBACCO FUND? If so, you are undoubtedly in direct sympathy with this generous and patriotic endeavor to keep our gallant soldiers in France supplied with a reasonable amount of tobacco—in the words of Ervin Wardman, Publisher of the Sun, "Not only to give them the comfort of a smoke, but to remind them that they have not been forgotten at home."

Only an outline of the program can be given at this time. By the courtesy of B. A. Rolfe, of Greenway Terraces, General Manager of the Metro Pictures Corporation, and through an arrangements with the Garden Theatre, of Richmond Hill, "The Slacker," written and directed by Mr. Cabanne, of Shorthill Road, will be given a special showing. This motion picture holds unusual interest for people of the Gardens, for besides having been directed and produced by resident men, it contains not a few picturesque reproductions of local scenes. An additional occasion of interest lies in its presentation of glimpses of the now defunct Forest Hills Rifle Corps.

Also motion pictures of the Fourth of July Celebration will be exhibited. Those who found such pleasure in the dancing of Chalif's talented pupils, the stirring scenes of the Masque of Liberty, and the characteristic effort of Colonel Roosevelt cannot but be charmed at the prospects of rekindling the enthusiasm which marked the most notable celebration of the Fourth ever held in the Gardens.

A vivid description of life in the trenches and an idea of the comfort that those on the fighting line derive from tobacco, will be given by a soldier on furlough from the front. Edward H. Conway will read "The Old Dudeen," from the "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man." This splendidly appropriate poem would seem to have been written for just such an occasion as this.

The entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock and consume two hours' time, leaving the balance of the evening for dancing.

Funds will be collected by ten young ladies of the community who will solicit contributions from the audience. Those making contributions will be "tagged" and only those so "tagged" will be eligible to participate in the dance. EVERY CENT contributed will be forwarded to the Sun for inclusion in the TOBACCO FUND.

The major portion of the program has been voluntarily contributed. The incidental expenses which are unavoidable will be disbursed by a few public-spirited gentlemen, who welcome the opportunity to do something of this kind as a very small measure of their "bit."

It is hoped that the contributions will amount to at least \$1.00 per person. Judged by theatrical standards alone, not to mention the local and patriotic aspects, the evening ought to be well worth that. Some few contributions have already been received from those who heard of the affair before this announcement. There is no objection to this policy and such contributions will gladly be received up to the night of the entertainment. Acknowledgement and the proper tags will be forwarded to those making contributions in this manner.

More definite announcements can be made later. The Sun has given its official approval of the plan, and is working in close co-operation with the local committee.

In all the affair should prove one of the most enjoyable ever given in Forest Hills Gardens. Not only because of the real merit of the programme but also for the direct aid it will render to the SUN TOBACCO FUND for our soldiers in France, and for the splendid example it will furnish to others.

Those desiring the best seats would do well to arrive early as a patriotic affair of this sort is bound to tax the capacity of the ballroom at the Inn.

The following comprise the committee on arrangements: J. M. Demarest, B. A. Rolfe, E. H. Conway, I. P. McGahie.

NAVY LEAGUE UNIT NO. 67.

A meeting of Navy League Unit No. 67 was held at the residence of Mrs. Richard Harris, Underwood Road, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. At this meeting a report was made of the work done by the Unit since May 22d. The following articles have been sent for our sailor boys:—33 sweaters, 38 mufflers, 15 pairs of wristlets, 1 helmet. During the past week a call was received from the Navy Department for a large number of khaki-colored sweaters for the marines to be delivered in two weeks. So far the members have responded with the promise of eight sweaters. For some time past wool has been supplied through voluntary contributions. The Unit is now in need of funds and contributions are earnestly requested. The next meeting will shortly be announced. Women of Forest Hills are cordially invited to join in this much needed work. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Perry R. Getz, 60 Olive Place, or Mrs. Richard Harris, 24 Underwood Road, from either of whom information may be obtained.

THE INN.

The Inn is keeping pace with other hotels, numbering two war brides among its guests within the last few weeks. Miss Bonnie Henkle and Mr. George A. Einstein, both of whom have been guests of the Inn for several years, were married at Greenwich, Conn., on July 11th, in the presence of the bride's father and a few of the guests from the Inn. On Saturday, August 11th, Mr. and Mrs. Einstein gave an announcement dinner, which proved to be a most charming affair. Twenty-one guests were seated at the table, which was arranged around the fountain in the dining room of the Inn, the flower decorations being maidenhair fern and pink and white sweet peas. The dinner was quite an elaborate one, followed by speeches, songs and much merry-making, after which the party joined the regular Saturday night dance in the drawing room. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lewin Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Gayness, Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Spaeth, Mr. and Mrs. Winship, Dr. and Mrs. Gallant, Mr. and Mrs. McClenaghan, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Murtch Mr. Robinson, Major Ardery, Miss Florence Cochran, and Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Collins. Mr. and Mrs. Einstein are continuing their residence at the Inn, although Mr. Einstein is awaiting orders to sail for France.

Miss Elfreda Koemmerich and Mr. Robert J. Collin were married on Friday, August 17th, at Long Island City, and gave a delightful dinner on Saturday evening to ten of their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Collin are leaving next week for a honeymoon in the White Mountains and will then sail for Helsingborg, Sweden, the home of Mr. Collin's parents. It is probable that on their return they will take up a permanent residence at the Inn. The sister of the bride, Miss S. Koemmerich, will remain at the Inn for the balance of the summer.

R. R. Whitman, who has recently bought the New York Commercial, one of the most popular and reliable newspapers in New York, has been stopping at the Inn for some time past and was joined on Monday last by his daughter, who is participating in the Tennis Tournament at the West Side Club this week. Miss Whitman will be under the chaperonage of Mrs. P. H. Magrane during her stay at the Inn.

J. E. Jopling, of Marquette, Mich., has joined his family, who have been at the Inn since early in the summer. He is so pleased with his visit here that the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Jopling and their mother, Mrs. Mather, has been postponed until early next month.

E. C. Wilson has recently joined his wife at the Inn and we hope will remain for some time. Mr. Wilson has been with the Ambulance Corps in France for the past year and a half, while Mrs. Wilson devoted her time to nursing in one of the most important hospitals outside of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gosselin, of Europe and New York, are among the early fall arrivals at the Inn.

Miss Harriett Dowlan, of Los Angeles, Cal., has recently joined her mother and father, who have been guests at the Inn for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parks, of Columbus, Ga., are stopping at the Inn, having come to visit their daughter, Mrs. Harold Daniels, of the Gardens.

Miss M. L. Nutting, J. J. Heard, Mr. and Mrs. Felix McCosker, Mrs. Carl Eirich, Mrs. W. Slade, Mr. Slade, Henry Cape, Jr., and W. Baylis are among the latest arrivals.

Miss Martha Williams spent the week-end with her father at Rockaway.

Master Dan Morse, of New York, is visiting friends at the Inn.

GENERAL NEWS.

Mrs. W. J. Kennedy and children, of Patterson, N. J., are visiting the family of her brother, Frederick E. Smith, 15 Greenway South.

Miss Helen Smith, who has been in Lasell Seminary, Avondale, Mass., for the past two or three years, has been attending a reunion of her class at Madison, N. J.

Miss Blanche Taylor and Miss Catherine Innes, of Cincinnati, were guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. George C. LeBlanc, of Puritan Avenue.

Theodore Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barrett, 200 Puritan Avenue, who has been teaching in the School of Mines, Cleveland, O., has received his commission as Second Lieutenant in the Engineers' Reserve Corps. He

has received an order from Washington, and expects to go there for three months' training in the Engineers' Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. McGahie spent the week-end with friends at Lake Mahopac, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Litt, of Groton Street, left on Saturday last by way of the Fall River Line for Rockland Beach, Me., for a stay of three weeks.

The McClures, who have been living at 338 Burns Street, have moved to Scardale, N. Y. O. L. Grever and family, of Montclair, N. J., will occupy this house after September 1st.

C. W. Irwin has rented the Stickel house, 26 Ingram Street, and A. E. Buchanan, the house at 52 Slocum Crescent, formerly occupied by F. S. Roeschlaub and family.

Dr. A. G. Lansing will be away from his office in the Square until September 5th.

Edward H. Bouton, President of the Roland Park-Guilford Company, also President of the company developing the property controlled by the Bethlehem Steel Company at Sparrows Point, and who was formerly Vice-President and General Manager of the Homes Company, spent Monday, the 20th, in the Gardens.

J. Capen Eames, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Eames, 45 Summer Street, who has been in the Officers' Training Camp, Plattsburg, N. Y., as a member of the Field Artillery, New York Division, is one of the successful candidates gaining a commission. He has been home for ten days on furlough.

Edward H. Mays has returned from his visit to Camp Dudley, where he had a good time with the boys in camp there. Mrs. Mays and children have also returned from their visit to Great Barrington, Mass., where they were visiting Mrs. Mays' father.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson Pope are enjoying a motor trip through New England.

Ernest M. Bristol is spending his vacation in camp at Mt. Tom Lake, near Litchfield, Conn.

The August number of "The Playground" has an article by Miss Anne Smith, the local playleader, on "Playing by Mail."

The members of the Gardens Club will be glad to know that the paving of Ascan Avenue has been completed to the north side of Metropolitan Avenue.

The new house at the corner of Ascan Avenue and Seasongood Road has been sold and will soon be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hupp and family, who have been living in Kew Gardens.

William R. Bell, E. H. Moir and Harvey T. Warren, all of Forest Hills, have received appointments to the second Officers' Training Camp at Plattsburg, starting today.

THE GARDEN STROLLERS.

On August 13th the Garden Strollers' program was carried out as planned and Mrs. Dietsche's, Mrs. Hooper's, Mrs. Fancy's, Mrs. Rea's, Mrs. Moore's, Mrs. Fullan's, Miss Miller's, and Mr. Nelcamp's gardens were inspected. Miss R. Smith, District Organizer of the Food Aid Committee, spoke on the Committee's work and asked for help and suggestions. About fifteen ladies were present at Mrs. LeBlanc's to hear her, and Mrs. LeBlanc and Mrs. McGahie served much appreciated iced tea.

The next stroll will be again from the Sales Office of the Homes Company, as the hostess of the afternoon on the North Side, owing to illness in the family, has had to withdraw her invitation. Mrs. Mays has offered to act as hostess for the afternoon. Because of this fact the itinerary for August 27th will include Mr. McGahie's, Mr. Conway's, Dr. Lendle's, Mr. Colton's, and Mr. Wessman's gardens. The Flower Shop, and Mrs. Hirshorn's and Mrs. Mays' gardens will be inspected on the way to Mrs. Mays'.

COMING EVENTS.

Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, 27 Greenway Terraces. 'Phone Forest Hills 6200.

First and Third Tuesdays of each month. Arcanum Hall, Elmhurst. Meeting of Forest Hills Lodge of Masons.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 A. M. Sales Office. Meeting of War Relief Committee. Women of the community cordially invited.

Wednesdays at 8 P. M.—Continental Avenue, near the Inn. Forest Hills Battery drill.

Monday, August 27th—Garden Observation Stroll. Rendezvous, Sales Office of the Homes Company, 2.30 P. M. All interested are invited.

Thursday, August 30th, 8 P. M., at the Inn—Benefit entertainment for the Sun Tobacco Fund. Admission free. Contributions solicited.

PLAYGROUND NOTES.

On Monday, August 13th, a group of children under the chaperonage of the Playleader and Mrs. Low spent the day at Long Beach. Through the kindness of the Homes Company the children traveled safely by motor, and a jolly day was spent on the sand. The group consisted of the following children:

Susan Daniels, Eleanor Rountree, Marjory Hirshon, Joseph Delany, Frank McGirr, Paul Hirshon, Maurice Mayer, Robert and Richard Fancy, Boston and Lawrence Hunt, Billy Colton and little friend and Frank Deen Low.

In the last weeks the playground has received gifts of games from Mrs. Low, of the Inn; Mrs. Luneborg and a playmate. These add greatly to our supply of quiet games which have been a popular form of play during the hot weather.

GIRL SCOUTS.

The Girl Scouts have returned from their two weeks' stay at the Scout Camp on Bear Mountain and report having had a wonderful time.

The Girl Scouts are asked to report at the Sales Office of the Homes Company on Monday mornings, at 9 o'clock, for War Relief work.

MOSQUITOES AND FLIES.

The residents of Forest Hills are urged to take in the garbage and ash cans as soon as they are emptied. A failure to do so not only attracts flies, but also is a violation of the Sanitary Code. A little care in this matter will help make the fly nuisance less.

Also, all arcaways and open drains around the house should be cleaned out. See that the gutters are not stopped up, for they may be breeding the mosquitoes that are troubling you most. *If a few drops of kerosene or fuel oil are put in each drain, all possibility of breeding would be eliminated.* None of the species of mosquitoes in New Jersey and Long Island with the exception of the three migratory salt marsh species (A. Sollicitans, A. Cantator, and A. Toeniorhynchus) can compare with the house mosquito in injurious power. It is everywhere about human habitations. It breeds in large numbers, wherever the water stands long enough. It penetrates our screens and attacks us in our sleep. *Every little bit counts—so do yours now.*

W. H. DUMONT, Inspector.

ST. LUKE'S MISSION.

The Vicar, Rev. Dr. Nichols, sailed on August 8th by the S. S. "Caracus" for Puerto Rico, where he will spend his vacation. For a number of years Dr. Nichols was Archdeacon of this Province and has many friends here. A letter from him this week announced his safe arrival, although they encountered a terrific hurricane en route.

The regular services are being held in the Chapel every Sunday. Holy Communion at 8 A. M., Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 A. M. The Rev. F. C. Stevens, of Grace Church, Jamaica, takes the early communion, while Morning Prayer and sermon, at 11 o'clock, are taken by George Sherman Richards, who is spending the summer at the Inn. On Sunday, August 26th, Mr. Richards will repeat, by request, the sermon on the Lord's Prayer, which he delivered last year at the Chapel.

The following interesting letter has been received from Miss Elsie Jessup, who is on active duty in Military Hospital No. 76, in France. She asks that the Bulletin publish it so that it may reach all of her friends and pupils in the Gardens. This letter was undoubtedly written before Miss Jessup received the notice that her "god son" was to have a real artificial leg, the money for which has been sent her by Miss Maida Birmingham, and consisted of the contributions made to the "Italians" who "passed the hat" through the Gardens three or four weeks ago. We shall probably hear from Miss Jessup again.

Dear Friends and Pupils, also Neighbors:

As I have so little time for letters I have asked to have this inserted in the Bulletin so that I might send a few greetings to you all at once, and thereby save neglecting anyone.

Our hospital here contains about 300 beds, all for "grand blesses"—or badly wounded men. The ambulances go out from the hospital about 11 o'clock at night to a little place some fifteen kilometres away and get the men from the hospital trains. They only do this about once in ten days, and when they do three nurses generally go along, too, and have an impromptu "buffet" for the less seriously wounded men who are passing through on the hospital trains. The ambulances are generally finished collecting the "blesses" by 2 A. M., and then all the staff—both day and night nurses—"get together" and cut off torn and bloody uniforms, give baths, and give the poor men nourishment, making them as comfortable as possible—and then snatch an hour's sleep.

The patients call us all "Mees," their idea of pronouncing "Miss," and we fortunate ones who can speak French are deluged with questions, such as, "Is it true that in America the red skins kill the people in California?" One old chap said to me one day, "How lucky you are to speak so many languages, Mees; you speak English, American and French." He seemed quite surprised to learn that English and American were the same.

I have adopted a "Fillene" (or "god son"), a tall lad of 21, whose right leg has been amputated above the knee. The other day was his 21st birthday, so I had some cake and a cigarette case for him, and he was as pleased as a king. The poor boy has no people of his own at all, and as I am getting him an artificial leg, he seems to feel that I am his entire family and follows me around on his crutches, waiting for a chance to help me fold a blanket or shake up a pillow. He told one of the other nurses today, "When my marraine (god mother) goes to America, I go too, to work for her with my new leg." So you may see me appearing with a fully grown son with a wooden leg.

The whole atmosphere here among the patients is one of happiness. When entering the ward in the morning most of the patients will greet us with "Bon jour, Mees, avez vous bien dormie?" They adore having us take time to shake hands, both on going on duty and going off, but naturally we do not often have time to spare.

The ward I work in has 90 beds, and we are five nurses, so you see we are pretty busy.

I hear that Forest Hills is doing splendid work for the Red Cross, and I was so glad, but not at all surprised. We've all got to do our "bit," and although making dressings is not as exciting as nursing, still it is every bit as important.

With best wishes for everyone,

Sincerely,

ELSIE M. JESSUP.