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AN ATTRACTIVE COLONIAL HOUSE.

Featured above is the home of the Lyman Beecher House, located on the corner of Greenway South and Union Turnpike. Simple in its lines and details, it is withal a good example of the Colonial architecture of early New England days. The planting and approaches are well studied and form a pleasing setting to the white trim and stucco facing of the house. Peabody, Wilson & Brown were the Architects.

SKATING.

Great rejoicing has been in evidence by the prospect of fine skating on the Tennis Courts at the Inn. All that is needed now to make an excellent skating rink of considerable size is freezing weather. Because of the exceeding popularity of this healthful sport this winter and the advantage which has already been taken of the availability of the ice by other than residents of the Gardens, it has been found necessary to adopt a little formality as to admission. Cards entitling the holder to the privilege of the ice will be issued at the desk at the Inn to all residents of the Gardens and their guests.

Skating at night has been taken care of by the installation of proper illumination. If Jack Frost is exceedingly generous and provides good ice, the rumors of "A Grand Ice Carnival" will probably develop into a reality.

As an experiment, hockey will be permitted on a certain portion of the ice between the hours of 8.30 and 9.30 A. M., and 12.30 and 1.30 P. M., weekdays; and on Sundays 8.30 to 9.30 A. M., and 1 to 2 P. M.

A portion of the ice will be reserved (under the supervision of Miss Anne Smith, the playleader) for the use of the small children on weekdays; but on Sundays only between the hours of 2 and 4 P. M.

INSPECTOR DILLON TO SPEAK.

Police Commissioner Woods has found it necessary to cancel his engagement to speak at the Taxpayers' meeting on the 30th, and has designated Acting Chief Inspector Dillon to represent him. Inspector Dillon will speak on "Police Work and Methods in Reference to Suburban Communities." He will be accompanied by two officers in charge of finger printing and of jiu jitsu as practiced in the Police Department, who will give demonstrations of their work.

THE SCHOOL SITUATION.

President Stowe and certain members of the Forest Hills Taxpayer's School Committee, together with Commissioners Suydam and Wessmann recently appeared before the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education to urge that better school accommodations be provided for Forest Hills and Forest Hills Gardens, the present buildings being entirely unsuitable for school purposes.

The attention of the Committee was called to a recommendation made by Associate City Superintendent Shallow on December 11th, 1916, and approved by the Board of Superintendents on December 28th, 1916, that the site owned by the City on Livingston street be improved at the earliest time possible by erecting thereon a twelve or thirteen unit building with kitchen, workshop, kindergarten and auditorium. After due consideration it was ordered "that the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee of Seven with the statement that the Committee on Buildings approves of a new school building in accordance with the recommendation above referred to and it requests that provision for this be made in the next application to be forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for funds for new buildings."

On January 11th the Board of Superintendents decided to recommend that Schools Nos. 3, 101 and 99 be made into one organization and that a Head of Department, who will not have to teach, be placed in charge. The three schools referred to are those housed in portable buildings in Forest Hills, Forest Hill's Gardens and Kew Gardens. If this becomes effective a great improvement in the school work should result.

The Committee on Schools recently submitted to Officials of the Board of Education a thorough survey of the Heating and Ventilating Plant at School No. 101, in the Gardens. The matter is receiving attention and some of the changes suggested will probably be made. The more important changes may be considered impossible on account of cost, which serves to emphasize the importance of our continuing to work for permanent buildings.

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SCOUTS IN WAR RELIEF.

A joint meeting of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Forest Hills North and Forest Hills Gardens was held at the Sales Office on Friday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to enlist the services of the Boy Scouts in the work of the local War Relief Committee, already a part of the Girl Scout activities. The meeting was addressed by Lyman Beecher Stowe, a member of the National Boy Scout Council, who told of the origin of the Boy Scout movement, its National development, and its relation to the present world war. Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, Secretary of the War Relief Committee, spoke of the cooperation of the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in the war relief work carried on by the women of Forest Hills. The work so far done by the Girl Scouts has increased the output of the large oakum pads from 250 to 350 weekly, and by the additional help of the Boy Scouts, in cutting the heavy cloth backs, the women hope to increase the output to 500. Mrs. Jacobs also called attention to the great need of small pillows for use in the hospitals and ambulances. These pillows are made of any strong material 10 by 14 inches, and stuffed with rags, old cotton or excelsior. She asked the Scouts to begin and carry out the campaign to make 5000 pillows in Forest Hills—ten in each of the 500 houses; that the scouts go to every home and ask for 10 pillows.

The Scouts are to arrange an Army Hut Night, when the Sales Office will be dressed up like a Y. M. C. A. Army Hut behind the lines in the war zone. They will plan their own entertainment, for which a small admission will be charged. Also on this occasion the whole 5000 pillows will be displayed.

Mrs. Jacobs told briefly of the big movement headed by Mrs. Douglas Robinson, a sister of Col. Roosevelt, for the temporary adoption and complete care of the little fatherless children of France. \$36.00 a year will provide for the support of one of the little war orphans, and it was suggested that the proceeds of the entertainment on Army Hut Night be devoted to caring for a child.

Next Friday evening, February 2nd, the Scouts will be addressed by Francis J. Scarr, Rutgers '17, President of the Rutgers College Athletic Association, Captain of the Football Team, and one of the pluckiest gridiron generals of the past season. Subject, "The Spirit of Athletics." Those interested are cordially invited to be at the Social Room of the Church-in-the-Gardens at 8 P. M.

ST. LUKE'S MISSION.

The first visitation of Bishop Burgess, Diocese of Long Island, to his Mission here on Sunday morning, the 14th inst., was a very happy occasion to all. The congregation filed the Chapel, some standing until after the sermon. The Bishop was assisted in the service by Archdeacon Duffield, the organizer of the Mission, and the Vicar, the Rev. Messrs. Ruggles and Wilson were also in the chancel. The office for confirmation followed and those confirmed were Mrs. David Millar and the Misses Helen Marie Young, Edna Kathryn Pascal, Wilhelmina Backus, and Daisy Dean Smart, all whom made their First Communion at the Celebration of the Holy Communion which followed. The exceptionally fine music was under the direction of T. Arthur Miller, formerly organist at the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, and an old friend of J. W. Johnson, of the Gardens. He was assisted by Mrs. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Mrs. A. V. Moore, Miss Judd, Mrs. Seward, Messrs. Messenger, Seward, Roeschlaub, LeBlanc, and Mr. Barnard, of New York, who sang as an Introit solo, Mr. Miller's own beautiful setting of St. John's words "Little Children love one another." The Credo, Sanctus and Agnus Dei from Stainer's Communion service in F. were sung finely and in a devotional spirit. The Offertory Anthem, Mr. Miller's own setting of the hymn "Breast the Wave, Christian" was sung here for the first time in public and everyone greatly appreciated its beauty. The Clergy were guests of the Inn at dinner, together with Mrs. Hamington Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sherlock Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Demarest, A. H. Storer, of Ridgefield, Conn., and the Vicar.

The Vicar's office hours, at the Inn, are from 9 to 10:30 A. M.

The Executive Committee of St. Luke's Mission adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Committee, mourning the loss of its late associate and fellow member, Alexander L. Fryer, valuing highly his services as a pioneer in the foundation of this Mission, records its sorrow in these Minutes and expresses its deep sympathy with his family in their grief.

Rehearsals are in full swing for the Community Chorus which has volunteered to go to Sing Sing February 26. The next rehearsal will be held on Wednesday evening in Miss Temple's kindergarten room on Continental Avenue. Miss Wolfson has kindly offered her services as accompanist and Miss Lawlor has proven a very popular and able director.

Among those who have joined are: Mrs. MacFarlan, Miss Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Thoms, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Moir, Mrs. Albert Moore, Mrs. Waddell, Miss Brewer, Miss Oppen, Miss Paton, Miss Schiffer, Mr. Mark, Mr. Wittschebe, Miss F. E. Judd, Miss Maybelle Moore, Miss French, Mr. and Mrs. N. Baker, Mrs. George LeBlanc, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bates, Miss Trowbridge, Miss Kreuzer, Miss Price, Mr. Cole, Mr. A. Leopold, Mr. Roeschlaub, Mrs. Weir.

Harold Daniels returned recently from a ten days' business trip to Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Saybolt have moved into their new home, No. 11 Greenway Terraces.

John Allen King, of 39 West 32nd street, has taken the lease on the Todd house for a year from May 1st.

Mrs. John J. Sheehan, of Ascan avenue, entertained a party of friends on Wednesday of last week with afternoon tea and cards.

Lyman Beecher Stowe's son has been named David Beecher Stowe, after his great-great-grandfather, David Beecher, father of Lyman Beecher, of pulpit fame.

A broken water pipe in the cellar of B. J. Halsey's house caused considerable excitement a week ago Wednesday. The only damage, however, was from the flood of water.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Sherwood Eddy will leave next month for a campaign of several months' duration in connection with the Y. M. C. A. work in the warring countries of Europe.

Ms. Julia Wygant Perry was recently elected vice-president, and Mrs. H. LeHartley Smith, chairman of the Advisory Board of the Associated Charities of the Second Ward of Queens.

Features of the Forest Hill's Girl Scouts at work in their sewing class and in Red Cross activities were taken last Saturday and will be shown on the screen at the lecture to be given on February 9th.

As a result of the exhibition of Eurythmic dancing last week at the Inn, several Forest Hills children have joined the Leuggenhagen's class, which meets on Fridays in her studio at 220 Madison avenue.

The principal feature of Tuesday's election for Sheriff was the aggressive activity of Thomas Todd, the Democratic whip. He actually succeeded in getting some unwary voters out of bed a full half hour earlier than usual. The vote for T. P. Wilsnack, Republican, was 29; for S. J. Mitchell, Democrat, 125; and for J. A. Wall, Socialist, 1. A total of 159 out of 490 registered in the precinct.

The problem of garbage and ash collection is always with us. It is the most disagreeable end of housekeeping, and if it is attended to as a matter of routine work at the proper time, we will not have the unpleasant spectacle of garbage and ash cans on our sidewalks at practically all hours of the day. The collector makes his rounds between 7 and 8.30 A. M., and after that time there is no reason why the homely, but necessary, garbage can should afflict our eyes and noses.

LOST—Velocipede. Belongs to Sandy Close, 37 Ingram street.

FOUND—Bunch of four keys on ring. Inquire at 27 Greenway Terraces.

FOUND—Hockey shoe and skate, with one glove inside. Inquire at 27 Greenway Terraces.

Ms. Frederick E. Smith has been entertaining Mrs. Charles Barker of Mt. Holly, N. J.

AUDUBON NOTES.

A large audience enjoyed Mr. Ladd's second lecture under the auspices of the Audubon Society at the Church-in-the-Gardens on Friday evening, the 19th. Mr. Ladd, who is President of the Greenwich Bird Protective Association, gave a sort of running commentary on his own pictures, many of which were taken within 200 feet of his own feet. His address gave his hearers a fresh impetus to make the Gardens such a refuge for birds as Greenwich. A musical program of bird songs was given by Miss Eliza Donnelly, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. George C. Lillanc. These songs included "The Robin Sings in the Apple Tree," McDowell; "The Nightingale has a Lyre of Gold," Whelpley; "The Woodpecker," Nevin; "Hark, Hark, the Lark," Schubert; "I Hear a Thrush," Cadman; and "The Owl," Wells. Miss Donnelly has a fresh, sweet contralto voice, which was highly appreciated and the songs were rendered with spirit and feeling.

THE INN.

Erik Huneker, of Boston, Mass., has been spending a few days at the Inn.

Courtney Johnson, of Flint, Mich., visited his mother and sister during the week of the Automobile Show.

Miss E. DeYermard, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is spending a week with her cousin, Miss Von Steenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Penfrase are away on a short trip.

Miss Spalding, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Callendar, has returned to California.

Miss May Worthington has returned to her home in Winchester, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Cutting, who have been spending several weeks at the Inn, have returned to their home in Oakland, Cal.

Mrs. Mead, who has been at the Inn all winter, has gone in to New York for a month.

Following are some of the recent arrivals at the Inn: Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Herty and little daughter; Miss Sosnowski; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Gayness and son; Mrs. C. Chase F. Steele and daughter, Miss Gay Farwell Steele; Theodore J. DeSabra and mother, Mrs. DeJ. DeSabra, all of New York City. Also Mrs. George F. Smith, of Washington, D. C., and R. J. Keith, of Chicago, Ills.

Miss Grace C. Bland is spending the week with her mother in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holmes, who were at the Inn for several months last winter, are again making their home with us.

Under the auspices of the Mutual Welfare League the Gardens Players gave a performance of Stanley Houghton's satire "The Dear Departed" at Sing Sing prison, on Tuesday, January 16th. Twelve of the mummers made out an interesting trip for themselves and played to S. R. O. before the audience of 1200 who showed their appreciation in three curtain calls at the end of the performance. George Moetaxa played several piano selections which were greatly appreciated.

In the expedition were: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Angell, Mrs. Stirling Birmingham, Mrs. Austin Hanks, Miss Mabel Brewer, Miss Mandell, R. J. Cole, Walter Hartwig and Mr. Poutney.

SUNBEAM CLUB.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Holch, who gave her home for the first meeting, a sewing class has been formed by the maids of Forest Hills' residents. The officers of the Club are as follows: President, Bessie Campbell; Vice-President, Amelia Herzog; Secretary, Janet Campbell; and Treasurer, Lillian Bengston.

On Tuesday evening, January 9th a social evening was held through Miss Temple's kindness, at the kindergarten room on Continental Avenue. The evening was spent in testing their skill by playing kindergarten ring games, and games for which prizes were awarded, after which refreshments were served, and dancing followed. Mrs. Holch was hostess of the evening, assisted by Miss Wolfson, Miss Temple and Miss Smith.

The people of Forest Hills are asked to save all of their clean rags for the War Relief. These will be needed for filling pillows.

COMING EVENTS.

Tuesdays, 2.30. Sales Office. Meeting of War Relief Committee of the Women's Club. Women of the Community cordially invited.

Tuesday evening, January 30th, 8 P. M. Church-in-the-Gardens. Address by Chief Inspector Dillon. "Police Work and Methods in Relation to Suburban Communities. Auspices Taxpayers' Association. Public cordially invited.

Friday, February 2nd, 8 P. M. Church-in-the-Gardens. Address, "The Spirit of Athletics," by Francis J. Scarr, Captain of the Rutgers College football team. Auspices of Boy Scouts. Public cordially invited.

Friday, February 2nd, 8 P. M. Church-in-the-Gardens. Address by Dean George W. Kirchway on Prison Reform. Auspices of Prison Reform Council. Public cordially invited.

Saturday forenoon, February 3rd, at the residence of Mrs. Rolfe, 38 Greenway Terrace. Cake sale under the auspices of the Women's Guild.

Monday, February 5th, 2.30 P. M., at the home of Mrs. James Rea, 75 Ascan avenue, meeting of the English Literature Class of the Women's Club. Subject, "Bernard Shaw," continued.

Wednesday, February 7th, 2 P. M., Church-in-the-Gardens. Program meeting of the Women's Club. Addresses by Dr. O. M. Leiser, of the New York City Department of Health, and Miss Grace Billings, Manager of the employes' restaurant at R. H. Macy & Co.'s.

Friday, February 9th, 8 P. M. Church-in-the-Gardens. Address, illustrated by stereopticon slides, on the Girl Scout Movement, by Montague Gammon. Public cordially invited.

Friday, February 9th, 2.30 P. M. Church-in-the-Gardens. Meeting of the Women's Guild. Topic, "The Gospel at the Point of the Sword," led by Mrs. Albert M. Gray. Hostesses, Mrs. Robert J. Kent, Mrs. D. O. Perry, and Mrs. Wm. Jay Leonard.

MRS. CLINTON RICE.

It was not the privilege of many persons in the Gardens to know Mrs. Rice, but those who did had the greatest admiration for her striking presence and fine mind. Born in Cincinnati nearly eighty-six years ago, her girlhood was passed in Washington, D. C., where she knew many of the famous people of the day, including Chase, Everett, Sumner, and as a child well remembered the visits of Daniel Webster at her home. In Washington she married Clinton Rice, afterwards Judge Rice, who studied law under Seward. Her brother, General Thomas Kilby Smith, was one of the founders of the Legion of Honor. Several years before her death, (which occurred at her home on Puritan Avenue on Friday, the 19th inst.) Mrs. Rice became a convert to Roman Catholicism, and her funeral was from the Church of Our Lady of Martyrs, Forest Hills, Father Nummey officiating.

To her daughter, Miss Lillian D. Rice and Mrs. Leon D'Emo, the sympathy of the community is extended in their bereavement.

CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

"Broken Bottles" will be the subject of Dr. Kent's sermon to-morrow morning, based on Matthew 9:14-17. Is there a new religious spirit in the world to-day calling for new methods of expression?

Communion will be observed the first Sunday in February. A cordial invitation to all Christians to meet with us at the Master's table.

Are you a contributor to the support of the church? We need you. At the close of the morning's service recently seven persons became regular contributors. Mr. Flint is Financial Secretary and will be glad to supply all with envelopes who wish them.

The Women's Guild has held two splendid meetings, one the annual meeting at which Mrs. Rice was elected to succeed Mrs. Rea as president, Mrs. Rea having succeeded Mrs. Rice in that office. The other was the mid-winter social gathering of the Guild at the home of Mrs. F. E. Smith. A strong, happy bond has been formed between the family of Rev. J. W. Foster, of Muleshoe, Texas, and the Guild. A very valuable box was sent to him, packed with things, and the letters in reply have revealed a man and a devoted wife, both people of fine culture and rare spirit, doing splendid work for Christ.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

It was a happy company of about one hundred who partook of the excellent dinner at the annual meeting on January 10th. In his report for the year 1916, Dr. Kent stated that twelve members had been received, seven by letter and five on confession of faith; three had been dismissed and one had died, leaving the net gain eight, and making the membership 138, just 100 more than the number which organized the church. The church had achieved self-support, it had been the recipient of the beautiful supplemental gift of organ and chimes by Mrs. Sage, and the inspiration of its example and the help of its pastor had contributed to the successful start of the Communion Church at Jackson Heights.

The Treasurer, Dr. Rice, reported receipts amounting to \$4,804.39, including \$561.79 for benevolence. The church had paid all its bills, besides \$624 on account of the purchase of the land, and \$200 toward the \$300 note in settlement of the portable chapel. Mr. Flint Financial Secretary, said that the remaining \$100 could easily be paid if the outstanding pledges were paid.

In the absence of the Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Kaighn, the report was presented by Mr. McCulloch. There are ten officers and teachers, forty-six scholars in the primary department, thirty-three in the other departments, and forty-five on the Cradle Roll. There are eighteen connected with the Boy Scouts.

The Women's Guild has had a very prosperous year, according to Dr. Perry's report. It has seventy-eight members, having received twenty-seven in 1916.

The following officers and committees were unanimously elected: Trustees, S. W. Eckman, C. E. Covert, Dr. Perry, R. Getz; Deacons, J. A. Gallagher, A. H. Flint; Sunday School Superintendent, R. P. Kaighn; Treasurer, Dr. William A. Rice; Clerk, Norman B. Baker; Members of Church Committee, Miss Jeannette Trowbridge, Mrs. E. C. Ketchum, Mrs. W. V. Ortgies; Music Committee, James Rea, E. Cole, Mrs. C. H. Scammell; Committee of Ushers, A. Flint, W. P. McCulloch, N. B. Baker, Kenneth Judson, Robert J. Kent, M. J. Folensbee, C. C. Hommann, Jr.

ALEXANDER LIVINGSTON FRYER.

Alexander Livingston Fryer, after a long illness, passed away in his 78th year on Thursday, January 11th, at Lakewood, N. J., where he was spending the winter. He is survived by his widow, Clara Fuller Fryer, and a son and three daughters, Alexander L. Fryer, Jr., Misses Ella and Edith L., and Mrs. Spencer S. Wood, wife of Captain Wood of the United States Navy, also his sister, Mrs. Doro Manning, of Albany, N. Y. He was born in Albany, N. Y., of Colonial ancestry, and was prominent for many years in the wholesale lumber business. He was one of the founders of St. Luke's Chapel, Forest Hills Gardens, and a member of the Executive Committee. The many friends of the family extend their sincerest sympathy.