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HOME OF JOHN BREWER.

On Greenway South between Norden Road and Puritan Avenue is the attractive home of John Brewer, illustrated above. This house with its long sloping roof, and the quaint octagonal stair tower, facing the street, is admirably suited to the general type of architecture in the Gardens.

The plan is unconventional in that the living room and its ample porch face a pretty private park in the center of the block, giving privacy so rarely found in the United States, but which one finds almost universally in Continental countries.

The house was erected by the Homes Company from designs furnished by Albrow and Lindeberg, Architects.

LIBRARY NOW OPEN.

The Forest Hills Branch of the Public Library is at present established in the Sales Office Building of the Sage Foundation Homes Company. It is open on Monday and Friday afternoons from three to five o'clock only.

It is hoped the people of Forest Hills will avail themselves of their library privileges, for upon a good, active circulation depends the actual existence of this particular branch.

AUDUBON LECTURE.

Mr. Ernest Harold Baynes will give two lectures at the Inn on Wednesday, January 8th—one in the afternoon for the children and one in the evening for adults. The topic of his lecture will be "Birds in Nesting Season;" also "Animals in Modern Warfare," with moving pictures in co-operation with the French Government.

YULE-TIDE SINGING.

"At ewle we wonten gambole, daunce,
To carrole and to sing,
To hand gude spiced sewe and roste,
And plum-pie for a King."

(Old English Ballad.)

How beautiful it was on last Christmas Eve when nearly every householder in the Gardens hung a holly wreath in his front window or on his front door, so that not only individually, but as a community, we were showing our Christmas spirit of good will to our neighbors as well as to our own families. It was a cheery welcome to the carol singers to see a lighted candle in each window, following the old custom which originated in a legend that on Christmas Eve the Christ Child wandered all over the world in a variety of disguises looking for a place to lodge, and so the loyal folks welcomed, with a lighted candle, whomsoever came to them that night that there might be no danger such a precious guest should lose his way and thus miss their home.

Those who heard the waits on the streets of the Gardens last year will be pleased to know that a similar treat is in store for them on Christmas Eve this year. Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, who in the past has been of such great assistance in the preparation of this event, has been good enough to give her service again this year. The first rehearsal will be held at the Sales Office of the Homes Company on Sunday afternoon, December 15th, at 5 o'clock sharp. It is anticipated there will be a chorus of forty or more trained male voices, while an equal number of men will participate as standard and fire bearers. There will also be a women's chorus, who will, after the carol singers and Santa Claus have visited the homes in the Gardens, meet with the male chorus in the Station Square. All are invited to assemble in the Station Square after the carol singers have visited their homes. Nothing was ever more charming than the joining together last Christmas Eve in the Station Square of the men's and women's voices in the final rendering of these beautiful carols.

RED CROSS DANCE.

The Red Cross Benefit Dance which the Playground girls and boys are planning to have will be given at the Inn during the Christmas recess.

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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.

TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

An important meeting will be held this coming Friday, December 20th at 8:00 P. M. in the Church of Forest Hills, Seminole Avenue and Gown Street. The business of the meeting will consist of the election of a Secretary, report of Treasurer, appointment of committees and a discussion of the work ahead.

This will be followed by a program, which promises to be very interesting, along the following lines:

Subject of Discussion:

(a) What should be done about the Mayor's appointment of William Randolph Hearst as Chairman of Committee to welcome returning American fighters; Leader, Lyman Beecher Stowe.

(b) Promotion of Community Spirit; Leader, Mrs. T. C. Martin.

(c) Necessity for "Shuttle" service on the Long Island Railroad between Jamaica and Pennsylvania Station; Leader, W. G. Walker.

France and Her Sister, America.

M. Marcel Knecht, member of the French High Commission to the United States, addressed the Men's Club at its opening meeting of the season, held at the home of President Millar, in Olive Place, on Monday evening, December 10th, his subject being, "What France Expects Now From Her Sister, America."

Mr. Knecht, officially a French representative in America, could not speak other than informally of French needs to a gathering of this kind, and therefore, not for publication.

What he said deepened the love of France in his hearers and strengthened their determination to aid her. It was a rare privilege to hear this eloquently earnest soldier-statesman who was not only a wounded fighter in the army under Foch, but also a member of the Joffre mission to America.

President Millar at this meeting of the Club announced his committee appointments, as follows: Entertainment Committee, Messrs, Laurence F. Abbott, Robert C. Adams, Alexander Cameron, William B. Davis, John M. Demarest, Lyman Beecher Stowe and Rowland H. Smith, Chairman; Membership Committee, Messrs. Arthur H. Flint, Forry R. Getz and Ernest M. Bristol, Chairman.

Red Cross Membership Campaign.

An opportunity to keep on fighting the war where it needs to be fought is to join the Red Cross in the coming membership campaign. The Red Cross has almost the whole world still to relieve and needs universal membership in America.

Now Major Perry.

Dr. Perry, formerly of Beechknoll Road, has just had word that her husband, Clarence A. Perry, serving in the Quartermaster's Department, as Paymaster, with the Seventy-Seventh Division in France, has received a Major's commission.

British Day.

Hon. P. W. Wilson, former member of the British Parliament and American representative of the London Daily News, was the principal speaker of the evening at the celebration of British Day at the Inn on Friday, December 6th, under the auspices of the Community Council.

Mr. Wilson opened his too brief address by paying eloquently his respects to American arms. After that, he talked to his attentive audience as British-Americans, as one people with England, and with common responsibilities.

The feeding of the hungry world, even of Germany, he placed as the first of these responsibilities. And for the years to come, he insisted, that the United States, with wealth unimpaired, with its strong forces of education, healing and inspiration, its teachers, doctors and ministers numbering a million in all, must accept a place at England's side, to carry on more powerfully for the future the civilizing work in the wide world that has been the pride of the British Empire.

Other speakers included Lieut. J. H. H. Muirhead of the British Royal Engineers, who pleased and amused his audience with stories of the lighter side of war; Miss Marguerite Strathely, who told of the work performed by her Canadian Recreation Hut in France, and, in closing, Sergeant Radermacher, one of the few surviving Canadian veterans of the little army which the ex-Kaiser honored with the term "Contemptible," paid a simple, eloquent tribute to the Red Cross.

British Day fulfilled its purpose in the Gardens. For this opportunity to pay its respects to the Mother Country the community is indebted to Lyman Beecher Stowe, presiding officer of the meeting, who first suggested the occasion and, with the Community Council, put it through.

Welcome the Fighters!

A suggestion has been made that this community could cheer and please the soldiers returning from Europe by erecting a cheerful welcoming sign along the railroad in full view of the troop trains as they carry the returning men from their transports, passing through Forest Hills to Camps Mills and Upton.

From present indications, these men will pass here in thousands, night and day, for the next two years.

Homer Croy In France.

The following are extracts from a letter recently received by James Rea from Mr. Homer Croy, a former resident of The Gardens, now connected with the Motion Picture Bureau of the Y. M. C. A. in France:

"With the close of the war our department expects to double in size. We are the biggest means of entertainment the soldiers have. They would rather have a cinema show than 'chow.' That's what the men want—show, a picture show and a letter."

"I am stationed in Paris, with occasional trips out on the line, editing the 'Overseas Weekly' for the men. This is a film weekly and is much appreciated by the soldiers. It makes them cheer when it goes on and that makes me feel that I am doing my bit."

"What we want more than anything else is sugar. I would rather have a box of candy than a house without a mortgage."

"Yours till the Kaiser is carrying a sandwich-board."

Homer Croy.

Girl Scouts.

Each and every Scout in Troop 2 had best be present at the meeting to be held at the Seminole Club House Monday afternoon, December 16th. Please all come and be there at 4:15 o'clock. We are to arrange some work for Christmas and hope to be able to help a needy family in Corona and then the Scout work. Are you a Tenderfoot or Second Class Scout? By this time a number in Troop 2 should be First Class Scouts, so let us come to the meeting with the idea that we are to do something very important, and it must be done.

New Teacher.

Miss Edna Manwaring has been appointed to teach the second year class of the public school. Miss Manwaring is a graduate of the Newtown High School and of the Jamaica Training School for Teachers.

Personal Notes.

A daughter, Ann Buckley Fullan, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Fullan, of 2 Ivy Close, on November 19th.

A daughter, Mildred, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carlotta Gumbusch, of 55 Olive Place, on Tuesday, November 19th.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Worth of Ingram Street on Saturday, November 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wessmann of Greenway Terrace at a dinner given last Saturday evening in honor of their daughter Miss Evelyn Janice Wessmann, announced her engagement to Ralph Edwin Peters, an officer in the United States Navy, and instructor in the Gas Defense School at Columbia University.

Lieutenant Folsensbee, former Scoutmaster of Troop 2, and Assistant Scoutmaster Smith, have both been mustered out of camp. Lieutenant Folsensbee was in town this week. He looks exceedingly well, notwithstanding his strenuous work at Fortress Mondoe.

Miss Anne Smith, who sailed for Italy about October 12th, has had many experiences in her month's voyage to Rome. The two weeks' trip from Canada to London was a thrilling one, but she did not have to get into the life boats. She, with her party, spent four days in London waiting for passports, and then had seven days in Paris. November 12th she was in Rome and expected to go north to take up her duties as Social Service Worker under the American Red Cross. In writing she spoke of the freedom of the American child in comparison with the children in England, France and Italy. She sent a Merry Christmas to all.

The Inn.

The dancing class for children held in the drawing room of the Inn every Wednesday afternoon has again been started for the season under the direction of Mrs. Gladys Findlay Hall, and the classes are well attended to date. Many interesting interpretative dances have been planned for the season and the patronage of the children of the Gardens is invited.

The costume dance given for the benefit of the Big Sisters of Queens Borough at the Inn on Thanksgiving Eve was a most successful affair, both financially and from a social standpoint. More enthusiasm was displayed in the way of costumes than ever before, and it was a most difficult problem for the judges to decide upon the winners of prizes. Everyone appearing on the floor was masked and in costume until after prizes had been awarded, after which general dancing followed until shortly past midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Summers and their family spent Thanksgiving week at the home of Mrs. Summer's parents in Upper New York State.

Lieutenant and Mrs. H. Middleton have recently departed for Georgia, where the Lieutenant has been ordered for service. Miss Marjorie Middleton has also joined them for a few weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bernard and their daughters, Marion and Helen, are among the recent arrivals at the Inn.

Miss Roberta Becker, of Brooklyn, has recently arrived to take up residence with her aunt, Mrs. A. E. Brion, of the Inn.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Wilbur Chapman of the Inn are traveling through the South and are not expected to return until around the holiday season.

Miss Helen Doughton of Philadelphia is spending some time at the Inn as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Coursen.

Among the most recent arrivals at the Inn are Lieut. and Mrs. Calvin Pardee Erdman, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Rathvon, of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. James C. Hobart, of Cincinnati; Mrs. J. G. Lamont, of Titusville, Pa.; Mrs. H. W. Stuart, of Cincinnati; Mr. Walter H. Clough, of Montclair, N. J.; Mrs. C. C. F. Steele and her daughter, Miss Gay Steele; Lieut. R. S. Horsley, Mr. E. R. Robotham, and A. R. Membard of New York.

Miss Margaret S. Cummings, of Rochester, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cummings of the Inn.

Mrs. Charles E. Davis and Master Austin Davis spent the week-end with Lieut. and Mrs. Erdman.

Mr. D. R. Tompkins has recently been visiting his mother, Mrs. C. W. Tompkins, who is one of the old residents of the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Worthington Stuart and Miss Ethel Stuart, of Fern Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, were recent guests of Miss Sally H. Pierce, of the Inn.

Letter from Robert Weir.

September 7, 1918.

Robert Weir, of Harvest Street, wounded in action, has written a vivid description of some recent fighting in the following extract from a letter to his mother:

Thank the Lord we are out of the ditch for a time at least, and I hope it is a long time. This last trick in has been a terror, especially toward the last, because of lack of sleep. For nearly seventy-two hours I did not get more than four hours' sleep, and my nerves got all on edge, but now it's all over, and I have the satisfaction of knowing that I have been through everything that Jerry has to offer, from heavy shells to rifle bullets. I have been over the top twice, and I guess you will be surprised when I tell you that I enjoyed going over more than anything since I've been over here. It is the shelling I don't like, but it's funny, it's the noise I'm afraid of more than the shrapnel. Often I found myself hugging the ground till the shell exploded, and then getting up and going on without a thought for the fragments that were flying around. I don't mind gas shells as much as I thought I would. My friend, the gas mask, has my perfect faith, and when Jerry sends his "whizz-pops" over I wait till the wind brings it over and then on goes the mask and I sit back and wait till it is past.

When you are in the trenches or back of the front line, we constantly have the feeling of being a rat in a trap, because there is no way to fight back, but when you are over the top it is different. After the few minutes of waiting for the order to go over, you seem to have Ferris wheels and scenic railways going full tilt in your stomach, you don't give a whoop for anything. It's just a long breath and you climb up over the parapet, and then all fear falls away like a cloak, and then everything seems rosy. When I went over the first time the first thing I did was to get tangled up in our own barbed wire and I got my pants and leggings half torn off, and it struck me as being so darned funny that I laughed and laughed for five minutes after I was out.

The machine gun and rifle bullets and shrapnel were flying all around, but I didn't give them a thought, but just kept right on going till I felt something hot burn my cheek and at the same time I tumbled and fell. I thought sure I was shot, but soon found out that I wasn't, and I chuckled "fooled you that time, Jerry," and on I went. I guess the stumble saved me, for it sure was close. It was great when we got near Jerry's lines and somebody yelled, and I saw them coming out with their hands up and howling "Kamerad." Most of them are only kids, and I have to take my hat off to one young fellow who refused to leave a comrade who was wounded when ordered to the rear. He might have been shot for it.

Well, we held that line all night through gas and shells and everything else, and next morning we were relieved, but we didn't get even settled to sleep before we got an order to move, and from then on we moved six times in about twenty-four hours, and always under shell fire. It is only by the grace of God that we all came out alive, for we sure did get it hot. Finally we were relieved for good, and we walked and walked. I carried another man's pack, belt and rifle, and that made it worse, till every step I took was an effort, and finally we stopped for an hour's rest, after it seemed as though we had walked clear to Paris. I slopped right down on the side of the road and slept till they kicked me awake, and then on we went. We'd walked for about an hour down a railroad track when the whole column started to halt and then go on and halt and then go on, and everyone was cursing and yelling at those ahead to get a move on and keep going.

Finally we got to the cause of the rumpus. It was a couple of big cases with two men handing out chocolates, cigarettes, etc., from the American Red Cross. More than one man blessed the Red Cross that night. We were starved, and I for one had not had a smoke for two days. About half a mile further on we stopped and got on dinkey little flat cars that took us out. Some little game, this, isn't it?

Good for Ken Judson. I'm sure glad to hear of his success. Perhaps I'll see him over here some time if I get to a seaport. There'll be some tales to tell when all the boys get together "apres la guerre."

Coming Events.

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

Tuesdays at 8 P. M., at the Sales Office of the Homes Company.—Meetings of the Chess and Checkers Club.

Thursdays at 8:15 P. M., at Ninth Regiment Armory, 14th Street, New York City—Ninth Coast Artillery Drill.

Sunday, December 15th, at 5 P. M., at the Sales Office.—Rehearsal for Christmas Eve singing.

Monday, December 16th, at 3 P. M., at 175 Slocum Crescent.—Meeting of the Mothers' Club. Address by Miss Hassler.

Friday, December 20th, at 8 P. M., at the Church of Forest Hills, Seminole Avenue and Meteor Street.—Meeting of Taxpayers' Association.

Wednesday, January 8th, at the Inn.—Afternoon and evening lectures under auspices of Audubon Society.

Playground News.

Button Day was a cold and cloudy one, but regardless of that there was a goodly group of boys and girls who lived up to the healthy true blue spirit which we have found so splendid all the Fall. It was hoped to have the pictures of the children in this Bulletin, but the dull day prohibited so doing. Let us all wear the buttons which we have won or earned on Wednesday, December 18th, and we will try for better weather. Don't forget, Wednesday!

A goodly number of girls have entered the Thursday afternoon gymnastic class to be held from 4:30 to 5:30 at the club house on Seminole Avenue. This number does not cover each girl of the ages of 9 to 15 here in Forest Hills, so try and register before the class opens, Thursday, December 19th. Uncle Sam and even Mother and Father will like you better if you stand straight.

There are twelve boys registered in the gymnastic class to be held on Tuesday afternoons from 4 to 5 o'clock at the Seminole Avenue club house, but with more in the class we could have more fun, so tell all your chums to ask their parents to register them at the Community Secretary's office at 27 Greenway Terrace; 'phone 6200.

The older boys of the Playground went to the Casino in Elmhurst to play basketball last Saturday, December 7th. The game was close and evenly matched all through, though the Jackson Heights team had the advantage and therefore the score ended 35 to 23 in their favor. It was the same slippery floor which our girls played on two weeks ago, and consequently our light and quick forward, Lewis Schramm, took a number of tilts that were not altogether pleasant, though a smile followed each. Harold True was a dependable center with three baskets to his credit. Lewis Schramm helped the score with 8 points, and Lockwood Concklin, playing forward, scored 8 points. August Bastien and Dick Clinchy played guard and had to work hard to keep the score down, for both of their (Jackson Heights) forwards were small and quick, showing some splendid training.

Honor Roll for November, 1918.

6B—Olivia Edwards, Boston Hunt, Louis Pedlar, Jane Waters, Joseph German.

6A—Collier Elliott, Richard Gretsch.

5B—John Millen, Maurice Moynahan, Dorothy Broadbent, Virginia Chesney, Ruth Haas, Ellen Yepsen, Jewel Aldrich.

5A—Robert Burns, Magda Bolognino, Helen Serena.

4B—Betty Bristol.

4A—Helen McCulloch, Mildred Vanderveer.

3B—Bramwell Case, Margaret Werger, Edward Schwiabert, Sidney Le Blanc.

3A—Doris Earle, Mary Saybolt, Janet Thompson.

2B—Marjorie Conkling, Elizabeth Sherwood, Helen Schoen.

2A—Floyd McTyier, Harry Freecauff, Lucy Tavreau, Barbara Miesel, Helen Miesel, Alice Tappan.

1B—Barbara Brow, Dorothy Reinert, Betty Welsch.

1A—Robert Leight, Susan Daniels, Margaret Kendrick, Sandy Close, Frank De Leon, Harry Spangenberg, Buster Yepsen, Thomas Pedlar.

The Mothers' Club.

A meeting of the Mothers' Club will be held at the home of its President, Mrs. E. H. Mays, 175 Slocum Crescent, on Monday, December 16th, at 3 p. m. Miss Hassler, of the Public Library Department of New York City, will speak on "Story Telling to Children." These meetings are proving unusually interesting and instructive, and it is hoped that the attendance will continue to grow.

CHRISTMAS, 1918.

Greetings from the Forest Hills Gardens Audubon Society.

"BROTHER BIRD TO BROTHER MAN."

How big your nest is, neighbor Man,
How bountiful your fare,
While small birds in the wind and snow
Are starving everywhere.

Some scattered crumbs, a little seed,
A drop of water, too.
And we will sing our gratitude,
Big Brother Man, to you.

Gertrude Knevels.

Church-in-the-Gardens.

Only three lessons remain of the course in Religious Education that Mrs. Lucy Allen Smart has been giving Sunday evenings in the Social Room. They have been very interesting.

A simultaneous visitation of the families interested in the church has been planned for to-morrow afternoon.

The Women's Guild will take charge of the annual supper as usual. It will take place on the second Wednesday in January.

Eleven new members were welcomed into fellowship at the communion service the first of December: Mr. and Mrs. Paltits, Mr. and Mrs. Batcheller, Mr. George Batcheller and Mrs. Ellinwood, Mrs. Batcheller's mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wilson, Mrs. Humphreys, Miss Eunice Lohmann and Miss Marion Mulford.

Notes From Saint Luke's.

On Sunday morning, October 24th, the Vicar was the preacher at a special service at Grace Church, Jamaica, in honor of its members serving with the colors. The fine boy choir sang special music and a large congregation was present.

The Rev. Mr. Day, Assistant Minister of Grace Church, very acceptably took charge of the Sunday School and service at St. Luke's.

Mr. J. Warner Hall of Bellerose and Miss Eunice A. Casparian of Floral Park, both in the war service of the United States Navy Department, were married in the Chapel on Saturday afternoon, November 23rd, by the Vicar. The bride is a cousin of Mrs. Sarkisian of Jewel Street. Mr. and Mrs. George Norman Farquahar of New York attended the couple. It was a quiet but beautiful wedding. An impressive part of the service was the baptism of the groom just before his marriage.

On Thanksgiving Day the North Side Church, Rev. Mr. Hunt, Pastor, joined with the congregation of St. Luke's in a union service. The Vicar was the preacher. It was a happy occasion symbolical of the deep new after the war feeling of the Christian Churches. Another year St. Luke's may return the visit. The congregation nearly filled the Chapel.

Let all remember our beautiful Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Service begins on Tuesday, December 24th, at 11:30 p. m. Promptly at 12 midnight "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" will be sung as an Introit to the first celebration of the Holy Communion.

Christmas Day, at 10:30 a. m., there will be Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon. The children's Christmas Festival will be held on the Innocents' Day, December 28th, at 4:30 p. m.

The Bishop of Long Island has appointed Sunday morning, January 19th, at 11 o'clock, as the time for his second visitation to this Mission to administer the sacramental Rite of Confirmation. Bishop Burgess will preach.

The Women's Club.

The Women's Club, through its Executive Committee, regrets to announce the resignation of Mrs. Edwin Arden as President. Mrs. Arden ably filled the office, but found its calls too pressing. Mrs. A. M. Gray, a former President of the Club, has accepted the Acting Presidency for the unexpired term.

The Committee to determine the place of future meetings found its choice made easy by the success of the most recent meeting held at the Inn, and has wisely decided to adopt this as the place for regular meetings of the future.