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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Beautiful Custom to be Again Observed
in Forest Hills Gardens.

White Floats, Santa Claus and Presents for the
Children will be Features—Bertram Bailey will be the
Leader of the Chorus.

As the Christmas season approaches, the residents of the Gardens look forward to Christmas Eve when, as for many years past, the beautiful carols will be heard throughout the winding streets of the village. These will be sung by a chorus of men's voices, fifty or more, led by Bertram Bailey, a baritone, who has rendered distinctive service as a community sing organizer in welcoming the soldier boys home. As a part of the pageantry, so attractive in past years and greatly augmented this season, there will be white floats and the Christmas tree, the torch bearers and Santa Claus with his assistants distributing dozens of toys to the children in their homes. The pageant will be followed by the villagers to Station Square, where a charming finale, especially planned for this year, will take place, and where the men's chorus will be doubled by a women's chorus which for several years has added much to the attractiveness of Christmas Eve.

The initial plans for this year's singing festival were made at a meeting of the Christmas Eve Carol Club at the office of the Sage Foundation Homes Co. on December 5, when Chester I. Barnard was elected president. Rehearsals for the singers under the efficient leadership of Bertram Bailey will be held at the Sales office at 8 o'clock on the evenings of December 15, 19 and 21. Three other dates will be especially arranged for the women's chorus. All men and women who enjoy chorus singing, whether their voices are trained or not, are urged to give their names to L. P. McGahie, 9 Station Square, 6200 F. H. Men who can not sing, but who are willing to be a part of the pageant as torch bearers or as Santa Claus will kindly give their names to Mr. McGahie. All costumes will be furnished to those who serve.

A review of carol singing in the Gardens reveals the name of one efficient leader, Mrs. C. H. Scammell, who has served for several years in this feature of the life of the Gardens. This year Mrs. Scammell is unable physically to serve, the Carol Club is sorry to announce, but it feels fortunate to have secured Mr. Bailey as the leader. In 1915 there were twenty men in the chorus, called "wingless white angels" by the *Bulletin* of that year. One Santa Claus and the torch bearers were a part of the pageant. The following year, the chorus had increased to thirty voices and the pageant was more elaborate and more beautiful. In 1917 a chorus of women's voices joined with the men's voices at the Station Square, after the pageant had made a tour of the village and the Christmas picture of that year left an indelible impression on the minds of all. Last year, unfortunately, the rain made the singing out of doors impossible, but the carols were sung delightfully in the hall room of the Inn. The residents of the Gardens are looking forward to this Christmas Eve when the Carol Club will surpass all former records.

Caroling, that is, the combined exercise of dance and song, found its way from the pagan ritual into the Christian church and all through the middle ages it was connected with the great Christian festivals. In 1562 license was given to Thomas Tysdale in England to print "certayne goodly Carowles to be songe to the glory of God." So to this day men and boys known as "waits" sing carols on Christmas Eve in the streets of the villages of England. The delightful custom has been introduced into this country pretty



CHRISTMAS SCENE IN FOREST HILLS GARDENS

generally. Jacob Riis many years ago was the leader of a group of children who sang to "shut-ins" on Christmas Eve in Richmon Hill. In some of the middle western cities for many years carols have been sung and free will gifts made by the listeners to musical school settlements.

On Christmas Eve on every front door in the Gardens, will be hung the holly wreath, and from the windows of every home will shine the candles as a welcome to the carolers who will sing of "the peace and good will" of which the angel chorus sang so long ago, at the first Christmas time.

JUDGE MOORE ADDRESSES THE MEN'S CLUB

Judge Charles F. Moore of Forest Hills Gardens was the speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club at the home of Henry Hirschberg, Thursday evening, Dec. 4. His subject was "Citizenship" and not only the close attention which he received and the hearty applause at the conclusion of the address, but—and this is much more important—the decision of about 30 of those present to join a political club and take a more active interest in politics—furnished evidence of the fact that the learned speaker had rendered a real service to the community.

Judge Moore, with eloquence, earnestness and wit discussed many phases of citizenship and spoke particularly of two: the neglect of political duties by men who imagine they have no time to give to their city, their state or their country and the violent abuse of public officials especially the President of the United States. He made an earnest plea for fairness of criticism and for the showing of respect for the great office of President. He said that at his home he has the American flag draped over the picture of President Wilson and in past years he had in that position the pictures of Taft, Roosevelt and Cleveland. "No matter who the next President may be," said Judge Moore, "his picture will be found in my home under the Stars and Stripes." Following the address there was a free for all discussion of present day problems as suggested by the address of the evening.

Walter H. Foster, C. B. Nelcamp, C. G. Nichols and George W. Plitt were elected to membership.

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Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 9 Station Square, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.

Christmas Eve in the Gardens

BY request of the Editor of the *Bulletin*, Lawrence F. Abbott, author of "Impressions of Theodore Roosevelt" and a resident of the Gardens, gives his impressions of the carols as he heard them first in 1916:

Three years ago this month, Mrs. Abbott and I with our two children moved into our new house on Greenway South. As is the case in all new houses, there were innumerable things to be done in the way of finishing it and putting it in order. The place was new and strange and we did not know our neighbors. But all the same, we meant to make our Christmas as joyous as it had been for many years in a community where we had many friends. On Christmas Eve, I was at work in my shirt-sleeves helping Mrs. Abbott put up and arrange the Christmas tree in our living room. The children had gone to bed full of excited anticipation and not at all disturbed by the newness of their surroundings,—for children, happily, adjust themselves more easily than "grown-ups" to changed and unwonted conditions of life.

Suddenly, about nine o'clock, I heard the faint sound of chimes in the distance. It was pleasant, I thought, to hear the church bells, for I was such a stranger that I did not even know then how the Forest Hills churches were equipped. But the chimes grew louder and nearer and looking out of the window I saw lights and heard voices singing Christmas carols. "The Waits!" I exclaimed to myself. "That delightful old English custom!"

We hurriedly called the children. They pressed their faces against the glass. The procession drew near. It turned the corner. Oh joy! It's going by our house! Wonder of wonders! It stops in front of the house! A tall white Santa Claus comes up the walk; enters the front door; steps into the living-room and hands to each of the astonished and overjoyed children a little gift.

And as he disappears the procession with its twinkling lights and happy laughter moves on and the chimes and carols grow fainter and fainter on the crisp and wintry air. It was more affecting and cheering and warming than I can tell you. The children never ceased to talk about it. Never were strangers so delightfully welcomed to a new home.

Last year when the custom was interrupted by a very un-Christmasy rain, the disappointment in our household was great and the children said over and over again that it did not really seem like Christmas with no procession of star-like lights and chimes and carols. I hope this pleasant custom will long continue to be a feature of the community life of Forest Hills Gardens.

Sincerely yours
Lawrence F. Abbott.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

*It is not the weight of jewel or plate
Or the fondle of silk or fur,
It is the spirit in which the gift is rich
As those of the wise ones were:
And we are not told whose gift was gold
Or whose was the gift of myrrh.*

Edmond Vance Cook.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Dec. meeting of the Women's Club of Forest Hills showed that organization to be in a thriving condition. The music chapter is planning to study the modern composers, beginning with Burley at the meeting of the chapter at the home of Mrs. E. H. Moir, 141 Jewell Street, on the afternoon of Dec. 26, at 2:30 o'clock. All women interested in this department should communicate with Mrs. E. B. Wilson, the chairman. Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh, reported the work of the philanthropic chapter which has done so much for Flushing hospital and is now arranging to help Queensborough hospital at Jamaica also. Fruits, jellies, toys, etc. are wanted before Christmas for this institution. All donations for this purpose should be sent to the home of Mrs. Marsh, 68 Greenway North. One dollar a month makes a woman a contributing member of this busy chapter.

Miss Helen V. Boswell reviewed the current events. Mrs. C. B. Nelcamp, a new member, gave an inspiring talk on the United States flag and offered to teach club members to make a flag for the club. This will be done in January. A booklet on "Old Glory" which contains the rules against the misuse of the flag, written by Mrs. Nelcamp, and printed in type designed by Fred W. Goudy was distributed to the members.

Hon. Newton W. Gilbert, Ex-Congressman and for many years acting Governor General of the Philippines, gave the principal address of the afternoon on "American Citizenship". He spoke of the dangers of Bolshevism more insidious and serious than war. "There is an equality before the law in our country which is secured for us by our constitution and which means that the majority must rule", he said. "Prices will be lowered only when all people in this country go to work" he continued. He favors deporting aliens and he is sure that the country will meet all problems with fidelity, labor and brains.

The theater party in the club entertainment course was attended by over 200 members and friends of the club at the 44th Street Theater, Wednesday evening, Dec. 10 when the play "Nothing but love" was enjoyed.

TAXPAYERS' NOVEL PROGRAM

The Dec. meeting of the Taxpayers' Association will be a unique one because of the program which will be given. Two expert men from the physical training branch of the Police Department of New York will give a demonstration of how the policemen combat burglars, thugs and others of their kind. They will show how the private citizen may protect himself. These arrangements have been made through Chief Inspector Daly, of the Police Department of the city and Dr. Eugene Christian, of the Gardens, for several years chairman of the police committee of the association. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are especially invited to attend and all adult residents of the Gardens are urged to be present.

A similar entertainment was given a number of years ago and aroused such intense interest that it is still talked about by those who were so fortunate as to be present.

The new constitution for the reorganization of the Taxpayers' Association into a Community Council conforming to the Community Councils of Greater New York will come before the Association for final adoption.

The meeting will be held at the Church-in-the-Gardens at 8 o'clock on Friday, Dec. 19.

FOREST HILLS POST OF AMERICAN LEGION ORGANIZED

At a meeting held at the Sales Office on Nov. 19 steps were taken towards organizing Forest Hills Post No. 1 of the American Legion, and application was made for a Charter. As soon as this is received, another meeting will be called and organization completed. All men who were in the Service are urged to join our local Post, even if already enrolled in some other Post. Applications, with the requisite fee of \$2, may be sent to H. T. Warren, 75 Greenway South, the Temporary Chairman.

AUDUBON NOTES

The Audubon Society has begun an intensive campaign of education designed to reach everybody in the Gardens from the youngest to the oldest, in order that certain fundamental facts in bird protection may be commonly known, and that every resident of the Gardens may learn the names and habits of our local birds.

To this end a practical circular headed "Eight Ways You Can Help The Birds To Come To Forest Hills" will be sent every householder, and it is urged that this circular be kept in some convenient place for reference. The Secretary—Miss M. E. Knevals, 9 Station Square—will be glad to furnish extra copies upon application.

The Society has recently given three large handsomely colored charts of well known birds to the public schools

in Forest Hills. These charts will be exchanged between the two schools and used in connection with the bird prize contest now being carried on among the children of from 6 to 18 of Forest Hills north and south. The prizes offered are very appealing. For the youngsters 6-11 "The Burgess Bird Book For Children" with 58 colored illustrations will be given for the best 100 word description of his or her personal observation of some bird happening. The children 11-14 must write a 200-word description of the same sort and the prize for this group will be "Our Winter Birds" by Frank M. Chapman. The same rule of personal observation applies to the High School group of boys and girls from 14-18 but their stories must be of 300 words and the prize winner will receive Dr. Chapman's "The Travels Of Birds." All stories must be in by Dec. 19 and must be addressed to the Bulletin, 9 Station Square, Forest Hills. The prize stories will be printed in the Bulletin.

MOTHERS' CLUB

No more important subject could be discussed by a group of women than the one to be considered by the Mothers' Club at public School 101, on the afternoon of Dec. 15, at 3 o'clock, when Arthur M. Wolfson, principal of the High School of Commerce of New York, will speak on the subject, "The Parent, the Community and the School in Relation to the Child." A large attendance is desired.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

By a reorganization of classes it has been arranged to have a 2A class in public school 101. There were thirty 2A children in public school 3 who had to walk nearly a mile. The new arrangement makes it possible for these 2A children to attend the school nearer their homes.

Honor Roll for November

(Perfect attendance, no tardiness, A in effort and deportment, B or A in proficiency.)

6B—Curtis Kloetzer, Edward Lindahl, John Millen, William Nichols, George Simons, Richard Van Loan, Norman Sewell, Dorothy Broadbent, Virginia Chesney, Affa Gray, Ruth Haas, Ellen Yepsen.

6A—Clay Cole, Helen Serena.

5B—Rita O'Shea.

5A—Frank Maginniss, Benjamin Kendrick, Betty Knight.

4B—Edward Schwiebert.

4A—Annette Easton.

3B—Harriette Barnard, Florine Osburg.

3A—Floyd McTyier, Barbara Miesel, Helen Miesel,

Cleanthe Carr.

2B—Edward Boettiger, Robert Leighton, Walter Simons, Susan Daniels, Margaret Kendrick.

2A—Thomas Pedlar, Frank Roeschlaub, Edward Wagner, William Yepsen, Marie Attardo.

1B—Blanch Smith.

1A—Jack Goodfriend, Joseph Rowan, Daniel Meeman, Diantha Swazey, Nellie Hussey, Perry MacNeal, Edmund O'Shea, Albert Holland, Judith Mays.

PERSONALS

The last issue of the **Bulletin** reported two High School pupils living in Forest Hills who were entertained on the Renown by the Prince of Wales on the afternoon of November 21. Three other names of pupils living in Forest Hills who attend Newtown High School were also in the party; these were John Guiler, Wallace Earl Drummond and Muriel Jean Drummond.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Meigs of 29 Slocum Crescent have announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, Miss Dorothy E. Meigs to Dr. Robert Stunzi of Zurich, Switzerland. Miss Meigs has only recently returned home after two years spent in government social service work and the announcement was made last Saturday at a reunion luncheon attended by several of her classmates at Vassar. The marriage will take place in February. The couple expect to make their home in Kobe, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Holch, of Ascan Avenue, have returned from Denmark after a three months visit. They say food was more than plentiful and prices about twice what they are here and that auto service was unknown. When they requested air in tires at a garage at Copenhagen they were told it would take two hours as wheels must be removed. The help problem is beginning to be troublesome but they found many servants who had been from 30 to 45 years in their places.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Corscaden, of Underwood Road, announce the birth of a daughter, Julia, on Wednesday December 3.

MRS. EDWIN BECKWITH.

The death occurred at Lilly Dale, N. Y. on Nov. 25, of Emma Beckwith, wife of Edwin Beckwith, who at 80 still survives severe wounds received in the Civil War. Mrs. Beckwith, first president of the famous Rainy Day Club, and fourth president of the Daughters of Ohio of New York, was an ardent suffragist, and as the first woman candidate for the mayoralty of Brooklyn, in 1886, polled many votes of the head of the Equal Rights ticket. She was closely associated in the Peace Circle with Clara Barton and Belya Lockwood. Mrs. Beckwith was also patentee of various devices used in the optical industry. Her daughter, Carmelita is the wife of Thomas Commerford Martin, advisory secretary, National Electric Light Association; and Bessie is the wife of James Francis Cooke, editor of the Etude of Philadelphia.

BARRETT—KENNEDY

Announcement has been made of the marriage of the Theodore H. Barrett, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barrett of Puritan Avenue, to Miss Kathryn E. Kennedy of New Orleans, La.

The ceremony and reception took place on Nov. 29 at the home of the bride's friends at Washington, D. C.

SWIMMING

On Saturday Dec. 6 there were eight girls who went into New York to join the swimming class and this week there will be eight more. The examinations were passed and some enjoyed the first swim (in a tank) of the winter season. This Saturday after the swim and luncheon the girls are going down to the battery to visit the Aquarium to see if they can learn how to swim better after having seen the very best swimmers—the fish. The following Saturday, Dec. 20 the afternoon will be free for Christmas shopping.

GYMNASIUM

It has been found that there were so many little boys and girls who were barred from the older gym classes by the age limit set that it has been necessary to have a little class for these children on Tuesday at three in the Seminole Avenue Club house and another at four o'clock in the kindergarten on Fridays. Miss Fox will be very glad to answer any questions from parents about the little people joining these classes. Phone 6200, Ex. 11.

THE INN



The Big Sisters of Queensborough held their annual masquerade at the Inn on Thanksgiving Eve, with the largest attendance and most gorgeous display of costumes ever seen in Forest Hills. By ten o'clock, when the grand march was held, the floor of the ballroom was crowded with guests in costumes representing almost every nationality and clime, mingled with a goodly showing of fiercest wild animals from the jungles of Africa and a huge camel direct from the Desert of Sahara. The barnyard, too, was there in the form of a large rooster, while surely the Shah of Persia could not produce more beautiful or gorgeously costumed ladies from his harem than those represented at our dance. Mrs. Wesley W. Crawford, as beautiful Prince Charming, won the first ladies' prize, with Mr. Karrick Collins, impersonating an old, fat Southern mammy, won the second prize for "ladies"; Owen Rossiter made a splendid Indian prince, while Worth Colwell, as a scarecrow, won first prize for the gentlemen. Between four and five hundred dollars was made, after all expenses were defrayed, and this amount, as usual, will go to the good work constantly being done for the poor of Queens by the women of Forest Hills who are active members of the Big Sisters of Queensborough. Mrs. Murray Brown is chairman of this ward for the Big Sisters, and Mrs. John M. Demarest represents this ward on the Executive Committee.

Mrs. C. J. Hasselman of the Inn gave a delightful dinner party in the Sun Parlor on Saturday evening last in honor of Miss C. Rhodes of Berkeley, California, who has been visiting Mrs. Hasselman for the past week. The guests included, principally the members of Mrs. Hasselman's family, with a few intimate friends.

Miss Eleanor Foster, who is a concert pianist of wide reputation, has most kindly consented to play at our concert on Sunday evening next, and it is hoped that as many guests of the Gardens as possible will attend this concert, as we are indeed favored by the courtesy of such a well-known and accomplished musician. Miss Foster has recently become a resident of the Gardens, and is planning very active work in New York in concert and evening engagements this winter. Her program will include several numbers by Chopin, Liszt and MacDowell. Later in the season, Miss Foster is planning a concert at the Inn, when she will appear with her own trio and several very prominent professionals.

Alexander R. Howard of Concord, N. C., who was a former resident of the Inn until a few months ago, returned for the Thanksgiving holidays and was heartily welcomed by his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson of Detroit have returned to the Inn after an absence of several months, and it is hoped will remain during the entire winter.

Mrs. R. R. Whitman had a week-end party for her daughter, Miss Mary Lee Whitman. Miss Dorothy Roob and Miss Mildred Kipp, who are school mates of Miss Whitman, were among the guests.

J. M. Marshall has recently returned after a two months' absence on business which took him through the south and southwest.

Miss Charlotte Read of Boston was a guest of Miss Davis of the Inn over the Thanksgiving holiday.

CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 10 o'clock, Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.
 St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings, 8 o'clock. Holy Communion; 11 o'clock, Service and Sermon. Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.
 Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday School for Juniors and Intermediates at 9:45 o'clock. Primary School at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor Society—7:45 P. M. Cor. Ascan Avenue and Greenway North.
 Church of Forest Hills—Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 10 A. M.; sermon at 11 A. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street.
 Christian Science Society of Forest Hills. Services Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School 9:45 A. M.; Wednesday evening at 8:00. 173 Continental Avenue.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



Tomorrow the Rev. David G. Latshaw, D.D., a resident of the Gardens, will be the speaker. For a number of years Dr. Latshaw has been a Secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. with special responsibilities for the direct religious work of the Association. He is a man of wide experience and a most acceptable speaker. On the following Sunday the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. C. B. Chapin, formerly Chaplain in the U. S. Army.

The annual "every-member-visitation" —started so successfully by Dr. Kent last year—will take place tomorrow afternoon, when sixteen teams of two persons each will call on the members and friends of the church in their homes. The purpose of this visitation is three-fold: to further the spiritual welfare of the church; to promote fellowship and sociability among its members, and to enlist adequate financial support for the current expenses and general benevolence of the church.

Although the committee on new pastor has heard some able prospects recently, it is not yet ready to make recommendations.

The absence of a pastor notwithstanding, the Sunday School is at present at high water mark in its history, and is rapidly outgrowing its quarters and its equipment. Last Sunday there were over eighty children in the primary department. Mrs. Latshaw and her helpers have their hands full. The older school, under Mr. Kaighn's able direction, is also adding daily to its numbers. On December 23, at 7:30 P. M., the school will have a Christmas entertainment with a tree, etc. The scholars will bring gifts of jellies, fruits and toys for the Queensborough hospital.

Juliet Luneborg, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Luneborg, of Greenway North, was recently christened by Dr. W. A. Rice at the church.

AN APPEAL FOR PALESTINE

Miss Maude Wallace, 102 Ascan Avenue, will receive clothing for the people of Palestine, and not money, as announced in the last number of the Bulletin.

COMING EVENTS

Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, at the Sales Office. 'Phone Forest Hills 6200.

Every Monday and Friday, from 3 to 5 P. M., the library is open in the Sales Office.

Every Tuesday, 3 P. M.—Seminole Avenue Club, gym class for girls and boys, ages 5 to 8 years.

Every Tuesday, 4 P. M.—Seminole Avenue Club, gym class for girls and boys, aged 8 to 14 years.

Every Thursday, 4 P. M.—Seminole Avenue Club, gym class 8 to 12 years.

Every Thursday, 8 P. M.—Boy Scouts, Sales Office.

Every Friday, 4 P. M.—Public School 101, girls' and boys' gym class, 5 to 8 years.

Every Friday, 5 P. M.—Girl Scouts, Public School 3.

Every Friday, 8 P. M.—Meeting of French Circle, 118 Ascan Avenue.

Every Saturday—Girls' swimming class, 10.35 A. M. train for New York.

Every Saturday, 1:30 and 3:30 P. M.—Moving pictures, Social Room, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Dec. 15, 3 P. M.—Mothers' Club, Public School 101.

Dec. 19, 8 P. M.—Taxpayers' Association, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Dec. 15, 19 and 21, 8 P. M.—Rehearsal for carols, Sales Office.

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve—Carol singing.

Jan. 13, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 45 Deepdene Road.