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CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Scene of Great Beauty at Station Square Was
Climax of the Caroling.

Singing Throughout the Gardens and Giving
of Gifts to Children Were Features of
the Program—Mr. Renaud's
Fine Symphony.

No word or photographic picture can adequately depict the bewitching charm and beauty of the Station Square on Christmas Eve, when in the falling snow the Carol Club gave its program of Christmas music. The singers stood on the steps of the entrance to the Station and the audience stood in the Square near the fountain and at the entrances of the Inn. The torches of the "waits" and the special illumination disclosed a scene of rare beauty, as the snow fell on the lacey outlines of the vines and shrubbery around the Station and upon the singers. The appearance and singing of the angel, (Mrs. W. W. Crawford), the center of the Christmas scene, evoked genuine and deserved applause, as the clear tones of her bell-like voice rang out on the still night air. The playing of the cornet quartette, the Park sisters, who have delighted audiences all over the world, was a distinct addition to the program, and the village is indebted to Mrs. Charles H. Scammell (one of the Park sisters) for this treat. The chorus singing, both that of men and women, was of a very high order, lead and trained, as it had been, by Bertram Bailey.

The program opened with the call from the trumpeters concealed on the top platform of the Station. Then followed "A Christmas Symphony," written by Ralph E. Renaud, who has pleased his neighbors on several occasions by allegories. The words of the Symphony follow:

THE ANGEL SPEAKS:

I am the CHRISTMAS ANGEL. I
Summon you all to make reply
To that soft influence which stirs
The great heart of the universe.
Come! Tell me what it is that sways
The trees to lift their arms in praise,
What moves the hurrying cloud to yield
Her white flakes to the frozen field,
What lures the stars to sing, what voice
Impels the mountains to rejoice!
Oh speak the word that God has given
To link our lowly world with Heaven!

THE MEN ON THE RIGHT INTONE:

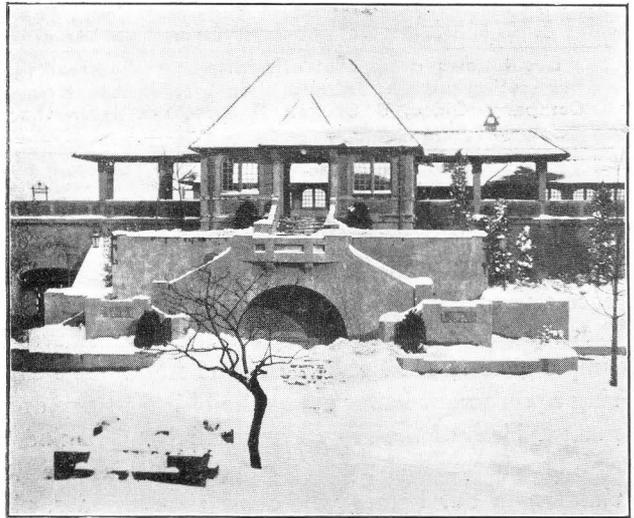
Peace on earth, good will toward men.

THE MEN ON THE LEFT INTONE:

Peace, sweet peace, has come again.

THE ANGEL SPEAKS:

The baleful cloud of death departs,
The dove has nested in men's hearts.
The rays that beamed on Bethlehem



THE STATION IN SNOW SEASON

Bathe us tonight, but most on them
Who died that we might live, they rest,
Straight from the blessed Savior's breast!
For all who still in darkness grope
Speak, oh speak, the word of hope!

THE MEN ON THE RIGHT INTONE:

Peace on earth, good will toward men.

THE MEN ON THE LEFT INTONE:

For Christ this day is born again.

THE ANGEL DESCENDS THE STEPS AND SPEAKS:

Come lift ye all your voices, praise
The King of Peace, the day of days!

Next followed the singing of "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices," by Mrs. Crawford, and the men's chorus. Then appeared the cornet quartette who played "The Christmas Chimes." The white robed chorus of the Women's Club came forth and sang "Holy Night," after which the men's chorus sang "In Old Judea." The voices of men and women, the cornets and chimes all joined in "Ring Out Ye Bells" in a most effective manner. After this, while singing "The First Noel," all of the singers and torch bearers marched into the Inn dining room to enjoy the hospitality of the Inn.

The Christmas Eve celebration passed into history, the most successful and elaborate of any that have taken place in the Gardens, in fact, unique in the history of communities. The village is grateful to all who in any way helped to make the entertainment so impressively beautiful.

Beginning at 7:30 in the evening the pageant started its way through the winding streets. It consisted of torch bearers, followed by the decorated float with the men's chorus, after which came the thirty white-robed "waits" carrying lanterns, and then the sleigh of Santa Claus with the illuminated tree and packs of toys. Out on the night air rang the songs "Holy Night" and "The First Noel." Candles burned at the windows of the homes and fathers and mothers and little children pressed their faces against the window panes to hear the sweet old melodies and Santa Claus and his assistants gave simple gifts to happy children filled with awe and wonder.

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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.

IT is a good thing for the residents of the Gardens to hear the Carol Club sing the fine old melodies once a year and it is also a beneficial thing that Santa Claus goes along with the carolers and distributes his simple gifts to the children in our homes. The carols sing again to our better selves the old, old story of the manger birth of the Holy Christ-child and reminds us again to become as teachable and simple as the little children in our homes who show such wonder, pleasure and gratitude over the visit of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

The carol pageant passed up and down our winding streets culminating in a finale on Station Square this year, the beauty and harmony of which are unique in the history of communities. This charming Christmas Eve spectacle proves what can be done when a large number are united and working for one purpose.

The war brought us together and while it is nominal-ly over, there is social and labor unrest and we need to turn our thoughts as a community to higher things. The Christmas Eve celebration helps us to do this and leaves us all more teachable and more patient as we try to do our part today. What a splendid thing if every community in our land might have a celebration like ours!

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

OUR little village starts the New Year with the Taxpayers' Association reorganized into a Community Council, which all adult residents are invited to join and of which representatives from various organizations will be a governing part. The Council ought to be a unifying and cementing agency for all undertakings of our community life and the New Year has an auspicious beginning because of this reorganization. The widespread formation of villages and towns into community councils with a spirit to learn and a will to solve the common problems in a democratic, American way would soon help to stamp out the Bolsheviki and others who have not learned that the United States is a democratic government where the majority of the people must rule. The common discussion of policies

and the mutual understanding of civic problems in such a body as a community council will help to make any locality a better and a more patriotic one. It is hoped that in our town, with all working together in the interest of and for the good of the whole, we may be an example to other places less fortunate. The person with genuine community interest is always the most helpful and the truest patriot. Let us have a 100 per cent of that kind!

A. M. WOLFSON TALKS TO MOTHERS' CLUB

The principal of the High School of Commerce of Manhattan, A. M. Wolfson, a resident of the Gardens, spoke before the Mothers' Club, on Monday, Dec. 15, at 3 P. M. at Public School 101. "Passing resolutions here at your meetings may be a good thing" he said, "but it is much better to follow the resolutions with personal appeals to the board of education and the board of estimate." His subject was "The child, the parent, the community and the school." He spoke of the child as meeting the community, (1) in school, (2) on the playground, (3) and then later in society. "The relation between the school and the child is two-fold," the speaker continued, "You as a parent owe something to the school as well as what the school owes your child. You should insist on a proper curriculum and a fair amount of individual teaching for your children, always remembering the tremendous task which the board of education has in supplying the needs of 800,000 boys and girls in the city of New York. The parent must always do his part in three ways, (1) by giving sympathetic interest to the whole school question, (2) by intelligent supervision of your children's work, (3) by lending support when there is an effort made to better conditions, either of the school or in the hours or salaries for teachers." The speaker answered many questions at the close of his talk.

A business meeting preceded the program when reports were given by Mrs. W. G. Walker and Mrs. H. P. Daniels on the December meeting of the Queensborough League of Mothers' Clubs. A report was also given by Mrs. George A. Douglass, the president, on the work of a committee appointed by the president of the Taxpayers' Association, for the purpose of securing better and larger school accommodations for the children of the Gardens. A portable school at Flushing had been visited by the committee at the suggestion of George J. Ryan, member of the board of education.

WOMEN'S CLUB ACTIVE.

On Monday afternoon, Jan. 5th, at two o'clock, at the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Club, at the Inn, Miss Suga Umezaki, a Japanese girl who is completing her American education in New York, will give a program of popular Japanese airs and a lecture on the customs and dress of the women of Japan. Miss Umezaki comes highly recommended and a large audience is expected.

The current readings chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. George Smart, 45 Deepdene Road, on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 13, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Smart will discuss the books of her friend Dorothy Canfield.

The third number of the evening entertainment course will be given on Wednesday evening, Jan. 14, at eight o'clock, in the Church-in-the-Gardens, when Dr. Frank Crane will be the speaker. A special musical program will be given but Dr. Crane's lecture will be the principal feature. Dr. Crane is read by ten million people every day because of the syndicates through which he furnishes little understandable philosophical essays of human nature. This lecture will be a treat for Forest Hills and the audience will be limited only by the capacity of the room. Single admission tickets may be secured at the door for \$1.25.

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Forest Hills Taxpayers Reorganized—Demonstration of Americanized Jiu Jitsu.

After ten years of service under the name of Forest Hills Taxpayers, that organization took an important step Friday night, Dec. 19, when it changed its name to the Community Council of Forest Hills and adopted a new constitution under which it is proposed to participate in the larger work of the borough and the city and be represented in the City Parliament and Community Councils of New York. The old name was a drawback because it gave many people who did not happen to be owners of real estate the impression that they were not expected to take part in its activities. Under the new name and larger plans, it is hoped that there will be a much larger active list of members. Every adult resident of Forest Hills or Forest Hills Gardens is potentially a member of the Community Council and every one who pays the annual dues of \$2 will be a member in good standing.

The Governing Board, consisting of officers and two others to be appointed by the president, will direct and carry out the policies of the council. An Advisory Board, to be made up of the official head and one other member of each of the civic organizations of the community, will recommend to the president of the Community Council the establishment and personnel of necessary committees to be appointed by him. Regular meetings will be on the third Friday of every month except July and August.

George B. Everitt was elected treasurer to take the place of Ferd Neumer, who declined to serve.

After the business of the evening had been disposed of, President Smart introduced Sergeants T. M. Shaw and Cantor and Patrolman Brillia, who gave a most interesting and at times exciting demonstration of how Americanized jiu jitsu, first introduced in New York by Theodore Roosevelt when he was police commissioner, is taught in the School of Instruction of the police department and practiced by the policemen. Sergeant Shaw fully explained the methods of policemen and also indicated how citizens can learn to protect themselves. His skill and that of Sergeant Cantor and Patrolman Brillia were greatly admired and frequently applauded. Among the most enthusiastic people in the audience were a delegation of Boy Scouts.

After the demonstration, many questions were asked Sergeant Shaw and answered and there was a discussion of burglaries and other subjects relating to public safety.

FIGHTING TUBERCULOSIS.

The sale of Christmas stamps and health bonds, for the purpose of fighting tuberculosis conducted by the American Red Cross in a nation-wide campaign, closed a few days ago. Mrs. George J. Simons, chairman for Forest Hills, reports that \$360 were raised here. In January a meeting will be held in Long Island City to plan to fight the disease in Queens.

GYM CLASSES.

Many questions have reached the playleader concerning the gym classes for the different ages of children. The Coming Events column has given in each issue of the Bulletin the exact time and place for each class. The class for very little people, girls and boys, meets at the club house on Seminole Avenue on Tuesday at three o'clock and at the kindergarten at four o'clock on Friday. The boys' class meets at the club house on Tuesday at four and the girls on Thursday at the same place at four o'clock.

The classes will have a recess until school opens Jan. 5. Boys and girls, join the classes then!

GIRL SCOUTS' PHILANTHROPY.

The Girl Scouts prepared a dinner and donated it at Christmas time to a family in Corona through the home service section of the American Red Cross. The family consists of five children and the father, so if the Girl Scouts can become foster mothers, 1920 will be a good year for this family at Corona.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Fruits, vegetables, canned and boxed foods were brought in generous quantities by the pupils of public schools 3 and 101, for the Ridgewood Day Nursery, at Thanksgiving. The gifts were conveyed to the Nursery through the kindness of Mrs. J. F. Williams, of Fife street, who offered her car and her services.

As a Christmas offering, the pupils of public school 3 prepared stockings for the children of the Ridgewood Day Nursery. Mrs. Runnion, of the Gardens Apartments, very kindly carried them to the Nursery in her car. The pupils of public school 101 sent apples, oranges and other things to the Washington Heights Day Nursery. The delivery of the offering in this case was done through the kindness of Mrs. J. D. Dailey, of Washington Heights.

A short Christmas program in which the children of all grades took part was given in the kindergarten room of public school 101 on the morning of Dec. 24. It consisted of recitations, piano solos and songs.

The morning session of the kindergarten class of public school 101 gave their Christmas tree party on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 11 A. M. Twenty-one mothers were present and seemed to enjoy the party almost as much as the children themselves.

The afternoon session of the kindergarten class gave their party at 2 o'clock on the same day, mothers and children all having a jolly time.

THE GARDENS PLAYERS.

The Gardens Players have put into rehearsal their second bill of four short plays to be presented some time in February. Of local interest is the fact that one of the plays is again by a Forest Hills writer. Another play has been supplied by Professor George P. Baker of the "47 Workshop" at Harvard University; a third has been supplied by a well-known novelist and playwright of New York, while the fourth is a play that a few seasons ago won the admiration of particular Broadway theatre-goers for its brilliance.

The Players recently entertained informally for members only by a reading of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Ernest."

A TRICYCLE NEEDED.

Mrs. Murray Brown, Greenway North and Slocum Crescent, chairman of this ward for the Big Sisters of Queensborough, knows of a little six-year-old girl who would be much benefited by the use of a tricycle. The child was stricken with infantile paralysis a few years ago and her limbs are still weak from the disease. The Big Sisters have seen to it that all possible medical care has been given. Anyone who will donate a tricycle which is no longer in use will please communicate with Mrs. Brown.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Lester G. Hornby, wife of the artist, of Boston, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna C. Boyd, of Greenway Terrace.

Mrs. J. S. Maxwell, of 229 Greenway South, entertained eighteen little friends of her daughter, Jane, at a masquerade party on the evening of Dec. 4, when pictures were taken of the little girls and boys in costume.

Helena Ketcham, of Greenway North, is home for the holidays from Bradford Academy.

Malcolm and Myron Burton, of Rockrose Place, are home for two weeks from Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Buckley and daughter, Esther, of Markwood Road, have gone to California for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Ward and daughter, Helen, of Borage Place, are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Cecily Kershaw entertained about thirty little friends at the motion picture entertainment in the social room of the Church-in-the-Gardens on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13.

THE INN.



The New York Association for the Blind held its third annual Bazaar and sale at the Inn on Dec. 17, and realized the sum of very nearly \$300 in one day's exhibit. The sale was held in the Sun Parlor, the many beautiful and practical articles being artistically shown, while one of the blind workers demonstrated his art on wicker trays, baskets, etc., which were sold almost before completion. Tea was served to those attending during the afternoon and much interest taken during the evening by the gentlemen of the Inn and Gardens who did much to promote the income of the sale.

Many guests have left the Inn over the holiday season to be with relatives and friends, though on the other hand, the Inn is being favored with many visitors to those here, among them being Dr. and Mrs. Linwood M. Kelley of South Orange, who are visiting Mrs. Kelley's mother, Mrs. Lytle J. Hunter, of the Inn. Miss Carol Smith is also the guest of Mrs. Hunter, and will remain during her vacation from the Glen Eden School at Stamford. Miss Mary Lee Whitman is also spending her school holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell R. Whitman, as is also Jerome Watrous, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Watrous, of the Inn. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Henderson also have their two sons, Don and Wilfred, with them for the holiday season. James J. Pershing, Jr., has joined his parents in Chicago, where they will spend the holidays and return after the New Year.

Mrs. Edward Rising and her daughter Margaret, have returned to the Inn, having closed their home in Saugerties, New York, for the winter months. T. A. Clarke, of Buffalo, New York, recently spent several days visiting his mother, Mrs. J. C. Clarke, of the Inn. Mr. Lytle J. Hunter returned this week from a duck shooting trip on the St. Charles River, Florida. Mrs. Walter Schmidt, with her little son, Malcolm, of Los Angeles, is spending a number of weeks at the Inn, where she will be joined by her husband, who is at present on an extensive business trip. Mr. Francis J. Nash, of the Inn, is spending the holidays with his parents in Wanantowoc, Michigan. Mr. F. Stocksdale, of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, is among the recent arrivals at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Richards, formerly of Chicago, are among the new arrivals at the Inn.

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, aged 5 to 8 years.

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

Every Thursday, 4 P. M.—Seminole Avenue Club, girls' 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, 114 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.

Jan. 5, 2 P. M.—Women's Club meeting, Inn.

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

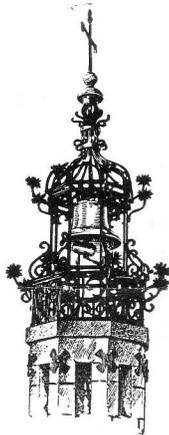
Jan. 14, 8 P. M.—Dr. Frank Crane, Women's Club entertainment course, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Jan. 17, 8 P. M.—Community Council, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Jan. 19, 3 P. M.—Mothers' Club, Public School 3.

LOST—Tuesday A. M., between shoe shop and Gardens Apartments, black silk hand bag with small sum of money and gold vanity. Finder return to Mrs. Farrand, Gardens Apartments. Reward.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.



The Rev. W. E. Griffis, D. D., will be the speaker at the eleven o'clock service tomorrow. Dr. Griffis' work as preacher, educator and author has attracted wide attention. He has been preacher at all the leading eastern universities and has written books on Japan, Korea, Belgium and Holland. Forest Hills Gardens residents ought to turn out en masse to hear him.

At a recent communion service D. G. Clark, Deepdene Road, was received into membership of the church. A hearty welcome awaits others who may wish to make this their church home.

At the conclusion of the Every-Member-Visitation on Dec. 14, twenty-six of the visitors met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh to report on the afternoon's work. The reports were most encouraging as indicating a growing in-

terest throughout the community in the affairs of the church.

Last Sunday's Christmas service with the special music was much enjoyed by a large congregation. Mrs. George Le Blanc, organist and director of music, was ably assisted by Miss Edna Westerhiefer, violinist; Mr. Gunster, tenor soloist; Miss Elise Gardner, the regular church soprano; Mrs. C. H. W. Hasselriis, contralto, and Mr. F. S. Roeschlaub, basso.

On the evening of Dec. 23 Santa Claus visited the Sunday School and gave a box of candy to every boy and girl. A tree, songs and recitations by cunning little folks and the singing of carols made it a very happy occasion. Many toys, fruits, jellies, etc., were brought by the scholars for the Queensborough Hospital at Jamaica.

MOTION PICTURES.

"Treasure Island," "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and other good reels have been shown at the Saturday afternoon performances given in the social room of the Church-in-the-Gardens, for the benefit of the fund for the new parish-community house. The pictures are shown every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 and 3:30. Admission is twenty-five cents.

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.

ELSBETH R. ERWIN.

The death of little Betty, whose real name was Elsbeth R. Erwin, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Erwin, Park End Place, on Dec. 14, after a severe illness, was a most pathetic thing. Services were conducted at the home at two o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 16 by Rev. T. Williams of Jamaica, and the burial was at Flushing. The sympathy of the community is extended to the parents because of the death of this little promising eleven-year-old daughter. The Erwin family moved here recently from Milwaukee.