

# The Forest Hills Bulletin

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## THIRTEEN A LUCKY NUMBER

### Commencement Exercises Held in Public School 3— Program Given by Scholars

Great in spirit, if not in numbers, the graduating class of Public School 3 made an excellent showing before a large and enthusiastic audience in the auditorium of the school on Friday evening, Jan. 25. Andrew Hargreave and Howard Fatt contributed the instrumental solos of the evening and the class, assisted by 8A sang some well-chosen songs under the leadership of Miss Miriam Gorman. A graceful dance number by the girls, a rhythmic wand drill given by the boys and a delightful duet on the piano, "Anitra's Dance," of the Peer Gynt Suite, played by Grace Campbell and Jane Wallis of 8A completed the musical numbers.

In an inter-sting recitation on books, Howard Fatt said, "If you kill a man, you kill the image of God, but if you destroy a book, you destroy reason itself." A war poem, "Drafted," brought much applause for Anita List as did a clear-cut comparison of Washington and Napoleon by the class president, Lincoln Smith, which, while conceding the latter to be superior in military genius, stressed the greater value to the world of Washington's far-seeing vision and statesmanship and concluded, "Had Napoleon been more like Washington, all France would still be worshipping him as a national hero, but to conceive of Washington being like Napoleon is simply impossible." Miss Lucille A. Nicol, the recently appointed district superintendent, who was to have given the address to the Graduates, was unable to be present. The diplomas and certificates of merit and various awards were presented by Frank Sincerbeaux of Kew Gardens, a member of the local school board.

Certificates of merit were awarded to Mary Frances Bradley, Anita List, Emma Wissel and Anna Rokos. The Mothers' Club prize, which stands for school spirit, conduct, and scholarship, went to the smallest member of the class, Anna Rokos. The sewing award was given to Anita List, honorable mention for sewing to Mary Frances Bradley and Florence Harrison; the reward for a record free from tardiness or absence to Emma Wissel, and the shop medal to Lincoln Smith.

The five pieces of shop-work by 8B boys were on exhibition and must have caused lengthy deliberation on the part of the judge, so well matched were they in workmanship. Diplomas were received by Frances Barnard, Mary Frances Bradley, Norma Fraser, Florence Harrison, Anita List, Emilie Nuerge, Milton Scherpf, Victor Lataille, Andrew Hargreave, Howard Fatt, Emma Wissel, Anna Rokos, and Lincoln Smith. The class officers were as follows: President, Lincoln Smith; Vice-President, Frances Barnard; Secretary, Anita List; Treasurer, Andrew Hargreave. Miss Miriam Gorman, special music teacher of the district and Grace Campbell of 8A were the accompanists.

A bust of George Washington was presented to the school by the graduates which, with the Lincoln bust, friezes and pictures, adds much to the atmosphere of the auditorium.

## CHORAL CLUB MAKES BIG PLANS

The Choral Club is making elaborate plans for its spring concert in the hope that it will be able to enlist the interest of a very large portion of the people of Forest Hills.

It is not satisfied in having had larger audiences than any other local organization, for it is ambitious to deserve and to secure the active co-operation of the whole community.

## RECREATIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

### Forest Hills Association Starts New Year With Enthusiasm—Officers and Chairmen

Last night a meeting of the Forest Hills Association was held in the auditorium of Public School 3, when moving pictures were shown and then the special program, "Bringing the Telephone Company to the Public," was staged by the New York Telephone Co. The program included a demonstration of actual central office operation.

The association will celebrate Washington's birthday by holding a party for members at the Seminole Avenue Clubhouse, on Friday evening, Feb. 22. There will be cards, dancing and, if the weather permits, skating on the tennis court rink. With cold enough weather, the courts will be flooded during the next few weeks. Skating privileges will be confined to the members who have paid dues or who hold cards which entitle them to athletic privileges. The children are to skate from 3 to 5 p. m. and the adults in the evening. Any family head who has not paid dues or athletic fees should get in touch with the treasurer, Howard Caffey, 161 Seminole Avenue.

The civic committee in the past has accomplished much; it hopes to have a substitution for the lighting system; an improved telephone and postal service; the creation of a city park along the hillside which borders the meadows; better drainage for the streets and the selection of a library site.

If residents wish to complain about the telephone or postal service, specific complaints should be made in writing to George J. Campo, Cord Meyer Development Co.

The officers and chairmen of committees of the Forest Hills Association follow:

Officers: President, Herbert Chase; vice-president, Fred Neumer; secretary, George J. Campo; treasurer, Howard Caffey.

Committee chairmen: Civic and House, Percy D. Wright; Publicity, James McGill; Golf, R. A. Clinchy; Tennis, Godfrey Von Hofe.



HOME OF C. CURTIS WOODRUFF, 55 GOWN STREET  
This house was designed and built by the Cord Meyer Development Co.

## DANCE AND BOX SUPPER

There will be a dance and box supper at Forest Hills Inn, Feb. 29, 8:30 p. m., in the interest of Jamaica Hospital. The patronesses are: Mrs. J. C. Bebb, Mrs. J. A. Corcadan, Mrs. Otto Diechmann, Mrs. Frank Hardart, Mrs. L. Gallucci, Mrs. Lytle Hunter, Mrs. Theo. Luce, Mrs. E. C. Ketcham, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. Alden H. Vose, and Mrs. Augustine J. Wilson. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Wilson, 80 Ascan Avenue, Boulevard 6571. The price is \$2 for a couple.

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### THEY'RE FEMININE AFTER ALL

THE Women's Club helps to keep the town clean, as the readers of these columns know. The goblins—the civic committee members and your conscience—will get you if you let your papers blow around or leave your ash can stand on the sidewalk after noon. The food store keepers know that the women have eagle eyes on them. The club is philanthropically inclined, as many "a person of disadvantage," sometimes known as the poor, would testify, and it shows a substantial interest in an adopted scholarship boy.

Among its members are many serious minds who review books before a large group who listen with interest. The club boosts the local library station and works against odds for the city's purchase of a library site and building.

But this does not tell the whole tale. You may not believe it, but the members care for stylish clothes! The secret is out. A style show is to be staged at the next meeting, and only those who go early will find seats, for every woman of the town, including all guests of the Inn, will be present at the meeting in the Inn drawing room next Monday afternoon.

### TALKS ON PAINTING TO MOTHERS

Winfield Scott Clime gave a talk on "Landscape Painting" at the meeting of the Mothers' Club of Public School 3 on the afternoon of Jan. 21. The subject and the way it was handled appealed very much to the members. Dudley Tyng Upjohn, who conducts an all-night mission, 8 Bowery, told of his work and made an appeal for old clothing. He furnishes the money to conduct the mission.

The mothers voted to give the five dollar gold piece prize to some member of the recent graduating class. Mrs. Mary A. Hoppe explained the way it was awarded; ten points are considered, three for conduct, three for school spirit, two for service, one for attendance and punctuality and one for scholarship. Mrs. Hoppe also spoke on how the report cards are marked. The reports of the first four months are summaries of the preceding month and the report of the fifth month shows the real standing of the pupil. Seventy percent is the passing mark for the school.

The school needs a sewing machine and the mothers are considering purchasing it. A new victrola has been purchased from the school fund, the one selling the victrola allowing 40 percent discount.

### FASHION SHOW TO BE HELD

Fashions, up-to-date and ahead-of-date, will be on display at the meeting of the Women's Club, to be held at the Forest Hills Inn, at 2 o'clock, Monday afternoon, Feb. 4. Best & Co. are sending out the best models in order to display the newest styles in the most attractive way. The Ampico will furnish the music during the fashion show. A special musical program will be rendered during the afternoon through the courtesy of Knabe & Co. The meeting is to be held at the Inn through the courtesy of the management.

The current readings chapter will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the home of Mrs. G. H. Dorr, 35 Exeter Street, when Mrs. Robert C. Adams will review the works of Katherine Mansfield. Mrs. Speir Whitaker will be assistant hostess. The same chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. S. E. Davenport, Jr., 20 Groton Street, on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 26, when Mrs. Alden H. Vose will review "The Able McLaughlins" by Margaret Wilson. Mrs. Nugent Fallon will assist the hostess.

The philanthropic chapter will meet Wednesday, Feb. 20, 3 p. m., at the home of the chairman, Mrs. John M. McMillin.

### MODERN EDUCATION

#### Head of Lincoln School Speaks to an Interested Audience of Mothers and Fathers.

In spite of a cold wave and the delays of trains, a fair-sized audience of earnest mothers and fathers listened intently to Dr. Otis W. Caldwell, director of the Lincoln School, when he spoke on "Improvement of Study in Schools," Jan. 21, in the Church-in-the-Gardens, under the auspices of the Gardens Mothers' Club.

After being introduced by Rev. C. E. Silcox, Dr. Caldwell told of the ease and speed with which we travel today compared with 50 years ago and he said that the growth of knowledge had been the same as the improvement in travel. Modern education, he said, had developed since printing began in the fifteenth century. In his address he made three points: (1) People (pupils) grow fastest and retain longest and with greatest accuracy and their life is most enjoyable, when the things they are doing are meaningful. (2) Children grow fastest under the system which enables them to grow co-operatively. (3) Children grow in helping to run the plant in which they are getting their education.

"The ideal education enables one to live effectively, with high ideals, in a modern world," he said. Then he pictured the great task of educating all of the children in this democratic America, to which people have come from every part of the world.

The address made a particular appeal to parents of young children, to whom he urged the need of a new viewpoint towards education. "College education," he said, "is the blind part of our system," and those parents whose children are in college had to be content with this unexplained, unelaborated comment on the part of education, which means so much to them.

Dr. Caldwell knows his subject and the school of which he is the head is fortunate to have the guiding hand of this explorer in the field of education.

### FRONTAGE RATE WATER BILLS DUE

#### Many Real Estate Taxes in Arrears—Gardens Corporation Gives Warning.

Residents of Forest Hills who are being charged at frontage rates for water should remember that the city does not send out bills unless requested to do so, and unless the request is accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. These water bills were due Jan. 1 and if not paid by March 1, become a lien upon your property. Checks should be made payable, and correspondence addressed to Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Municipal Building, Court Square, Long Island City.

The Receiver of Taxes has called to the attention of an interested friend of Forest Hills, the fact that property owners in the Gardens are neglecting to pay their real estate taxes. These taxes are sent out only on request accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Real estate taxes are due May 1 and Nov. 1 of each year. Checks should be made payable and correspondence addressed to Receiver of Taxes, 5 Court Square, Long Island City.

In the past, many people depended upon the Sage Foundation Homes Co. to obtain these bills for them. This was done only as a personal favor on the part of the company, who cannot now continue this service. It will be necessary therefore for people to get in the habit of sending for their own tax bills.

In requesting either water bills or real estate tax bills, it is absolutely necessary to give lot and block numbers, of your property according to city tax map. It is also absolutely necessary that you enclose stamped self-addressed envelope if you desire these bills to be mailed to you.

Laura M. Green,

Executive Secretary, Gardens Corporation.

Lost—Diamond bracelet, Jan. 29. Liberal reward. Boulevard 2347.

## THE INN

The Saturday night dances at the Inn are extremely well patronized and the management feels gratified that so many new residents of the village use the Inn as a rendezvous for Saturday dinners followed by dancing. Music for these dances is now being furnished by Leonard's quadrangle orchestra of Columbia University and is proving very satisfactory.

Saturday, Jan. 19, Mrs. Ethel Seegal gave an elaborate luncheon in the sun porch, followed by a card party, after which dinner was served.

On Friday, Jan. 25, the Sigma Phi Sorority had its annual dinner dance with about a hundred couples, under the chairmanship of Miss E. L. Weingartner of Richmond Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reed entertained at a dinner in the sun porch, followed by dancing, Saturday, Jan. 26, with 16 guests.

The ballroom and sun porch were reserved for Friday, Feb. 1, when Mrs. A. S. Pond gave a supper and dance in honor of the birthday of Miss Marjorie Pond, with an attendance of almost 50.

Professor Delroy will give the third of his lectures on Sunday, Feb. 3, and a very interesting program is promised for that evening.

On one of the following Sundays the management plans to have an entertainment for the children, details for which will be announced later.

Among recent arrivals are Horace Crey, of London, England, and Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Chesterman, who have returned from a trip South. Other new arrivals are John R. Brodhead and Mrs. Martha Nicholson, of New York.

Further arrivals are Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Shannon and daughter, of Chicago, and W. P. Hunt, of New York.

After a prolonged stay in New York, Miss Hilda Jackson has returned for an indefinite stay.

The management has donated the ballroom and sun porch for the meeting of the Women's Club, Feb. 4. After the business meeting, an excellent fashion show will be put on to which the residents of the Inn are cordially invited.

## NEWS OF THE NEIGHBORS

Mrs. J. Elmer Kline, 82 Meteor Street, has enjoyed a visit at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Swazey and family, formerly of Slocum Crescent, are now living at 14920 Terrace Road, Cleveland. Mrs. Swazey expects to visit in Forest Hills during this month.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Thornley, formerly of Ingram Street, are enjoying their home in England, 10 Dover Road, Birkdale.

Mrs. Frederick Bauer, Tennis Apartments, is spending January, February and March at the Royal Palms Hotel, Miami, Florida.

Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh visited last week at Saratoga Springs, where Miss Mary Marsh attends Skidmore. Miss Mary is at home now for a few days between semesters. Mrs. Ella Burns is visiting at the Marsh home, 68 Greenway North.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Woodard, Groton Street, are enjoying a visit in the Pacific Coast states. Mrs. Woodard writes most enthusiastically about the natural beauties of that part of the country and her enthusiasm finds a responsive chord in all people of Forest Hills who have seen that part of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil B. Meyer have returned from their wedding trip—spent in Bermuda—and are located in their new home, 9930 Guilford Street.

Fred Small, Greenway North, is at home from Yale between semesters.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Fuller, of Philadelphia, gave a dance and kitchen shower last Friday evening, Jan. 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Schlesier, Seminole Avenue. The party was in honor of Miss Helen Wolston Smith, of the Gardens, who recently announced her engagement to John Francis Stone, of Port Washington, and Miss Effie Dongan, of New York, whose engagement to Howard Pratt, of New York, has been announced. Both Miss Smith and Miss Dongan were in Mrs. Fuller's bridal party last February and Mr. Stone was an usher.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Wright, of Seminole Avenue, left on Wednesday for a month's trip to the West Indies.

Dr. Valerian Quintin, dentist, is moving his offices from his residence, 64 Gown Street, to the Northwest corner of Continental Avenue and Austin Street, opposite the Long Island Railroad station and expects to be located Feb. 5.

## WONDERS OF RADIUM

## Men's Club Listens to Addresses by Dr. Barker and Dr. Corscaden—Judge Moore's New Book.

The January meeting of the Men's Club was held at the hospitable home of Donald G. Clark, on Markwood Road. It was a radium evening and the speakers were Dr. Howard H. Barker, physicist of the United States Radium Corporation, New York, and Dr. J. A. Corscaden, of Forest Hills. Dr. Barker, who brought with him a tiny specimen of radium valued at \$1,000, spoke from a scientific standpoint of radium and radio activity, telling of the extremely interesting and important investigations which have been made and of the wonderful possibilities of further development. In spite of much that has been accomplished, Dr. Barker said that investigation of radium has only begun and scientists are merely on the threshold of results of the greatest importance.

Dr. Corscaden spoke in a more popular vein, referring particularly to the use of radium in the treatment of cancer. He displayed a number of lantern slides showing the difference between functional ailments and organic diseases. He said that in the case of the former the patients might be cured by going to church or by being treated entirely from the standpoint of mental science, but in the case of organic diseases other forms of treatment must be resorted to. He said that radium cannot be considered a perfect means of cure for cancer and should not be resorted to when the growth can be removed by an operation. He gave a very interesting description of how radium rays act when there is an unhealthy growth in the system. He described the splendid effects of the use of sunshine in the curing of rickets in children and said that radium could not be used in this way.

Rev. C. E. Silcox, minister of the Church-in-the-Gardens, Jules Gingras and Eldridge Henderson were elected members of the club.

The attention of members was called to the recent publication of a very handsomely printed volume of 300 pages containing essays and addresses by Judge Charles F. Moore, who, for more than a year, has been confined at home by a serious illness. Despite his physical weakness, Judge Moore has written extensively and several of the essays in the new volume were composed recently. An introduction by Frank Crane speaks in terms of the highest praise of Judge Moore, one of the most distinguished and useful citizens of Forest Hills.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF CELEBRATIONS ASSOCIATION

## Christmas Celebration, 1922

Cash received from Treasurer.....	\$32.51	
Lumber sold by Treasurer.....	9.87	\$42.38
Donations received for Christmas, 1922..		1,641.50

Total cash receipts.....	\$1,683.88
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Deficit from former Treasurer....	\$116.41
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Expenditures for Christmas celebration, 1922 .....	556.95
Total expenditures .....	673.36

Cash balance on hand.....	\$1,010.52
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## Fourth of July Celebration, 1922

Cash balance on hand.....	\$1,010.52
Donations received for Fourth of July, 1922	2,389.50

Total cash .....	\$3,400.02
Expenditures for Fourth of July, 1922.....	2,477.67

Cash balance on hand.....	\$922.35
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## Christmas Celebration, 1923

Cash balance on hand.....	\$922.35
Donations for Christmas, 1923.....	1,610.00

Total cash .....	\$2,532.35
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Expenditures for Christmas, 1923	\$1,087.23
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Donations to poor of Queens...	100.00
	1,187.23

Cash balance on hand, Jan. 26, 1924.....	\$1,345.12
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Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. MITCHELL, *Treasurer*,  
Celebrations Association of Forest Hills Gardens.

## THE CHURCH - IN - THE - GARDENS



Tomorrow morning the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the morning service, and some nine new members will be received into the church. The music committee has arranged for introductory music by organ and violoncello at 10:45, consisting of the following numbers: "Meditation from Thais" (Massenet), "Melody in F" (Rubinstein), and Adagio, from the Cello Concerto (Haydn).

Next Wednesday evening, Feb. 6, the minister, Rev. C. E. Silcox, will begin the first of a series of lectures of "The Growth of Christianity," to be given on successive Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock in the social room until April 9. The course essays to give, as it were, an aeroplane view of the development of the Christian Church, and will be based upon a dynamic rather than a static view of Christianity. The course is open to all.

The informal Sunday evening meetings have been most rewarding and enjoyable. On Sunday, Jan. 20, the meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Clark, Markwood Road, when Miss Julia Harden, harpist, of Continental Avenue, played several beautiful selections, and several students from the Jamaica High School offered a scene from Rostand's "L'Aiglon." The well-known "nose" speech of Cyrano de Bergerac was excellently given by Mr. Gomez, of the Jamaica High School. On Sunday, Jan. 27, the meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hof, Greenway North, when Mrs. Beatrice Brett Kieffer read John M. Synge's "The Shadow of the Glen," and Miss Helena Ketcham, accompanied by Miss Snowden, sang a group of songs. Tomorrow evening the hosts will be Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bird Wilson, 134 Puritan Avenue. Among those who will assist in the program is Miss Catherine Jones, of Kew Gardens, who will read. These meetings will be continued throughout February.

The Church Committee has decided to inaugurate a series of Vesper Services during the Lenten season, on Sunday afternoons at 5 o'clock.

The offering of the Church School next Sunday will be given to the American Sunday School Union, an interdenominational organization.

## RELIGIOUS TRAINING TO BE DISCUSSED

The Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens will meet in the Social Room of the church, Friday, Feb. 8, at 2 p. m. Miss Dorothea Knox, secretary of the Union Theological Seminary Sunday School, will speak on the subject, "Religious Training for Children—What is Being Done at the Seminary School." The hostesses will be Mrs. Porry R. Getz and Mrs. Frederick E. Smith.

## CHURCH SERVICES

ROMAN CATHOLIC—Sunday morning at 6:45, 8 and 11 o'clock. Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL—Rev. William P. S. Lander. Sundays—Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; Church School, 9:30 a. m.; service and sermon, 11 a. m.; Evening Prayer, 5 p. m. Holy Days—Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m. Greenway South, near Cranford Street.

CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS—Rev. C. E. Silcox, minister—Sunday services: Church School, 9:30 a. m.; sermon, 11 a. m. Corner Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FOREST HILLS—Rev. Albert Shepard, M.A., minister. Church services: Sunday—10 a. m., Sabbath School; 11 a. m., public worship; 8 p. m., lecture. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, OF FOREST HILLS—Services Sunday at 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Wednesday evening at 8. Reading room open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, except holidays, from 2 to 4 p. m. Masonic Temple.

## THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The organ recital and reception postponed from the week previous on account of the severe storm, was held in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Jan. 23. A fairly large audience thoroughly enjoyed the fine program presented to them by Frederick T. Short at the organ and Madame De Kyzer, lyric soprano. A reception followed in the Social Rooms.

Services at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday will be as follows: 10 o'clock, Bible School with all classes meeting; 11 o'clock, public worship. Mr. Sheppard will preach the first of his February series on "The Humanizing of Life"; taking as his topic "The Entrance to Life." In the services held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, outline studies will be given on the "History of the Christian Church"; the subject for next Sunday being "The Apostolic Age, and the Age of Persecution."

The Forest Hills Troop of Girl Scouts meets each Monday evening in the Social Rooms of the Presbyterian Church.

## SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

Beginning with the first Sunday in February, Evening Prayer will be said at 5 o'clock. This will provide the parish with another service on Sundays and leaves little room for failure to attend a service on that day.

The Women's Guild will give a turkey supper on Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the new Guild Hall underneath the new church. This will be the first activity in the rooms provided in the recent building and will be in the nature of their official opening.

The Church School continues to hold its meetings in the former church building but will meet as soon as possible in the Guild Hall.

A confirmation class is being organized for adults as well as children and the rector will be glad to receive the names of candidates.

## JAMAICA HOSPITAL DRIVE CONTINUES

A meeting was held last Thursday evening, Jan. 31, at the Seminole Avenue Clubhouse, with Mrs. Charles Johnson, chairman. Plans were made to continue the drive for the Jamaica Hospital, and to raise funds for finishing the Forest Hills maternity ward of the hospital. There will be a house to house canvass in the north side of the village and the committee expects to be successful in the drive.

## COMING EVENTS

- Monday, 3 to 5:30 p. m.—Library open. Sales office.
- Friday, 3 to 6 p. m.—Library open. Sales office.
- First and third Tuesday evenings of each month, 8 o'clock—Forest Hills Lodge, 946, F. & A. M. Masonic Temple.
- Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Choral Club rehearsal, Church-in-the-Gardens.
- Monday, Feb. 4, 2 p. m.—Women's Club, Inn.
- Friday, Feb. 8, 2 p. m.—Women's Guild, Church-in-the-Gardens Social Room.
- Monday, Feb. 11, 3 p. m.—Gardens Mothers' Club, 35 Greenway Terraces.
- Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2:30 p. m.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 35 Exeter Street.
- Friday, Feb. 15, 8 p. m.—Men's Fellowship Club, Presbyterian Church.
- Monday, Feb. 18, 2 p. m.—Mothers' Club, Public School 3.
- Wednesday, Feb. 20, 3 p. m.—Philanthropic Chapter, Women's Club, 21 Fairway Close.
- Friday, Feb. 22, 8 p. m.—Forest Hills Association Party, Seminole Avenue Clubhouse.
- Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2:30 p. m.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 20 Groton Street.
- Wednesday, Feb. 27.—Women's Guild Dinner, Guild Hall, St. Luke's.
- Friday, Feb. 29, 8 p. m.—Jamaica Hospital Benefit, The Inn.
- Tuesday, March 11—Fair, Ladies' Auxiliary, Presbyterian Church, Masonic Temple.
- Friday, April 11, 8 p. m.—Choral Club Concert.

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## Christmas Eve and Fourth of July Celebrations

Record of Events Which Have Established the Reputation  
of Forest Hills Gardens for Unique Observance of Great  
Holidays — Permanent Association Formed in 1920

### THE FOURTH OF JULY — 1914 to 1923

THE story of the celebration of Independence Day in Forest Hills Gardens from the inauguration of a special program has been one of development, popularity, games, dances and patriotic eloquence.

The exercises of 1914, the initial program, were noted for the *camaraderie* which can come only in a small community. In 1915 the contest in tennis matches for the silver cup was begun, and a pageant of Colonial times was held in Station Square. The dedication of the Flag Pole on the Green and the presentation of "The Happy Stranger," an allegory by E. H. Conway and R. E. Renaud, in Olivia Park, were the outstanding features of 1916.

Theodore Roosevelt was the central figure of July 4, 1917, when he was the guest of the Gardens and made his famous 100 per cent American speech. The events of 1918 were sanctified and somewhat shadowed by the presence of wounded soldiers and sailors, the honored guests of the day, who were served supper in the Church-in-the-Gardens. The program was brightened by the dancing of the pupils of Louis Chalif in Olivia Park. The program of 1919 was one of thanksgiving over the success of the United States and her Allies in the Great War. This was epitomized in the allegory "The Golden Day," by R. E. Renaud, presented in Olivia Park.

The distinctive feature of the celebration of 1920 was the singing by the Milton Aborn Opera Company of "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusticana," in Olivia Park. In the program of 1921 Fred Stone's name appears, when he delighted the children and grown-ups in Station Square by some clever tricks. In the Park, the Gardens Players put on the play "The Flying Door Mat," by Ralph E. Renaud, which brought hearty applause from a large audience. The new feature in 1922 was the picturesque parade which represented the many interests of the village. In spite of rain on July 4, 1923, an attractive program was given the people, from Flag Raising until the close of the dance in Station Square.

### THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION

THE singing of carols as a custom in Forest Hills Gardens was inaugurated in 1914 and has been carried on ever since. The colorful pageant—Santa Claus, mounted Christmas tree, torch bearers and carol singers—has passed up and down the winding streets every year since 1914, in unforgettable charm and beauty. The Christmas Carol Committee was organ-

ized in 1916 to carry on the celebration. For many years the singers were entertained at the Inn after the evening program. In 1917 the women joined the men at Station Square to give a beautiful program of Christmas music, following the carol singing throughout the streets. A similar program was given in 1918.

After the carol singing in the streets in 1919, a "Christmas Symphony," by Ralph E. Renaud, was rendered in Station Square. In 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 the carolers and Santa Claus have brought joy to the homes, and the pageant, having passed through the village, has come to Station Square for the program of women's and men's voices.

In 1922 there was inaugurated the custom of giving clothing, toys, books and money to the needy children of Queens, and these gifts have been deposited in a chimney at Station Square by children of the Gardens, who have themselves been so bountifully remembered by Santa Claus.

In 1922, \$58.71 was given to the Queensboro Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and in 1923 \$123.40 was given to the same organization. The other gifts were taken to the Jamaica Day Nursery and the Big Sisters of Queensboro.

### CELEBRATIONS ASSOCIATION OF FOREST HILLS GARDENS

A PERMANENT organization to conduct the celebrations of the community was put into effect on Sept. 13, 1920, when Judge Charles F. Moore, as chairman, submitted a constitution which was adopted. A board of 24 directors forms an Executive Board, elects its own officers and plans for and carries out the celebrations. This is the system in operation today.

The treasurer, T. J. Mitchell, makes his report in this issue of the BULLETIN.

#### Officers and Directors

President—G. W. Cunningham.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. G. W. Cunningham, Mrs. Charles H. Scammell.

Treasurer—T. J. Mitchell.

Secretary—A. N. Penn.

Other Directors:

Term expiring 1924—W. W. Bruce, F. B. Colton, S. W. Eckman, Henry Hirschberg, W. P. Hunt, F. H. J. Paul, Ray Sterling, T. T. Sweeny.

Term expiring 1925—G. W. Cunningham, Louis P. McGahie, John M. McMillin, J. Gorton Marsh, Scott Robinson, Mrs. George Smart, Walter D. Teague, Dr. R. W. Waddell.

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