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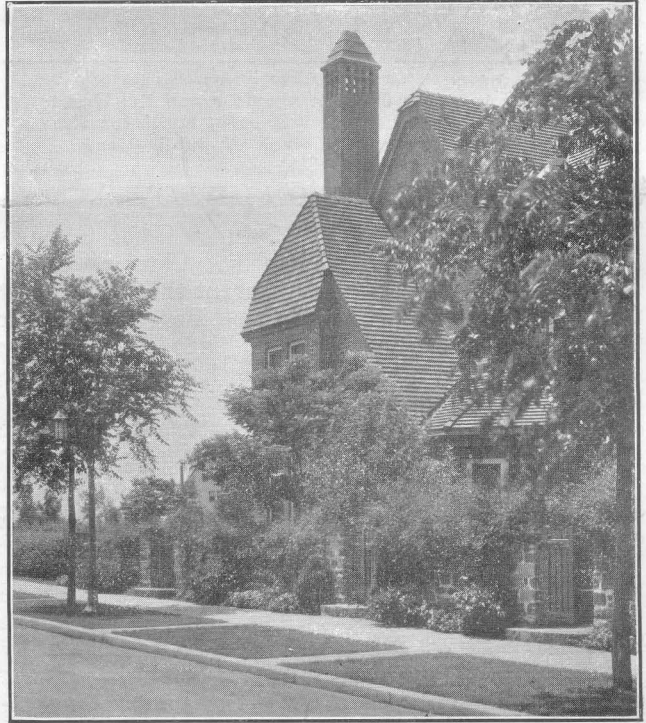
Graduating Exercises at Public School 3— Fine Program Rendered.

At the graduating exercises of public school 3, held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 31, Frank H. Sincerbeaux, on behalf of the Board of Education, presented certificates of merit to Olivia Edwards, Lydia Flint, Ellen Yepsen, William Gutsch and George Simons. As president of the Mothers' Club, Mrs. J. Elmer Kline gave a \$5 gold piece to Lydia Flint for effort, scholarship, attendance and outside attainment. A medal for sewing was given to Jeanne Baroillier. Diplomas were awarded to these boys and girls, and also to Virginia Chesney, Denie Claypoole, Affa Gray, Mildred Licht, Elizabeth McGowan, Janice Traube, John Millen and Alfred Waring.

This first commencement of Forest Hills was an historic event of great importance, not only to the graduates, but to their parents and neighbors, who filled the auditorium. Interpretative dancing was done by Ruth Schrader and Elwood Auer. The two highest classes sang a number of songs well, and Kipling's "Recessional" was rendered with dignity and understanding. A bust of Lincoln was presented to the school by John Millen, on behalf of the class and was received by Marguerite Murphy for the school.

An Americanization farce, "Eyes of Faith," was acted so well that one found it hard to believe that thirteen-year-old girls were the actors. Denie Claypoole, as the colored maid, was as comical as she was gifted. Olivia Edwards, as Mrs. Wren, the war widow, acted with intelligent poise. The Americans and the "aliens" all deserve special mention—only limited space forbids. Others in the cast were Ellen Yepsen, Virginia Chesney, Jeanne Baroillier, Lydia Flint, Affa Gray, Elizabeth McGowan and Mildred Licht.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. David Latshaw. He told the young people that, among other things, an education helps one to think straight; it teaches one to love to work, and because of it one learns to live more honestly with oneself and more sympathetically with one's neighbors. Mrs. Mary Hoppe, the school principal, her faculty of teachers and the members of the graduating class were congratulated by Dr. Latshaw for setting such a high standard for graduating exercises in public school 3, and in that commendation the people of Forest Hills join.



DR. SAYBOLT'S FUTURE HOME

Home of Frederick Bauer, recently bought by Dr. W. F. Saybolt, forming the end of Group 6-A on Greenway Terraces has seven rooms and three baths. On the left of the main hall is the living room; at the rear and to the left is the dining room with a large fireplace to open rafter ceiling, panelled walls and leaded glass windows. This is connected to the kitchen by a butler's pantry. On the second floor are two rooms, master's bed room and two baths; three rooms and bath on the third floor. This composition shows many of the interesting details of the Gardens such as street lamps, stone and concrete garden walls and gates, wide parking space with spreading shade trees and a profusion of planting within the grounds. The house is of brick and gravel aggregate stucco with tile roof. It is from the designs of Grosvenor Atterbury and built by the Homes Company.

THE GARDENS PLAYERS

The next subscription performance of the Gardens Players will take place on Feb. 17 and 18, in the evening, at the Kew Gardens Country Club. There will be three one act plays—one by a group from Scarsdale and two by local talent.

I AM YOUR TOWN

MAKE of me what you will—I shall reflect you as clearly as a mirror throws back a candle beam.

If I am pleasing to the eye of the stranger within my gates; if I am such a sight as, having seen me, he will remember me all his days as a thing of beauty, the credit is yours.

Ambition and opportunity call some of my sons and daughters to high tasks and mighty privileges, to my greater honor and to my good repute in far places, but it is not chiefly these who are my strength. My strength is in those who remain, who are content with what I can offer them, and with what they can offer me. It was the greatest of all Romans who said: "Better be first in a little Iberian village than be second in Rome."

I am more than wood and brick and stone, more even than flesh and blood—I am the composite soul of all who call me Home.

I am your town.

(This very apt quotation is taken from *The American Legion Weekly* of Jan. 20, 1922.)

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LIBRARY STATION IMPROVES

LAST spring when the Mothers' Club, Community Council and Women's Club appointed library committees, it was apparent that the Forest Hills Station of the Queens Borough Public Library was at a standstill and needed boosting; new interest in the institution had to be awakened. This the committees proceeded to do.

The results have been easily discernable. Through the suggestions of the members of the committees, a much better grade of books has been brought here for circulation and by encouraging the use of the library among the residents the circulation has greatly increased, as is shown in another column. Book cases, which have been donated, have been put in good order and the library room in the sales office has been made more commodious by the removal of desks and papers, belonging to the former community secretary—the present incumbent uses her home for an office. Miss Florence Loper, the librarian, is pleasing and efficient.

While this improved condition is most gratifying, still a visit to the library room Monday or Friday afternoon, between 3 and 5:30 o'clock, reveals a room much too crowded for comfort. More shelf room for books and more floor space for people are greatly needed. Tables and chairs to suit the different ages of boys and girls would attract the young people and would encourage them to linger over the books. The committees are hoping to negotiate for larger quarters for the library station. In our dreams we are looking forward to the day when we shall have a branch library, with suitable rooms for adults and children, attractively and appropriately furnished, open every day and a certain permanent collection of books.

Wordsworth expresses our thoughts when he says:

"Dreams, books, are each a world; and books, we know,
Are a substantial world, both pure and good.
Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and blood,
Our pastime and our happiness will grow."

"SCHOOL DAYS"

Moving Pictures To Be Given in Public School 3—Afternoon and Evening Performances.

Through the generosity of the Sheer Amusement Enterprises, the classic screen, "School Days," featuring Wesley Barry, will be shown in public school 3, on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 3:30 P. M., for children, at 20 cents each, and on the same day at 8:15, for adults, at 50 cents each. The proceeds of these two entertainments will go towards the purchase of soap, towels and other necessities not provided by the Board of Education.

THE WAY TO KNOW BIRDS IS TO FEED THEM



The best way to learn to know birds is to feed them. Just as attachment and interest so often come first from caring for a thing and growing familiar with its wants, so the opportunity of observing birds nearby is often the beginning of interest in and knowledge of bird life. At first all that is needed is a little patience and attention. Fighting cold and storms, often half starved and weak, the birds are ready to turn gratefully to shelter and food. A bird shelf or feeding station can be made the starting point of a delightful friendship with guests and host mutually

pleased with each other. Even if nothing else is done, a space in the snow can be kept clear and crumbs thrown there and a piece of suet tied to a nearby tree.

Birds need extra fat-making foods in winter just as people do, and so bits of meat, cheese rind and bacon will always be welcomed by certain varieties of birds. The Audubon Society has still some mixed grain left which it will be glad to distribute, and the secretary will order the specially prepared food which comes at about \$4 for fifty pounds, for any one who is willing to feed the birds.

MARY E. KNEVELS, Secretary.

"WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD?"

Women's Club to Hear Speaker on Limitation of Armaments—Chapters Active.

Dr. Alexander Irvine, author, journalist and publicist, will speak before the Women's Club on next Monday afternoon at the Inn, on the subject, "What's Wrong With the World?" He will discuss the benefits to accrue from the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armaments. The civic committee will present a trophy from the Women's Club, an award to the best kept zone in Forest Hills. Mrs. Henry Murdock Ward will be the violinist.

Mlle. Edith Meystre will discuss the works of Anatole France at the meeting of the current readings chapter, to be held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Woodard, 31 Greenway Terraces, on the afternoon of Feb. 7, at 2:30 o'clock. On the same afternoon, Mrs. Anna C. Boyd will read "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife," and other works of Anatole France. The philanthropic chapter will meet on the afternoon of Feb. 16, at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. George J. Simons, 56 Beechknoll Road.

LIBRARY CIRCULATION INCREASES

The following are the statistics concerning the Forest Hills Library for the past six months of 1921, as compared with the same of 1920:

Month.	1920.	1921.	Increase.
July	295	539	244
Aug.	244	652	408
Sept.	324	459	135
Oct.	592	729	137
Nov.	679	819	140
Dec.	485	705	220
Totals	2569	3903	1334

CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES PRAISED

The house of John Curtiss, Puritan Avenue, was seriously damaged by fire early in the morning of Feb. 1. The fire-chief said that the splendid construction of the building had not only interfered with the spread of the fire but had really been the means of saving the lives of the Curtiss family. The type of construction in Forest Hills Gardens is of such quality that a fire does not spread from one house to another in a group. The fire-chief also said that in case of a fire in Forest Hills one should call Jamaica 800.

It is a matter of congratulation that no member of the Curtiss family was injured and their friends and neighbors all rejoice that the fire was not more dangerous.

E. D. SEALY ELECTED PRESIDENT

Community Council Holds Important Meeting—Many Lines of Civic Betterment.

At the January meeting of the Community Council of Forest Hills, held on the twentieth, in the social room of the Church-in-the-Gardens, the following officers were elected: Edgar Dyer Sealy, president; Mrs. Louis Dean Speir, vice-president; John Ortgies, treasurer; Mrs. Herbert Post Green, secretary.

Work of Committees.

Several amendments to the constitution were proposed but were laid on the table. George Smart, retiring president, spoke of the subject of taxation of property in Forest Hills and told what the council has done to keep the taxes from being increased. Mr. Smart reported also concerning the payment of the excessive water bills. He said that the people of Forest Hills were willing to pay a 25 per cent. increase on the May to November bills, the period under dispute, as decided by the courts, but refused to pay the 50 per cent. increase as claimed by the Citizens' Water Supply Co.

Thomas B. Paton, Jr., reported on the subject of public safety, saying that there are four officers on duty in Forest Hills all the time, one in the booth in Station Square, one patrolling, and two on Queens Boulevard.

Mrs. George Smart narrated the work of the various library committees, representing the Women's Club, the Mothers' Club, and the Community Council, thanking the Council for the support it had given these committees. The circulation of books has greatly increased and a better grade of books is in circulation. New book cases have been installed and more room for books and people has been provided in the library room in the sales office. Miss Loper, of the Queens Borough Public Library, is most helpful as librarian. More room is needed, however, and the committees are trying to find larger quarters for the library. A report on this subject will be given at the next meeting. The Council voted to recommend to the authorities a city pension system for librarians.

Executive Secretary of City Parliament Speaks.

The speaker of the evening was Jabez E. Dunningham, executive secretary of the City Parliament of Community Councils. Mr. Dunningham spoke of the condemnation proceedings which the city has instituted against the Citizens' Water Supply Co. He told of the investigation which is being made by the Public Service Commission of the raise in rates by the Newtown Gas Co. The commission has set a temporary rate of \$1.15 per thousand cubic feet, which holds for three months, pending decision by the commission as to a fair permanent rate. He told how the Corona Meadows garbage dump matter had been settled by the committee on finance and budget by letting the contract for one more year to the same dumping company, but with the proviso that the department of street cleaning of New York City be responsible for the condition of the dumps.

The next meeting will be held on Feb. 17, at the Church-in-the-Gardens.

The Retiring Administration

The retiring administration deserves much credit for the activity of the Council during the past two years. Much has been accomplished in civic matters. Water, gas, telephone service and rates have been investigated and reforms started in at least the first two instances. A beginning has been made toward mosquito extermination. Better police protection, better postal service, better fire protection have been secured. Grounds for the new school have been purchased and the building promised by the Board of Education. Library conditions are materially improved. For the first complete year the Council has employed a secretary. Much of the credit for these accomplishments is due to George Smart, retiring president, who has served the Council and the community faithfully and acceptably since October of 1919.

LAURA M. GREEN, Secretary.

LECTURE ON BOLIVIA AND CHILE

Horace Graham, manager of the Guggenheim interests in Bolivia, will speak before the Men's Club on Friday evening, Feb. 10, on the subject, "Bolivia and Chile." The lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon views.

THE INN



Major Lee White, of Scranton, Pa., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. White, last week.

Mrs. Robert Runge has returned from a short visit to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Julia A. Probst, of Englewood, N. J., spent the week-end with her daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. C. Johnson.

Mrs. J. W. Evans has returned from a holiday visit with her mother in Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. E. T. Fox, of Chicago, is among the recent arrivals at the Inn.

Mrs. F. J. Hawley is here for a short visit before her departure on a Mediterranean cruise.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Scruggs and little daughter, of St. Louis, Mo., are among the new arrivals.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Page and son are stopping at the Inn for a short time before starting housekeeping in the Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Eaton, of Boston, have come to Forest Hills to live and are making their home at the Inn.

Mrs. G. H. Waterman, of Boston, is also among the recent arrivals.

Frank W. Ross, of Boston, is again making his home at the Inn, after an absence of several months.

Misses Eleanor and Barbara Brooks, Wellesley Hills, Mass., were the week-end guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kneass.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Smith, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and their two daughters, Misses Helen and Jane, have been welcomed back to the Inn by their many friends for a stay of several months.

F. M. Van Horn entertained a company of twelve at dinner in the sun parlor on Saturday evening, and dancing was enjoyed later.

Mrs. L. W. N. Easton, of the Gardens, gave a dance on Friday evening of last week, in the ballroom of the Inn, for her daughter, Miss Jean Easton. Mrs. Joseph Maxwell and Mrs. H. F. Locke assisted in receiving, and among the guests were Misses Helen Jones, Katharine Seward, Katharine Deiserow, Betty Gray, Affa Gray, Virginia Rook, Virginia Wheeler, Barbara Mullen, Margery Mullen, Jessie Tappan, Lydia Flint, Helen Downs, Helen White, Nancy Woodard, Jerry Maxwell, Walter Longcope, William Lembeck, Dorwin Teague, John Woodrough, James Powell, Charles Aldrich, George Salmon, George Woodard, Treadmore Stone, Louis Pedlar, Earl Stillson and Frank McGirr.

Mrs. H. W. Hardinge, of the Gardens, entertained a party of distinguished guests at a dinner dance on Saturday night in the sun parlor. Among her guests were Professor Kemp, metallurgist at Columbia, and Mrs. Kemp; Dr. Raymond, mining engineer, Columbia College, and Mrs. Raymond; Col. and Mrs. Arthur Dwight, both of whom have been honored by the French Government for service during the war; Mr. and Mrs. Van Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ford, Ben Foster, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eilers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bayard Taylor Kiliani, and Mr. and Mrs. Sharpless.

THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CHORAL CLUB

Bruno Huhn, the conductor of the Forest Hills Choral Club, is a musician who has long since made his mark, both in this country and abroad. Born in London, England, and educated there, in public schools and Trinity College, he is recognized as a conductor, singing teacher and composer of the first rank. For many years a resident of New York, his activities, beside teaching, include the leadership of the New York Banks' Glee Club, an organization of ninety men, which, under his direction, is considered among the best in the country. Here in Forest Hills he has endeared himself to all the members of the Choral Club by his personal qualities as well as by his ability as a conductor.

At the final concert of the Forest Hills Choral Club this season, on Saturday evening, April 22, an unusually attractive program will be sung, and, in addition, there will be excellent soloists. The rehearsals, held on Thursday evenings at the Church-in-the-Gardens, are well and enthusiastically attended and new members are still being received.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS

Dr. Worth M. Tippy, secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, one of our own residents living on Ascan Avenue, will preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and will also conduct the communion service. As this is a union church of several denominations, a cordial invitation is extended to all who desire to commune with us. New members will be received at this time. Anyone desiring to unite with the church is asked to confer with the moderator pro tem., Arthur H. Flint.

The pulpit supply committee takes great pleasure in announcing that Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst will preach on Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12. Dr. Lyman Abbott will preach on March 5.

The Queens County Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Far Rockaway, on Monday, Feb. 13. Many of the members of

our society are planning to attend.

At the first meeting of the trustees for the new year, Dr. S. Ellsworth Davenport, Jr., was elected president, and R. P. Kaighn, secretary.

The Women's Guild will meet at 2 P. M., Feb. 10, at the home of Mrs. A. Kraemer, 16 Puritan Avenue. Mrs. C. Thornley will be assistant hostess.

J. F. McT.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Feb. 7 at 3 P. M., at the home of Mrs. A. Stokes, 191 Greenway North. The meetings have been changed to the first Tuesday to avoid conflict with the Mothers' Club.

The Vesper service at 4 P. M. on Sundays will be changed to Evensong at 8 P. M., beginning Feb. 5.

It is well to remember that the Holy Season of Lent begins on March 1 this year. The services for Ash Wednesday will be announced later. The regular Lenten services will be held on Thursdays. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M. and Litany and sermon at 8 P. M. At the latter there will be special preachers.

A parish supper is being planned for February. This will give opportunity for an informal "get-together," at which time also plans for the parish welfare may be discussed. Notice of the definite date will appear shortly.

CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 6:45, 8 and 11 o'clock, Ascan Avenue near Queens Boulevard.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Rev. Wm. P. S. Lander.

Sundays—Holy Communion, 8 A. M., Church School, 9:30 A. M. Service and sermon, 11 A. M. Evensong, 8 P. M.

Holy Days—Holy Communion, 7:30 A. M.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 A. M.; sermon, 11 A. M.; Christian Endeavor, 8 P. M.

Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills—Sunday mornings, sermon at 11 o'clock. 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 8:00. Reading room open daily from 2 to 4 P. M., except Sundays and holidays. Masonic Temple.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

John Duryea, who delivered milk for the Borden Farm Products Company, was seriously injured in a run-away accident just before the holidays. He has been in Saint Mary's Hospital in Jamaica for several weeks, with a double fracture of the leg and other injuries. He wishes, through the medium of the BULLETIN, to convey his sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous contributions sent him by his friends and patrons in Forest Hills Gardens.

Found—Small brindled bull dog. Telephone 6355-R.

PERSONALS

On Jan 19, Mrs. Adolph Dietsche, of 20 Ingram Street, entertained seventeen children and their mothers on the occasion of the sixth birthday of her daughter, Annette.

Judge Charles F. Moore entertained a party of friends at dinner at his home, Greenway Terraces, on Saturday evening, Jan. 28. In the group were John W. Davis, Ex-Ambassador to England, George Gordon Battle, H. Snowden Marshall and others. The dinner was given in celebration of Judge Moore's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Brion, Olive Place, announce the birth of a son, Lester E. Brion, Jr., on Jan. 10.

Henry Mandel, of 80 Jewell Street, has bought the new end house on Greenway Terraces, near Slocum Crescent. The new home will be his residence.

Dr. W. F. Saybolt, of Greenway Terraces, has bought the house of Frederick Bauer, 35 Greenway Terraces. Dr. Saybolt and family will occupy the recently purchased house after March 1.

C. E. Page, 24 Underwood Road, sold his house in December to Millard F. Tompkins, of Brooklyn. Mr. Tompkins and his family moved into the house just before Christmas.

Mr. Page and his family have just returned from a six weeks trip to California and are temporarily at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe, Greenway South, gave a tea Sunday afternoon, Jan. 29, for Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher, 35 Slocum Crescent, and Mr. and Mrs. Pegoix, Tennis Place Apartments. Due to the illness of Mrs. Pegoix, she and her husband were unable to be present.

Miss Tapley Wessman, Greenway Terraces, entertained on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 28, in honor of Miss Donna Moore whose engagement has recently been announced. The score of young women present showered Miss Moore with miscellaneous gifts.

On Sunday evening a party of twelve saw Tony Sarg's "Shadowgrass" at the National Arts Club as guests of Mrs. H. W. Hardinge.

WILLIS J. ABBOT HONORED

The directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, announced on Jan. 28 that, acting under the manual of the Christian Science Church, they had elected Willis J. Abbot (formerly of 72 Greenway North) editor of the *Christian Science Monitor*, a daily newspaper.

The *Monitor* is a paper of high quality and is also an exceptionally good newspaper, and it is an honor to Mr. Abbot to have been chosen editor of it. Mr. Abbot is a native of New Haven, Conn. He studied at the University of Michigan and has been actively connected with newspapers in Chicago, Battle Creek, Mich., and New York. He is the author of numerous books, chiefly historical and biographical, and is a member of the Mother Church.

COMING EVENTS

Monday and Friday, 3 to 5:30 P. M. Library Open—Sales Office.

First and third Tuesday evening of each month, 8 o'clock—Forest Hills Lodge, 946, F. & A. M.—Masonic Temple. Thursday, 8 P. M.—Choral Club Rehearsal, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Monday, 8 P. M.—Public School Lectures. Public School 1. Feb. 6, 2 P. M.—Women's Club, Inn.

Feb. 7, 3 P. M.—Women's Guild, St. Luke's, 191 Greenway North.

Feb. 7, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 31 Greenway Terraces.

Feb. 8, 3:30 and 8:15 P. M.—Moving pictures, Public School 2.

Feb. 10, 2 P. M.—Women's Guild, Church-in-the-Gardens, 16 Puritan Avenue.

Feb. 10, 8 P. M.—Men's Club.

Feb. 13, 3 P. M.—Forest Hills Gardens Mothers' Club, Social Room, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Feb. 16, 2:30 P. M.—Philanthropic Chapter, Women's Club, 56 Beechnoll Road.

Feb. 17, 8 P. M.—Community Council, Social Room, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Feb. 17 and 18, 8:30 P. M.—Garden Players, Kew Gardens Country Club.

Feb. 21, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 49 Markwood Road.

Feb. 24, 2:30 P. M.—Music Chapter, Women's Club, 49 Noma Street.

April 22, 8 P. M.—Spring Concert, Choral Club.