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HOME OF JOSEPH BARRETT

A SERIES OF PICTURES.

The above photograph shows the second of the Series of Pictures now being published in the Bulletin, the selection being that of the residence of Joseph Barrett, located on the corner of Puritan Avenue and Shorthill Road.

The type selected was inspired from English sources, but has all the livable qualities of American taste.

The exterior half timber treatment of a dark chocolate color, which with the light stucco and shingle tiles of reds and purples, adapts itself to the standard set in the architectural design of the Gardens.

The relation of the rooms to each other give the privacy of everyday life besides facilities for entertaining. Owing to the prominent location, special attention was given the planting features, and constant attention by the owner, has made of these features a beautiful setting for his home.

A NEW ORGAN.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Russel Sage, the Church-in-the-Gardens is to have a splendid pipe organ with a complete set of chimes. The work of placing the organ will begin at an early date, and it is hoped to have it ready for dedication at Easter. This will complete the equipment and make the church, many believe, the most beautiful of its kind in America.

MR. DEFOREST'S LETTER OF GIFT.

Dear Dr. Kent:—Mrs. DeForest and I take great pleasure in presenting to the Church-in-the-Gardens the pulpit which has been constructed by Mr. Atterbury from wooden panels carved several hundred years ago for use in pious Brittany, and which we brought home with us from that interesting country. I trust some of the spirit of devotion, which exists so markedly in old Brittany, will pass with them into your services.

ANTI-MOSQUITO HEARING.

On Tuesday, February 15th, at 1 P. M., the Board of Aldermen will take up the recommendation for an appropriation of \$150,000 to drain the salt marshes of Brooklyn and Queens. S. W. Eckman, Chairman of the Anti-Mosquito Committee, urges every resident who can to attend this important meeting.

A NEW TRANSPORTATION LINE.

Mayor Mitchel has signed the franchise for the extension of the Metropolitan Avenue trolley line from St. John's Cemetery, its present terminus, to Richmond Hill. This line will pass the Gardens Club House and give direct access to parts of Brooklyn now difficult of access. It will bring the shopping section of Fulton Street within an hour's run, while the sections of Williamsburg and Greenpoint will be reached within forty minutes. Work on the line is promised in the early spring.

BROOKLYN EAGLE.

The agreement between the Homes Company and the Brooklyn Daily Eagle has met with a gratifying response. The Eagle is making every effort to extend its influence to Queens, and will pay particular attention to the larger questions of Queen's government, borough and local improvements, taxation, transit, school matters and other topics bearing on the investment and community interests of the residents of the Gardens, with an influence that could not be exerted by an outside paper or by a less important one. The local representative of the Eagle is Miss Lillian D. Rice, 120 Puritan Avenue.

We understand that several of the people who have expressed a desire to have the "Eagle" left at their homes have not been receiving same. We will be glad to have any one report to the Homes Company's Office if this is the case.

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The Hunterspoint Avenue station of the Interborough subway is nearly complete and will be open for traffic soon. The Public Service Commission has given the Long Island Railroad two weeks in which to provide an adequate schedule of trains. A large number of commuters will doubtless desire to use this new means of transit.

The Corn Exchange Bank has opened a branch, with safe deposit vaults, in the Pennsylvania Station, which will be of convenience to many commuters.

The amateur theatrical to be given by the Men's Club at the open meeting on St. Patrick's night is entitled, "Shades of Night, a Fantasy in One Act." The all-star cast includes Norman Baker, Dr. Davenport, Harvey Warren, and Charles Close. Dancing will conclude the evening's program.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS.

Mrs. C. Gordon Pearce, 118 Dartmouth Street, has requested the Bulletin to publish the information that she has provided a room in the cellar of her home as a place where lost or homeless dogs can be taken care of temporarily. In this she has the hearty cooperation of the police officers stationed in Forest Hills, who have heretofore been hampered in their efforts to carry out their instructions regarding dogs by the lack of a place in which to keep them.

The idea of Mrs. Pearce is that the residents of the community, especially the children, will be safer by eliminating stray dogs, and she will gladly take care of any such dogs which are picked up and sent to her.

Mrs. Pearce asks the aid of all of the residents in helping to rid Forest Hills of homeless dogs, and of restoring to their owners lost or strayed dogs. She especially requests the owners of dogs to provide them with collars on which are engraved, or scratched with some sharp instrument, the address of the owner, in order to facilitate the return to their homes. Whatever services are rendered by Mrs. Pearce are, of course, entirely free.

It is hoped that Mrs. Pearce's activity will help rid the community of the nuisance and expense caused by dogs being allowed to roam promiscuously over the Gardens, destroying lawns and shrubs on public as well as private property.

TRUNK SEWER ASSESSMENT LEVIED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Title of Lien, No. 830—Described as sewer in the lines of 43rd Street from the Pierhead line to the Bulkhead line; Sewer and Appurtenances in 43rd Street from the Bulkhead line of Flushing Bay to Ditmars Avenue; a Grit and Screening Chamber in 43rd Street; Sewer and Appurtenances in Ditmars Avenue (Bay Shore Terrace), from 43rd Street to 51st Street; Sewer and Appurtenances in Broadway between Trains Meadow Road and Thompson Avenue; also the erection of a disposal plant in connection with same; Sewer and Appurtenances in 7th Street from Orchard Avenue to Ludlow Avenue, Second Ward.

This sewer and assessment affects most of the Second Ward of the Borough of Queens and takes in that territory known as Trains Meadow, Corona, Elmhurst, Newtown and Forest Hills. The total assessment is over \$500,000.

Property in Forest Hills is assessed at about 20 cents per front foot, due and payable to the city on or before February 20th, 1916, with interest at 7 per cent. on all sums unpaid after that date.

BOY SCOUTS.

Six years ago on Tuesday, February 8th, the federal incorporation of the Boy Scout movement took place. Our troop is observing, in part at least, the national program for anniversary week, February 6th to 12th. On Tuesday evening at 8.15 o'clock each member of the troop—with all Boy Scouts throughout the country—stood at attention, with his hand at salute, and repeated the Scout oath, which is as follows:

"On my honor I will do my best—

1. To do my duty to God and my country, and obey the Scout law;
2. To help other people at all times;
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally strong."

On Friday night a special meeting of the troop was held, at which members of the local Scout Committee and the parents of the scouts were present. The scouts gave a demonstration of wireless, on instruments largely constructed by members of the troop. Both the sending and the receiving operation were demonstrated in actual use. Dr. Burton gave a ten-minute talk on Lincoln. Thanks to the parents, and wives of the Scout Committee, the boys enjoyed refreshments at the close of the meeting.

On Sunday morning, the 13th, the troop will attend the Church-in-the-Gardens in uniform.

Concluding the week's program, Troop No. 1 (Forest Hills North) and Troop No. 2 will enjoy an outing under the auspices of the Brooklyn Eagle. A trip through the Brooklyn Navy Yard, luncheon, a visit to the Eagle plant, and being photographed are all in the day's program. The Central Branch of the Y. M. C. A. caps the outing by inviting the boys to come to their fine new building for a swim. This courtesy we owe to our Scout Committeeman, Mr. Mays, who is Chairman of the Boys' Department of Central.

GARDENS CLUB.

New members elected to the Gardens Club are: Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Small, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lewerth, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford G. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Alling Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mecabe, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Rumney, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Thoms, and Cornelius P. Vandever.

A handicap bowling tournament is now in progress at the club, the prize for which is a handsome silver loving cup. Thomas Swain, Walter Ryan, and J. T. Warder are running a close race in this event.

The tennis courts of the club were flooded and frozen during the recent cold snap and good skating enjoyed by many enthusiasts.

Dr. Louis Livingston Seaman, noted throughout the world for his humanitarian and hygienic work on many battlefields, spoke before the Women's Club of Forest Hills on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Inn.

Dr. Seaman told of the travail of Belgium, of the saving of the city of Ghent, and how he, with other Americans, saved Ghent from fire, pillage and annihilation. The thrill of that tale those who heard it will never forget. It is hoped that Dr. Seaman will come again to speak in the Church-in-the-Gardens, where we can all hear him.

Edward H. Conway, 59 Burns Street, is playing a star game as center on the Crescent Athletic Club hockey team.

A fire in the basement of the home of John P. Curtis, 197 Puritan Avenue, did about \$500 damage. It is supposed to have been caused by an overheated steam pipe.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Dietsche, 20 Ingram Street, have arranged to adopt a three weeks old girl baby.

The out of town artists at the Musical Art Society concert on Monday, the 28th, will be Louis James, tenor, and Mrs. Josefa Scaller Ward, violinist. The combined Garden City and Forest Hills chorus will sing Greig's "Cloister Gate," with Mrs. W. F. Mohan as contralto soloist.

It is probably true that Forest Hills Gardens is the only suburban community where the snow is removed from the streets and sidewalks promptly. This was a subject of appreciative comment by many of our residents after the last snowfall.

Since the Brooklyn Eagle has been publishing Forest Hills items, a number of metropolitan papers have discovered that we are on the map and are giving publicity in a way not usual before.

The West Side Tennis Club has applied for the national championship games again next summer.

Mrs. Ellis O. Jones, of the Inn, will sail soon for Stockholm, Sweden, to join Mr. Jones, who is remaining abroad indefinitely as a representative of the Ford Peace Expedition. Mr. and Mrs. Jones' beautiful new home in Exeter Street has just been completed.

THE INN.

The Women's Club of Forest Hills held its regular meeting at the Inn of Tuesday morning, January 25th. Miss Fanny M. Taylor has returned to the Inn after visiting her home in Virginia.

Harold A. Smith and family, of Grand Rapids, Mich., have returned to the Inn for a three months' stay.

Mrs. Sara A. Mooney and Miss Haviland, of Brooklyn, spent the week at the Inn.

H. I. Conant of Boston, Mass., spent several days with his son at the Inn.

Mrs. Gordon spent the week-end with her sister, Miss A. K. Robinson, at the Inn.

The Women's Club of Forest Hills was represented at the meeting of the New York Federation of Women's Clubs at the Hotel Astor by Mrs. W. B. Davis, Mrs. Albert M. Gray, Mrs. F. L. Holmes, Mrs. Henry W. Hillman, Mrs. William A. Rice, Dr. Julia Wygate Perry, Mrs. Weir and Mrs. J. A. McFarlan.

The Men's Club meeting last week, at the home of Walter C. Hartwig, was attended by about twenty-five members. A game of Forest Hills geography separated the wise ones from the other kind, and the last named paid for their ignorance of local topography by being compelled to make a speech, sing a song, or tell a more or less true story. Elon Jessup gave an interesting account of his trip to Europe with the Ford Peace Party.

The latest "new arrivals" are John Lathrop, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daniels, 20 Markwood Road, on January 29th, and Creighton, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Croy, 10 Standish Road, on January 31st.

The book exchange conducted by the Women's Guild was successful in every way and furnished a splendid opportunity for the people to meet socially. Messrs. Kaighn, Mays and Eckman proved to be expert auctioneers. The net proceeds were nearly \$98.00.

As a result of the display article in Sunday's Eagle, two prominent residents of Flatbush informed one of our residents that their wives had urged them to purchase homes at Forest Hills Gardens. In the manner of all dutiful husbands they began inquiry at once.

Mrs. Virginia Chalmers, mother of Dr. Thomas C. Chalmers, celebrated her eightieth anniversary on Sunday, January 30. Afternoon tea was served for a number of friends in honor of the happy event.

CHARLES F. LUSCH.

The death of Charles F. Lusch, 100 Groton Street, occurred on Tuesday, February 1st. Mr. Lusch was 64 years old and had retired from business after forty years' association with the shoe firm of Hanan & Son, of New York City. He was a thirty-second Degree Mason, a Knight Templar, a member of the Elks Lodge, and of the Crescent and Montauk Clubs. Funeral services were conducted at the residence by Dr. Robert J. Kent, of the Church-in-the-Gardens.

COMING EVENTS.

(To make this column as complete as possible, we desire the co-operation of all organizations of the community. Kindly send all communications to the office of the Homes Company, addressed to the "Bulletin.")

NEARBY EVENTS.

Tuesdays—2 P. M., at the Sales Office, meeting of Volunteer War Relief Division of Women's Club.

Thursdays—10 A. M., at the Inn, meeting of the Musical Art Society.

Sunday, February 13th—11 A. M., Church-in-the-Gardens. Special anniversary service for Boy Scouts.

Sunday, February 13th—8 P. M., at the Church of Forest Hills, on the north side. Union meeting with members of the Church-in-the-Gardens. Illustrated lecture by Charles Mills, "The Christian Challenge in a Mining Camp." Public cordially invited.

Monday, February 14th—8 P. M., Sales Office. Meeting of members of the Masonic fraternity.

Thursday, February 17th—2.30 P. M., at the home of Mrs. Judd, 117 Ibis Street. Address by Mrs. C. H. Gourdis, editor of Forecast Magazine, "Reorganizing the Home to Meet Modern Conditions." Auspices Household Economic Chapter of the Women's Club.

Friday, February 25th—8 P. M., at the residence of Rufus Angel, 56 Shorthill Road. Meeting of Men's Club. Address on Serbia by Professor M. I. Pupin of Columbia University.

Monday, February 28th—9 P. M., Church of Forest Hills (north side). Concert by Forest Hills Musical Society. Admittance, \$1.00.

Wednesday, March 1st—8 P. M., annual meeting of Gardens Club. All members expected to be present.

Sunday, March 12th—8 P. M., at the Church-in-the-Gardens. Lecture by Hans P. Freese, "The Truth About Mormonism." Auspices of the Civic Betterment Chapter of Women's Club. Public cordially invited.

Friday, March 17th—8 P. M., at Gardens Club, open meeting of Men's Club, to which the women of the community are invited.

BOWLING.

The Gardens Club defeated the Englewood Field Club in the third and deciding match in the inter-club series held on the Englewood alleys on February 2nd. Scores:—

| <i>Gardens Club.</i> | | | |
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| Kinsey | 137 | 193 | 148 |
| Warren | 131 | 132 | 150 |
| Swain | 139 | 167 | 131 |
| Mecabe | 137 | 158 | 200 |
| Warder | 186 | 160 | 172 |
| | 730. | 810 | 801—2,341 |
| <i>Englewood Field Club.</i> | | | |
| Reinmund | 187 | ... | ... |
| A. Coe | ... | 158 | 145 |
| W. Coe | ... | 158 | 145 |
| Churchill | 132 | 144 | 133 |
| L. Coe | 146 | 172 | 152 |
| Bien | 149 | 144 | 150 |
| | 777 | 795 | 736—2,308 |

CHURCH SERVICES.

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 9.30 o'clock, Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Charles C. Foster, 36 Slocum Crescent. Holy Communion, second Sunday of each month at 8 A. M.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

Church of Forest Hills (undenominational) — Regular preaching services each Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street, North Side.

CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

Our church, in common with others, will celebrate on Sunday, February 13th, the founding of the organization of Boy Scouts. The members of our troop will attend in a body and a special address will be delivered by Dr. Kent. Parents and friends and all lovers of boys should be present.

Work is progressing on the pastor's study in the tower of the church. It will be ready soon.

Following a suggestion made at the annual meeting of the church, a music committee has been appointed trustees, church committee and congregation. The members are H. H. Buckley, James Rea, Robert J. Cole and Mrs. R. P. Kaighn.

The first of the monthly offerings for benevolence was made last Sunday. It amounted to over \$40.

Dr. Kent prefaced his sermon on "Things New and Old" last Sunday morning with the reading of a letter (published in another column), from Robert W. DeForest announcing the gift of the pulpit.

The Woman's Guild is a vigorous organization and its monthly meetings held in the church social room are always fine. A welcome awaits all who attend whether members of the Guild or not.

Dr. Kent presided at a rally of the Congregational Churches of Queens Borough in the Pilgrim Church, Richmond Hill, on Monday night, the 7th. The speakers were Rev. Sillback, Pastor of the Finnish Church, Dr. C. W. Shelton and Dr. Nehemiah Boynton. It was in the interest of Church Extension.

James Brackenridge, formerly a member of the Lewis Avenue Church, and now a member of the Church-in-the-Gardens, represented the church at the annual meeting of the Church Extension Society in the North Church, the Bronx, on Thursday night, the 10th.

The study of the little book, "The Meaning of Prayer, is proving a helpful feature of the midweek meeting on Thursday nights. Nearly forty copies have been bought for those who attend and their friends. The meetings have been led in turn by Dr. Burton, Mr. Flint, Mr. McCulloch, Dr. Kent, Mr. Stickel and Mr. Kaighn.

The illustrated lecture on "The Christian Challenge in a Mining Camp" will be given in the Church of Forest Hills on Sunday, the 13th, by Charles Mills, a classmate and friend of Rev. Dr. Swartz, Pastor. Our church will unite in the service. It is expected that it will be the first of a series of monthly union evening services of the two churches.

William P. McCulloch will represent the Church-in-the-Gardens in arranging monthly union meetings with the Church of Forest Hills.