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## CO-OPERATIVE WORK

### American Citizenship so Described by the Director of Greenwich House before Women's Club

#### All Chapters and Committees Most Active—Civic Committee Well Organized—Philanthropic Chapter Makes Excellent Showing

The speaker at the Women's Club meeting, held on March 7, was Mrs. Mary Kingsbury Simkhovitch, who nineteen years ago, with the help of her husband, founded Greenwich House and who has been continuously the resident director of this settlement, which has done so much for that neighborhood and the Irish and Italian people who live in Greenwich Village. Mrs. Simkhovitch was born and educated in Boston, but she has seen the whole of this country and is a citizen of the United States in the broadest and best sense of that word. In speaking of "American Citizenship" she said: "It is well to make analysis of what our country is and how it is made up. It is invidious to pick out our own grandfathers as the only ones expressing ideals. We must include the fine elements of all groups that come to us and respect and look with tolerance upon the different viewpoints. There are certain fundamental ideals in this country, of which freedom of thought is one. There ought to be no fear of discussion of politics and economics. 'America first' has been a slogan of late. If by that we mean 'America first' in service it is a good slogan, but if we mean 'America first' in business, the slogan is not perfect."

Commenting upon the work of the civic committee, Mrs. Simkhovitch complimented the club on its efforts for community betterment. Then she referred at length to her own community—Greenwich village, not the one of the newspapers, but the real one of twenty-six nationalities, where the workers of Greenwich House work with the people of the neighborhood. The speaker said "There are three classes concerned in a social settlement: the people who pay the bills, those who do the work, and the ones among whom the settlement plan is carried out. Industrial concerns should consider these three elements and then our citizenship would be developed by the interlacing of all circles." The speaker told of the cooperative laundry at Greenwich House. She dwelt upon the various departments of education, art, music and drama at the settlement, feeling that the dramatic department is the most important. She feels that the settlement is an annex of the public schools and the school teachers feel that the schools are an annex to the settlement house. In closing Mrs. Simkhovitch said: "American citizenship is not an idea, not a motto, not a flag, not a symbol; but it is hard, cooperative work on the part of us all."

#### Business Meeting.

New members elected at the meeting are Mesdames M. M. Waxman, T. T. Sweeney, George E. Fahys, Jr., George Middleton, and G. Willis Drake. Mrs. Albert Morton Gray spoke on the high cost of food in Forest Hills, comparing the prices with those found elsewhere. She deplored the many deliveries from the groceries and meat markets. Mrs. Gray was asked by the president to work with Mrs. Louis B. Speir on this subject and to devise a constructive plan to submit to the grocers which would lower the cost of living. Mrs. Speir reported for the civic committee. The chairmen of various chapters reported.

The musical program was furnished by Russell Parker, violinist, and Miss Josephine Forsythe, soprano, who sang, in costume, a group of old English songs and then later, in an Irish costume, she sang a group of Irish songs.

#### Chapters.

The current events chapter met at the home of Mrs. Ly-



A STATION SQUARE LANTERN

Rigidity and craftsmanship mark the design of the wrought iron lanterns in Station Square. Grosvenor Atterbury had a happy inspiration when he made these attractive designs. The panel cut out depicts the usual scene of the late commuter on any week day morning:

man Beecher Stowe, Greenway South and Union Turnpike, last Tuesday, when Miss Gertrude Robinson Smith spoke most interestingly upon the subject: "Shall Self-supporting and Business Women Have Recreational Opportunities?" Mrs. Getz, head of the philanthropic chapter is working for a Syrian family in Astoria. The father has tuberculosis and the committee has been very helpful to the whole family, the parents and the children. Clothing and food have been furnished. The father is at the hospital for tubercular people at Sea View and the mother, now convalescent from a severe illness, has been sent to the home for mothers and children with her children for a rest of two weeks. All of this has been done through the efforts of Mrs. Getz and her chapter. Miss Davis, head of philanthropy for Queens, under the city administration, spoke before the chapter on March 9. The music chapter met at the home of Mrs. Ira C. Barnes on yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Phanor J. Eder will review "The Outline of History" by H. G. Wells, before the current readings chapter, at the home of Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh, 68 Greenway North on the afternoon of March 22.

#### Chinaman at April Meeting

Peng Chun Chang will be the speaker at the meeting of the Women's Club on April 4. His subject will be "The Hopes of New China." Mr. Chang is well qualified to speak on this interesting theme. He was six years a student in two big American universities. When he returned to China with his diplomas, he became Acting-President of Nankai College, Tientsin.

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## THE JOY OF EASTER

The great festival of Easter will soon be here! The bursting buds on many boughs foretell the coming of spring. The mating birds and the leafing branches soon will robe themselves in glorious apparel and the chrysalis will become the gorgeous butterfly. We gain hope and cheer from all the unfolding life in the spring time. Nature holds the secret of life and it does not fully reveal that secret to the scientist.

Every little child, every man and woman, holds the secret of eternal life, which no human being completely understands. "For the gift of God is life eternal," to all those who are "created in his image." People must live the life that is worth immortality in order to receive that inestimable gift.

In that delightful book, "The Life and Letters of Hamilton W. Mabie," there is printed a letter from that charming author, which reads: "One of the hardest things in life is the necessity of being separated from your friends. We have to learn to live together in the spirit and that is one of the ways we put on immortality. One of the great interests of life, as I have discovered in these later years is the beautiful transformation through which so many people are visibly passing—putting off this mortal and putting on the immortal. \* \* \* Love is after all the great and convincing evidence that we are already in the immortal life."

This is the belief of Dr. Felix Adler, head of the Ethical Culture Society: "I affirm the real and irreducible existence of the essential self. \* \* \* I affirm that there verily is an eternal divine life, a best beyond the best I can think or imagine, in which all that is best in me and best in those who are dear to me, is contained and continued."

The great military leader, Marshal Foch, writes: "Faith in life eternal, in a God of goodness and compassion, has sustained me in the most trying hours."

No matter what our religious belief, the Easter message confirms for us, each returning year, our faith in "the gift of God" which "is life eternal."

"Never the spirit was born; the spirit will cease to be never;  
Never was time it was not; End and Beginning are dreams!  
Birthless and deathless and changeless remaineth the spirit forever;  
Death hath not touched it at all, dead though the house of it seems!"

## MRS. JOHN NYCUM

Mrs. John Nycum died at her home, 42 Slocum Crescent, on March 4. The services were held at the residence on Monday afternoon, March 7, with the Rev. Leopold Kroll, of St. Luke's officiating. Mrs. C. H. W. Hasselriis sang. The body was placed in the Maple Grove vault and later it will be taken to Chicago.

Mrs. Nycum was Susan Elizabeth Tate, of French Huguenot stock and was born in Galena, Illinois, in 1833. She spent her young maidenhood in Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania. When she married John Nycum she moved to Chicago and lived there many years. Five years ago she came to Forest Hills with her daughter, Mrs. Charles M. Gates. Here they have lived near her granddaughter, Mrs. Basil D'Emo and where she has enjoyed the fourth generation, the little D'Emo children. Mrs. Nycum is also survived by another daughter, Mrs. Clarence Burns, of New York, and two grandsons, Charles N. Gates, of Forest Hills, and Carroll W. Gates of Tennessee. Mrs. Nycum was a queen in carriage and spirit. Her influence was always for the good upon all who knew her. Her interest in public affairs was keen and on the day of her death she spoke of the inauguration of President Harding.

## MRS. ADAM S. DEMAREST

On Sunday, March 6, Mrs. Adam S. Demarest died at her home, 4 Roman Avenue. The services were held at the residence on Tuesday, March 8, with the Rev. Albert Sheppard in charge. Mrs. Edward H. Moir and Mrs. George C. LeBlanc sang at the services. The burial took place at Maple Grove.

Mrs. Demarest's maiden name was Mabel Vanderwater and she was born at Rockville Center, Long Island. She lived in New York City and Flushing before coming to Forest Hills, three years ago. She will be greatly missed by many friends in Forest Hills. Her husband is an uncle of John M. Demarest.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Augustine J. Wilson and their daughters, Misses Beatrice and Gertrude, of Ascan Avenue, have gone to Atlantic City for a stay of one week.

Mrs. Curtis E. Kloetzer, Gardens Apartments, is enjoying an extended visit at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, 14 Greenway Terraces, are home after a visit of a number of weeks in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Wilkes are enjoying a trip to Cuba and will visit Palm Beach and St. Augustine en route.

V. D. Soskice and family have moved into their new home, 305 Burns Street.

C. H. W. Hasselriis and family are moving into the home, recently purchased, at 303 Burns Street.

Mrs. Emma B. Webber and family have moved from Brooklyn into 70 Greenway Terraces.

On Thursday afternoon, March 17, Mrs. George A. Douglass gave a bridge and tea, at her home on Exeter Street.

From a Pensacola, Florida, newspaper comes the announcement of the engagement of Miss Beth Cason, a member of The Gardens Players, and Captain Chauncey L. Cooke, Coast Artillery, U. S. Army. The marriage takes place on March 19. Miss Cason has been the guest of Mrs. Bessie C. Wentworth, a sister of Captain Cooke, at the army post. Captain Cooke has been stationed at Fort Barrancas for over a year.

## PIANO RECITAL

The pupils of Madame Hoegsbro-Christensen gave a piano recital on Saturday afternoon, March 12, at the home of Mrs. George W. Yepson, in Kew Gardens. While some pupils had had lessons only a short time, all of the performers did remarkably well and delighted their parents and friends. Some, of course, have been studying a longer period. Many who took part are residents of Forest Hills, among them were; Helen Bonime, Margaret Fletcher, Jane Mays, Harriette and Nancy Woodard, Margaret and Harry Spangenberg, Nathalie Green, Mona and Casper Hasselriis., Danrue and Robert Leighton, Rhoderic Blackhurst and Jessie Tappan.

## THE INN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Y. Low of the Gardens Apartments, gave a dinner party at the Inn, on Saturday evening last, in celebration of their crystal wedding. While St. Patrick's Day should have been the festive occasion, it was celebrated previously, though the color scheme was green and the various courses carried out to illustrate the famous Irish martyr. There were twenty-one guests present, all of whom had a glorious time and enjoyed the dancing between courses of the



dinner, after which Mrs. Low entertained the party in her apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sigsbee of the Inn also entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Agler and Col. and Mrs. T. S. Stover, all of Manhattan. The table was also set in the sun parlor, with roses used as decoration.

An evening at bridge was enjoyed by the guests of the Inn on Wednesday last, having been arranged by the management for the entertainment of the guests. It is anticipated that these bridge parties will be enjoyed and fully attended, as several of them are contemplated for the remainder of the season. Mrs. C. H. D. Robbins was the winner of a very pretty silver bon-bon dish, while Jack Ryan carried off the first prize, a bridge set. Two other prizes were won by Col. Robert White and Miss Maude Marren. Residents of the Gardens will be welcome at these bridge parties, if notice of their desire to attend is given to the management in advance. The next one is planned for Wednesday, March 30.

Mrs. James W. Hitchcock has just left for a two weeks stay at Southern Pines, N. C., where she hopes to recuperate from her recent indisposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Gere have returned to the Inn after a several weeks visit to their home in Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Charles P. Minningerode, of Baltimore, was a guest of Col. and Mrs. F. Minningerode for the last week end.

Capt. F. Y. Keeler, of Manhattan, spent the week end as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wilson-Lawrenson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mead, of Great Barrington, Mass., and Seabreeze, Fla., are among the recent arrivals, and expect to remain at the Inn for the next two months.

John J. Froger of Buenos Ayres is also among the recent arrivals and will remain at the Inn during his stay in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Cutting, who have been making an extensive tour through California, have recently arrived at the Inn and will remain until their departure for Europe sometime in April.

Mrs. A. B. Willis and her little daughter, Laura, sailed on last Friday for Europe, where she will visit Mr. Willis' relatives in England.

Little "Junior" Farmer and his nurse are spending a few weeks at Atlantic City, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Farmer, hope he will recover his usual good health after his slight illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Newcombe, who have been valued guests of long standing, are at present making a tour of the southern resorts and do not intend returning until early in April.

Mrs. Enos, the mother of Miss Margaret Enos, of the Inn, has just arrived to join her daughter and will in future make her home here.

The children and trained nurse of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ewin are spending a few weeks at the Inn during their absence on a short vacation.

Other recent arrivals are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Wirta and their small son, of California; Miss Dorothea Cahien, of Rockford, Ill.; C. van't Hoff, of Rotterdam, and Mrs. F. B. Gibson and her two daughters, of Manhattan.

William Addison Lathrope, author of "Love in Picardy," was recently the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Maclyn Arbuckle, who are spending the spring months at the Inn.

## THE ART OF WALTER D. TEAGUE

### Exhibition of Merit and Charm Held at Weyhe Gallery.

The exhibition of decorative designs by Walter D. Teague, recently held at the Weyhe Gallery was interesting not only as the work of our neighbor in the Gardens, but because of its significance as a fine example of a new movement in the art life of our time. This movement may best be described as the revived unity of art and craftsmanship and utility. In recent years some of the finest black and white, and color work, for example, have been in the service of advertising, and when artists like Mr. Teague give to their work, commercial or otherwise, the devotion to high ideals shown in the present exhibition, one realizes the vitality of this movement.

In the exhibition were window cards, calendars, book covers, and advertisements, each done with the same feeling for beautiful design, the same care for exquisite proportion, the same regard for balance of color and tone that characterized the Italian and French designers and printers of past centuries. Mr. Teague has gone frankly to these best of all sources, not to photographically reproduce the old work, but to enter into the spirit and make this spirit his own. In each of the designs shown Mr. Teague has met this test and produced delicately beautiful designs, but vigorous and sure in execution and interesting in their application.

We are proud to have Mr. Teague as a resident of Forest Hills, and hope that some day we may have here at home an exhibition or series of exhibitions of the work of Mr. Teague and of the other artists living in "The Village Beautiful."

R. C. A.

## AMERICAN LEGION

The April Fool's party and dance promises to be a big success. This will be the Legion's second "offensive" this season. Music will be furnished by Simpson's 15th Regiment orchestra, with a special act by a Broadway star. Keep the date open and don't miss the opportunity. Masonic Temple, Friday evening, April 1st, 1921. Dancing 8:30 until 1. Informal.

The Legion smoker, held March 7, was well attended and enjoyed by every one. Hugh Winfield Robertson, assistant to State Commander Blakerley, gave an interesting and refreshing talk on the activities of the Legion throughout the United States, and more particularly dwelt on conditions at Fox Hills and King's Park Hospitals and pending legislation at Washington, D. C. and Albany.

M. J. F.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The teachers of both schools were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Clifford B. Le Page, on the afternoon of March 9, Miss Belle W. Hanson being the guest of honor. A pair of silver candle sticks was presented to Miss Hanson.

The pupils of the 8A-7B class gave Miss Hanson a wedding gift of twenty-four pieces of flat silver, and the pupils of the 7A-6B class gave her a cut glass bowl.

Miss Luella Bedell has been appointed teacher of domestic science in public school 3.

No piano has as yet been installed in the new school, and it is uncertain when the Board of Education will have funds to provide one. It is possible that arrangements will be made by which a piano can be furnished temporarily, pending the purchase of the two pianos ultimately to be provided.

## MISS GARDNER'S RECITAL

Friends of Miss Elise Gardner announce a song recital to be given by her on Friday evening April 1, in Aeolian Hall, 34 West Forty-third Street. Coenraad V. Bos will preside at the piano. The advance program gives a number of songs covering a wide range of selection. There will be Italian, French, German and English numbers. Altogether the program will give Miss Gardner the opportunity to show the range and beauty of her voice, her technical training and her ease with the various languages. Mrs. Niels F. Holch and Mrs. S. W. Eckman are interested in the success of the recital, and tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Holch, 74 Ascan Avenue or Mrs. George C. LeBlanc, 105 Puritan Avenue.

## CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS

A cordial invitation is extended to residents of-and-visitors to Forest Hills to worship with us on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The service on Good Friday will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening. Dr. Arthur J. Smith, General Secretary of the New York Evangelistic Committee will speak.

The following Easter services will be held:

A special program is to be rendered by the primary and kindergarten Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. in the social room. It is hoped that a large number of the parents and friends of the members of the school will be present.

Morning worship will be held at 11 o'clock, at which Dr. Latshaw will speak. Special Easter music will be rendered by a quartet, under the direction of H. Everett Hall, organist.



Vesper services for young and old will be conducted under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society at 4:45 in the afternoon, the intermediate Sunday School co-operating.

The Women's Guild met at the home of Mrs. S. W. Eckman, Greenway Terraces, on the afternoon of March 11, with Mrs. Niels F. Holch and Mrs. S. Ellsworth Davenport, Jr., assistant hostesses. The subject of the afternoon's program was "Effective Friendliness," and Mrs. Albert Morton Gray was the leader. Mrs. Edward H. Mays suggested an occasional Sunday afternoon program in the church for the adolescents. Mrs. John A. McFarlan recited a poem, "Chums," and Mrs. C. H. W. Hassellriis sang. Ensign Wilson of the Salvation Army of the city spoke of the work of her organization.

J. F. McT.

## NEW ORGANIST

Mrs. Charles H. Seammell, chairman, J. Gorton Marsh and Donald G. Clark, music committee of the Church-in-the-Gardens, feel very fortunate in having been able to secure H. Everett Hall to be the organist of the beautiful organ, which was the gift of Mrs. Russell Sage, when she also gave the church building to the community.

Mr. Hall was born in Bangor, Maine, and secured his musical education in Boston at the New England Conservatory. He has taught in schools in Boston, and has been the supervisor of music in Bangor, Maine. He was solo organist for two seasons at the Maine Music Festival. Mr. Hall is at present organist of the Bronx Free Synagogue; assistant organist of the Scotch Presbyterian Church; musical director for Frank E. Campbell, of The Funeral Church, Inc., and organist and director of the First M. E. Church, Jamaica, Long Island. He has also assumed the duties of organist for the Sunday morning service of the Church-in-the-Gardens.

## CHURCH SERVICES

- Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 10 o'clock, Ascan Avenue near Queens Boulevard.
- St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday, 8 A. M., Holy Communion; 9:45 A. M., Sunday School; 11 A. M., Morning Service. 8 P. M., Song Service. Holy Communion first and third Sunday in each month. Wednesday evening Instruction Service, 8 P. M.
- Church-in-the-Gardens—David Latshaw, D. D., Pastor. Sunday morning: Sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 o'clock.—Christian Endeavor Society, Sunday, 7:45 P. M., Social Room. Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Mid-week service.
- 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. Reading room open daily from 2 to 4 P. M., except Sundays and holidays. Masonic Temple.

## CIVIC COMMITTEE

Every Zone Active—Prizes Will be Given to the Best Kept Zone and to the Cleanest Store.

The contest for the prizes for the best kept zone and the cleanest store during the next year began on March 15. So the civic committee of the Women's Club announced at a recent meeting of the club. Nine zone meetings have been held: captains and lieutenants are working in all of them. Cards bearing instructions to housekeepers have been distributed. There are thirteen venders of food in Forest Hills and a prize will be offered to the one who most fully complies with the sanitary rules. Sometime in April, the exact date to be announced in the next BULLETIN, the Sage Foundation Homes Company will send a cart around town to collect those things which the ash man does not collect. This includes clippings from the hedges, trees and bushes. The Cord Meyer Company will do the same thing on the north side of the railroad. Mrs. Louis D. Speir, chairman of the committee, believes this will be a great help to the citizens in making the village as neat as it is possible to make it.

## School Children Helpful.

On March 14, Mrs. Frank Y. Low, a member of the civic committee, spoke before the school children in public schools 3 and 101, dwelling upon the part the children can play in the work of this important committee. Mrs. Mary Hoppe, the principal of the public schools of Forest Hills is heartily in sympathy with encouraging the children to help in every way to make this beautiful village just as attractive as it is possible to make it. The children have promised to help. The chairman of the committee recommends that each boy or girl wear gloves and use a stick with a nail in the end, to pick up loose paper in the lots. Then these papers can be put very easily into the bags.

At this time of year and later, in budding and blossoming time, the children are tempted to break off branches of shrubbery. This is a very bad practice, for it injures the shrubs and deprives all the people of the pleasure of enjoying the bushes, with their blossoms, in perfect symmetry and completeness. Will the teachers and parents caution the children against this thoughtlessness?

## ST. LUKE'S.

The Woman's Guild of St. Luke's announces a food sale at the Inn on this morning, Saturday, March 19. The sale will begin at ten o'clock: there will be all kinds of cold meats, salads, pickles, jellies, cakes, breads, pies and candy. Every thing will be of the best quality of home cooking. Those who come early will have the choice.

On Good Friday there will be the usual three hour service from twelve o'clock, at noon, until three o'clock in the afternoon, in the chapel. There will also be a service at eight o'clock in the evening. On Easter Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, there will be the regular service and a special musical program. On Easter Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, the children of the Sunday School will meet for their Easter services.

## COMING EVENTS

- First and third Tuesday evening of each month, 8 o'clock—Forest Hills Lodge, 946, F. and A. M., Masonic Temple.
- March 19, 8 P. M.—Fuentes lecture, Audubon Society, Social Room, Church-in-the-Gardens.
- March 21, 3 P. M.—Mothers' Club, Public School 101.
- March 21, 8 P. M.—Men's Club, 20 Groton Street.
- March 22, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 68 Greenway North.
- April 1, 8 P. M.—American Legion Dance, Masonic Temple.
- April 4, 2 P. M.—Women's Club, Inn.
- April 5, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 45 Deepdene Road.
- April 8, 2 P. M.—Women's Guild, Church-in-the-Gardens, 210 Greenway South.

FOUND—A gold ring. Inquire from Mrs. A. P. S. Paul, 51 Summer Street.