

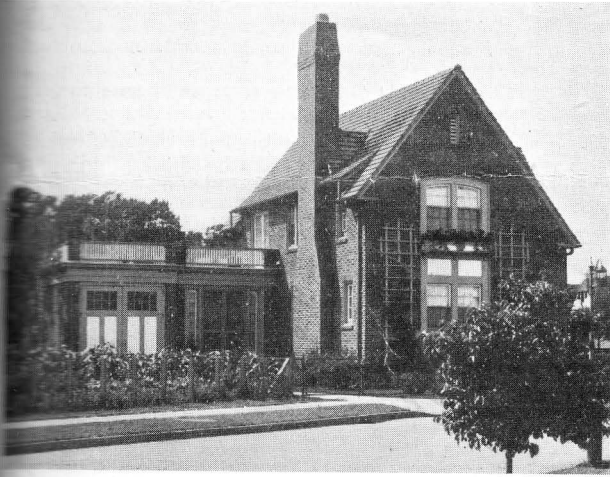
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HOME OF CHARLES T. CARNAHAN.

Illustrated above is the home of Charles T. Carnahan on Russell Place, between Cranford Street and Shocum Crescent. This house is irregular in plan with the exterior walls of rough texture brick of full range of colors from reds to purples, blending with the red and brown roof tiles. A distinctive part of the plan is the arrangement of the garage attached to the sun porch, both having flat roofs, access to the roof being through French doors from a side bedroom on the second floor. The Homes Company was the architect and builder.

THE GARDENS PLAYERS.

Friday, May 10th, has been set as the date for the forthcoming production of The Gardens Players. The performance will take place at the Inn. The bill will be an all-comedy one and three short plays are to be presented: "It's No Use, Mother!" by Mary Middleton; "The Real Thing," by John Kendrick Bangs; and "Rococo," by Granville Barker.

The performance was originally intended as a subscription event solely for members of The Gardens Players but, owing to the lively interest taken in the entertainment by non-members, a limited number of tickets will be put on sale at one dollar apiece, the proceeds of which will go to the Big Sisters of Queensborough.

TAXPAYERS' MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Taxpayers' Association will be held on Tuesday, April 30th, at 8:15 P. M., in the Church of Forest Hills.

THE THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.

A splendid organization has been developed under the direction of Mr. John M. Demarest, chairman, who has been appointed by Benjamin Strong, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, to direct the activities of the Liberty Loan Committee of the Forest Hills district. A simple but effective plan has been adopted with reference to the zoning of the entire territory, each zone to be conducted as an individual unit and to come under the personal direction of the chairman of a sub-committee who will be held responsible by the general committee for every individual living in his zone. This zone system, together with the card system of reports instituted and adopted, assures that every solitary individual in the entire district will be seen and importuned to buy a Liberty bond.

The campaign to this date has been vigorously prosecuted. While present returns do not indicate there will be a hundred per cent over-subscription, the day is young, and by splendid effort on every one's part, our loyal and enthusiastic little community should slip into the honor class occupied by those other communities that have twice subscribed their quota.

At the second meeting of the general committee held on the evening of April 15th, it was to be noted that this zone system worked out splendidly. At this meeting a recapitulation showed approximately \$150,000 subscribed from about 650 subscribers. As there were in the second loan over 1,100 subscribers and a total subscription of \$433,000, it means that every chairman and every canvasser has his work cut out for him.

DR. MACNEAL'S CONTRIBUTION.

Dr. Ward J. MacNeal of Rockrose Place, in the medical service abroad at the head of a commission consisting of four doctors who have been making a study of "trench fever" on the British front near Arras, has finally succeeded in locating both the cause and mode of transmission of this destructive disease.

A French general has stated that this achievement will be the means of saving thousands of soldiers for the fighting line.

On the 15th of this month Captain MacNeal read a paper on this discovery in Paris before the Allied Armies' Medical Service.

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Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 27 Greenway Terrace, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Immediately preceding the declaration of war with Germany, Forest Hills organized a Community Council to co-ordinate all community activities toward the most efficient prosecution of the war.

Now the Council of National Defense at Washington has taken up the idea and through the medium of State Committees has advised the formation of similar Councils in all communities throughout the country. New York City, by reason of its size, has a supervising body of its own, equal to a State Committee, known as the Mayor's Committee.

It is with this Committee that the Forest Hills Council is to work and co-operate to obtain the best results from its manifold war activities, and it was voted at its last meeting here to send a representative to the coming general conference in New York City.

If Forest Hills is to organize its full strength and express it through its Community Council, it is essential that **each and every organization here**, whether contributing to the expenses of the body or not, should be represented at its meetings.

SETON LECTURE APRIL 26TH.

Ernest Thompson Seton, who is to talk at the Inn on Friday, April 26th, at 8 P. M., under the auspices of the Audubon Society, is the best known of the American writers on Wild Life, and an authority on the Conservation movement now brought prominently before the public by the acute interest in our natural resources. The children will love Mr. Seton and his wonderful pictures, while the grown-ups will be just as interested because he is an unusually vivid, interesting speaker. Tickets, fifty cents apiece, may be purchased at the Inn or at the Chemist Shop. The chairman of the committee in charge of the entertainment part of the program, Mrs. Washburne, has procured the services of Marguerite Valentine, pianist, and Taylor Holmes, who is to recite Kipling's "Boots."

WITH ROOSEVELT IN EUROPE.

Lawrence F. Abbott described his trip through Europe with Theodore Roosevelt at the meeting of The Men's Club held at the home of Lieutenant W. D. Teague in Beechknoll Road on Friday evening, April 12th.

The men were delighted to hear this intimate recital of Roosevelt's triumphal tour through the capitals of Europe, and keenly enjoyed the description of his democratic contact with kings and emperors and czars.

As a biographer, in telling of his travels with Colonel Roosevelt, Dr. Abbott likened himself to James Boswell. Dr. Johnson was fortunate in having his Boswell, but in thanking Dr. Abbott for a most entertaining evening, The Men's Club voted that Theodore Roosevelt was the more fortunate of the two.

WAR RELIEF.

The Musicales given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Sarkision for the benefit of the Surgical Dressings Committee, helped by the generosity and talent of those who donated their services, was a great success, \$168 being realized thereby and turned over to the Treasurer, Miss Jeffries, to purchase materials for surgical dressings to send abroad.

MASONIC RECEPTION.

A little over two years ago a small group of Masons residing at Forest Hills conceived the idea of establishing a lodge in this section and after considerable effort and many disappointments a dispensation was secured.

The forming of this lodge was probably due more than anything else to the untiring efforts of Mr. John Miller. After many disappointments a charter was granted and Forest Hills Lodge No. 946, F. and A. M., is now fully launched on its career.

The members of this lodge are now ambitious to have a home of their own in Forest Hills; plans are rapidly maturing for this Masonic Temple and on Friday evening, April 12th, members of the lodge and their guests gathered at Forest Hills Inn for a card party and dance, held for the purpose of forming the nucleus of a building fund. This affair proved to be one of the most brilliant affairs ever held in this community. It was very largely attended and pronounced a success by everyone present.

After several rounds of Auction Bridge and Five Hundred had been played, prizes suitable for the occasion were awarded. There was also a very beautiful silver carving set contributed by the daughters of the Masons which was awarded to the guest drawing the lucky number. There was also offered through the courtesy of the Newtown Gas Company an electric toaster which was drawn for by those not competing in the card games.

Later, dancing was enjoyed by all. Toward the latter part of the evening's enjoyment the Rev. Oscar F. Treador, Dean of the Cathedral at Garden City, and District Deputy Grand Master of Masons in this section, appeared with a very handsome silk American flag which, in an appropriate speech, he presented to Forest Hills Lodge as a gift from the wives of its members. Worshipful Brother Robert Whyte accepted the gift in behalf of the Lodge and responded feelingly to the speech of presentation.

To a large extent the success of the entertainment is attributable to Mrs. Hawley's efforts. She entered into the spirit of the occasion with enthusiasm and with an efficient corps of assistants made every one feel at home.

Practically all of the Lodge members had a little something to do with the success of the evening, each contributing a share to the work.

Particular mention should be made of Brother V. E. Englebach to whom full credit is due for a very elaborate program, which was not only a success from an artistic standpoint, but financially as well.

Forest Hills Lodge for the short time in which it has been in existence has excited the admiration of the other Masonic bodies throughout this State. Their contribution to the Grand Lodge of New York for the relief of Masons serving the colors was the largest in proportion to its membership of any Lodge in the State, and their contribution was the first to be received.

This Lodge is undoubtedly destined to be a potent factor in the future development of this community.

MOTHERS' CLUB.

Thirty-five mothers were present at the regular meeting of the Mothers' Club held on Monday afternoon, April 15th, in the Kindergarten Room of Public School 34, to join in a helpful discussion that took place before and after a most interesting talk by Mrs. B. Naumburg on "Courtesy in Children." The subject for the next meeting scheduled for May 20th, is "Truthfulness and Imagination in Children."

Plans were made at the meeting for the children of the Public School to give an entertainment during May for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross.

WOMEN'S CLUB.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Club of Forest Hills will be held on Wednesday, May 1, at 2 o'clock, in the Social Room of the Church-in-the-Garden. At this meeting Mrs. John Winters Brannan will speak on "American Women in a Washington Jail, and How They Were Treated."

The annual election of officers will also be held at this meeting.

PARENTS ATTENTION!

The Department of the Interior sends the following call to parents throughout the country:

"The United States School Garden Army is beginning to mobilize.

"The whole plan has been carefully worked out and so far there hasn't been a single hitch in the program.

"The Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Education, is calling upon State and County Superintendents of Schools and also upon the Governors of the different States, the Mayors of the different cities, and school superintendents in cities, towns, villages and suburban communities, and asking everyone of these people to fall in line and get to work in the greatest practical volunteer campaign that has been started since the war began.

"The Germans have organized their garden army years ago and just because they did do that very thing they have been able to laugh at the rest of the world for so long.

"For back of every bullet and behind every shell and under and over every cloud of poisonous gas and running every submarine and directing every aeroplane is a man who must keep up his energies with food.

"From one end of this country to the other the people are beginning to realize what this question of food means. No wonder that the United States School Garden Army idea has taken such a splendid hold, not only in the imagination, but of the stern, practical faculties of this whole country.

"Five million school children mobilized into an army with officers and privates and sergeants—with drill and hard work and great rewards and splendid service.

"What child is there on the face of the globe who would not be proud and eager to be one of such an army!

"Have the schools in your district begun to organize?

"Have you secured vacant land in your city to use for the garden?

"Who is going to be captain of the First Regiment in your town?

"You don't know. Why not, Aren't you interested?

"You will be interested some day when that boy of yours comes home with a Chevron on his sleeve or your girl is made a First Sergeant and wears a badge which tells the world that she is ready to do her bit for her country and her country's flag.

"Why not interest yourself personally in this matter today?

"Why not make this a part of your duty to Uncle Sam?"

REPORT ON THE NATURE OF AUDUBON SOCIETY ACTIVITIES.

The idea of the conservation of our natural resources has always been back of the Audubon movement, which has two aspects, the economic and aesthetic. Since the war began the Forest Hills Audubon Society has emphasized the economic value of bird life in preventing the terrible damage done to our crops by worms and insects. This damage reaches almost unbelievable figures and there are only two ways of cutting it down. One is by constant spraying or dusting with chemicals which entails expense and labor, and the other is attracting the birds around farms and gardens and letting them do the work.

To protect our beautiful Gardens, where the trees, shrubbery and flowers are our greatest assets, cultivating the birds is not only a privilege, but a necessity. If extra food such as millet, rye, oats and sunflower are planted in vacant lots and in the individual gardens for food, if fresh water is provided in shallow basins, and nesting boxes put up the birds will come of themselves and destroy enormous quantities of injurious insects. Every opportunity has been taken to bring home the war-time lesson of conservation. It was urged last spring and summer in our exhibit and in lectures to the children, and in notices in the regular fortnightly bulletin and in the small lamp-post bulletins. It will be still further emphasized when Ernest Thompson Seton gives his lecture on Wild Life under the auspices of the Audubon Society on April 26th, 1918.

Even the annual bills for dues will carry the slogan "Attract the Birds and Save the Gardens."

Mary E. Knevels, Secretary.

THE INN.

Events of interest still go on at the Inn in spite of the touch of spring and hint of the summer season. One of the largest and most enjoyable affairs ever held here was the Card Party and Dance given by the Masonic Lodge of Forest Hills, as also was the Concert given on Tuesday evening last by the Young Citizens' Loyal League. The League founded by Judson Wade Shaw is an organic kind of citizenship training for every age. The Concert was given by the Newtown High School Orchestra under the direction of C. I. Valentine, Murray Johnson, a Newtown senior, presiding. The orchestra of fifty-five pieces did astonishingly good work especially when one considers that music is but one of the studies of these school folk. An audience of four hundred listened appreciatively and responded generously. The grown people seemed in entire sympathy with the League's objects and its methods so far as they could be presented in the short speeches of the students, whose words showed vigorous patriotism, and the effect of intelligent patriotic study. "It is our aim," said Mr. Johnson, student organizer of Queens, "to sing our national songs with fervor and to put that fervor into work." The young people said they felt tremendously encouraged by the kind reception that Forest Hills gave their attempt to explain their work. The use of the Inn ballroom was the gift of the Homes Company. At the close of the program the boys begged to be allowed to cheer and made the ceiling (almost) lift straight off with their "Demarest, Demarest, Demarest!" and "Mrs. Hawley, Mrs. Hawley, Mrs. Hawley!"

The Liberty Loan Campaign is being pushed most enthusiastically by the Committee assigned for the Inn composed of Mr. W. Dunklin, W. W. Crawford, George Middleton and John Messenger. The officers are in session every evening in the Lounge and the response from guests, as well as employees, has been most gratifying so far. It is most earnestly hoped that we will strike the 100 per cent. mark for the Inn.

At the Sunday evening concert on April 7th, Mrs. Orlando C. Harn of Forest Hills and Mrs. Robert T. Rodgers of New York were the soloists, and rendered several beautiful selections which were most enthusiastically received, as was also the duet which they gave by special request. On Sunday evening last, Mr. W. Jospe gave a series of piano solos, while the numbers given by Trio were splendidly executed. These concerts will be discontinued early in May for the summer season, and it is hoped that the guests of the Gardens will avail themselves of the few special programs that remain.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Einstein have just returned to the Inn after a two months' stay in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Williams will remain guests of the Inn until their house on Beechnoll Road has been made ready for occupancy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gillespie of Great Neck and Long Beach, with their mother, Mrs. E. Curtis, are spending some time at the Inn before the opening of their summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bouck, Jr., with their daughters, Misses Virginia and Helen, of Brooklyn, are spending the next two months at the Inn before going to their home in the mountains for the summer season.

Miss Celeste Gleasner, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Streit and her son, Mr. R. G. Streit, who are among the permanent residents of the Inn.

Lieutenant Calvin R. Elwood, with Mrs. Elwood and his daughter and small son, have recently become guests of the Inn. Lieutenant Elwood is connected with Government work at the Gas Defense Plant in Long Island City.

The Deaconess B. M. Garvin and Miss Theodora Bartlett of New York were week-end guests of the Inn.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens will hold a Patriotic Sociable on Wednesday, April 24th, at 8.15 P. M., in the Social Room of the Church. There will be a patriotic song program and the reading of letters received from soldiers abroad, followed by refreshments.

COMING EVENTS.

Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, 27 Greenway Terrace. 'Phone Forest Hills 6200.

Mondays at 2 P. M., at the home of Mr. Lee Galloway, 250 Greenway South—Meeting of Local Committee of the Home Service Section of the Red Cross.

Mondays at 4 P. M.—Girl Scouts meet at Sales Office to work for war relief. All girls of the community invited.

First and Third Tuesdays of each month. Arcanum Hall, Elmhurst. Meeting of Forest Hills Lodge of Masons.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 P. M. Sales Office. Meeting of War Relief Committee. Women of the community cordially invited.

Tuesday Afternoons, 3:15, Public School 101.—Girls' Sewing Class.

Thursdays at 8:15 P. M., at Ninth Regiment Armory, 14th Street, New York City—Ninth Coast Artillery Drill.

Wednesday, April 24th, at 8:15 P. M., in Social Room of Church-in-the-Gardens.—Patriotic Sociable of Women's Guild.

Friday, April 26th, 8:15 P. M., at the Inn.—Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton will lecture on "Wild Animals at Home." Mr. Taylor Holmes will recite "Boots" and other selections. Miss Marguerite Valentine, Pianist. Auspices of the Audubon Society of Forest Hills. Admission 50 cents. Tickets for sale at Chemist Shop.

Tuesday, April 30th, 8:15 P. M., Church of Forest Hills.—Meeting of Forest Hills Taxpayers' Association.

Wednesday, May 1, at 2 o'clock, Social Room of Church-in-the-Gardens.—Regular monthly meeting of the Women's Club of Forest Hills. Mrs. John Winters Brannan will speak on "American Women in a Washington Jail and How They Were Treated." Annual election of officers.

Monday, May 20, at 2:45 P. M.—Mothers' Club meeting, Public School 101. Subject, "Truthfulness and Imagination in Children."

PLAYGROUND NOTES.

Now that the spring weather is with us it is a great temptation for the children to play out of doors and forget the "One Hour a Week War Relief Work" asked for from each child in our community. Surgical Dressings are needed more than ever and every Monday afternoon each and all may do a part to "Help Win the War" by coming to the Sales Office and helping to prepare the material for the women of the community to work with on Tuesday afternoon. Parents are asked to remind their children of this responsibility.

WAR-TIME PLAY.

The following is an extract from "War-Time Status of Playground Work," by O. W. Douglas:

"Don't Grind Your Seed Corn."

"During the waning of the Southern Confederacy, when it seemed as if the very children would be drawn into the maelstrom, Confederate President Jeff Davis admonished his people, saying, 'The children of a nation are its seed corn. Don't grind your seed corn.'"

"This warning by the leader of a lost cause at the time of a great crisis is no less of value at the present time.

"Among the various welfare movements for the benefit of the youth none have been more successful or gratifying than playground and recreation work. The necessity for playgrounds and supervised play was first recognized in the congested districts of the larger cities. The recognition came first, most naturally, to the class of people in the various communities who were most charitably inclined, or who had the greatest civic pride.

"In some communities the work is done and fund supplied by the Board of Education. In other cases a recreation Commission is created. In still others Park Boards, Boards of Works, and sometimes Health Boards are empowered with authority to carry on the various recreational activities."

In Forest Hills the Playground work is governed by the Community Council, a body made up of representatives from local organizations.

CHURCH SERVICES.

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

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings. Sunday School at 9.45 o'clock. Sermon at 11 o'clock. Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 10 o'clock; sermon at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday at 7:30 P. M. in Social Room. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

Church of Forest Hills (undenominational)—Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 10 o'clock; sermon at 11 o'clock; Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday at 6.45 P. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street.

Christian Science Society of Forest Hills. Services Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School 9:45 A. M. 172 Continental Avenue.

FROM THE FIGHTING LINE.

Corporal Frank Pomeroy, one of the soldier guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Seward, of Whitson Street, on Rainbow Night, has written the following remarkably interesting letter telling of the actual fighting in the trenches:

Somewhere at the Front.

March 14th, 1918.

Dear Friends:

We are as far in France now as we can go, and if we want to see any of the country ahead of us we will have to shove the Germans ahead of us.

I am in the finest of health and spirits, and am getting lots of work and some hardships. It is a wonderful experience. Little do I know now that at any time the word (gas) may come and masks are to be donned or a shell hit the dugout. It don't worry any of us. I had one close call and it came near enough.

There has been quite a bit of aerial work since the Division moved in. One of them happened towards the latter part of the afternoon when a German plane broke through the cordon of Allied planes. We immediately scrambled for our dugouts and the sentries lay close to the sides of the trenches so as not to be observed. We watched it closely and with all the eagerness that a cat watches a mouse. It sailed quite a ways behind the lines and was started back, for the anti-aircraft guns were laying them close. It swooped close to the ground so as to make better observations when a shell hit it squarely. It gave a lurch and started for the ground with a jig-jag flop to it, falling behind our lines with valuable information that never reached Germany. It is a wonderful sight, but risky, for one never knows when a bomb will hit near him.

[Here follows an account of a six-hour American artillery barrage fire.]

So effective was the firing that not a barbed wire entanglement nor any obstacle was left. The first, second and third line trenches were completely destroyed, and when the Infantry went over the top not a German could be found. No chances were taken when a dugout was reached and a hand grenade was the Americans' calling card. It was fine and my first experience of going "over the top" was one that I'll never forget. If you could only see the American boy go over the top, why, then one would know why America has always held her own; and give us time, we'll show them a few tricks yet.

My light is one candle camouflaged so no light can go on. The weather has been fine the last week. When we first moved into the war zone it was cold, rainy weather, and didn't make a fellow feel good, but its fine now.

I saw many ruined towns on our way to the front. One in particular,—before it was bombarded it had a population of about 12,000, so you can figure for yourself that it was a fair-sized place. Today not a building remains, and most of them were blown up by the Huns when they were forced to retreat. It is the same in most of them.

Well, dear friends, I will close for now, and best regards to Mrs. Seward and the children. I will say good-bye, hoping this finds all of you in the best of health and luck.

I am, always your friend,

CORPORAL FRANK POMEROY

P. S.—I finally found one stamp for Kim, and I will send him some French coins when I get back from the trenches to our rest camp.