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LONG STRUGGLE AHEAD

China Will be Many Years Establishing A Real Democracy

Educated Chinaman Speaks Before Women's Club—
Frenchman Will Lecture April 25—Hamsun's
Recent Book Will be Reviewed

"To know things as they are" is the key note of old China according to Peng Chung Chang, the distinguished scholar from China, who spoke before the Women's Club, on April 4, when his subject was: "The Hopes of New China". He was introduced by Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe, first vice-president. The speaker dwelt upon the size, population and position of China and he went back to the ideals of Confucius, 500 B. C. in order to gain an understanding of the influence of the culture of old China upon the China of today. One hundred years ago, China came in contact with the modern West and China began to realize that she was too conservative to struggle with the new world. A constitutional government became necessary and the Republic was born in 1911. According to the speaker, it may take thirty years for the new government to find itself. It has been found that democracy is difficult here and in 1917 the dynasty was restored, and lasted one week. The climax has come with the mixing of China in international politics. The speaker referred to the Shanghai affair and the treaty as something very unfair to China.

"The better classes of the country want democracy" he said and the new hopes of China lie in the fact, (1) that public opinion is now effective, (2) China has signed the treaty with Austria, not with Germany, (3) there is an intellectual and spiritual renaissance in China. Thousands of Chinese students are seeking knowledge in foreign countries. The number in the United States is 2,000. He closed by saying that cultured China, functioning in a modern democracy, will be able to give something to the modern world and she needs the help of the liberal people of the world.

The new members are Mesdames Philemon Wardsworth, F. Hargreave, E. Percival Haas, Ernest V. Gent, C. S. Plummer and Major A. White. The nominating committee for the officers who will be chosen at the annual election are: Mesdames James Rea, C. W. Johnson, John A. McFarlan, Max Hyman and Charles H. Duling.

Lieutenant Vincent Wierzbicki

The current events chapter presents Lieutenant Vincent Wierzbicki, of the French High Commission, who will speak to the community on "Present Conditions in France", on the evening of April 25, in the Church-in-the-Gardens. It will be a logical thing to hear this speaker on this subject at this time when Viviani is in this country. Lieutenant Wierzbicki was two and a half years French interpreter for the English forces near Havre. For considerable time he has been a member of the French High Commission to the United States. He has spoken in Forest Hills before and will be welcomed by a large audience.

Current Readings Chapter

The current readings chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. Augustine J. Wilson, 80 Ascan Avenue, on the afternoon of April 19, when Mrs. W. P. Bezell will review "The Growth of the Soil" by Knut Hamsun.

SELF GOVERNMENT

At a meeting of the Men's Club, on Monday evening, April 18, at the home of Lyman Beecher Stowe, Union Turnpike and Greenway South, Mr. Stowe will speak on the subject "Self Government in School, College and Industry". The annual election of officers will take place.



HOME OF JOSEPH W. JOHNSON

At the intersection of Greenway North and Markwood Road is the home of Joseph W. Johnson, raised from the street level by an interesting vine covered stone wall. The walls of the house are of brick and the roof is of red and fire-flashed tile. The architect was Grosvenor Atterbury.

ANNUAL MEETING

Gardens Players Elect Officers—Miss Mary Shaw is the Speaker.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Hardinge, Greenway South, the Gardens Players held their annual meeting on the evening of April 13. Miss Mary Shaw, the noted actress, was the speaker, and she delighted her audience with humorous anecdotes of her own long stage career. Then she dwelt upon the work of amateurs in the dramatic world, telling of the real meaning of the word amateur—a lover—and showing that the amateur gets the most out of the theatre because he is in the work on account of his love for it.

The election of officers resulted in the following being chosen: Harvey T. Warren, president; Walter Hartwig, vice-president; Miss Maude Marren, recording secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Edward S. Swazey, corresponding secretary. Eight directors were also chosen.

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Owing to the large amount of committee work demanding attention, the meeting of the full membership of the Community Council was not held last Friday evening (the regular time of meeting), but a meeting of the Advisory Board and chairmen of committees was held at the home of President Smart. Plans were laid for an unusually interesting meeting to be held at an early date or at such time as the members of the Senate and Assembly from Queens can be present and make a report to their constituents concerning legislation enacted at Albany during the past few months.

ERNEST DAVIS RECITAL

The recital by Ernest Davis Thursday evening at the Church-in-the-Gardens under the auspices of Forest Hills Post No. 630, American Legion, was an entertainment of great excellence. Mr. Davis has a voice of rare sweetness and power and delighted his hearers. The audience was shamefully small, a fact especially to be regretted in view of the patriotic auspices. Mr. Davis was assisted by Miss Mabel Austin, soprano, and Emil Levy, violinist, both of whom were heartily applauded. The enthusiasm shown by all present throughout the evening was a marked feature.

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Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 9 Station Square, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.

TEAM WORK

TEAM work, co-operation—these are words which inadequately express the “clean-up,” which is taking place in the Gardens.

In the first place, the civic committee had a vision of a most tidy town; not only yards and side walks must be kept in order, but vacant lots as well. The chairman expressed that vision before every organization in town and she repeated her story many times. We confess, behind our blushes, that we became a little irritated by it, because our own yard needed some attention. Finally her dreams began to be shared by captains and lieutenants of zones and many more until the whole town said: “Why of course that is just the thing we have always wanted, every one helping to keep this village the most beautiful place it can possibly be.”

Then the chairman offered a prize for the best kept zone. Men, women and children started to pick up papers. A zone pride became the commonest spring fever. A rivalry among the zone residents has spread like a contagion. We know a man in the Continental zone who says: “My zone will surely win the prize,” to which a man in Olivia zone replies: “You just ought to see how neat we are up on the hill top.” The leaders in the Shorthill zone, with the splendid example of the chairman’s family, are working hard and even offering to take bets that Shorthill zone will come out way ahead of all others. Some quiet folks, in other zones, say nothing and go right ahead cleaning up everything that is not attached to the earth by roots or to the houses by mortar or nails. And we all enjoy our share in the enterprise.

Not to be outdone by the villagers, the Sage Foundation Homes Company put to work six men for eighteen days, at a cost of \$30 per day and a team, costing \$10 per day, to clean up the lots—thereby spending approximately \$700 as its contribution to the common cause. The workmen seem to have caught the spirit of the town and are doing a good piece of work in cleaning up the lots and their boss encourages and praises them! It seems like pre-war times! Now we must not throw any refuse on the lots and all work together to keep this the Village Beautiful.

THE LOST AND FOUND

Many articles, lost and found, are advertised in the BULLETIN. Sometimes there is immediate success in finding the article or the owner, as the case may be. A pair of glasses was lost not long ago by a young girl and immediately, upon the appearance of the notice in the BULLETIN, the glasses were returned to

the owner. The grateful mother wrote and thanked the editor for such service, and added: “Would that you might restore to some of us other losables, more saddening—youth, hope, prestige. No doubt you can.” Would that we had the gracious gift to restore these priceless things, “youth, hope, prestige.” If such were our power, we should have greater fame in the whole world, than now comes to us in our own town, for we should then seem to give “rosy colored spectacles” to every person, everywhere.

MRS. GEORGE OSCAR ANGELL

The news of the death of Mrs. Anna Park Angell, of Manhattan, the wife of George Oscar Angell, which occurred on April 5, was a great shock to her many friends in the Gardens. On Christmas Eve, ever since the celebration was inaugurated in the Gardens, Mrs. Angell had played a cornet in the quartet with her sisters and had helped very much to make the programs unique and delightful. Her sisters, Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, Mrs. E. L. Penfrase, Mrs. D. P. Maddux and herself made up the quartet of the “Park Sisters”, cornetists and they came a number of years ago from Boston to New York and often have appeared in concerts and in churches. Mrs. Angell played last year in one of the Women’s Club entertainments here.

The funeral services were held at the West End Presbyterian Church, Friday April 8, and the burial took place in Cambridge, Mass. Mrs. Angell is survived by her husband and two brothers and six sisters.

PERSONALS

Everard Stokes has been appointed secretary of the George Watson’s College (Edinburgh) Club of North America of which Sir Auckland Geddes, also a former pupil, is Honorary President. Mr. Stokes is now paying a short visit to Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago.

On April 10, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Nelcamp, of Puritan Avenue, celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Miss Lillian D. Rice and Mrs. Leon D’Emo are now located at the home of Miss Rice, 120 Puritan Avenue.

Mrs. G. Bert Williamson, of Fairway Close, entertained her friends on April 6 by having six tables of bridge.

L. C. Donnelly and family have moved into their new home, 315 Burns Street.

O. E. Jorgenson and family are now located at 293 Burns Street, in the house they have purchased.

A letter has recently come to Ford Martin, Larchmont Manor, formerly of the Gardens, from Dr. Anna Hamilton, Directrice, Ecole Florence Nightingale, Bordeaux, France, that the coins given to Ford on his eighth birthday by his playmates have bought a baby’s “pen” and a clock for the institution, of which Dr. Hamilton is the head.

At the March meeting of the Twentieth Century Club of Richmond Hill held in the Masonic Hall, where a wonderful organ has just been installed, Mrs. George C. LeBlanc gave an organ recital, and Mrs. George Smart a program of historical impersonations.

DANCING EXHIBITION

The pupils of Mrs. Lillian Thurgate Backus, dancing teacher of the children of Forest Hills, who meet regularly under her instruction, will give an exhibition of dancing at 2 o’clock on the afternoon of April 29 at the Inn. There will be an admission charge and that money will go towards a shelter house in Queens for the children who are cared for by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The Borough of Queens has never had a shelter house for the children here and the boys and girls have been sent to Brooklyn. At this time the Queens society is paying board to Brooklyn for the children of this borough who are sent there. A substantial sum of money must be raised now to build this house for Queens.

Mrs. Smith Alford, of Flushing, is encouraging the project and the committee in charge of the benefit on April 29 consists of Mrs. John M. Demarest, Mrs. H. Pushae Williams and Mrs. Murray S. Brown.

THE INN



Little Miss Patricia Minningerode had a delightful birthday party at the Inn on Tuesday in honor of her seventh birthday. All of the kiddies of the Inn and vicinity were present and had a very merry time playing games and enjoyed the delicious refreshments.

The progressive bridge party, which has become a fortnightly affair at the Inn, was held on Wednesday evening a week ago, and was very much better attended than the first one given. Ray Bell, of the Inn, was the winner of the first gentleman's prize, and Mrs. Robert White, of the Tennis Place Apartments, won the first lady's prize. Wm. Seward won the second gentleman's prize and Mrs. W. P. Beazell, of the Gardens, the second lady's prize. These parties seem to be much enjoyed and another will be held on Wednesday evening, April 20.

Mrs. H. L. Willson, of Dartmouth Street, gave a large and interesting dinner party to her friends on Saturday evening last. Decorations, favors and place cards were all in yellow, daffodils being the flowers used. Many of the guests were out of town people, though some were from Forest Hills.

On Wednesday evening, April 27, the wonderful moving picture, the "Blue Bird," will be given in the drawing room of the Inn, and outside guests are invited. This production will be given by one of the big New York companies and the full screen and equipment will be used, so that every detail will be as splendidly put forth as if held in a New York theatre. The charge will be twenty-five cents per person for adults and children, and tickets may be obtained at the desk of the hotel prior to the night of the performance.

Miss Helen Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith of the Inn, who came home for her Easter vacation, entertained a party of her college friends at a very interesting dinner, at which Mr. and Mrs. Smith acted as chaperons. The party included: Misses Helen Smith, Vera Prud'homme, May Bridge and Anita Self; Messrs. Whitcomb, Oliver, Self and Underwood. The table was one of the prettiest of this winter and the youthfulness and beauty of the young debutantes made a very attractive setting.

Miss Mary Lee Whitman, of the Gardens, recently entertained six of her college friends at the Inn for a few days.

Among the recent arrivals are: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gardner, of Chicago, who have come to Forest Hills to make their home; also Mr. and Mrs. William Stroud, and Miss Josephine, of Manhattan, who are spending the spring months at the Inn, before going to their country home.

The guests of the Inn were delighted to again welcome Mrs. R. V. Massey and her son, Robert V., Jr., who were the first guests in the new part of the hotel opened two years ago, but who recently had to make their home in Philadelphia, on account of Mr. Massey's connections with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Among other old guests who have returned for a short stay at the Inn are Mr. and Mrs. Worthington, with their little daughter Jane, who are now also residents of Philadelphia. Mrs. Worthington's sister, Mrs. Milligan, and little Miss Betty, visited her for a few days of last week.

We are again glad to welcome to our family Mrs. George Fearn, Jr., and her daughter, Miss I. Fearn, of Mobile, Ala., whom many people remember with much pleasure as having been guests here last summer. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark and Mrs. Clark's sister, Miss N. Wright, of Montecito, Cal., are also among the recent arrivals at the Inn, who are delighted with their new home. Mrs. Margaret Caruth with her son, Master Walter Caruth, and Mrs. G. R. Scruggs, have just arrived from Dallas, Texas, and are staying at the Inn to visit their cousin, Mrs. William Dunklin.

Other recent arrivals are: Col. and Mrs. H. F. Dalton; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Allen, who have been residents of Brooklyn for some time, recently found Forest Hills and are located in the uppermost parts of the tower and are delighted with their new environment; G. C. A. von Krieken, of Germantown, Pa.; Miss Grace Lynn and Miss Clara R. Brehmer, of Manhattan; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Biddle, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Curtiss, of Manhattan; Mrs. R. M. Fulforth, of Boston, Mass.; Miss M. Wilson and J. M. Cirne, of Manhattan.

REORGANIZATION

The Mothers' Club of Forest Hills Gardens Organized—Playground Opened—Many Other Activities.

A representative group of mothers met in public school 101 to organize a Mothers' Club in the Gardens, on Monday morning, April 10. Mrs. Albert Morton Gray was the temporary chairman and Mrs. Edward H. Mays, temporary secretary. A constitution was adopted and officers were elected. These are the ladies who are responsible for the work of this organization, interested in the welfare of children: Mrs. Harold P. Daniels, president; Mrs. Albert Morton Gray, vice-president; Mrs. William E. Woodard, recording secretary; Mrs. A. E. Coburn, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Lawrence F. Abbott, treasurer. Mrs. Daniels has lived here about eight years and ever since she came she has been actively interested in the education of the children of the Gardens. She has worked untiringly for the school committee of the Community Council, of which committee she is chairman and in all of the interests of the former Mothers' Club of Forest Hills, of which she has been a devoted officer. Her aim is first, to secure a new school building for the Gardens and then, to do many other things for the good of the children of the village.

Playground

Miss Maude Wallace was appointed chairman of the playground committee and she reported that \$200 was turned over to her from the former chairman, Mrs. George A. Douglass. Miss Wallace has donated \$100 to the playground fund. An appeal will soon be made to all residents of the Gardens to donate to this important work. The Community Council donated \$50 last year and the Community Council and the Men's Club will each donate a sum this year. The committee has been very fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Edward S. Moffat (Emma Pierce) to direct the playground work. Mrs. Moffat has a certificate from the hygiene department of Wellesley College and she has also studied at Teachers' College. For eight years she has directed the work of physical education and hygiene at the New Jersey State Normal School at Montclair and for one year and a half she organized playgrounds for the American Red Cross in France. The playground will be open every day from three to six o'clock and all day Saturday for as long a time as the financial support of the people will warrant. Mothers are urged to properly dress their children for the activities of the playground.

Summer Work

A number of recreational activities will be offered this summer to the children of the Gardens by a committee of the Mothers' Club, of which Mrs. Donald G. Clark will be chairman for the young children and a chairman for the older children will be appointed. Clay modelling, basket weaving, choral work and other lines will be offered.

Other Committees

Mrs. James A. Corseaden was appointed chairman of a library committee and Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe will lead the program committee's work.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lawrence F. Abbott, 194 Greenway South, on the afternoon of May 9.

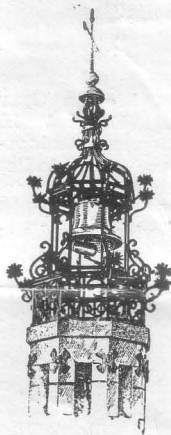
CIVIC COMMITTEE

The chairman of the civic committee of the Women's Club, Mrs. L. D. Speir, has arranged with the street cleaning department of the city, that the men of that department will take away everything in the form of refuse which is left on the sidewalk. Branches from trees and hedges should be tied in bundles and wherever possible everything else should be put into bags.

LOST—An overcoat belonging to Maurice Mayer. The finder has communicated once with the owner, but the name and address have been lost. Will the finder please communicate again?

LOST—Monday, April 4, at the Women's Club meeting, Forest Hills Inn, an enamelled gold pin, with small diamond and three pearls, valued as the gift of my mother who is no longer living. Reward will be paid for return to Lilian D. Rice, 120 Puritan Avenue, Forest Hills Gardens. Telephone 6355-R, Boulevard. L. D. R.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



Dr. Latshaw continues to preach inspiring sermons to large congregations every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All are urged to come early.

An important item in the program of the church is the forum that is being conducted every Wednesday evening in the interest of religious education by the workers in the Sunday school. Dinner is served at 6:30 o'clock and the discussion follows. The aims of religious education are: character building, instruction and cultivation of expression.

The Christian Endeavor Society is following a course of Bible study under the leadership of Herbert Gray Foster. All young people of the community are urged to attend on Sunday evening at 7:45.

The men, women and young people of the community are invited to come to the social room at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to meet Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Hayes and a group of most interesting Chinese young men and women students. There will be a program of short talks and music. Tea will be served.

There will be a series of spring morning talks on "China—Its Arts and Customs," under the auspices of the Women's Guild, at the home of Mrs. J. G. Elliott, 29 Winter Street, beginning Friday, April 22, at 10:30 o'clock. These talks will be given by Mrs. Hayes of New York and China.

All members and friends of the church are invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Daniels, Markwood Road, Friday evening, April 22, by the members of the Women's Guild. A program will be given and refreshments served.

ST. LUKE'S

Weekly pledges for the carrying on of the work of the church, as a result of the Rev. Mr. Kröll's Easter letter to all Episcopalians urging them to make a stated weekly envelope offering, have already been received from most of the members of the church. A few are still coming in, however, and it would be helpful to the Executive Committee in arranging to secure the right man to take charge here, if all who intend to make pledges would send in their cards as soon as possible to George C. LeBlanc, Treasurer, 105 Puritan Avenue.

In the Sunday school the number of scholars has increased rapidly in recent weeks, and at present there is need of two additional teachers there. The school meets at 9:45 o'clock Sunday mornings. At the 11 o'clock service tomorrow morning, this being the third Sunday in the month, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion. For the present, evening services will be omitted.

A very important coming activity of the Woman's Guild is the rummage sale, to be held in New York on Monday, April 25. Mrs. G. Willis Drake, chairman of the committee in charge, requests that all donations be made as promptly as possible either delivered to her home at Greenway South and Summer Street, or to her representative, who will call upon request. Telephone Boulevard 6271. The proceeds of this sale will go into the building fund for St. Luke's Church.

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. Holy Communion first and third Sunday in each month.

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, 6:30, dinner and conference of Sunday School workers.

Presbyterian 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.

A PLAN FOR WILD LIFE PRESERVATION



The Forest Hills Gardens Audubon Society and the Long Island Bird Club are trying to work out a plan by which the parks, cemeteries and golf links of Long Island will be made a chain of bird reservations. What this will mean to the birds can readily be understood. Organized protection and abundant cover should increase their number and make for the suppression of the insect and grub tribe that threaten to exterminate some of our finest trees and shrubs and which cost the farmer millions in losses. Mrs. Edward M. Townsend of Oyster Bay, the

president of the Long Island Bird Club, has collected considerable data on the subject of the legal aspect of the sanctuary plan which will be made available for those organizations which are prepared to take up in a practical way the care and protection of the native birds.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCH

Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner;
A book on his knee did lie,
He closed up the cover,
Said "I'll get another;
What a fortunate boy am I."

This little Jack is not only fortunate, he is very wise because he knows just where to go to get what he wants—right to the Sage Foundation Homes Company sales office, where the Forest Hills station of the Queens Borough Public Library is located.

For the benefit of the residents of the community who have not so far availed themselves of the advantages of library membership here are a few statistics. During February there were 484 books circulated. This shows that some of the books are being used but since there are 797 volumes on the shelves the circulation is not large enough to clear the cases once if every book were taken out once during the month.

Surely there must be a great many people in Forest Hills who enjoy a good book of fiction to read on a stormy evening, or, who need technical books to help them in their business. Also there are many books on varied subjects that cultured people will enjoy simply as a recreation. Then there are fairy tales for the little tots, supplementary reading for High School students, and in fact, practically anything you wish you will find there, or it can be secured for you with but little delay. Our system of interchange provides for those who need special titles not now at the station.

Are you in the habit of carrying books from New York once or twice a week? Don't do it! Follow little Jack's example and patronize the library in your community. You will find there a competent librarian who will gladly take your application and help you if you wish her to do so.

The station is open Mondays from 3 to 5 P. M. and Fridays from 3 to 5 P. M. Why not come and join on Monday? Put a ring around the date on your calendar and mark it "Library."

Olive E. Hamilton,
Chief, Traveling Library Dept.

COMING EVENTS

First and third Tuesday evening of each month, 8 o'clock—Forest Hills Lodge, 946 F. and A. M., Masonic Temple.
April 18, 8 P. M.—Men's Club, Union Turnpike and Greenway South.

April 19, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 80 Ascan Avenue.

April 25, 3 P. M.—Mother's Club Tea, Public School 3.

April 25, 8:30 P. M.—Lieutenant Vincent Wierzbicki's Address—Open Meeting of Women's Club, Church-in-the-Gardens.

April 29, 2 P. M.—Dancing Exhibition, Inn.

May 2, 2 P. M.—Women's Club, Inn.

May 9, 3 P. M.—Mothers' Club of Forest Hills Gardens, 194 Greenway South.