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## A NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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Last autumn the Forest Hills Taxpayers initiated at the school on the south side an undertaking for co-operatively taking care of children during playtime. The school yard was graded and equipped with apparatus, at large expense, by the Sage Foundation Homes Company, a playground supervisor was appointed by the Department of Physical Training of the Board of Education, and her salary was paid from October to December out of voluntary contributions from the residents. The season is again at hand when we may well consider the problems connected with the continuance and development of this new form of community service.

The need for co-operative attention to children's play life becomes apparent at once when we reflect upon our inability to handle the matter satisfactorily as individuals. The parents of this community are no more neglectful and our boys and girls are no more destructive than those of any other residential district. The truth is that every one of us, no matter how well loved we were, has childhood memories of smashed windows, despoiled shrubbery, pillaged orchards, bad words said and naughty deeds done, and it does not become us to throw stones at either the elders or the youngsters of the present generation. As a matter of fact children who have been left much to themselves have always and everywhere got more or less into mischief. If they did not, something was wrong with their health.

The most serious aspect of undirected play is not, however, the injury to property that incidentally results but the damage that may happen to child-nature, and the rich developments which may fail to take place. Children need to play with other children of the same sex and age. Modern families are too small for this to be possible. Boys need baseball. Girls need team play which is afforded by the relay races, basketball, volleyball and similar games. The individual family

alone cannot organize these games and without adults to arrange them and umpire them the virtues of fair play, persistency even when losing, and ability to make sacrifices for the benefit of the team will not be surely and thoroughly acquired. Again the modern city population is so blind and heterogeneous that the play traditions do not pass from one generation to another. Our children do not know the games which were familiar to us in our childhood. For all of these reasons they need expert and careful guidance and supervision during their play-hours.

Successful play supervision benefits everybody. Parents are able to discharge their obligation to the children more adequately. Homes are more desirable in communities where the play-life is ample and well ordered, so that the institution of playground service has a direct and improving effect upon property values. The children who enjoy a full and varied program of games and sports grow up into healthy, substantial citizens.

This year the conduct of the playground work has been taken over by the Woman's Club. Miss Lattimore, the chairman of the committee having the matter in charge, is now making plans for the season and will undoubtedly offer all of us an opportunity to cooperate. Money will be needed. If we all contribute, the burden upon each will be relatively slight. But we can realize all of the benefits of this new service only by joining with the youngsters now and then and living over some of the days of our own knickerbockerhood.

## FIRE PREVENTION.

Fire Commissioner Adamson, in his address before the Taxpayers' Association, called attention to numerous causes of fires in suburban communities. Among them were carelessness with cigarettes, cigars and matches, allowing rubbish to accumulate, failing to take precaution in the care of stoves, furnaces, grates and lamps and the improper insulation of electric wires.

At the close of the address, the Commissioner was presented with an illuminated cartoon, painted in water colors, by Will P. Hooper, depicting a fully accoutered fireman hastening to a fire with a pitcher of ice water.

The editors of the Bulletin extend to all the organizations in town the courteous offer of the Eagle to send one of their staff lecturers—the same men who conduct its current topics talks—to speak on any topic requested by that organization. These men are specialists in their line—be it phases of the war or Shakespeare—and are trained public speakers. If anyone is interested in this offer telephone or write Mr. Gunnison, Jr., of the Eagle staff for further particulars. This service is free.

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## THE GARDENS PLAYERS.

H. T. WARREN.

The interest of the residents of the Gardens in amateur dramatics is evidenced by the enthusiastic response that has been made to the recent announcement of the plans of the "Gardens Players." Judging by the rate with which requests for membership have been flowing in, it is expected that the limited membership list made necessary by our present lack of facilities for seating audiences indoors, will be more than filled by May 1st, the final date for enrollment of Charter Members. The club is to be based on the lines of the Amateur Comedy Club of New York City, one of the leading amateur dramatic organizations of this country. The intention is to give three plays a year; in the Fall, Winter and Spring. The Spring play is to be an open air performance, and plans are now under way for a very interesting production to be given this Spring. It is planned to give standard plays for the most part, although plays by local talent are sought for and, if suitable, will be produced. In the next issue the Bulletin hopes to announce the name and date of performance of this Spring's play. Anyone who is interested in, or has taken part in, amateur dramatics, is urged to communicate with the Committee, of which H. T. Warren is chairman. Don't be bashful. You are no worse than the rest of us.

## BOY SCOUT NEWS.

C. A. Worden, scout executive for the Borough of Queens, is showing a keen interest in scout activities in Forest Hills. Scout masters Hargreve and McCullough (troops 1 and 2 respectively) had a long conference with Mr. Worden on Monday evening last. A local council for Forest Hills district is beginning to loom large in the executive's mind.

Scout master McCullough wants to register a whole troop of second-class scouts at the end of the first year, May 31st. To that end the boys have been working hard on second-class work. Last Saturday, Committee-men Mays and Scott acted as examiners in some of the outdoor tests.

Some of the boys in troop 1 (the older troop) are completing their first class work.

Eight boys from troop 1 attended the taxpayers' meeting to hear Fire Commissioner Adamson.

Some of the boys from both troops have entered the "Eagle" Bird House contest through the Journeyman's class conducted by the Sage Company.

April 30 is suggested as the next Scout Sunday in Forest Hills Churches.

## A MODEL GARDEN.

What can be done with a small plot of ground is demonstrated by Miss Lillian Dynevor Rice, of 120 Puritan Avenue. The entire lot is 40 by 104, of which the house claims some 700 square feet.

At the back is a row of Cuthbert raspberries, and in front of that a strawberry bed from which last year were picked six quarts of big luscious berries, and it was the first crop, too. The berry bed is bounded on the north by a gooseberry and currant patch, among which last year were planted stringless beans, radishes, onions and tomatoes.

On the south is a blackberry patch which also held beets, egg plant and carrots. Between the rows of strawberries were planted lettuce and parsley. Along the brick wall of the basement trails a Concord grape vine, and over one end of the porch climbs a Niagara grape vine which bore last year several bunches of fine grapes, although it is only two years old. Here and there on the lawn, back and front, are planted a quince, two pear, three peach, three plum, a cherry and two apple trees. All will be bearing this year with the exception of the quince and possibly the cherry, and the birds are already prospecting around that none may get ahead of them in securing first taste.

Now this is quite a fruit farm, but it does not crowd out the roses, of which there are varieties to bloom from June until frost, the hollyhocks, iris, phlox, sweet William, clematis, syringa and many other old-fashioned posies, nor is the garden, useful and ornamental, too much for a woman to care for unaided, save for grass cutting and hedge clipping. Fruit trees in blossom are most beautiful, and the foliage is as decorative as many shrubs which have only their beauty to recommend them.

The Homes Company has sold the house known as 1F 535 in Group 37, No. 102 Ascan Avenue, to Mr. Leon D'Emo, the well known illustrator of Chicago. Mr. D'Emo is a brother-in-law of Miss L. D. Rice of 120 Puritan Ave.

The Company has also sold House 1F 532 on Ivy Close to Miss Lucy M. Brett formerly living at 7 Greenway Terrace.

The Tennis Committee are hard at it planning for what looks like an early season.

Julian Warden and his team of Giants will soon be batting the ball around. Any man woman or child who thinks he she or it has to go to the Polo Grounds to see a good game will receive the most pleasant surprise when they witness that first game at the Club grounds. The boys like rooting, too, and if your local patriotism rises so strong your hand goes to the money pocket. Harvey Warren will sell you a ticket good for all games, including Sunday morning practice.

GARDENS CLUB PEP.

Our secretary says to tell all members to be present at the club house on the 14th of April to vote on the proposed amendments to the constitution.

This is important—

And so is the big event of the annual Easter dance on Monday the 24th of April.

Save all that much-boasted Pep, you'll need it for the stunts we have in store. Just a hint: There will be a favor dance and a lucky number dance. The winner will be presented with a most beautiful piece of modern statuary.

This will be no usual, everyday affair. Each and everybody will please come togged out in that best spring regalia, and we give the men this last chance at the white front before it goes to the "Moth Ball."

By the way, Illg's Orchestra will furnish the rythm. They have played at the Inn all Season. "Nuf ced."

Neither the billiard nor pool tournament have reached the semi finals so we can't put one over on anyone in this column.



The next meeting of the Household Economic Section of the Forest Hills Womans' Club will be held on Thursday, April 20th, at 2.30 P. M., at the residence of Mrs. A. G. Angell, 56 Shore Hill Road. It will be an *Experience Meeting*. Each member attending will be expected to come prepared to narrate some practical suggestion or experience along the lines of her household management that may prove of interest and benefit to those present.

A large attendance is desired.

W. B. T. ANGELL, Chairman.

PRIZE WINNERS.

At the Women's Club card party held last week at the Inn, the following were prize winners:

Mrs. C. H. Law, Mrs. Charles H. Duling, Mrs. R. C. McGirr, Miss Frances Judd, Mrs. V. Hattener, Mrs. L. McGahie, Mrs. Louis Litt, Mrs. C. B. Fancy, Mrs. J. Vanderveer, Mrs. E. L. Penfrase, Mrs. C. Johnson and Mrs. Bixby.

THE INN.

Mrs. A. J. Wright has left The Inn and returned to her home in Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Buchingham, of New York, is now making her home at The Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Skipp had a short visit during the week from their niece, Miss McClellan.

Mrs. Mabel Eirich of Portland Oregon, is now living at The Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Howard and Mr. Hartje and Miss Hartje have gone to their summer home at West Allenhurst, N. J.

Baron De Goncer, of Biarritz, France, is staying at The Inn.

Mrs. Jno. Dove, with her son and nurse, of Litchfield, Conn., is making a short stay at The Inn.

Mrs. Anna Clark of Cincinnati, Ohio, is staying at The Inn for a short time.

Mr. O. C. Jones returned on Monday from his trip abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Renfrew, of Brooklyn, are staying at The Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Messenger of Great Neck, L. I., are registered at The Inn.

NEW ARRIVAL.

Deborah Lois, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Davenport, Jr., 20 Groton Street, on Friday March 24th.

Homer Croy has rented his house at 10 Standish Road, and will leave soon for the Pacific Coast.

Floyd C. Freeman, recently returned from three years as Y. M. C. A. secretary in India, visited with M. J. Stickel Sunday.

To be a child again, at least in the matter of clothes, proved to be great fun for a party of residents who were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pomeroy to spend an evening recently at their home on Greenway South.

Rehearsals are in progress for the Shakesperian Pageant to be given in Olivia Park on Saturday afternoon, May 20th. The Womens' Club is promoting the matter and it is being coached by Everett Butterfield of Forest Hills.

A number of Forest Hills men are rehearsing under the direction of Mrs. Charles Scammel, to take part in the Music Festival to be held in Garden City on May 26th.

The Musical Art Society plan to hold a festival in the Tea Garden in June.

CHARITIES ORGANIZATION.

The people of Elmhurst, under the leadership of Rev. George H. Feltus, have taken the initiative in the formation of a Charities Organization for the Second Ward of Queens Borough. I. W. Backus is a director and Dr. Julia Wygant Perry is Vice President.



## 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."

Thursday, April 13th—Afternoon and evening, at the Sales Office. Sale of fancy articles made in Porto Rico. Auspices of Women's Club.

Friday, April 14th—2.30 P. M., in the Social Room of the Church-in-the-Gardens. Monthly meeting of the Women's Guild. Mrs. John Brewer and Mrs. M. C. Colwell, hostess.

Monday, April 23th—8 P. M., at Garden's Club. Annual Easter dance.

Sunday, April 30th—8 P. M. Church Social Room. Illustrated lecture on the work of Dr. Grenfell in Labrador. Union service with Church of Forest Hills. Public invited.

Tuesday, May 2nd—8 P. M., at the residence of H. H. Buckley, Markwood Road. Musicales by Mrs. Raymond P. Kaighn, assisted by Mrs. C. H. Scammell, Mrs. C. C. Miller and Miss Olga Soennichsen, pianist. Benefit for the Women's Guild. Tickets can be had at the Chemist shop for \$1.

Monday, May 15th—West Side Tennis Courts. Women's Metropolitan Championship games.

Saturday afternoon, May 20th—at Olivia Park. Shakespeare Pageant under the auspices of the Women's Club. The public is cordially invited.

Friday, May 26th—at Garden City. Music Festival to be given by the Musical Art Society, with Forest Hills branch participating.

## QUEENS LEADS IN STREET CAR TRAFFIC.

The Borough of Queens is almost alone in showing an increase in New York City street railway traffic during the twelve months ending June 31, 1915. It is of interest that most of this increase took place on the lines of the Manhattan & Queens Traction Corporation. The total number of passengers for all the street railway companies in New York during that period was 1,807,532,726, or 8,714,936 less than the preceding year. On the contrary the Queens surface roads carried 52,681,108, or 2,712,412 more than the preceding year. Of this increase the Manhattan & Queens company is responsible for 2,132,262, according to the figures of General Manager S. B. Severson.

## TENNIS DATES.

The United States Lawn Tennis Association has announced the dates for the following championships to be played on the West Side Courts at Forest Hills:

May 15th—Women's Metropolitan Championship.

July 31st—Middle States Sectional Junior and Boys' Championships.

August 28th—National Singles Championship of the United States; Challenge Doubles of the National Junior Championship and of the National Boys' Championship.

## 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. Prayer meeting Thursdays at 8 P. M. 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 Wednesdays at 8 P. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street, North Side.

## CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

The members of the Queens Brotherhood of Congregational ministers have arranged an interchange of pulpits for the second Sunday of April. Rev. David Williams, of the Jamaica Church, will preach in the Church-in-the-Gardens and Dr. Kent will preach in Flushing.

The Home Missionary Society purposes to move the portable chapel to a new field in Jamaica, north of the railroad station. The Queensboro Corporation found that the extension of fire limits would prevent the erection of the chapel at North Elmhurst, as at first contemplated, and is erecting a more permanent chapel for the new enterprise in that place.

A service will be held in the church on Good Friday night. Easter will be observed with special music, the reception of new members into the fellowship of the Church, and the baptism of children. There will be also a special Easter offering for the support of the Church.

A May Musicales will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Buckley, Markwood Road, on the evening of Tuesday, May 2nd, at eight-fifteen o'clock by Mrs. R. P. Kaighn, whose singing always gives so much pleasure. She will be ably supported by Mrs. C. H. Scammell, Mrs. C. C. Miller and Miss Olga Soennichsen, pianist. The tickets will be one dollar each, on sale at the Chemist Shop, Station Square. It will be for the benefit of the Women's Guild.

The collection last Sunday for the Board of Ministerial Relief amounted to between fifty and sixty dollars.

The next union service of the Church of Forest Hills and the Church-in-the-Gardens will be the last Sunday evening of April, when an illustrated lecture will be given by one who has been associated with Dr. Grenfell in his work in Labrador. The service will be in the Church of Forest Hills. The lecture will be preceded by a short account of the work of Audubon and what the Boy Scouts can do to forward the movement to protect our song birds.

The remaining addresses on "The Book of Job" given at the Sunday night services will be "the Sublime Protestant," and "The Voice from the Whirlwind."

The following boys of the Journeyman's Class have entered the Eagle Bird House Competition. Harold Burdick, Wallace Drummond, Kimball Gray, Richard Clinchy, Lockwood Conklin, and Lindon Burton. If the Class does not get one of the medals it ought to be run out of town—so the boys say.