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HOME OF THOMAS TODD.

Among the first detached houses designed for Forest Hills Gardens by Grosvenor Atterbury, F. A. I. A., and John Almy Tomikins, architects, in collaboration with Frederick Law Olmsted, the landscape architect, is the home of Thomas Todd situated on Greenway South between Goodwood and Wendover Roads.

The setting is exceptionally well adapted to the arrangement of plan. In the front, about twenty feet from the house, a curved stone wall, richly covered with vines and flowering shrubs, acts as a screen between the street and the dining room on the ground floor. Another departure from typical home planning peculiarly adapted to houses where the topographical features of the land warrant it, is the placing of the living room, piazza and bedrooms on the second floor, where privacy and sunlight give added charm to suburban homelife. To reach this level, Mr. Atterbury planned a wide, easy stairway of stone, harmonizing in every way with the other architectural features of the house. On the ground floor are the dining room, kitchen, butler's pantry and furnace rooms.

The exterior treatment is of rough, irregular shaped brick known as "Lammie," set in wide joints with the ends exposed. The stucco panels on hollow tile backs, are of a soft pleasing color and texture. The roof is of graduated red and brown tiles. The house has been in every way constructed and finished according to the standard set in Forest Hills Gardens.

ANTI-MOSQUITO WEEK.

The Health Department has set aside the week of May 1st to 7th for an educational campaign to teach ways and means of preventing the propagation of "home grown" mosquitos.

THE GARDENS PLAYERS.

The Gardens Players are hard at work on the preparations for their debut. While modestly allowing Barnum & Bailey to retain, temporarily at least, their claim to the "Greatest Show on Earth," the Players, so their press agent blushing admits, are preparing to put on the best performance ever given in Forest Hills. Rostand's "The Romancers" has been selected as the vehicle and a better play for the purpose would have been hard to find. Charming and amusing in lines and action, it lends itself admirably to open-air work. The performance is to be given in the Tea Garden of the Inn early in June and some original and beautiful lighting and scenic effects are promised. Under the direction of a professional coach skilled in open-air work, rehearsals are under way.

The charter membership rolls of the club will remain open until May 1st, as announced, after which a meeting will be held to organize in permanent form. All those desiring either to don the buskins themselves as active members or, as associate members, to have their names handed down to posterity as Patrons of the Drama are urged to communicate with one of the following committee at once: Messrs. Warren, Cole, Renaud, Croy, Hartwig, Mrs. Mecabe, Miss Trowbridge, Miss Patten.

HOME GROWN MOSQUITOES.

S. K. ECKMAN.

The money collected last summer for doing local mosquito work for Forest Hills has been held by the treasurer, Mr. Earle, intact with the exception of some \$250 spent on the general movement to get the City appropriation through. There is on hand at the present time some \$500 to be spent on purely local work, and this sum must be considerably increased. Arrangements have been made to employ an expert to take up, in co-operation with our residents, the work of preventing fresh water mosquito breeding in Forest Hills and the surrounding neighborhood. We have obtained the services of one of the best and most experienced men along this line, who has had several years experience in New Jersey. This means that we should be bothered no more by the mosquitoes which infest our houses, the salt marsh variety seldom getting inside the house. Certainly this is worth while, and we want to urge every resident of Forest Hills to contribute to the fund. Some eighty residents of Forest Hills Gardens have not yet contributed. Your contribution of from \$2 to \$10 will be very welcome and used entirely for this purpose. The average contributions last summer were slightly over \$5. It is proposed to invite similar subscriptions on the north side and also to get co-operation from the residents in Kew Gardens. Please make your contributions to G. L. C. Earle, and DO IT NOW.

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AN ADDITIONAL TRAIN.

At the request of one of our commuters President Ralph Peters of the Long Island R. R., has ordered Train No. 225 to stop at Forest Hills at 8.49 in the morning. This is a steam train which formerly ran through from Jamaica to Long Island City, stopping only at Woodside. This is proving to be a convenience to a considerable number of our residents.

TO REORGANIZE THE SCHOOLS.

A tentative plan has been worked out for reorganizing the public schools in such a way that there will be little or no duplication of grades in the two schools. Superintendent Perry has approved the plan and the Taxpayers' Association passed a resolution favoring it, provided a suitable means of transportation between the two school houses can be arranged. A special committee, of which David Millar is chairman, is working on the transportation problem and will report to the parents.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE.

The schedule of the baseball team has been practically completed and is given below. In addition to the regular Amateur League games some of the strongest independent teams in the city have been booked and some very interesting baseball is in store for our local fans—may their number be legion. Any one who has been careless and dilatory enough to neglect purchasing a season ticket should at once communicate with H. T. Warren. "Eventually—why not now?"

May 6—Degnon A. C. at Forest Hills.
May 13—Columbia A. C. at Forest Hills.
May 20—Ridgewood A. C. at Forest Hills
May 27—Seventh Regt. at Forest Hills.
*June 3—Montclair A. C. at Forest Hills.
June 10—Crescent A. C. at Bay Ridge.
*June 17—Englewood F. C. at Forest Hills.
June 24—Ridgewood A. C. at Forest Hills
*July 1—Montclair A. C. at Montclair.
July 4—Annual 4th of July Struggle. Inss vs. Outs at Forest Hills.
July 8—Crescent A. C. at Bay Ridge.
*July 15—Englewood F. C. at Englewood.
*July 22—Montclair A. C. at Montclair.
*July 29—Englewood F. C. at Forest Hills
Aug. 5—Newfield A. C. at Forest Hills.
*Aug. 12—Englewood F. C. at Englewood.
*Aug. 19—Montclair A. C. at Montclair.
*Aug. 26—Englewood F. C. at Forest Hills.
Sept. 2—To be announced.
Sept. 4—Annual Labor Day Battle. Ladies vs. Men at Forest Hills.
Sept. 9—To be announced.
*Sept. 16—Montclair A. C. at Forest Hills.

* Indicates Amateur League games.

WOMEN'S CLUB OFFICERS.

At the annual election on April 12th, the following officers were elected for the Womens Club:

Mrs. Albert Morton Gray was re-elected as president; Mrs. Edwin Arden, first vice-president; Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, second-vice president; Mrs. John J. Sheahan, third vice-president; Mrs. E. W. Johnson, recording secretary; Mrs. Lee Galloway, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ward J. MacNeal, treasurer. The executive committee elected was Mrs. John Brewer, Miss Frances Judd, Miss L. Backus and Mrs. W. O. Weir. A committee was appointed for the visiting of the shut-ins, with Mrs. T. Commerford Martin as chairman.

FOREST HILLS YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB.

A large number of children between eight and sixteen years of age met at the Inn last week to discuss ways and means of helping conduct the community playground. An organization to be known as the Forest Hills Young People's Club was formed, with an executive committee in charge, consisting of Dorothy Flint, Chairman; Helena Ketcham, Fred Goudy (whose father will design the button for the Club), John Gray, Charles Goudiss, Harold Ortgies and Norman Hattermer. The Expense Committee is made up of Oliver Jones, chairman; Helen Smith, Evelyn Wessman, Kenneth Fay and Kimball Gray. The pledge adopted is: "I will help the Club all I can." An entertainment is planned for the purpose of raising funds to purchase badges and meet other expenses.

DOGS AND CATS AND THEIR OWNERS.

In a community like the Gardens where there is little demarkation between adjoining lawns, and where so much of the open land such as parks, streets and parking spaces, is used in common, there are minor social problems whose adjusement demands a good measure of open mindedness and courtesy. One of these problems is the right of the dog and cat owners to allow their pets to run at large when this liberty is so easily abused because of the special conditions under which residents of the Gardens live. Perhaps the underlying misunderstanding of the dog and cat owner is that the Gardens is in the country and as such a dog need be subject to no restraint. This conception is fundamentally wrong. The Gardens is in New York City and is subject to the regulations of the New York City Board of Health, but this does not mean that dog and cat owners have not their rights. There must be a middle course here as everywhere and finding it is up to us all. Meantime these owners should remember the rights of others, and also the somewhat unusual conditions peculiar to the topography of the Gardens, which render extra consideration in this matter a necessity of neighborly living. Suppose that everyone in the Gardens owned one or more of these pets and all were permitted (as are apparently a few now) to run at large; what would happen to our planting and shrubbery, to say nothing of the livableness of the place? Is it too much to ask those who have pets to confine them to their own premises?

George C. LeBlanc spent several days last week in State.

Miss Gladys Pope is going to Atlanta, Georgia, for an indefinite stay.

Homer Croy has entered the lecture field with an illustrated talk on how moving pictures are made.

Doris Earle entertained a group of her little friends at a birthday party on Friday afternoon of last week.

A movement for a new high school building at Newtown is being pressed before the Board of Education.

Capt. Wm. F. Colton, of Salt Lake City, is visiting his son, Francis B. Colton, after a winter's sojourn in Bermuda.

Mrs. Ernest Bristol and children are visiting Mrs. Bristol's parents, Col. and Mrs. N. G. Osborn, in New Haven, Conn.

The patrolling of Queens Boulevard is soon to be done by policemen mounted on bicycles. The service will continue throughout the full 24 hours.

A sale of home-baked products will be held in the social room of the Church of Forest Hills on Saturday, April 22nd, from 1 to 5 P. M. Hot waffles and coffee will be served from 2 to 5 P. M.

It is a matter of interested comment that the traffic policemen are giving excellent service in taking care of the school children who are compelled to cross Queens Boulevard in going to and from school.

There will be exhibition and team matches on the West Side tennis courts practically every Saturday afternoon beginning with the match to-day between C. M. Church of the West Side Club and R. Norris Williams of Harvard.

George Dostal of Forest Hills Gardens, America's lyric tenor, will give a concert at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, on April 30th. The concert promises to be a very fine one. Mr. Dostal will be assisted by Miss Orell, cellist, and Miss Warfle, who is one of the leading harpists of the day. Over one hundred of Brooklyn's most prominent men are to be patrons to the concert.

Within the last two weeks the Homes Company has sold the west end house in the new Group on Ascan Avenue to Alexander Cameron, who is in the legal department of the New York Telephone Company; the house known as 606, on Shorthill Road, to Edward F. Knoke; the house known as 602, in Ivy Close, to Edward M. Deems; and the house known as 531, in Ivy Close, to Mrs. Annie H. Lewis.

At the Audubon meeting on April 13th the main topics discussed were the need of cleaning out and putting up nesting boxes; that fact that these boxes were more effective when put on bare poles than in trees; and the best method of co-operating with the Scouts in bird protective work. It was decided to have a lecture in the school, probably May 5, for all the children except the primary grade.

THE INN.

Mrs. Scruggs has returned to the Inn after quite a prolonged stay in the south.

Miss Elizabeth W. Bacon, a prominent club woman of Chicago, is visiting friends at the Inn.

Mrs. Anna King Clark, who has spent the winter in Cuba and New Orleans, has returned to the Inn for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard, who have been at the Inn all winter, have gone to their summer home on Fisher's Island.

Mrs. and Miss Clarkson have left the Inn for the summer.

Mrs. and Miss Rossiter made a short stay at the Inn on their way home to Washington, Conn., after visiting in the south.

Chas. L. Mitchell and daughter, of Winchester, Mass., are making a short stay at the Inn.

C. H. Martin, of New York, is now making his home at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Chadwick and daughter, Miss Nan, have returned to the Inn.

F. J. Keegan has returned to the Inn after an extended business trip through the west.

A. R. Urion, Jr., of Chicago, who is now in business in New York, is living at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis O. Jones and son, Oliver, have left the Inn and are living in their new home in Exeter Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Furbish have left the Inn and returned to their home on Greenway Terraces.

L. W. Renfrew, Jr., of New York, spent the week end at the Inn with his mother and father.

LOST.—Chamois bag containing money and jewels.

Supposed to have been lost in Harvest Street. Reward of \$100 will be paid for return of jewels to Mrs. Will Rogers, Harvest Street, Forest Hills.

LOST.—Saturday, April 15th, small blue purse containing money and key. Reward if returned to W. P. Kinsey, 9 Ivy Close.

NEW ARRIVAL.

Frances Sheffield, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Halsey, 119 Greenway South, on April 11th.

WAR RELIEF.

Since the work of the Forest Hills Chapter for war relief began in October, 1914, 7,147 articles have been sent to the soldiers and suffering women and children of Europe. The time is at hand for increased efforts, and the women are anxious for as much help as possible to meet the increasing needs in Europe. They need old white cloth, linen or cotton, old bed-spreads, silence cloths, turkish towels, heavy white duck or any stiff cloth. But most of all they need additional volunteers to work on Tuesday afternoons at the Sales Office from 2 to 5 o'clock. The organization is directed by the following officers: Mrs. K. P. Collins, Chairman; Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Charles Jacobs, Secretary. Recently this division became a branch of the Red Cross, which is now supervised by the United States Government.

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."

Monday, April 24th—8 P. M., at Garden's Club. Annual Easter dance.

Tuesday, April 25th—8 P. M., Social Room, Church-in-the-Gardens. Addresses by Frank E. Haff, Secretary of the Long Island R. R. and Peter H. Woodward, secretary to President Peters.—"Transportation for Suburban Communities," auspices Railroad Committee of Taxpayers' Association. Public cordially invited.

Thursday and Friday, April 27th and 28th—8.15 P. M., Church of Forest Hills. Third annual minstrel show. Auspices Ushers Club. Admittance 50 cents. Public cordially invited.

Friday, April 28th—8 P. M., at the residence of James Rea, 75 Ascan Avenue. Address by Dr. Lee Galloway, of the University of New York—"Why should a business man be interested in business economics?" Auspices Men's Club.

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.

BOY SCOUTS.

Mr. Mays conducted a most successful hike to Camp Dudley on Thursday evening—by lantern talk. Troop I was the guest of our troop on that evening. It was the unanimous decision that Mr. Mays was once a boy himself.

Troop Surgeon, Dr. Barrett, conducted a first aid examination last week. He pronounced the boys well versed in the second class requirements.

Our troop entered the contest for sale of tickets for the Ushers' Club entertainment at the Church of Forest Hills. Recognizing the handicap under which our boys would have to work the challenge was accepted. However, in true Scout spirit—free from "standoffishness," reports to date show splendid co-operation from friends of the troop in the Gardens.

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 service on Easter promises to be of special interest. Several children are to be baptized, new members will be welcomed into the fellowship of the Church, and there will be special music under the direction of Mrs. Chas. H. Scammell. It is hoped that the Easter offering will be a large one, the Trustees having counted on a generous offering in preparing their budget for the year. Since the Church is standing for the best in our community life, the people are asked to contribute, whether members or not. The service begins at eleven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckley have kindly offered their beautiful home on Markwood Road for the May Musicales to be given on Tuesday evening, May 2nd, for the benefit of the Women's Guild. Mrs. Kaighn and Mrs. Scammell will make the program a success and well worth the cost of the tickets, one dollar each.

The next union service of the Church of Forest Hills and the Church-in-the-Gardens will be held on April 30th, at 8 P. M. There will be an illustrated lecture on the work of Dr. Grenfell in Labrador, and a short talk on Audubon whose name is associated throughout the country with the movement to conserve the life of our song birds. The boy scouts are expected to attend in uniform.

The large congregations Sunday mornings are very encouraging, new faces being seen at every service.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The temporary building for St. Luke's Chapel is being erected on the corner of Greenway South and Cranford Street, with funds given by the Bishop of Long Island and the Altar Guild of the City Mission Society of New York. The first service will be held about May 7th. Messrs. Ferguson & Cram, Architects for the Cathedral of St. John the Divine of New York, have drawn plans for the permanent church and rectory.

On Easter Day the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 A. M. by the Rev. William Wilkinson of Trinity Church, New York.

Our motorists are pleased over the prospect of a substantial new pavement on the Queensborough Bridge. \$144,000 in corporate stock has been voted for this improvement.