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A COMMUNITY'S LEISURE

The Right Use of It Discussed by R. K. Atkinson at a Meeting of the Community Council.

Suggestions Made for the New Community House to be Erected by the Church-in-the-Gardens on Land Recently Acquired.

R. K. Atkinson, head of the Community Service Incorporated for Long Island, was the principal speaker at the Church-in-the-Gardens on Mar. 20, at the regular meeting of the Community Council. The Community Service Incorporated is the successor of the Playground Association of America. Mr. Atkinson said in part:

"The communities of this country have individualities just as people have and these must be reckoned with in any plan of procedure. Boston opened the first playground in 1888, but in about 1903 the general interest in child life became more and more apparent. Jacob Riis, Jane Addams and Theodore Roosevelt were pioneers in arousing public sentiment for childhood. The National Playground Association was organized in the White House when Roosevelt was President. The first thought was to give the children of crowded sections a chance and a place to play.

"The play movement swept over the country ten years before the war and then when the war came, Secretary Baker and President Wilson made use of the play and athletic movement which had developed team morale, which in turn helped to win the war. Then the War Camp Community Service rendered valuable service.

"This war service must be kept for peace time, and we must find what is the right use of leisure time and direct the people to so use it. The philosophy of play is interesting. Play is the serious business of childhood and all of the first play is imitative. After ten years of age it becomes creative, and just a little later the "gang" instinct or team work is all important. For the adults play is the proper use of leisure time. It is a fortunate man whose work is his play, but we must remember that Edisons are rare. There are several kinds of play for an adult. There are physical, social, dramatic and musical recreation, and all of these have their proper place in a community like Forest Hills.

"One big asset of this village is the playground, but play must be extended to reach all ages."

When asked what the proposed Community House should contain Mr. Atkinson replied:

"(1) An auditorium large enough to seat 500. This could be used as a dancing floor.

"(2) Stage.

"(3) Gymnasium. This floor could be used as a banquet place.

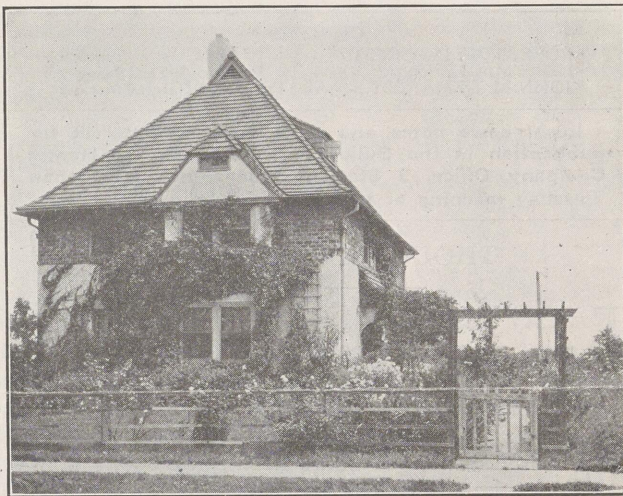
"(4) Kitchen.

"(5) Smaller meeting rooms. One of these could furnish a 'hang-out' for boys."

A letter has been sent to every family in Forest Hills inviting them to join the Community Council and this is already bringing splendid results. It is hoped that Forest Hills will join 100 per cent. this organization, which is vitally and comprehensively interested in local affairs.

MR. DICKSON ON INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS

At the next meeting of the Community Council, at the Church-in-the-Gardens, Friday evening, April 16, Mr. Thomas B. Dickson, vice-president of the Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co., will speak on "Some Current Phases of Industrial Problems." Mr. Dickson, who is a leader among the progressives of the steel world, is a highly interesting speaker and will have a real message which should be heard by a large audience.



HOME OF FREDERIC W. GOUDY

The attractive home of Frederic W. Goudy on Deepdene Road, between Upshaw and Underwood Roads, has been made doubly attractive through its setting among the well-selected and well-placed planting, as demonstrated in the photograph above.

The house was erected by the Homes Company from the designs of Grosvenor Atterbury, F. A. I. A.

J. GORTON MARSH BECOMES CHAIRMAN

Head of the Building Committee of the Community House Calls a Representative Meeting at His Home to Discuss Plans

On the evening of Mar. 22, J. Gorton Marsh entertained at his home on Greenway North the members of the building committee of the proposed Community House to be erected by the Church-in-the-Gardens. These members include J. Gorton Marsh, chairman; Rowland H. Smith, W. H. Batcheller, J. Floyd McTyier, S. W. Eckman, Raymond P. Kaighn and Mrs. C. E. Burton. The chairman invited the members of the advisory board of the Community Council to meet with the building committee so as to secure suggestions from such a representative group. The advisory board consists of Rowland H. Smith and Guyon L. C. Earle for the Men's Club; Mrs. A. M. Gray and Mrs. Lee Galloway for the Women's Club; Mrs. George A. Douglass and Mrs. H. P. Daniels for the Mothers' Club; Walter Hartwig and Miss Maude Marren for the Gardens Players; Mrs. George Smart and Fritz Hagens for the Audubon Society; Harvey Warren for the Boy Scouts, and George Smart, president of the Community Council.

Every one present expressed himself or herself as to the kind of a Community House needed here. Mr. Marsh is to meet with the building committee, then secure a rough draft of plans suitable to the needs and to the lots recently acquired, and then he will call another meeting of this large group.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held Monday afternoon, April 5, at 2 o'clock, at the Inn. The subject of the day will be "Americanization," and the principal speaker will be Alfred E. Henderson.

The current readings chapter will meet Tuesday, April 6, at 2:30 P. M., at the home of Mrs. Bryan R. Dorr, 88 Ascan Avenue, when Mrs. Robert R. Tappan will discuss the works of M. Maeterlink. The same chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. Robert Tappan, 28 Whitson Street, on Tuesday afternoon, April 20, at 2:30 o'clock, when Mrs. Lee Galloway, the chairman of the chapter, will review "The Way of All Flesh," by Samuel Butler.

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THOUGHTS FOR EASTER

Twenty years ago, Dr. Washington Gladden the great apostle of applied Christianity, preached at Columbus, Ohio, an Easter sermon called "The Practice of Immortality," which when printed had an enormous circulation and still continues to have large sales. He was the author of some fifty-eight books and yet he said to the writer: "I would rather blot out several of my bigger books than let this go. It has brought me already such expressions of gratitude as I have not often heard."

In this booklet, Dr. Gladden says: "Indeed, the only way, I think, to get any firm assurance of any of the fundamental facts of life is not to try to prove them by what you call scientific evidence, but to assume them and build your life on them." He shows that the foundations of architecture and science are assumed and so we must assume the presence of God. A peace of intellect and heart comes as a result of such an assumption.

"After you have assumed God" continues Dr. Gladden, "you cannot, without doing violence to your reason, fail to assume immortality, for if love is the heart of the universe, the universe is not a fraud, and the deepest instincts of our lives can be trusted. Assume that they are telling you the truth and build your life on that foundation; live as you ought to live, if life goes on forever, and the future is the harvest of the present. Think as you must think, if there is a day after today and the eternal years of God belong to truth and justice and righteousness"

Aristotle centuries ago said the same thing: "Live as nearly as you can the immortal life." So, my friends, we must live it here and now in Forest Hills Gardens and it surely will prove itself to us. And when we live the immortal life, we shall find happiness and usefulness and influence and best of all we shall develop Christian character—the most worth while, enduring and eternal thing in the world!

"I go to prove my soul,
 I see my way as birds their trackless way.
 I shall arrive! * * * * *
 In good time, His good time, I shall arrive.
 He guides me and the bird, in His good time."

—Browning

"The year's at the spring
 And the day's at the morn;
 Morning's at seven;
 The hillside's dew-pearled;
 The lark's on the wing;
 The snail's on the thorn;
 God's in His heaven—
 All's right with the world!"

—Browning

WINIFRED ADELE MARSHALL

A Gifted Soprano Leggiero Will Give a Program of Great Charm and Variety in the Church-in-the-Gardens on April 12.

There will be a recital of unusual charm and artistic effect in the Church-in-the-Gardens on the evening of April 12, when Winifred Adele Marshall, a soprano leggiero, one whose tones are the purest and truest, will sing many groups of songs and in many different costumes. This entertainment will be given by the Women's Guild of the Church for the purpose of adding to the Community House Building fund.

There will be five groups of songs and an Aria:

(1) French of the period of 1750; (2) Irish Peasant Songs, 1600; (3) Scotch, Lowland Lassie; (4) Scotch, Highland Laddie; (5) Civil War, 1860; (6) Aria, "Shadow Song," from Dinorah.

It has been said of "The Laughing Song," which is one of the first group, by the New York Globe: "Miss Marshall renders this song better than any one because she brings out the humor." The same paper said of the "Shadow Song," "In the 'Shadow Song' Miss Marshall's extreme versatili-



ty was pronounced when she displayed almost the powers of a ventriloquist in the echo effects." From the Musical Courier this word of praise is given: "Charmingly costumed as a Scotch Lassie and then as a Scotch Laddie in kilts, she sang and acted the delightful Scotch Ballads. The sweetness and freshness of her voice and her sympathetic interpretation of the joys and sorrows of these simple people made these numbers most humanly interesting." Costumes worn by Miss Marshall are designed from rare old prints now in the Astor collection, New York. Many accessories of her costumes have been brought from abroad, and truly represent the old, old periods.

After the recital, refreshments will be served in the Social Room by the social committee, of which Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh is chairman; Mrs. A. A. Renshaw will be the special chairman for that evening. The tickets of admission will be \$1.10 each, and the refreshment tickets will be fifty cents each. Tickets of admission may be obtained from either drug store, the Inn, or from members of the Guild.

The April Meeting

Mrs. A. Van Houten and Mrs. W. H. Batcheller will entertain the Guild on the afternoon of April 9, at 2 o'clock, at 6 Seasongood Road. There will be a devotional and business meeting and the principal speaker will be Mr. Paul Leeds, of Kinder, La., a home missionary. Mrs. C. H. W. Hasselriis will sing.

MOTHERS' CLUB

The next meeting of the Mothers' Club will be held at public school 101 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on April 19. Mrs. George Smart will be the speaker on the subject "Self-Control." It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of mothers and teachers.

Mrs. George A. Douglass, president of the club, has appointed Mrs. D. G. Clark chairman of a committee to devise ways and means of raising the Mothers' Club's contribution towards the new Community House.

THE INN

Two dinner parties, of unusual interest and beauty were held at the Inn on Saturday evening last, one being that of Mrs. Jules C. Lorimer, of Kew Gardens. The occasion was the Fifth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lorimer, and ten of their most intimate friends helped make the dinner a festive affair. The decorations were carried out in yellow and white. Among those present were; Mr. and Mrs. George Drucker; Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Burns; Mr and Mrs. Charles



Mosscrop; Mr. and Mrs. George Wicke, all of Kew Gardens; also Mrs. Ostrander and Miss Porter of New York.

Miss Maude Wallace, of Forest Hills, was the other hostess at a delightful farewell dinner given to the Misses Frances and Florence Covert, who with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Covert have just gone to their new home in Garden City. Fourteen of the younger set sat at the long table decorated with red carnations and asparagus ferns, and later joined in the general Saturday evening dancing.

Mrs. H. C. Badgley, of the Inn, also entertained a delightful party of friends at dinner on Saturday evening.

The cake sale held at the Inn on last Saturday morning, for the benefit of St. Luke's Guild, was a great success, very nearly \$100.00 having been collected in the short period of the sale.

The Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens also held a candy and apron sale on March 17; there was a large attendance of Forest Hills people and the sum of \$240.00 was added to the Community House building fund.

Dan Morse is down from Andover, spending his Easter vacation with his brother, Albert W. Morse.

Mrs. C. H. Willett, of Louisville, Ky., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. Castleman, over the week end.

Miss Josephine N. Natt, of Philadelphia, Pa., visited Miss Adele Shaw for several days.

Mrs. William Saunders and Miss Ann Flynn, of Boston, Mass., were the guests of Mr. Frank J. McCormack for about a week, before returning to Boston, after a delightful trip through the South.

Mrs. L. M. Kelly, with her daughter Carol, of Manchester, Vt., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hunter, until after the Easter holidays.

Miss Mary Lee Whitman will spend the Easter vacation at the Inn with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whitman.

Mrs. T. B. Fitzpatrick, of Brookline, Mass., has just arrived from Atlantic City, and is spending several days with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nugent Fallon, before returning to her home.

Mrs. J. Wilbur Chapman has returned from a visit of several weeks to her brother in Providence, R. I.

Jerome A. Watrous, who is at school in Bethlehem, Pa., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Watrous, over the week end.

Mr. Harold A. Smith and daughter Helen, of Grand Rapids, Mich., intend spending a week at the Inn during the Easter vacation of Miss Helen Smith.

Recent arrivals; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Richards, of Providence, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin P. Cragin, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss Eugenia Byars, of New York City, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Baarslag, nurse and baby, of Holland.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelcamp have issued invitations to the wedding of their niece, Miss Marie Elizabeth Adkins, to Mr. Garrett Bell James, on Monday evening, April 5, at the Church-in-the-Gardens.

The Harmony Club of Forest Hills will hold the first of a series of dances on the evening of April 10, at the Seminole Avenue Club House.

Miss Nancy Luce, of Greenway North, is spending the Easter vacation in Detroit.

Mrs. James R. Woodrough, of Greenway South, is making an extended visit in Ohio.

Mrs. A. M. Gray, of Slocum Crescent, is enjoying a short vacation in New Haven.

Dr. A. G. Lansing announces that beginning April 1 his dental office in the Gardens Apartments will be open six days a week instead of three, as heretofore.

THE PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Playgrounds Committee has held one formal meeting, at which a program for the ensuing year was planned. This program includes a study of the playground requirements of the section included under the Community Council, which determines to make a definite effort to obtain ground and equipment for a playground in the neighborhood of the new Clinton Avenue Public School No. 3.

The second activity is the development of a financing scheme for the permanent maintenance of the playground. This matter is so involved with the financing of other activities of the Community Council, that a comprehensive plan cannot be proposed without a survey of the whole situation. A request for such a survey is made by the Playgrounds Committee.

The third activity is to learn the desires of the adult community concerning the employment of leisure hours. Because the community is new, it is considered possible that many individuals may have common desires in the way of leisure time activities, (recreation, sport, etc.). It was thought proper, at least to send out a questionnaire asking the various families to indicate which of various activities they were interested in.

Surely the Playgrounds Committee feels that this idea of organized play is essential to the proper development of young and old, but particularly to the children. In the progress of social evolution, certain primitive activities have disappeared, and certain cultural movements have arisen and grown.

The next step in our social evolution, is the one which concerns us vitally. It is the social education of the child. The relation of one individual to another has been in the past largely determined by the school of experience. This experience has taught us that it is not necessary for a child to be buffeted about on the streets, or left to the care of a disinterested employer, to learn his relationship to others. Those who have cared to look into the matter, have learned "that play is the serious business of the child." It is through organized play that we must teach the child "the rules of the game," which for that child are the rules of life. After the child learns to play among a large group of other children, according to "the rules of the game," when he grows older, he will play the game of life in the same fashion.

In every town there are enthusiasts for one activity or another, and it is difficult for those, who have not studied these matters, to pick the essential from those which may be desirable. That a community organization is essential, (call it recreation center, leisure time center, social center, or whatever you please), has been demonstrated by the vast growth of such organizations in the last few years. No dreamy idealism could take hold of a nation with the thoroughness with which this community "town meeting" idea has. It is incumbent upon one-fourth of the population who realize its benefits, and who belonged to the Tax-payers' Association (now known as the Community Council) in 1919, to show the remaining three-fourths that the benefits of a community organization are essential to them.

DR. J. A. CORSCADEN,
Chairman, Playgrounds Committee
Community Council.

MRS. HOPKINS GIVES PARTY

Mrs. John H. Hopkins gave a bridge party on the afternoon of Mar. 27, at her residence, 61 Greenway South, in honor of Miss Grace Marie Birdsell, who is to marry Irving G. Hopkins on April 24. Guests included Misses Helen Moore, Helen Halbert, Elizabeth Mulford, Grace Jensen, Dorothy Smith, Grace Cornell, Dorothy Cornell, Violet Kelly, Dorothy Middleton, Charlotte Stage, Maude Newman, Laura Sawyer, Louise Sayre, Grace Treat, Florence Treat, Margaret Vallette, Bessie Schier, Kathryn Schier, Lydia Chase, Kathleen Daughtry, Tapley Wessman, Virginia Richards, Lynnetta Ferrand, Janet Nostrand, and Mesdames J. Frank Birdsell, Arthur C. Bush, Charles Peto, Paul Roth, Collier Alexander, Horace H. Barse, Griswold Daggett, J. Harold King, J. Harmon Gaiser, Lloyd Hammarland, Frederick Young, Jr., Ralph Peters, and Mrs. Benjamin Lindquist. A prize was awarded at each table.

There are a number of pre-nuptial parties to be given for Miss Birdsell and Mr. Hopkins.

THE-CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS

EASTER SUNDAY—the climax of the year's activities—will be marked by special services tomorrow at 11 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Charles E. Burton, D. D. The musical program, under the direction of Mrs. George C. LeBlanc, will be of unusual beauty and appropriateness. The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed, and twenty-four new members, adults and young people, will be added to the church. In the absence of the minister, Dr. Burton has conducted a most helpful "pastor's class" for the young people of the Sunday school who are uniting with the church at this time.

The two sections of the Sunday school will unite in a special Easter service at 9.45 tomorrow morning. There will not be a session of the primary school at 11 o'clock.

The Good Friday evening service has always been an outstanding feature of Easter week activities. This year was no exception. The Rev. David G. Lathshaw, D. D., conducted the service and his inspiring message was greatly appreciated by those present.

The appointment of a Standing Committee on Christian Americanization followed the eight weeks' study course on this subject, completed last week. This committee met on Thursday evening and arranged to continue the Thursday night meetings, taking up the subject of applied Christian Democracy. The first meeting will be held in the Social Room on next Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Everyone is welcome.

Dr. H. F. Cope of Chicago, General Secretary of the Religious Education Association, will again preach for us on April 11. Those who heard Dr. Cope in February will not only want to hear him again but will want others to hear him. He has been asked on this occasion to speak more directly on the subject of Religious Education. Dr. Cope is regarded as second to none as an authority on this subject.

CHURCH SERVICES

- Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 10 o'clock, Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.
- St. Luke's Episcopal—Rev. R. S. Nichols, Vicar, residence, 38 Greenway Terrace; telephone 6206. Sunday, 8 A. M., Holy Communion. 9:45 A. M., Church School. 11 A. M., Morning Service.
- Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday School for Juniors and Intermediates at 9:45 o'clock. Primary School at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor Society—7:45 P. M. Thursday, 8 P. M., Open Forum on Applied Christian Democracy.
- 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. 173 Continental Avenue.

ST. LUKE'S WOMAN'S GUILD

Members of St. Luke's Woman's Guild are working with much interest and enthusiasm over the dance to be given under their auspices on Friday evening, April 23, at the Hotel St. Regis, New York. It promises to be a delightful affair. Special features will be given by professional dancers and with good music, dancing will be enjoyed by all. Tickets can be purchased from Guild members.

The rummage sale held in New York on Mar. 17 was a great success and it was decided at a special meeting to have such a sale each spring and fall. All donations will be appreciated and residents of Forest Hills are asked to notify a Guild member to call for anything they have no further use for in the way of clothing and household goods.

NEWS FROM THE PLAYLEADER

Girl Scouts

On Saturday, Mar. 20, many of the Girl Scouts of Troop 2 went into the city and enjoyed a splendid afternoon playing games and joining in singing with all of the Girl Scouts of the city. It was "Open House Day" when girls of the Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Richmond and Brooklyn Troops came together to become better acquainted with one another. In the afternoon Lt. Lewis and Mr. Haydon of the War Camp Service led the singing and such rousing good cheer one rarely hears indoors. In the evening the older girls of the troops heard Sergt. Ruth Farnum of the Serbian Army tell of her wonderful experiences.

These "Open House Days" are to take place each month and the Girl Scouts of Forest Hills would like to have their mothers attend the next meeting with them. We cordially invite you Mothers!

By May first Miss Fox hopes to have at least twenty tenderfoot scouts in her troop. The girls have been working hard to get the first test thoroughly completed and so knot-tying has been arduously indulged in at each meeting and results have been forthcoming.

Baseball

Tuesday, Thursday and today, baseball has been played at Hawthorn Park. The results of the games, which drew large crowds, will be announced in the next BULLETIN.

Statue of Liberty

On Mar. 27 about twenty-five boys and girls went with Miss Fox on a trip to the Statue of Liberty. They all climbed to the very top and enjoyed the fine view. The sail back from the island was a cool one but all boys and girls want to go again.

Gym Classes

There will be a meeting of all the boys and girls who have attended the winter gym classes at the Seminole Avenue Club House on next Thursday afternoon at four o'clock.

Swimming Class

The swimming class is growing so fast that it may be necessary to divide it into two sections. Six new girls are to join the class this week.

COMING EVENTS

Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, at the Sales Office. 'Phone Forest Hills 6200.

Every Monday and Friday, from 3 to 5 P. M., the library is open in the Sales Office.

Every Thursday, 8 P. M.—Boy Scouts, Sales Office.

Every Friday, 4 P. M.—Public School 101, girls' and boys' gym. class, 5 to 8 years.

Every Friday, 5 P. M.—Girl Scouts, Public School 101.

Every Friday, 8 P. M.—Meeting of French Circle, 114 Ascan Avenue.

Every Saturday—Girls' swimming class, 10.35 A. M. train for New York

Monday, April 5, 2 P. M.—Women's Club, Inn.

Tuesday, April 6, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 88 Ascan Avenue.

Thursday, April 8, 4 P. M.—All Gym Classes meet at Seminole Avenue Club House.

Friday, April 9, 2 P. M.—Women's Guild, Church-in-the-Gardens, 6 Seasongood Road.

Saturday, April 10, 8:30 P. M.—Harmony Club Dance, Seminole Avenue Club House.

Monday, April 12, 8:30 P. M.—Winifred Marshall Recital, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Friday, April 16, 8 P. M.—Community Council, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Monday, April 19, 3 P. M.—Mothers' Club, Public School 101.

Tuesday, April 20, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 28 Whitson Street.

