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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brahany who have been making their residence at the Inn have gone to Washington, D. C., to live.

Miss Ann Hill and Miss Eugenie Taylor of Denver are visiting with Mrs. R. Burns Mantle of Ascan Avenue.

Miss Maida Birmingham spent the week-end at Northport, Long Island as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paul Pegoix.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlow W. Hardinge of 75 Greenway South sailed on the Aquitania last week for London. They plan to spend two months in England and on the Continent.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Coles and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Springer left this week for Sagamore near Martha's Vineyard to be gone a month.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomson and family have moved into their new house on Ascan Avenue.

Miss Peggy Mantle of 114 Ascan Avenue who is interested in the study of cubism as applied to speech will be interested to hear from others who are striving for original expression.

On Miss Virginia Bebb of Ivy Close has been conferred the honor of christening the new Morgan Line steamship "El Estero" which has been built for the Southern Pacific Steamship Company in the shipyards at Newark Bay. The ceremony will take place Saturday August 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cassels Young have moved into their new house built for them by the Homes Co., at 165 Puritan Avenue.

Fred E. Stone the popular actor, has purchased the house at No. 50 Olive Place from John J. Sharp. Mr. Stone is to have a new starring vehicle in "Tip Top" under Mr. Dillingham's management. He opens in Philadelphia early in September.

The Rev. R. S. Nichols writes from Bethlehem, N. H., that The Gardens are represented at Bethlehem by Mr. and Mrs. Le Page of Greenway South, Mrs. Spence of the Inn and Mrs. Remington aunt of the Misses Marren of Burns Street.

Many friends of Burns Mantle of Ascan Avenue saw "A Dark Lantern" at the Rivoli last week the screen play prepared by him from a story by Elizabeth Robins.

Dr. H. M. James, formerly of Kew Gardens has purchased Curtis E. Kloetzer's house at 51 Wendover Road. The Kloetzer's who were the first to build a private residence in the Gardens are to remain in the Gardens having bought a plot on Wendover Road near their old place upon which they expect to build shortly. Meanwhile they are at the Inn until September when they move into the Gardens Apartment.

Prentiss Wynne of 318 West 39th Street, N. Y. City has rented the late Col. Gray's house on Greenway Terrace for a year.

Mrs. John J. Sharp has gone to Atlantic City for a visit.

Mrs. Rowland H. Smith has sold her house on Continental Avenue to Alden H. Vose of 78 Dartmouth Street.

Mrs. Zeruah C. Blanchard and Frank Blanchard her son, have sold their house at No. 2 Fairway Close to George F. Hinrichs. The Blanchards lived such a short time in the Gardens that very few people had the pleasure of knowing them.

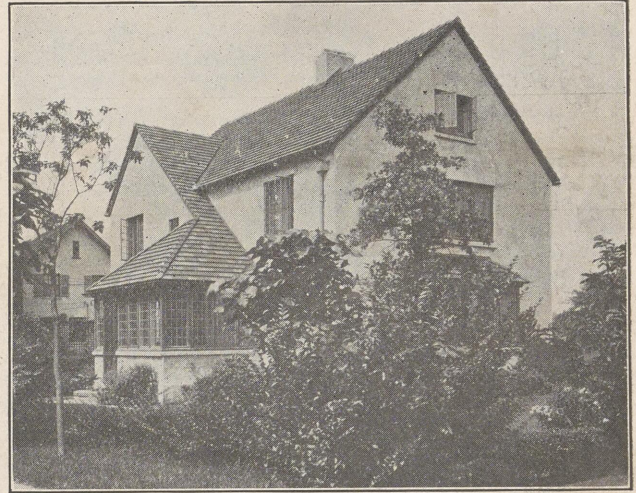
The family of George Smart of Deepdene Road is at Oakhill Chillicothe Ohio, until August 29.

Arthur Wright sold his house at No. 71 Burns Street to Mrs. Antonia C. de Garcia late of Porto Rico. Mrs. de Garcia, her two sons and two daughters are now living in the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Ketcham of Greenway North, and their two daughters, are taking a three weeks' motor trip through the White Mountains and the Berkshires. They expect to go as far as Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Longcope of Wendover Road, and their son and daughter recently motored to Montreal, returning by way of Lake Champlain and Lake George.

Mr. Arthur H. Flint of Beechnoll Road has returned from a vacation at Groton, N. H.



HOUSE OF WALTER TEAGUE

On Beechnoll Road near Puritan Avenue is Walter Teague's home. This attractive house designed on the English type has imported metal casement sash and hardware. The Sage Foundation Homes Company was the builder.

Accompanied by Mrs. Farjeon's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Farjeon of 134 Ascan Avenue, are touring through the New England states and Canada, visiting Quebec, St. Anne de Beaupre and Montreal, returning by the Adirondacks and the Berkshires.

WHITEHEAD-PEGOIX

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Insko Whitehead, of Washington, D. C. and Forest Hills Gardens, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Winifred, to Mr. Robert Paul Pegoix on Tuesday June 15th at the Church of the Transfiguration. Mr. and Mrs. Pegoix have taken a bungalow at Northport, Long Island, for the summer after which they will return to Forest Hills and take up their residence at the Inn.

EX-SERVICE MEN ATTENTION

The Victory Medals are now being distributed by Uncle Sam to all who served in the World War. For the convenience of all who wish to apply for these medals, Forest Hills Post of the American Legion has arranged to have blank applications, information service, and a typewriter at the Sales Office on Monday and Tuesday evenings August 23rd and 24th from 8 to 10 p. m. Mr. Nelcamp has kindly offered his services as Notary free of charge on those evenings.

You do not have to be a member of the Legion to take advantage of this offer. The Legion is glad to be of service in this matter. Application forms for men still in the Service will be on hand also. **BRING YOUR ORIGINAL DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE OR ORDER WITH YOU. THIS IS ESSENTIAL.**

If you desire it, your medal can be sent to the local Legion post where it will be held until Armistice Day, on which day it is planned to hold a celebration and present the medals to their owners with proper ceremony.

Relatives of men who died in the Service, or since their discharge may also apply at this time.

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ONE WORD MORE



"Too much Audubon" is the likeliest comment on this number of the BULLETIN but there is still a word left unsaid. Just as the park is the most precious place in a crowded city so to our "city in its cradle" the birds and trees and flowers are our most precious common possessions. Their cultivation and protection is a common duty but duty is too cold a word to describe the kind of passion with which we ought to guard these things. Stupidly we have allowed our native birds to be destroyed; with a sort of detached interest we have listened to arguments for conservation when what we mean by that heavy sounding word is treasuring life and beauty. The individual can do little by becoming a member of the Audubon Society but the membership of every one of the three hundred and more families in the Gardens would be a force to be reckoned with. Brick and stone encroaches on our open spaces. Are the birds to be driven away by each encroachment? Not if the little group constituting the Forest Hills Gardens Audubon Society can make its message known and felt. And the message is that if enough people care for them the birds will stay here with us. Food, water and protection; are these so difficult to provide? And in return we receive living jewels and the thrush's song to bring to the ordered dignity of our city the soul and spirit of the open country.

Mary Eastwood Knevels.

APPEAL TO PARENTS

Children will be children and no more is expected of the children in the Gardens than any where else, but it is only fair that parents do all in their power to prevent property destruction. During construction it is necessary to pile materials around the buildings. These materials represent considerable value and in many instances they have been most carelessly destroyed. Each parent is appealed to, to point out to his child the necessity of respecting other people's property. In talking to the child it is safer to assume the attitude that he was, probably unconsciously, one of the offenders in these acts of vandalism and forbid him to play in or around the unfinished buildings.

FOREST HILLS GARDENS AUDUBON SOCIETY

Sixth Annual Report, from June 8, 1919, to June 8, 1920

"THE BIRD CLUB IN THE CITY."

Our Society is now in a position to look back and see cause for congratulation in the fact that we have kept going during the war when so many other bird clubs had to suspend or disband. Our progress has been slow, but we have gone on with our routine work, and that is saying a good deal. The aim of our organization is clearly shown in the title, but the very restrictions implied in that title are an incentive to ambition. Many places now surrounded by trees and woods must, sooner or later, face the same conditions that environ us, so that the pioneer work being done in the Gardens will have a value and will be an encouragement to others attacking the same problem. Our limitations will be overcome if the small clubs join together, or, better yet make the county, or Long Island a unit in working out protective plans.

Reorganization

At a meeting held October 7, 1919, a complete reorganization of the Society was decided upon, and the work is now done through committees appointed by the president, instead of what was held to be a rather top heavy, board of trustees. The new one is a more elastic form of government and fewer meetings are necessary, because the committees do the work. The chairmen of the different committees are: Publicity, J. M. Demarest; Field and Educational Work, Fritz Hagens; School and Junior Work, Mrs. George Smart; Bird Enemies, W. P. McCulloch. The new officers are: president, Mrs. George Smart; vice-president, Mrs. I. A. Washburne; secretary and treasurer, Miss M. E. Knevels. Robert W. De Forest is honorary president, and E. A. Quarles is honorary vice-president. Mrs. Smart, elected president in place of Mr. Hagens, who had long been anxious to give up the post, has written and lectured on nature subjects, and the work has her greatest interest and sympathy. Mr. Hagens, whose rare services to the Society are honestly appreciated, was the war president, with all the difficulties that the name implies. The taste and charm of his notes for the Bulletin have been a real factor in the publicity work of the Society.

Junior Work.

The Society was impressed with the importance of the junior work, which had been neglected for several years, and a contest was held in the schools to determine just how much the children knew about our local birds. The result of the contest showed that it was very little, particularly among the children of high school age. A prize, consisting of one of the Chapman books, was given the winner of the grammar school group, and the prize essay was printed in the Bulletin. The Society presented three large colored charts of birds to the schools of Forest Hills North and South, and five hundred bird picture cards were given the children. The Kew-Forest School bought its own charts through the Society. In April, H. C. Button of the State School of Applied Agriculture, came to Forest Hills and was personally conducted by the president to the three schools, where he gave talks on birds to groups of children from each grade, showing pictures and adapting his talk to the age and understanding of each group. Our president considers this the best method yet attempted by the Society, because of the opportunity offered for intensive instruction. Later Mr. Button visited the Kew-Forest School and carried out the same plan of instruction there.

Publicity

The publicity committee put out a short, practical circular, "Eight Ways You Can Help the Birds To Come to Forest Hills," which was mailed to each family in the Gar-

dens, together with an original bird Christmas card. This same circular was enclosed with the spring subscription bills. The secretary did the usual correspondence work connected with the office and wrote the usual notices for the Bulletin. Stationery is a large item in our small budget, but your secretary believes that it should be individual and of fair quality. The lamp post bulletins have been kept going by the Girl Scouts, under the charge of Miss Fox, who has given ready assistance in sending out the bills and doing other work with the children. Fifty pounds of mixed grain was purchased in the early spring and distributed by Mr. Hagens. This is the time when artificial feeding is most needed because the migratory birds are in flight then and the late storms do much damage. During April the nesting boxes were thoroughly overhauled and given a good house cleaning, which was needed. It was the intention of the Society to have its usual lecture this year in March or April, and several lecturers were approached, but in most cases those whom the Society wanted charged too much for our finances. Louis Agassiz Fuertes, the bird artist and writer, made us the kind offer that when he next came to New York from his home in Ithaca for a lecture engagement, he would let the Society know well in advance, and give it a special price of \$50.00. We expected him here this spring but he has been out of the country on a natural history expedition so that his lecture will have to be postponed until fall.

Boy Problem

The main problem before the Society now is what action it is best to take in regard to several boys of the Gardens and Forest Hills who are stealing eggs and killing song birds. There is a federal fine of \$50.00 for killing the birds, and a state fine besides. The law can be enforced by any local magistrate. It was the opinion of Mr. Pearson, secretary of the National Audubon Society, that it was best to take up the subject with the Conservation Commission at Albany and have the local game wardens, who are the official delegates of the Commission, talk with the boys and warn them of the serious nature of their offense, stating that a repetition of it would bring the full legal penalty. Upon the advice of Mr. Quarles, it was decided to have the Commissioner write to the parents of the boys and put the responsibility upon them. It is encouraging to find a number of the Gardens boys interested in protective work, and there is a flourishing Boys' Club.

Future Work

Our own Society has had a slower growth than we could wish, partly owing to the constant changes in our population. We have about one hundred members, while our aim is to have every family in the Gardens a member, and there is no reason why the membership should be confined to the Gardens. Those who belong to the Society have missionary work to do because where the individual plot is so small little can be achieved unless the Gardens are considered a unit. The future of the work would seem to lie in the unification of all the bird protective activities on Long Island. There are at the western end of the Island large tracts of unpeopled land in the form of golf links, parks and cemeteries, which form a natural preserve. With the co-operation of the other bird clubs, particularly the Long Island Bird Club, to which your secretary has written suggesting a plan of development, these more or less protected stretches of land could be turned into veritable sanctuaries. The varieties of birds noted in the Gardens have increased and the number seen this spring is larger than in any other year since the Society was formed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Eastwood Knevels, Secretary.

MISSING NUMBERS OF THE BULLETIN

All of the missing numbers of the BULLETIN appealed for in the last issue have not been sent to the editor. Will not all those who have files look them over and see if these missing numbers cannot be supplied? They are essential for the proper collection into substantial form of this invaluable record of the Garden's history. In volume 2, No. 1, one copy; No. 24 one copy; No. 25, two copies; in volume 3, No. 1, one copy; No. 2, one copy; No. 3. one copy, are still short.

THE GARDENS PLAYERS

The Gardens Players whose plans have heretofore been achieved under difficulties for lack of a working place announce with much satisfaction that through the kindly co-operation of Mr. George C. Meyer of the Cord Meyer Development Company a Clubroom and Workshop has been acquired. By an arrangement the Players will have possession of the clubhouse on Seminole Avenue and Ibis Street on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning September 1st. There all the work of the preparation of the plays will be accomplished and all informal affairs of the Players will take place. Members are invited on any of the above evenings to visit the Workshop and watch its activities.

Beginning September 1st daily rehearsals of "Pomander Walk" will be held. The location for this performance has finally been decided upon as the semi-circular group on Burns Street near the Station Square. Five houses of this group will provide the natural setting for the play and a grand stand will be erected on the lawn upon which this group of houses looks. The dates set for the performances will be Thursday September 30th and Friday October 1st.

COOPERATION WITH THE POLICE

Had two or three of the neighbors of a certain home which was entered by burglars last week, passed on to the police the facts that came to their attention that day regarding the suspicious actions of suspicious characters loitering about the premises, it might not only have saved that situation but resulted in the arrest of the criminals. There is an opportunity for everyone of us to be neighborly during the vacation period. The police are here for our protection and will welcome any information or suggestion even though this should prove to be superfluous or unavailing. All you need do is to telephone Boulevard 6329 (the Police Booth in Station Sq.) and a policeman will be on your premises in less than five minutes.

W. P. McC.

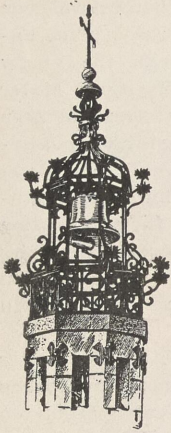
REPORT OF TREASURER OF FOREST HILLS GARDENS AUDUBON SOCIETY

From June 8, 1919, to June 8, 1920.

Receipts:	
Carried over from June 8, 1919,	\$168.34
Dues	\$116.20
Life membership	25.00
Sale of bird houses	3.70 144.90
Total	\$313.24
Disbursements:	
Stamps telephones and sundries	20.35
Printing	50.25
Subscription Nat'l Audubon Asso.	5.00
Colored charts, cards and books	12.00
Lecture in schools	10.00
Bird food	3.70
Repairing bird boxes	15.15 116.40
	\$196.84
Balance in bank June 8, 1920	\$193.94
Cash	2.90
Less check returned	1.00
Total	\$195.94 \$195.94

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Knevels, Treasurer.

THE-CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



The regular 11 o'clock service will be resumed on September 5, when the new pastor, the Rev. David G. Latshaw, D. D., will be in charge.

The Sunday School will not open until later. The next issue of the BULLETIN will probably name a definite date.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will also announce its plans later.

Notwithstanding the fact that a full year has elapsed since Dr. Kent laid down the work which he organized and carried forward so successfully for seven years Dr. Latshaw is by no means taking hold of a dead or even a weakened enterprise. Under the leadership of Mr. Arthur H. Flint as moderator and interim the church has not only maintained its full program of activities, but has undertaken several new features notably the

Thursday night study group on Christian Americanization, the open forum on Christian World Democracy, and the launching of the community house project.

The membership has increased considerably. The Sunday School shows a remarkable increase. The Women's Guild has carried out an unusually strong program, and a peep behind the scenes of its Fall plans will startle Dr. Latshaw to say the least. The Young People's Society has more than doubled its membership and quadrupled its attendance.

As Dr. Latshaw assumes the leadership of the church it may be of interest to the community to know the men and women with whom he will be associated as officers: Board of Trustees—Donald G. Clark, President. Wm. H. Batcheller, Jr. Charles E. Burton. Dr. S. Ellsworth Davenport, Jr. Forace H. Judson, J. Gorton Marsh, Edward H. Mays, J. Floyd Mytyier, George Smart. Board of Deacons—George H. Duffield, Raymond P. Kaighn. Walter C. Longcope. William P. McCulloch. Victor H. Palsits. Dr. Harry Spangenberg. Treasurer, J. Floyd Mytyier. President of Women's Guild Mrs. George Smart. Superintendent of Sunday School, Raymond P. Kaighn. Superintendent of Primary Dept., Mrs. David G. Latshaw. President of Young People's Society, J. Floyd Mytyier. President of the Cradle Roll, Mrs. Roland H. Smith. Organist Mrs. George C. Le Blanc. Financial Secretary, William P. McCulloch. Sexton Daniel O. Perry. Space will not permit the naming of the several associate officers of the various organizations of the members of several important committees responsible for certain phases of the work of the church.

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, 7:30 A. M., Holy Communion. 11 A. M., Morning Service.
- Church-in-the-Gardens—Services will be resumed Sept. 5.
- 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 MISSION

The Vicar is at Bethlehem, N. H., in charge of the summer church of The Nativity. He expects to return for a brief stay, about the last of August. The Rev. Mr. Day of Grace Church, Jamaica, is in charge of St. Luke's on the August Sundays. Sunday School will resume its sessions on September 12.

THE INN



The new Sun Parlor on the station side of the drawing room of the Inn which was planned and delayed through inability to secure materials during the summer, is now being pushed through to completion as rapidly as possible, the tile floor having been finished this week. It is hoped that the room will be in readiness by the end of September at the latest and that the additional space will add greatly to the comfort and enjoyment of the big family which the Inn anticipates entertaining this fall and winter. The little garden adjoining the tennis courts is in splendid condition now and guests are invited to enjoy the game of "clock golf" or "putting green" upon application at the desk.

The Blind Bazaar which was held at the Inn on Wednesday last, showed some marvellous work executed by the blind women of Brooklyn. The attendance and receipts were most gratifying and much benefit will be derived from the results of the sale.

Mrs. Sydney B. Williamson of the Inn entertained a party of friends in the Sun Parlor on Monday last, at bridge, followed by a delightfully served tea.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McClenaghan of the Inn have recently returned from a two weeks' stay at Lake Mohonk.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith with their daughters Helen and Jane have just arrived at the Inn having motored from their home in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Smith anticipate spending about two months in the East.

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Reis, mother of Mrs. Richard S. Newcombe of the Inn, celebrated her ninety-fourth birthday on Wednesday last by a most delightful dinner served in the Sun Parlor of the Inn and attended by the members of her immediate family and a few intimate friends. Mrs. Reis is a most charming and delightful lady enjoying splendid health and taking an active interest in all pleasures. The warmest congratulations of the "Inn family" are extended to Mrs. Reis with the hope that we may have the pleasure of catering for many more similar festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. Nugent Fallon have just returned from a three weeks' vacation in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Glenn who have spent each summer here for several years, have just left and will spend the balance of the summer vacationing in Virginia. It is always a pleasure to look forward to the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn in the spring and we look ahead to having them with us again next year. Mr. Glenn is Director of the Russell Sage Foundation.

ANNUAL FLOWERS FOR FALL SOWING

Have you ever observed how strong and thrifty are the self-sown annual flowers which from time to time spring up in our flower borders? This pertains more especially to those which put in an appearance in the spring. As a rule they are very much stronger and give more and better flowers than we ever get from the plants raised from seed sown in spring. The explanation of this is that the self-sown plants get a much earlier start, and while the weather is still cool, with lots of moisture in the soil, the roots under such congenial conditions are enabled to make perfect and abundant growth.

At this period the plant itself, or rather that part which is above the ground, may not make much headway, but the feeding part—that is, the roots, on which the future well-being of the plants relies—is feeling its way in all directions. Therefore, as the weather becomes warmer, such strong and deep root action is reflected in the rapid increase of stem and leaves and later, perfect flowers. Realizing all this and also the great desirability of having early flowers in our borders, instead of relying on strong volunteers wide-awake gardeners make a practice of sowing many hardy annuals in the fall, thus securing an uninterrupted succession of bloom to follow in early flowering spring bulbs.

—From the "Country Gentleman."