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FACTS ABOUT TREES

Extensive Plans Give Promise in Years to Come of Wonderful Development

Added to the Planting in Recent Years Many Varieties of Fine Old Native Growth are Found in Forest Hills Gardens

Realizing the aesthetic and utilitarian value of trees, the Sage Foundation Homes Company, under the direction of Olmsted Brothers, of Brookline, Mass., the landscape gardeners, has planted in Forest Hills Gardens, in the parks and parkways, fully seventy-five varieties of trees, which as the years go by will increase in size and shade and beauty. For the purpose of shading the walks and streets, the tall, long lived trees, the ones with good foliage and spreading limbs, have been planted in the parkways. Trees of an even nature of growth have been chosen in these same places, so that one tree will not loom above another.

The American Elm or White Elm, towering as it does in old communities 100 to 120 feet high with a diameter 6 to 11 feet, is dear to all Americans because of its patriotic associations with George Washington and William Penn. The Elm has been planted on Ascan Avenue and on the Greenways, where it is hoped it will in years to come, canopy the streets, in graceful, shading arches, which will be a delight to behold. The Pin Oak, beautiful in its symmetry, can be seen on Burns Street, on some of the newly developed property at the lower end of Puritan Avenue and in various places on the grounds. The Norway Maple, because of its symmetry and dense foliage, which holds on late in the fall, has been planted on two streets of the newer development of the property. The Red Horse Chestnut, characterized by pink flowers and dense foliage, can be seen around the seats of the circular bed of the Village Green. The Linden tree or Lime, because of its mass of foliage and deep shade, is very desirable and can be found in the Tea Garden and in many other places in the Gardens. Its flowers in June and July are yellowish white and fragrant. In winter one may recognize the Linden by its deep red buds; and the delicate leaves which burst from them in the spring are a vivid green. As Tennyson says:

"A million emeralds break from the ruby-budded lime."

FLOWERING AND FRUIT TREES.

In the parks and yards the profusely flowering and



On the Way to the Games. NATIONAL TENNIS MATCHES

All over the country Forest Hills is famous because of the West Side Tennis Club, where annually the national tennis matches take place. One hundred and twenty-eight entries have been drawn for the games, which are scheduled to begin August 25th and which will run through September 1st. To these events will come crowds of people from many distant places. Cups are offered as first and second prizes and a tournament cup is offered, which must be won three times for permanent ownership. Three players have already won this last mentioned cup twice. Dr. S. E. Davenport, Jr., of Groton Street, is one of the entries.

The admission price to the preliminary matches is \$1.00 plus the war tax, to the semi-finals \$2.00 plus the war tax, and a season ticket will cost \$5.50.

On September 5th and 6th the exhibition matches between the Australian and American players will be held on the West Side Tennis Club courts.

In the picture above can be seen a part of the crowd going to the games of a former year. These people are walking from Station Square to the West Side Club.

fruiting trees, with lower branches, have been chosen. Among the fine examples of the smaller trees are the Pink and White Thorn trees which are used on the Village Green, and in many yards where the flowers of summer and the red-berried fruit of fall are much admired. The Sophora, a tree imported from Japan, is praised by all visitors to the village. Its upright growth and the unusual flowers, which are appearing now, attract attention in a number of sections here. (Continued on Page 2)

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DO WE APPRECIATE OUR TREES?

SOLSTAROFF in his book, "Shade Trees in Towns and Cities" writes: "Few things contribute more to the cultivation of local pride and civic patriotism than beautiful trees in the parks and in the streets." We live in a community which prides itself on its civic patriotism and on its community spirit. The trees are a large factor in our just pride of today and in the years to come will be a stronger reason not only for pride but for thanksgiving.

The fact that Paris has 86,000 trees is one of the important reasons for her beauty and our own Washington, D. C., is one of the most beautiful cities of the world because of her fine shade trees which lessen the heat for the residents. Trees not only add to the charm of a place but they purify the air, because they are vital agents in absorbing carbonic acid gas which man exhales, and give back to him the oxygen which he needs.

As people develop in culture they recognize the fact that cities and towns ought to be attractive places and beautiful, too, in which to live. Our village was founded on an ideal and of necessity trees became an integral part of the village planning. We adults ought to know the trees around us, not only those of recent planting, but those of age and dignity. The leaves, the bark, the fruit, the usefulness of timber, are all intensely interesting things. The trees in summer have an entirely different aspect from the same trees in winter. The summer is the time to study leaves, but in the winter notice the tree's outline and particularly the features of the bark, that the Birch is white, the Beech is silvery and the Poplar is a yellow green.

There is great satisfaction in being acquainted with the trees near you, but there is joy, too, in teaching your children to know and love the trees—the benefactors of man.

FACTS ABOUT TREES

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No lovelier tree for a yard can be planted than the Paper or White Birch, which possesses the most wonderful bark of any of our natve trees. The books of Numa Pompilius, written 700 B. C., were written on this bark; and the woodsman of today can make his canoe, his dinner service and his umbrella out of this creamy white bark. The graceful twigs and leaves of the Birch, fluttering in the wind, are as attractive as the bark is beautiful. Fine specimens of this tree are found in a number of yards here. The Judas, the Magnolia, and the Kentucky Coffee trees are also flourishing in the yards.

Many varieties of fruit trees are growing in the Gardens and more ought to be planted. The children play under their pleasing shade and the crops of fruit in prospect prove that these trees serve a dual purpose.

NATIVE TREES.

Nature had done much to justify using the word Forest in the name of our town before the landscape architect took hold, for there are many varieties of fine old native trees here and many fine specimens. The Tulip trees on Olive Place deserve special mention; the large greenish-yellow blossoms, with dashes of orange strongly resembling the tulip for which the tree is named, come in May. There are many very mature Red and Pin Oaks to be found in Olivia Park and in other wooded sections of the town. The Beeches on and near Beechknoll Road make that section one of the most delightful of the village. The Sassafras, with its interesting leaves, three kinds on one tree, and the Dogwood, conspicuous in May, with its lovely blossoms, are both nature's gift to many sections of the Gardens.



Tulip, Oak and Dogwood Trees on Olive Place.

Long they sat and talked together,

Of the marvelous valley hidden in the depths of Gloucester woods,

Full of plants that love the summer, blooms of warmer latitudes, Where the Arctic Birch is braided by the tropic's flowery

vines, And the white Magnolia blossoms star the twilight of the

Pines. John G. Whittier.

FINAL REPORT OF FOREST HILLS BRONZE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

V. E. Engelbach, Chairman of the Forest Hills Bronze Memorial Committee, has submitted his final report to Lyman Beecher Stowe, the general chairman, in which he says:

"I enclose the names of the Forest Hills men who served in the United States Military Forces during the Great War, whose names have been carefully investigated and are eligible for the Forest Hills Bronze Memorial Tablet. It has been the intention of the committee to record only the names of those to whom the following conditions apply:—

- 1. That at the time of enlistment or draft, the man was actually a resident of Forest Hills.
- 2. That the man served in the U. S. Military Forces and was on the pay roll of the Government.
- 3. The benefit of the doubt has been given in each case wherever possible.

"The committee has been diligent in trying to make the list a perfect one, but if any one knows of any name not found on this list, which should be inserted, he should give that name at once to the chairman of the committee.

"A model, in plaster, of the tablet, designed by A. A. Weinman and accepted by the committee, is on display at the Inn, today."

LIST OF FOREST HILLS MEN WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES DURING THE GREAT WAR

Mark Thomas Ackerland Charles C. Alexander Theodore Harvey Barrett Horace Hooper Barse ★Rice Bassett William Raymond Bell Albert Busch Bingham John A. Bingham, Jr. Charles Bishop ★Whitney Bowles William Patton Boyd Isaac Brodie Frank Hough Carber Richard Cary Eugene Christian Stephen Leidy Coles Albert C. Collins ★Clarence O. Collins James D. Collins Walter Cotton Ellsworth Davenport, Jr. Edmund Joseph Donahue Sidney Arthur Dorlon Thomas F. DuPuy E. N. Duffy Victor Albert Durand John Capen Eames, Jr. E. Huguenin Ellis Myron James Folensbee Albert Ernest Gallant James Garretson Carroll W. Gates George R. Genung George German. Jr. Warren H. Gilman Frederick T. Goudy

Robert G. Granev John Gronbeck Augustin S. Hardart William Leslie Harriss Valentine Philip Hattemer William Seton Hernon Irving Stanley Hillman Irving George Hopkins Frederick Brown Humphreys George Wornal Johnson Leo Jones Kenneth Gridley Judson Edward Lawrence Keves Edward Loughborough Keyes Grant H. Kondazian Thomas Lang Francis J. Lauer Alexander Lewis Gerald MacDonald Henry MacDonald Joseph MacDonald Ward J. MacNeal A. F. McGirr M. McKinney Stephen Dolan Mandel H. Raymond Mandeville Leopold Mendes George C. Metz William A. Moothouse Eugene Francis Moran Thomas A. Moran Arthur Muller William R. Naughton Rowland Stewart Nichols Robert A. Norton John Alfred Ortgies

James S. Parker Theodore Coutant Paton Thomas Bugard Paton, Jr. Clarence A. Perry Benjamin Petrie Jacob Beowulf Posner Llewellyn Power Charles Edwin Ruttan John Francis Ryan, Jr. Walter Matthew Ryan Edwin P. H. Schiffer John Schnoor ★Louis Serlen Adam Thomas Shurick Charles Gerald Snow A. M. Springsteen

David Springsteen H. D. Springsteen Bentley Thoms R. W. Turner Upton Tynes C. R. Vanderveer H. S. Vanderveer John Godfrey von Hofe, Jr. Harvey Tracy Warren Robert A. Weir Howard K. Weinman Robert Harvis Wessmann Gilman S. Whitmore Clarence Arnold Williams Edwin Petri Wittschiebe Elmer John Young

The stars indicate those who made the supreme sacrifice.

TO OUR BOYS

We may not bring you fragrant flowers today; Nor look you in the eye, nor clasp your hand; What you have done we never can repay, Nor all your giving fully understand. But this is sure—as long as memories last, As long as lilacs bloom and skies grow blue, America will glory in your past, And keep a grateful heart for each of you.

William Lucius Graves.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Luce, of Greenway North, are on a motoring trip to Maine.

Mrs. William S. Ortgies and Miss Alice Ortgies, of Continental Avenue, are spending three weeks at Block Island, off the coast of Rhode Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland H. Smith, of Continental Avenue, are home from a few weeks stay in France. Mr. Smith went to Paris on business and then he and Mrs. Smith visited the battlefields of Chateau Thierry, Belleau Wood and other places of interest. They report that poppies, daisies and corn flowers are blooming on these historic fields and soften the effect of the broken, gaunt trees, ruined by shell and fire.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh, Mrs. Gilbert Montague and Miss Mary Marsh, of Greenway North, are home after a long visit in and near Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rolfe, of Brasher Falls, New York, are visiting their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Rolfe, of Bow Street.

Mr. Fred W. Goudy of Deepdene Road, attended the annual meeting of the Photographers of America, last week at Canaan, Conn., and gave an address called "The Romance of Type," which was illustrated with lantern slides.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Allen and son, Thomas Waltz, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Miss Helen E. Smart, of Deepdene Road, motored from Ohio last week. Mr. Allen, with his wife and son are visiting Mr. Allen's sister, Mrs. George Smart, of Deepdene Road.

Lawrence Hunt, of Ingram Street, mosquito inspector for Forest Hills, Kew Gardens and vicinity, is spending two weeks' vacation in the Adirondacks, the guest of Murray Brown, Jr., of Greenway North, at the camp of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Crown Point.

CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS

The last of the special August Services will be held in the Social Room at 10:45 tomorrow morning. The speaker will be Mr. Wilbert B. Smith, who has spent the past five years in India. His subject will be "Where Has the War Left India?"

Mr Smith is a young man of unusual ability and of keen insight. His close contact with the rapidly changing events in India will make his talk of special interest at this time.

There will be no service on Sunday, August 31st, because of Labor Day.

DR. STIMSON COMING NEXT MONTH TO THE GARDENS

On September 7th and 14th, the Rev. Henry A. Stimson, D. D., formerly pastor of Broadway Tabernacle and of the Manhattan Church of New York City, will officiate at The Church-in-the-Gardens. He is a veteran preacher, a fine scholar, author of numerous books and contributions to the press, and has been identified with nuch of the religious and educational life of the East. He is an uncle of Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War.

CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 9.30 o'clock Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.

- St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings, 8 o'clock Holy Communion; 11 o'clock Service and Sermon. Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.
- Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings, Address at 10:45 o'clock. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.
- 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. 173 Continental Avenue

PLAYGROUND NOTES

Boys' Tennis Tournament.

John Montague was the winner of the boys' tennis tournament, which took place on the morning of August 11th, at the West Side Tennis Club. Edgar Snow won the second prize. Gold and silver medals, the gift of Mr. George Agutter, professional player and teacher of the club, were awarded the two best players. The six boys of Forest Hills who are rated as the best players here are: John Montague, Edgar Snow, Howard Hodge, Robert Scott, Forbes Walker and Maurice Mayer.

Clay Modeling.

Mrs. Frederick Test, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Frances Covert, of Richmond Hill, now a resident of the Inn, have been the generous donors, to the playground, of three barrels of moulding clay. When the grounds are reopened early in September, the girls and boys will no doubt develop talent in clay modeling.

COMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday and Thursday, 9 A. M.—Children of Public School 101 work in garden.

August 25th through September 1st—National Tennis Matches, West Side Tennis Club Courts.

September 12th, 1 P. M.—Annual Luncheon, Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens.

THE INN

A very delightful dinner party was given in the Sun Parlor of the Inn on Monday evening last in honor of the ninetieth birthday of Mrs. E. D. Reis, mother of Mrs. Richard S. Newcombe, of Flushing and the Inn. Four of Mrs. Reis' sons, as well as other immediate members of the family, were present, and Mrs. Reis, who is enjoying the best of health, took keen interest and enjoyment in the success of the affair.

The demand of fall and winter guests at the Inn is more keen than ever in the history of the hotel, and many of the former residents are returning from their summer sojourns, though the majority will return within the next two weeks. Much work is being done in preparation for the fall business and it is hoped that the affairs now being planned for the winter will prove more successful than ever before.

Mrs. U. O. Kilman and her daughter, Miss Eliza Kilman, of Lake Forest, Ill., are spending the month of August as the guests of Mr. George Mason, of the Inn.

Mr. James J. Pershing, brother of General John J. Pershing, sailed for Europe last week to join the General and will return with him about the middle of September.

Mrs. G. Hanley Clarke, of Richmond, Va., is spending some weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, of the Inn. Mrs. Taylor's brother, Captain G. Hanley Clarke, also spent several days here upon his return from France, though he has since returned to his home in the South.

Miss Dolly Whitehead has recently returned from a short visit in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Marple have recently arrived from England and anticipate making the Inn their home during the coming winter. Mr. Marple was a former guest of the Inn when in this country as a representative of the English government during the war.

Mrs. E. A. Locke and Miss Locke, who were guests of the Inn last summer, are again spending August and September in Forest Hills.

Miss Eleanor B. Morse of Lexington, Ky., has just returned from a visit to friends in Towanda, Pa., and will remain at the Inn for sometime as the guest of Miss Sally Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Butler, of New York, have been guests of the Inn for several weeks and it is hoped will remain throughout the fall season.

Among the recent arrivals are Miss Pearl Spaulding, of New York; Miss Beatrice Enos, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Shoemaker, of Philadelphia; Mr. George Carrington, of Charleston, S. C.; Mr. W. Landon Hill, of Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. W. O. Connor, of Dallas, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Von Armstel, of New York; Miss Barbara Liver, of New York; Mr. Norman Duble and Mr. Arthur A. Dole, also of New York.

Miss Dorothy McKay, of Chicago, has been spending some time at the Inn as the guest of Miss Hazel Bisbee.

Mrs. Eleanor B. Mead, one of the permanent residents of the Inn, recently returned from a most interesting trip through Pennsylvania.

Herbert H. Bacon, of Indianapolis, Ind., and who has just returned from France, spent the week-end with friends at the Inn.

ROUND ROBIN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The round robin tennis tournament, held on the Inn courts, August 9th and 10th, resulted in the victory of Neil Vanderveer and E. J. Woodruff. 'The first prizeswere racquets, donated by W. W. Dunklin and George Easton. I. S. Hillman and Frank Ross, Jr., came out in second place and each received one dozen tennis balls, the gift of the Inn.

UNMUZZLED DOG MENACE

It is necessary to remind the residents of the Gardens that the law requires that all dogs be muzzled. An unmuzzled dog is dangerous to the children of our village.

