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INTEREST AWAKENED

Forest Hills Library Station Receiving Increased Patronage

Committees Co-operating with Borough Library
Authorities to Increase Number and Use
of Books and Also to Improve Their Quality

The library "is looking up," as the boy in the street would say. In other words, in the quality and number of books placed here for circulation, in the number of adults and children who use the library and in the general interest in the institution, there has been a decided improvement in the last few weeks.

Ninety books, which had not been sent before to the Forest Hills Station from the Queens Borough Public Library, were placed on the shelves here in July. Of the 90 books, 30 were comparatively recent in their publication; this is a very large number of new books to be assigned to a station in a month. The library committees furnished a list of 58 approved books, mostly juvenile, to the chief of the traveling department, Mrs. Olive D. Hamilton, in June. Of that number 12 have been placed on the shelves; 6 were already here; others are being collected from the different stations and branches and all others have been ordered and as soon as delivered by the publishers, the books will be placed on the shelves here. At the request of other residents 20 more books have been put here for circulation. The total number of books on the shelves in Forest Hills is 860 and when one considers that these books are being constantly changed, he realizes the real extent of the library service.

The circulation for June was 557, of which 183 was juvenile. The July figures are much greater and will show an increase of 200 over July 1920.

A second meeting of the library committees of the Mothers' Club, the Women's Club and the Community Council was held on Friday evening, July 22, at the home of Mrs. George Smart, 45 Deepdene Road. The meeting was held for the purpose of formally receiving books which have so far been presented to the library. The following gift books have gone to the Queens Borough Public Library at Jamaica to be censored, accessioned, and catalogued, after which they will come to Forest Hills for circulation:

Relativityby Albert Einstein
When I Was a Girl in Mexico ..by Mercedes Godoy
Japan, Real and Imaginaryby Sydney Greenbie
The Latin at Warby Will Irwin
Bobbins of Belgiumby Charlotte Kellogg
An American Idyllby Cornelia S. Parker
A-B-C of Motion Picturesby Robert E. Welsh

Other books have been presented but have not yet been accepted by the committees, because the members of the committees are unfamiliar with them. They will each be read by some member of the committees.

The local library is very much in need of more shelf space. Will some one kindly donate a discarded book case? If there is one to be offered, please call



ENTRANCE DOORWAY AND VESTIBULE

The above is one of the interesting entrance doorways of the Gardens. This entrance faces Groton Lane; the placing of this porch was governed by the fine trees on the property. The porch is built of half timber and brick, the joints of which blend with the stucco of the house. The style is English. From the designs of Grosvenor Atterbury.

Boulevard 6709-W.

The library committee of the Mothers' Club consists of Mrs. H. P. Daniels, president, Mrs. J. A. Cor-scaden, chairman, Mrs. A. M. Gray, Mrs. E. H. Mays, Mrs. W. E. Woodard, Mrs. Fritz Hagens, Mrs. Mary Hoppe and Mrs. George Smart.

The Women's Club committee bears these names: Mrs. Augustine J. Wilson, president, Mrs. George Smart, chairman, Mrs. D. G. Clark, Mrs. Lee Gallo-way, Mrs. Robert C. Adams, Miss Rose Terry, Mrs. A. M. Gray and Mrs. E. H. Moir.

The committee from the Community Council includes George Smart, president, Mrs. Smart, chair-man, Mrs. H. P. Green, Mrs. Lawrence F. Abbott, Dr. David Latshaw and Lyman Beecher Stowe.

THE ABBOTS ATTEND THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

Mr. and Mrs. Willis J. Abbot, of 72 Greenway North, are spending the month of August at Williamstown, Mass., in attendance upon the Institute of Politics of which Mr. Abbot is a member. During their absence their home is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Politte Elvins of St. Louis, Mo.; old friends of the family. Mr. Elvins formerly represented his district in Congress and was at the time the youngest representative in the House.

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OUR LIBRARY STATION

ON Monday and Friday afternoons, from three to five o'clock, a room in the sales office is open to library patrons. This library is a station of the Queens Borough Public Library—there are 22 such stations in the borough. By its own growth through the use which the Forest Hills people make of it, the station will some day become a branch library, of which there are now 20 in the borough. A branch library means suitable quarters for children and adults, attractively and appropriately furnished, open every day and a certain permanent collection of books. This branch could be located in the Community House or school house, whichever is finished first.

It may be a long time before we have a branch library here,—the length of time depends upon how badly we want it. In a democracy the people get what they want when they want it hard enough. Dr. Frank Crane and others before him have made that observation; we claim no originality in it. It is written here because we believe it, too. The people of Forest Hills as a whole have not had a strong enough desire for a library. If they had been burning with a passion for it, the station would be better and larger today.

A small group has been working for the library for years, caring for it in its peripatetic existence. The BULLETIN has always encouraged everything worth while in the town and has always championed the library. The issue of Nov. 20, 1915, says: "The way to make a library station grow into a branch is by patronage." This statement is equally true today.

We all agree on the importance of the best literature for our children. We older people can go to the nearby branches or to the New York Public Library, but the children must be provided with good, attractive books in our own town. There has been expressed the thought that a privately equipped and maintained library might be the best solution here. Many people feel, however, that we must use and improve the facilities we already have. Our taxes go into the Queens Borough Public Library system; let us get out of it what we can.

In another column is the story of how committees of three organizations are working to improve the library station of Forest Hills. Gifts are received and censored by the committee and then the accepted books go through the technical processes and are placed here for circulation. With another book case we can make appeals for more gift books. This case we hope to receive soon. Besides the gifts another way the library station will grow is through the circulation of the

books sent here from the Queens Borough Public Library. The recent increase in the gifts and in the circulation is most gratifying to the members of the three library committees who have the welfare of the institution so much at heart and to the Queens Borough Public Library authorities, who are so intelligently helpful.

PERSONALS

Mrs. George A. Douglass writes from Villa Oriolino, Florence, Italy: "The Sage Company sends me the BULLETIN and I get the greatest amount of pleasure out of it, for it brings me all the news that I am so anxious to hear." Mrs. Douglass left Florence recently for Switzerland. She and her son George will return in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Y. Low and son, of Dartmouth Street, moved on August 1 to Port Arthur, Texas. They will be greatly missed in the Gardens. Mrs. Low says that she too will keep in touch with her friends here through the columns of the BULLETIN. There are 1450 copies of the paper printed and a large number are mailed to various parts of this country and abroad.

William H. Kershaw and family, of Borage Place, have a cottage at Westport, on Lake Champlain, Helen Ward has returned from a visit to the Kershaws.

Mrs. I. K. Ward, of Borage Place, is home after a stay at Westport Inn, near the Kershaws.

S. S. Freeman and family, of Greenway North, are spending the summer at Westport Inn.

Mrs. E. H. Mays and three daughters, Slocum Crescent, are summering at Barbers Heights, Rhode Island, on Narragansett Bay. Mr. Mays joins them for week-ends.

Mrs. William E. Woodward, son and two daughters, of Greenway Terraces, are also spending the vacation at Barbers Heights, where Mr. Woodward joins them for short holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. David Latshaw, accompanied by Mrs. H. P. Green and daughter, have motored to Alburgh, Vermont, on Lake Champlain. They will spend the month of August there.

Dr. James A. Corscaden and family, of Underwood Road, are occupying their cottage on Lake George during August. J. Floyd McTyler and family, of Summer Street, are staying for the summer at Silver Bay, on Lake George.

Mrs. Patience B. Cole and family, of Wendover Road, are spending a few weeks on their farm at Ringvill, Massachusetts. Mrs. Cole's aunt, Miss L. A. Larkins, of Decatur, Illinois, is with them, having spent two weeks with the family in Forest Hills before going to the farm.

Mrs. M. M. Massey and Miss A. G. Price, of Greenway South, are in Canada for a few weeks. After the Canadian trip, Miss Price will go with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Le Page to Nantucket for the remainder of the season.

Mrs. W. R. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Shaw and baby Lawrence, of Paris, France, are the guests of Miss M. L. Wallace, 102 Ascan Avenue.

Albert E. Van Houten left August 4 on the La France on a business trip to Germany. He will be absent six weeks.

WOMEN'S TENNIS MATCHES

The national and international tennis matches always attract large crowds of people to Forest Hills from various parts of this country and other countries. The coming of Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, the French girl, to compete in our women's lawn tennis championship, beginning August 15, is a drawing card to thousands of people. This promises to be the most intensely interesting event that has ever been held in sports with women as competitors. Mlle. Lenglen is the woman champion of the world on both grass and hard courts. Her spectacular methods and personality, her youth and record of victories will all help to sell the tickets. Mrs. May Sutton Bundy, Miss Mary Browne, both of California, and erstwhile famous tennis players and Mrs. Franklin Mallory (Miss Molla Bjurstedt) will all compete with the French girl. When the former champion, Mrs. Mallory, played with Mlle. Lenglen in France, the vanquished lady herself said: "She is just the steadiest player in the world. No matter how hard a shot I sent over, she sent it back harder."

The residents of Forest Hills are fortunate in having this exciting event at home.

FOREST PARK RIDING CLUB

Plan of Financing New Organization Proposed by a Committee—Advantages of New Club.

Major M. A. White, Colonel H. F. Dalton, Dr. T. T. Sweeney and John M. Demarest were the members of a committee of the proposed Forest Park Riding Club, who reported to the meeting on Monday evening, July 25, at the offices of the Sage Foundation Homes Company, on a scheme for financing the new club. The Homes Company offers the club the three acres of land and the building formerly known as the Gardens Club, at very reasonable figures, namely: the land for \$6,000 per acre, instead of \$10,000, (the real value) and the building for \$13,500 or \$3,200 less than its worth. The total cost of land and building to be \$31,500, which is \$15,200 less than the company's book cost. This property is offered on the basis of a rental with the option of a purchase. If the purchase is made within five years, 10 per cent. cash is to be paid and the remainder in installments for ten years.

It is proposed that a standard naval mess hall be purchased and be used as a stable. The company is willing to make renovations of this building at cost plus 10 per cent.

The offer must be accepted or rejected before October 1, 1921.

There will be 200 certificates of membership issued; 100 charter members at \$100 each, the next 50 at \$125, and the next 50 at \$150. The dues will be \$50 per annum. The money from membership certificates will go to the purchase of a naval mess hall, renovations for it, renovations for the club house and the purchase of ten horses—all of which will cost approximately \$16,000. A considerable number of interested people have already signed membership certificates. It would be possible to secure a membership of 400, but the list will be limited to 200.

The committee to select the board of 20 governors consists of Colonel Dalton, Dr. Sweeney, Mr. Demarest and E. B. Wilson.

It will not be necessary for members to own horses, as they may be rented from the club. Riding lessons will be offered under a competent instructor, and particular attention will be paid to the junior members.

The club has many advantages: a central location, a beautiful park, with a possible comprehensive scheme of bridle paths, the surrounding country most pleasant and adequate club facilities. It is possible that this may become the finest riding club in the metropolitan district.

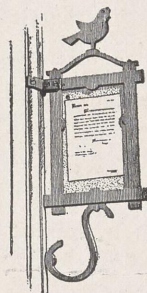
MOTHERS' CLUB CARD PARTY

At the Card party which the Gardens Mothers' Club held on the afternoon of July 26 at the home of Mrs. Harold P. Daniels, 20 Markwood Road, for the benefit of the Mothers' Club activities at the Community House fair—which will be held in the fall—\$50 was the sum cleared. The expenses of the party were borne by Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Louis G. Pedlar, so that the receipts were saved for the fair.

Grab Bags

The Mothers' Club is desirous of having a large number of grab bags at the fair. Any one who is willing to donate something to go into a grab bag will please communicate with Mrs. Harold P. Daniels, 6460 Boulevard, during the month of August.

A SINGING ISLAND



At a joint meeting of representatives from the Forest Hills Gardens Audubon Society, consisting of Mrs. George Smart, Mrs. Louis Dean Speir and Miss M. E. Knevels of the committee on country clubs, parks and cemeteries of Long Island, of which Mrs. Alden H. Vose, J. M. Demarest and Dr. James A. Corscaden are the remaining members, and the Bird Club of Long Island (founded by Theodore Roosevelt) represented by Mrs. Edward M. Townsend, president, Mrs. Richard Derby, secretary, Albert Strauss, treasurer and Mrs. William Loeb, Jr., for the executive committee, the preliminary steps were taken towards bringing about a definite program for making the cemeteries, parks, country clubs and golf clubs of Long Island into a chain of bird reservations extending the length of the island.

The meeting was held recently on the porch of Mrs. Townsend's home at Oyster Bay with a perfect chorus of birds singing "aye" to the resolution that finally put into form what has so long been the ambition of the Gardens Society. A resolution on paper is a long way from the realization of anything, but back of it in this case are the leadership and experience of Mrs. Townsend and her committee and the well earned belief of the Gardens Society that a formulation of this plan is all that is necessary to make its appeal immediate. It was decided that the Gardens Society should work within the city limits and the Bird Club of Long Island over the remainder of the Island, and that the method of approach to the country clubs and golf clubs should be preferably a direct personal request to the officers of the club by a member of either the Gardens Society or the Bird Club, that at a regular meeting each club adopt the following resolution and carry out the action it implies, setting out in detail what this would mean.

RESOLUTION:—It is recommended that the —Golf Club or Country Club, cooperate with the Forest Hills Gardens Society and the Bird Club of Long Island in taking such measures for the protection of birds as will include the planting for shelter and winter feeding, bird pools or water hazards, the placing of nesting boxes on the grounds, and posting the property with sufficiently emphatic signs.

M. E. K.

COMPETITION AMONG FOOD VENDORS

In the window of the delicatessen store on Continental Avenue, owned by Carl Hohnhorst, is displayed the trophy awarded to the best kept food store in Forest Hills by the civic committee of the Women's Club. The trophy will stay in the present store three months from the date when it was awarded, on July 1. At the end of three months it will be re-awarded to whichever store is then considered the best kept.

Mrs. Virgil Miller is director of the food store department of the committee. She has a well organized body of women who are interested in their subject and who are striving to help the food stores to become the cleanest and best they can be made. The awards are based on daily observation and "official inspections"; careful reports are kept, and, after full discussion, the verdict is reached.

The storekeepers themselves complain that the customers remove the mosquito netting from the fruit and vegetables and then the storekeepers are blamed. Every one is expected to help the owners to keep the stores in the very best condition.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



On Sept. 1, 1920, Dr. David Latshaw was loaned by the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. to the Church-in-the-Gardens for one year. The Y. M. C. A. has kindly consented to extend that time until Jan. 1, 1922, so that Dr. Latshaw will be the pastor of the church until the latter date. He is a most inspiring preacher and helpful pastor because of his wide experiences both in this country and abroad. The congregations have grown largely under his leadership. Dr. Latshaw may be reached in August by wiring or writing to Alburgh, Vermont.

The church will be closed while the pastor has a vacation, until the first Sunday after Labor Day, Sept. 11. Dr. Latshaw emphasizes the fact that the duty and privilege of worship and service to God remains unchanged in vacation days, except in its form and method, perhaps.

In the summer days there are new and inviting avenues of approach to Him.

The numerous organizations which use the social room will appreciate the redecoration made possible by the Women's Guild, in co-operation with the Board of Trustees. They have made it into a most attractive room. The Board of Trustees has put the whole building in excellent condition. All requests for the use of the social room should go to H. H. Judson, 48 Slocum Crescent.

M. J. Stickel, the new superintendent of the Sunday School, is busy on his plans for the next season's work. An entirely new course of study has been adopted for the school this year.

CHURCH SERVICES Summer Schedule.

- Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 6:45, 8 and 11 o'clock, Ascan Avenue near Queens Boulevard.
- St. Luke's Episcopal—Rev. William P. S. Lander, Vicar—Sunday, 8 A. M., Holy Communion; 11 A. M., Morning Service. Holy Communion first and third Sunday in each month.
- Church-in-the-Gardens—David Latshaw, D. D., Pastor. All services resumed on Sept. 11.
- Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills—Sunday mornings, sermon at 11 o'clock. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street.
- First Church of Christ, Scientist of Forest Hills—Services Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.; Wednesday evening at 8:00. Reading room open Tuesdays and Fridays, except holidays, from 2 to 4 P. M. Masonic Temple.

FIGHTING THE MOSQUITO

Each week the mosquito inspector, Edward Durand, makes what is known as a night collection of mosquitoes. From this collection he finds out how many mosquitoes are on the wing and also the kinds. When he finds out the kinds of mosquitoes, he looks for the types of breeding places from which these kinds come. Salt marsh mosquitoes come from the salt marsh meadows nearby. The common house mosquito breeds in stagnant fresh water. These can be found breeding in drains, cans, etc., near the house or in stagnant pools. There is a mosquito which breeds only in fresh pools after the rain.

The salt marsh mosquito felt in Forest Hills comes from the salt meadows near Corona. The inspector is giving the Department of Health no rest until those meadows are cleaned up by the city authorities. The pools and the dumps near Queens Boulevard, east of Forest Hills, furnish 90 per cent. of the flies and mosquitoes of Forest Hills. The inspector is oiling those pools as best he can, but he also is pestering the city officials, insisting that the city do away with such a public nuisance.

To help support this work of the Community Council mail your check to M. J. Folensbee, of 55 Bow Street, who is treasurer of the committee.

The following have contributed to the fund since the last list was published: Lyman Beecher Stowe, Guyon L. C. Earle and Violet Eder.

THE INN



W. P. Dennis has returned after several weeks absence. Mrs. Dennis is still in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrand, of Brooklyn, are among the recent arrivals at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Grattan, of the Gardens, have returned to make their home here.

F. W. Dalton spent the week-end with his parents, Colonel and Mrs. H. F. Dalton.

Among other recent arrivals are:

- R. M. McCullough, of New York City.
Mrs. A. S. Heinrich, Freeport, L. I.
Miss F. McGowan, of New York City.
Mr. and Mrs. George S. Trant, of Geneva, N. Y., former guests of the Inn, have returned for a visit.

HONOR ROLL Public Schools 3 and 101.

- 8-A, June—George Simons, Alfred Waring, Ellen Yepsen.
7-B—None.
7-A, May and June—Alden Campbell, Calvert Cole, Betty Bristol, Rita O'Shea, Irai Bingham.
6-B, May and June—James Hagens, Marion Child, Helen McCulloch, Mildred Vanderveer.
6-A, May and June—No absence, Regina Volp.
5-B, May and June—No absence, Anna Rokos.
6-A, May and June—With absence, Caspar Hasselriis, Sidney Le Blanc, Edward Schwiebert, Emilie Peborde.
5-B, May and June—With absence, Annette Easton, Violet Guy, Catherine Murphy, Anna Rokos.
5-A, May and June—John Gasparik, George Drucker, Huntley Child, Arthur Erwin, Floyd McTyier, Robert Reinert, Stiles Tuttle, Henry Lee Willson, Harriette Barnard, Betty Kretschmer, Helen Schoen, Elaine Holmes, Virginia Snowden, May Shorman, Dorothy White, Anna-mae Grant, Barbara Miesel.
4-B, May and June—Conant Bingham, William Cano, Billy Colton, Richard Hirsch, Robert Leighton, Jack Seeley, Ellsworth Newman, Virginia Barnes, Marion Eissing, Evelyn McGill, Helen Miesel, Dorothy Von Elm, Vivian Tengstrom, Anna Winner, Anna Brower.
4-A, May and June—Pierce Lawrenson, Elsie Rokos, Margaret Kendrick, Beatrice Fraser, Annette Hagens, Helen Down, Dorothy Reinert.
3-B, May—Frederic Schramm, Vincent Kreamer, Vincentia Engelbach, Betty Lachman, Virginia Bebb, Jane Mays, Alice Eckman.
3-A, May—George Copp, Walter Deute, George Fass, Robert Langmuir, Natalie Green, Judith Mays, Ellen Luneborg.
3-B, June—Frederick Schramm, Vincent Kreamer, Theodore Scheverman, Vincentia Engelbach, Betty Lachman, Virginia Bebb, Jane Mays, Alice Eckman.
3-A, June—George Copp, Walter Deute, George Fass, Robert Langmuir, Natalie Green, Judith Mays, Ellen Luneborg, Jean Stickel, Margaret Williamson.
2-B, May and June—Grace Crawford, Foied Wiegmann, Sarah Chase, Helen Bonime, Joseph Rowan, George Kline, Clement Hurley.
2-A, May and June—Thelma Weber, George Douse.
1-B, May—Harold Schoppman, Mercedes Cano, Dorothy McGill, Mamie Miesel, Ivane Saulpaugh.
1-A, May—Joseph Hagen, Gerald Kelly, Eleanor Indorf, Masko Kitahama, Jane Kretschmer, Lois Pryor, Edwardell Saulpaugh.
1-B, June—Arthur Sarkisian, Harold Schoppman, Ernest Wiegmann, Mercedes Cano, Dorothy McGill, Mamie Miesel, Ivan Saulpaugh, Marion Trewin.
1-A, June—Joseph Hagen, Gerald Kelly, Wyckoff Mac-Namara, Alfred Miles, Eleanor Indorf, Masko Kitahama, Jane Kretschmer, Lois Pryor, Edwardell Saulpaugh.

DRAMATIC FESTIVAL

The national theatrical committee of Near East Relief announces a dramatic festival in aid of Near East Relief, at the Rosemary Theatre, Huntington, L. I., Aug. 12 and 13, 8:30 P. M. There will be an all-star cast.

COMING EVENTS

- Monday and Friday, 3 to 5 P. M. Library Open—Sales Office.
First and third Tuesday evening of each month, 8 o'clock—Forest Hills Lodge, 946, F. and A. M.—Masonic Temple.