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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### Organization of Queensboro Business Men Helpful to Forest Hills

#### Membership Now 850--Aim to Get 150 More--Men of Forest Hills Are Urged to Join This Strong Association

Residents of Forest Hills who had occasion some months ago to justly and vigorously protest to the Community Council against the prevalence of offensive odors and vapors emanating from the burning of garbage and other inflammable material in the Flushing meadows and to request some immediate action in regard thereto, were gratified at the last meeting of the Community Council to receive notice from the Queensboro Chamber of Commerce where these protests and requests found final lodgement for action, to the effect that the Chamber has induced the Flushing Bay Improvement Company (which has the contract for filling in an area of the meadows) to install a spraying system designed to prevent spontaneous combustion and in this way reduce the nuisance to the minimum.

The securing of this co-operation on the part of the contracting company in abolishing an annoying and unhealthy condition is an impressive illustration of the beneficial service the Queensboro Chamber of Commerce is capable of rendering to the Borough at large and communities individually. In view of the report of its success in this regard, it is fitting that a word should be said concerning the comprehensive activities and achievements of this organized body of representative business men of the Borough.

The privilege of being able to call into being the powerful and progressive influence of this established institution is a distinctive asset and protection to every resident, and such an institution should be supported by membership enrollment, at least, if not active participation.

Forest Hills has too small a representation in the Chamber; in fact, numerically a very insignificant one. H. Pushae Williams, of the Inn, is President, and John M. Demarest is a director and former vice-president. Guyon L. C. Earle, of the Gardens Apartments, is a member, and Charles G. Meyer and G. C. Meyer of the Cord Meyer Development Company are also members.

A community such as ours should, through membership alone, assume a position of prominence in the work of the Chamber in proportion at least to the importance of Forest Hills in the Borough. There are 850 members at the present time and efforts are being made to increase this to 1,000. Here is an opportunity for the citizens of Forest Hills to align themselves with a representative organization whose object is to promote and protect all interests of every section of Queens Borough.

Walter I. Willis, Secretary of the Chamber, will be glad to send to any resident of Forest Hills who is interested in becoming a member of the organization, descriptive literature setting forth the growth of Queens from a residential, industrial and commercial standpoint as well as literature setting forth the achievements of the Chamber during the past ten years in securing the construction and operation of rapid transit lines, the establishment of huge industries, the improvement of main highways, improved transportation for passengers and freight and other important activities.

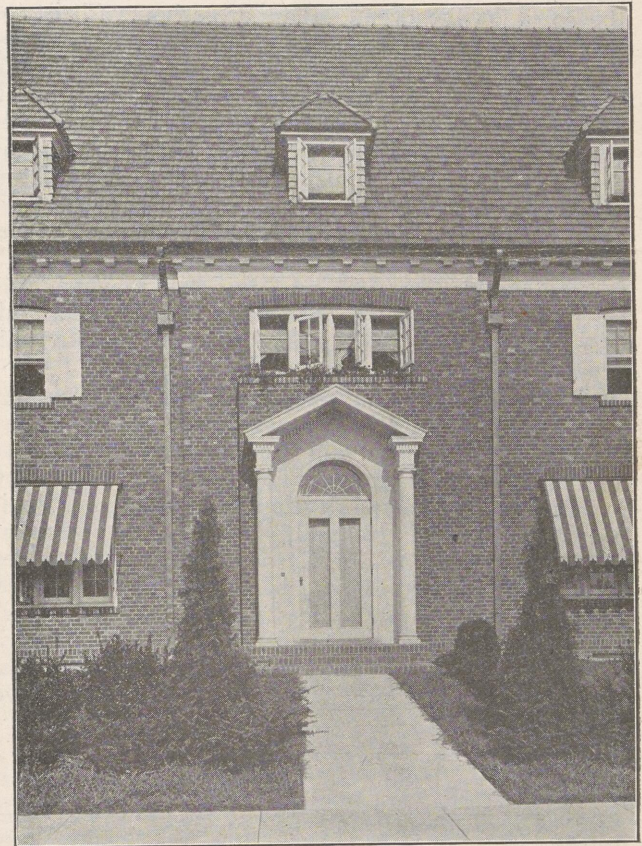
A CITIZEN OF FOREST HILLS GARDENS.

## CELEBRATIONS ASSOCIATION

### Rehearsals for Carol Singing on Christmas Eve Promise a Beautiful and Impressive Event.

Every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the Church-in-the-Gardens and every Thursday evening at eight o'clock in the sales office, a chorus of men's and women's voices is being trained for the Christmas Eve celebration. Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, 14 Greenway Terrace is chairman and will be glad to welcome more singers. Bruno Huhn, who conducted the chorus on July Fourth is now training these voices.

Every family in the Gardens will wish to be represented in this celebration by subscribing to the fund through Henry W. Hirschberg 108 Greenway North treasurer. Every one will share in the enjoyment of the charming pageant with the decorated floats and the lovely carol singing in the clear night air and all will be inspired by the appropriate finale on Station Square. Santa Claus is a part of the celebration and he will remember all the children.



A CHARMING DOORWAY

A hospitable doorway on Greenway South. The motif is Doric the design and details are adapted from one of the old Salem doorways. Albro & Lindenberg were the architects.

## MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will meet at the spacious home of Henry W. Hirschberg, 108 Greenway North, on Monday evening, Dec. 20. The speaker will be Laurence La Tourette Griggs, an officer of the Aero Club, and a man well versed in aviation, whose subject will be "The Development of Aviation in American Industrial Life."

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Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 9 Station Square, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

THE new Forest Hills Gardens Celebrations Association is to be responsible for two celebrations, Christmas Eve and July Fourth. The first occasion is religious in its foundation and tradition, the second stands for love of country or patriotism. The workers of this organization have been thinking and planning for weeks in preparation for Christmas Eve. They need you—the residents of the Gardens—to enter into the spirit of the event. Plan to be home Christmas Eve and to have the candles shining in the windows, to welcome the men who sing the old and beautiful carols and the Santa Claus who brings his gifts to all believing children. Up and down the winding streets will pass the pageant of trumpeters, torch bearers, the decorated float with chimes and carolers. In and out of the homes will go the bringer of gifts to little children. Then on Station Square will come the finale, where women's voices will blend with men's and in the clear cold night will ring the chorus which was sung long, long ago at the birth of the Christ Child. Men, women and children, in humility and joy will listen to those words of "peace and good will."

Since 1915 the quaint custom of singing carols has been a part of the life of our village; only one year did an un-Christmasy rain send the carolers indoors and then the program was given at the Inn. The program has grown and developed in beauty and significance and richer in tradition. We venture to say that of all the customs of the Gardens nothing will linger with greater sweetness or charm in the memory of those who have enjoyed Christmas Eve in this "fairy-book suburb," as Sinclair Lewis calls it.

All who love children, all who reverence Christmas, will support the continuance of the Christmas Eve celebration.

### CUTTER—BENNETT

Harold M. Bennett of Flushing and Miss Nina R. Cutter, daughter of Major C. G. Cutter, of the "Old Guards," were married at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, Nov. 29, at the residence of the bride, 126 Greenway North, Dr. David Latshaw of the Church-in-the-Gardens officiating. The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bennett, Mrs. Ann Walcott and Mr. and Mrs. Austin K. Hanks. After a trip Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Bennett will become residents of the Gardens.

### MIDDLETON—COLLIER

Miss Marjory Stanton Middleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Walworth Middleton, and James Douglas Foulds Collier of England and Japan, were married Saturday evening, Dec. 4, in the Church-in-the-Gardens, Dr. David Latshaw, pastor, officiating. A large reception at the home, on Greenway North, followed the ceremony at the church.

## WICKERSHAM WILL SPEAK

Women's Club Very Active—Musical a Success—December Meeting Interesting—Lecture By Former Attorney-General to Be Given Jan. 19

In connection with the Men's Club a committee, headed by Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe, has arranged to have the Hon. George W. Wickersham, of the law firm of Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft, the Attorney-General in the Taft administration, speak in the Church-in-the-Gardens, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 19, on the subject, "Our Foreign Relations." Undoubtedly the church will be filled to hear this big man on this important subject. Lawrence F. Abbott, president of the Men's Club, will preside and introduce the speaker. The tickets will be on sale at the Inn, the three drug stores and will be sold by members of the committee. The price will be one dollar each, plus the war tax, and the proceeds will go to the Community House.

### Musical and Dance

On Dec. 1 the Women's Club gave a successful musical and dance at the Hotel Pennsylvania. The Misses Mildred and Marjorie Freeman, sopranos, gave a varied program with ease and charm. They looked like two lovely French dolls. Robert Samuel Flagler did good work at the piano. The second part of the program was given by a baritone, Graham McNamee, who was accompanied by Francis Moore. Mr. McNamee's voice is true and beautifully trained. His singing of the old English ballads completely captivated the audience. He was generous with encores, which were sung with ease and feeling. Mr. Moore gave several piano selections with admirable technique and understanding and in the end played one of his own compositions. A good orchestra furnished dance music and dancing was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Curtis E. Kloetzer and her committee have turned over a fair sum of money to the treasury. Some will be used by the club, some will go to the philanthropic chapter and sixty per cent. will go to the Community House.

### December Meeting.

Twelve new members were admitted to the club at the meeting held on the afternoon of Dec. 6 at the Inn. These are: Misses M. S. Vollmar, E. C. Vollmar and Mesdames E. F. Shiel, Eugene Denton, T. F. Frawley, George W. Watson, F. M. Knowles, F. H. Haggerson, Dean Langmuir, George H. Merrill, E. C. Stokes and Edward Packard.

The speaker of the afternoon was Bird S. Coler, Commissioner of Public Welfare of the City of New York. He invited the members of the club to visit and inspect Blackwell's Island. He showed that many of the hospitals are only running sixty per cent. of capacity because of prohibition and that all tubercular patients of the city can be cared for in the public hospitals. He strongly urged the support of public and religious institutions, but discouraged the support of what he called "professionally managed charities." Arthur Hadley, tenor, sang a group of songs in a most pleasing way. Mrs. Louis D. Speir, chairman of the civic committee, told of several ways in which her committee is trying to make Forest Hills a "spotless town." Mrs. F. R. Getz reported for the philanthropic chapter, that \$52 had been raised for the Jamaica Bay Nursery. The club voted to make the sum \$100 for this charity.

### Current Readings Chapter

Mrs. William E. Woodard will review "Main Street," by Sinclair Lewis, at the home of Mrs. William P. Beazell, 255 Greenway South, on Dec. 14, at 2:30 P. M.—a part of the work of the current readings chapter.

### "MAIN STREET"

#### The Popular Novel of Sinclair Lewis Mentions Forest Hills

To assure herself that she was not quite mad in her belief that a small American town might be lovely, as well as useful, in buying wheat and selling plows, Carol Kennicut, the heroine of Sinclair Lewis' "Main Street," rummaged through the magazines of Gopher Prairies' little library. The story reads: "She found pictures of New England streets; the dignity of Falmouth, the charm of Concord, Stockbridge and Farmington and Hillhouse Avenue; the fairy book suburb of Forest Hills on Long Island."

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Protest Made Against the Increase in Water Rate and Also Against Inadequate Gas—Next Meeting of Council.

A delegation from the Community Council of Forest Hills attended a mass meeting Friday evening, Dec. 3, in the Newtown High School. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing the gas and water problems confronting the community. Mr. Jabez Dunningham of the Elmhurst Community Council presided.

A representative of the Public Service Commission attempted to explain why the people of Elmhurst and Forest Hills and the adjacent towns are cooking their dinners with nine, instead of twenty, candle power gas.

The water company did not, as asked to do, send a representative to explain to the assembly the necessity for making their proposed fifty per cent raise in rates. Instead, they invited the mass meeting to send a committee to them. After much discussion it was decided to adopt this plan and a committee of five was appointed by the chair, one from each district represented at the meeting. This committee was instructed to question the company with a view to determining whether any raise in rate is necessary, and if so, whether fifty per cent is exorbitant. Individuals from the floor also requested the committee to ask why the present charge is based not alone on meter readings, but also on house frontage and number of stories, with extra charge for additional fixtures over one of a kind, and for families in excess of one occupying the house.

There will be another mass meeting in the near future to hear the report of this committee which has already gone before the officials of the water works company. It is suggested that all who are interested in the matter from either point of view should try to be present at this next meeting, the date of which can be learned from the Community Secretary, phone Boulevard 6497-W.

Next Meeting

The December meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 17, at eight o'clock. The Rev. Albert Sheppard, pastor of the Church of Forest Hills, will speak on "Mexico from Within."

DO YOU KNOW

That the Community House is for you and your children—every resident of Forest Hills, including both sides of the track and the apartments?

If you have not subscribed, consider these facts: (1) the land is donated free and clear by a true friend of the community; (2) some two hundred residents have subscribed approximately \$300 each; (3) the management is to be vested in the representatives of all religious, social and other organizations in the community.

Obeys that impulse, cut out and send this blank generously filled in and signed to the treasurer, J. Floyd Mc-Tyler, 57 Summer Street, Forest Hills.

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND, FOREST HILLS, L. I.

.....1920

In consideration of similar agreements of others I promise to pay to the Treasurer of the Church-in-the-Gardens for the Community House Fund

..... Dollars (\$.....) payable as follows:

- Ten per cent. in 30 days.
- Twenty per cent. when building contract is signed.
- Twenty per cent when foundation is in.
- Twenty-five per cent. when roof is on.
- Twenty-five per cent. when building is completed.

Signed .....

Address .....

THE INN



Mrs. Eleanor Mead has returned to the Inn after a month's trip through the West Indies.

Captain and Mrs. A. T. Shurick were welcomed home this week by their many friends at the Inn.

Miss Kendrick, of Cincinnati, is spending several weeks at the Inn with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Gray and daughter, Miss Agnes.

Jack Marshall has returned after an absence of six weeks.

Owen Rossiter, of Brookline, Mass., is spending the weekend at the Inn.

Among the recent arrivals are Mr. and Mrs. Glen F. Farmer and their small son; Mrs. E. A. Ungerman and children, from Alabama, and Mrs. W. L. Harriss, of Minneapolis.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 7, Signor Picco, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, sang three songs in the ballroom of the Inn to the delight of the Inn family and many residents of the Gardens.

PERSONALS

Edgar Snow, 186 Meteor Street, is attending Irving School, Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson. He was home for Thanksgiving and will be home for the Christmas holiday vacation.

Mrs. Charles B. Nelcamp Puritan Avenue, spent Thanksgiving day in Boston with the family of Henry Mears, formerly of 105 Puritan Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ely, of Schenectady, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. William E. Woodard, Greenway Terrace. Mr. Ely has been attending the meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Mrs. F. E. Wheeler, 330 Burns Street, spent a month with her son Girard, who is attending Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Mrs. William B. Hartley, of Hagerstown, Indiana is visiting Mrs. C. C. Joys Burns Street.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Erwin Park End Place announce the birth of a son, John Richard Erwin, on Nov. 28.

Mrs. C. B. Flory has just returned from several weeks visit among relatives and friends in Milwaukee.

Mrs. Alice Flory Coursen, who was recently the guest of her brother C. B. Flory and her sister Mrs. O. R. Erwin, is now a resident of the Kew Gardens Inn for the winter.

Many of the young people of the Gardens are attending school away from home and will be here for the holidays. Send interesting personals about them to the BULLETIN, please.

THE GARDENS PLAYERS IN NEW YORK

The Theatre Club of New York City has invited the Players to present one or more plays at its monthly meeting on Dec. 21 at 3 o'clock, in the Hotel Astor. "Fifty-Fifty" has been chosen, and there is a possibility that "Where But In America" may also be given. Both were highly successful in the recent performance given by the Players at Kew Gardens. Maida Birmingham, Beth Cason and Erik Hunecker complete the cast of "Fifty-Fifty," while Ruth Swazey, Charlotte Packard and James Cassell play the roles of "Where But In America."

This is a distinct milestone in the progress of the Gardens Players, as it will be their first performance produced on Broadway.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts raised \$11.50 in dimes for the philanthropic chapter of the Women's Club during Thanksgiving week. The money has been added to the sum raised by the chapter for the Jamaica Day Nursery.

On Dec. 10 the Mothers' Council invited the Boy Scouts to meet with the Girl Scouts at the Seminole Avenue Club House. Baskets of toys were prepared for the shut-in children of various hospitals, and after the work, Mrs. Harold Clayton Smith played for dancing. Refreshments were served.

Miss Hulda Flint, of Beechknoll Road, will receive orders for magazine subscriptions from the residents of Forest Hills and the profit derived therefrom will go to the Girl Scouts.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



Dr. Latshaw will preach at the regular 11 o'clock service tomorrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Merrill, whose home is at 47 Markwood Road, united with the church by letter from the Central Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, and Miss Belle Richey, of 160 Greenway North, presented her letter from the Fitchburg, Mass., Methodist Episcopal Church, on Sunday, Dec. 5.

The christening of Edwynna Bird Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bird Wilson, of 134 Puritan Avenue, and John Allen King, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen King, 19 Greenway Terrace, took place at the Church-in-the-Gardens on Sunday morning, Dec. 5.

The Gardens Players are to give the Christmas play, "Eager Heart," in the church on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Dec. 27 and 28. The Players are giving

this morality play as a contribution to the Community House fund.

The Sunday School will hold its Christmas celebration on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. At seven o'clock in the church auditorium there will be a program "Following the Star." Mrs. C. E. Burton is training the children for it. The children and adults will bring gifts to the needy. Following this there will be Santa Claus and a tree and fun in the Social Room.

Major Clarence A. Perry conducted the discussion on Thursday night, Dec. 2, on the subject, "Individual Standards in Political Relationships." Two points of emphasis should interest every American citizen, (1) nationally—to work for the time when the popular will can more effectively express itself in federal policies and administration; and (2) municipally—to work for business rather than political administration.

The discussion of "What Shall We Do With Sunday?" on Dec. 9, under Dr. Latshaw's leadership, was of keen interest.

W. P. McC.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens held a successful and delightful all day meeting at the home of Mrs. John R. Sheahan, 149 Ascan Avenue, Friday, Dec. 10.

The members sewed for the family of a Slovak minister in Pittsburgh. A Christmas devotional program was conducted in the afternoon by Mrs. J. Floyd McTyier and a short talk on the New York Congregational Home for the Aged was given by Mrs. Peet. Gifts for the home were presented by the members.

Assisting Mrs. Sheahan were Mrs. E. F. M. Wye and Mrs. John A. McFarlan.

CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 10 o'clock, Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday 8 A. M. Holy Communion. 9:45 A. M. Sunday School. 11 A. M. Morning Service, Holy Communion first and third Sunday in each month.

Church-in-the-Gardens—David Latshaw, D. D., Pastor, Sunday mornings. Sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 o'clock.—Christian Endeavor Society, Sunday, 7:45 P. M., Social Room. Thursday 6:45 P. M., Dinner and Thursday Night Social Study Club.

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.

BIRD PROTECTION

Delightful and Illustrated Lecture Given By T. Gilbert Pearson Before a Large Audience

Under the auspices of the Forest Hills Gardens Audubon Society, and before an audience of more than a hundred people, made up of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and those genuine nature lovers to whom the far-sighted conservation work of the National Audubon Society makes a peculiar appeal, T. Gilbert Pearson, recently elected president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, gave a talk that was full of interest to those of every age in the room. Mr. Pearson is a student, author and lecturer, but perhaps his largest work has been executive. It is due to the efforts of the National Society, the greatest institution in the world for the conservation of wild life, that the important state and federal legislation having to do not only with the protection of birds in their breeding season, but the setting apart of reservations and finally the great federal migratory bird law was passed. There is a constant effort being made to break down these slowly built-up protective acts, but public sentiment is growing keener as shown by an incident quoted by Mr. Pearson, where, after the Pathe News showed a moving picture of thousands of ducks being killed by an aeroplane, the incident was protested by so many indignant citizens that the society was able to have the film withdrawn and the driver of the aeroplane held for punishment. Mr. Pearson's talk was illustrated by a series of excellent stereopticon slides, and two reels of motion pictures given such intimate, delightful glimpses of what might be called bird family life in its natural setting, that it is hard to see how any one, after seeing them, could be anything but a bird-lover and bird-protector.

In her introductory address, Mrs. George Smart, president of the Gardens Audubon Society, asked for more general support of the society so that its activities could be increased, and also emphasized the need of life members, that is, those who pay twenty-five dollars at one time, so that the work could be put on a better financial basis. She ended by promising the society the privilege and pleasure of hearing Louis Agassiz Fuertes, the bird artist and musician, in the early spring. Thanks are due Homer Croy for his skillful manipulation of the moving picture machine.

M. E. K.

ST. LUKE'S

The Sunday School of St. Luke's Mission will hold its Christmas entertainment Dec. 28 at 4 P. M. in the chapel. The children will present a play entitled, "Mother Goose's Christmas." Mrs. Edward H. Moir is coaching the children and the rehearsals are every Thursday at 4 P. M. at the chapel.

The Woman's Guild will hold a rummage sale at 305 Fulton Street, Jamaica, all day, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13 and 14.

J. LeB.

COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 14, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 255 Greenway South.
- Dec. 17, 8 P. M.—Community Council, Masonic Hall.
- Dec. 20, 8 P. M.—Men's Club, 108 Greenway North.
- Dec. 20, 8 P. M.—Men's Club, Greenway North and Puritan Avenue.
- Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Celebration.
- Dec. 27 and 28, 8 P. M.—"Eager Heart," Church-in-the-Gardens.
- Jan. 3, 2 P. M.—Women's Club Inn.
- Jan. 11, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club. Place to be announced.
- Jan. 19, 8 P. M.—Lecture by Hon. George W. Wickersham, Church-in-the-Gardens.