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CHRISTMAS EVE

Program Includes Pageant of Torch Bearers, Float and Santa Claus

Carolers Join Women's Chorus at Station Square to Give a Program of Great Beauty and Charm

As the BULLETIN goes to press rehearsals are being held and plans are being perfected to produce a Christmas Eve celebration which promises to equal if not surpass the programs of former years. Nothing but a rain can interfere with this delightful program out-of-doors and if it does rain the musical numbers will be given in the Inn.

The pageant of Christmas Eve will consist of many torch bearers, who will precede the float and the float which will be lighted and decorated in white, red and green. Up and down the winding streets this pageant will pass and out on the clear night air will ring the voices of 30 men accompanied on the organ by Chester I. Barnard and the chimes, which will be played by Frederick K. Seward and William L. Fleming. The carols which the men will sing are: "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" "The First Nowell" "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "Silent Night" and "There Dwelt in Old Judaea." Santa Claus, robed in his traditional red and carrying his pack of toys will visit all the children of the Gardens and make them happy.

Finale on Station Square

The carol singers will be greeted on entering Station Square at 9:30 P. M. by the Women's Club Chorus of 30 voices. Mrs. Jewel St. Leger Aldrich, the talented soprano of Forest Hills as the "Spirit of Christmas" and the famous Park sisters with their silver cornets. The full chorus will be under the direction of Bruno Huhn with Mrs. Charles H. Scammell accompanist. Young girls, in costume also, will be torch bearers for the Women's Club Chorus.

After a long experience in choral singing Mrs. Scammell says: "The singing together of men and women, boys and girls does more to bring out the spirit of Christmas than anything else. People who sing in chorus the songs they all love, unconsciously erase the religious differences and feel themselves sisters and brothers in the community family. Solace, pleasure, happiness and above all human sympathy, are the direct result of such choral singing."

Inn Will Act as Host

Immediately after the finale in the Station Square above referred to those who participate or who have contributed are invited by the Forest Hills Inn to enjoy refreshments in the dining room. The singers will render a special program at that time. Tickets of admission will be required.

CONTRIBUTE NOW

Will all who have not contributed to the Christmas Eve celebration do so now, by sending checks to the treasurer, Henry W. Hirschberg, 108 Greenway North? Every resident should have a part in this delightful undertaking.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

A dance will be given on New Year's Eve by the Forest Hills Lodge, No. 946 F. and A. M. in the new Masonic Hall, Queens Boulevard and Continental Avenue. This will be an informal party. Tickets will be one dollar each and can be purchased at the drug stores or at the door.

Program on Station Square

Trumpet Call.....Park Sisters
Selection on Chimes....Messrs. Seward and Fleming
"Silent Night" (harmonized arrangement by Franz Gruber) Women's Club Chorus.
"Star of Bethlehem".....Men's Chorus
"Born at Last, the Great Messiah" by Howard Dow Mrs. Jewel St. Leger Aldrich with cornet obligato by the Park Sisters and Mixed Chorus of 50 voices.
"Ring Out Ye Bells".....by C. W. Henrich
Anthem for Mixed Chorus with Chimes, Cornets and Piano.

A CHRISTMAS INNOVATION

A pleasing addition to the program of festivities planned for Christmas week is the announcement by the Gardens Players of their performance of "Eager Heart," to be given in the Church-in-the-Gardens on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Dec. 27 and 28, at 8:45. "Eager Heart" was beautifully given last Christmas in New York at St. George's, with Miss Maida Birmingham in the title role, which she is to play again in the Forest Hills production.

The cast, which is large and includes many well known Players, will be as follows: Jewel St. Leger Aldrich, Maida Birmingham, Lolita Cordon, Molly Warren, Marjorie Wilson, Walter Claypoole, Channing Hare, Irving Hare, Eric Huneker, Clarence Perry, Harvey Warren, Dr. Arthur Wilson, E. S. Swazey, the Misses Perry, Ortgies, Renshaw, Longcope and Kershaw, Maurice Mayer and George Castleman.

The staging is in charge of Bertha Mandell and the musical program is arranged by Mrs. E. H. Moir and Mrs. George C. LeBlanc, and a quartette, consisting of Mrs. Moir, Mrs. W. F. Mohan, Henry Bates and George John Messenger will sing.

Tickets, at \$1.50 each, may be purchased at the Inn or at the Church on the two evenings when the performance takes place. The Players are donating the proceeds of "Eager Heart" to the Community House fund. Regular subscription tickets are not good for the performance.



A WINTER SCENE IN THE GARDENS

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CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE GARDENS

TODAY is Christmas! O! Wonder of wonders, I am a little child in Forest Hills Gardens, and I believe in Santa Claus, because I have seen him! He came into our house early last evening, while the Carolers sang outside; he shook my hand and said I had been a good child, and gave me a present. He came again in the night, while I slept and left me a tree, all bright with tinsel and surrounded with gifts. Today I am the happiest child in the whole world, because I can have Christmas in such a beautiful home and such a lovely town. I wish all the little children in all the world could have a Christmas like mine.

Today is Christmas! I am a middle aged adult and I have played Santa Claus to the children of the Gardens. What fun it is to see the rapturous joy on the faces of our children at Christmas time. All through the year my cares are many, but today all is happiness in our home and in our town. The poor and underfed children of this country, and the starving ones far over the sea have been remembered by me and by my neighbors. In the future I am going to be more neighborly to every one in this village. Kindly feelings shall grow in my garden and my gate shall be open. The Christmas spirit shall last throughout the year in the Gardens.

Today is Christmas! I am old and I doze before the fire in this hospitable home in the Gardens and dream of the happy Christmases of my long ago childhood. I waken to hear the children's shouts of laughter and to see the middle aged folks busy with dinner and guests. I dream again. Such homes as this and such towns as this are multiplied a thousandfold and all of God's children are comfortable and happy in homes of beauty. The angel chorus of long ago is singing.

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men,"
and in my dream the message comes true.

THE MIRACLE PLAY

"EAGER HEART" is to be given in a Church by the Players. Such is the unusual announcement made. The peculiar significance of giving a play in a Church at Christmas time is worth considering. Our modern drama is founded not on the ancient drama of Greece and Rome, but on the old Morality and Miracle plays which were presented at festivals in the early Christian Church. As the services were held in Latin, which was not understood by a large part of the congregation, it was customary for the priests to enact various scenes from the Bible at Christmas and Easter time. Because of the crowds these performances were driven out-of-doors and later to other and larger buildings. Soon laymen took part and eventually they took all the parts and the drama was separated from the Church—a condition which has carried down to the present day.

The Gardens Players are going back to the idea of giving a play based on the Christmas legend, in a Church and this is interesting from an historical and from a dramatic angle. Then too it is a delightful thing to contemplate that the pastor and the people of the Church-in-the-Gardens have the breadth to welcome such a renewal of old customs and to realize that years ago great sermons were preached in Churches through the drama. The proceeds are to go to the Community House fund and that is a third reason for supporting this interesting and pleasing interlude in the Christmas festivities. It is to be hoped such a performance may become an annual event.

MANY PHASES OF AVIATION

Meeting of Men's Club at Hirschberg Home Addressed by a Noted Flyer.

At the meeting of the Men's Club at the home of Henry Hirschberg, Monday evening the speaker was Laurence La Tourette Griggs, formerly president of the American Flying Club, who was introduced by Lawrence F. Abbott, president of the Men's Club. Mr. Griggs is a flyer who rendered distinguished service during the Great War and has been a student of flying, not only for war purposes, but in social and industrial uses. His lecture was intensely interesting and he impressed his hearers as a man of rare poise and great modesty. He spoke at some length of the experiences of the nations during the war and said that Germany ranked first in aviation, while the one decided success of America was the invention of the Liberty motor. Referring to the possibilities of aviation in warfare, he predicted that the next war would begin in the air, and said that a dreadnaught battleship costing from thirty to forty million dollars could easily become a victim of the bomb of a boy pilot in an airship costing ten thousand dollars.

Referring to the social and industrial development of aviation. Mr. Griggs spoke of the dangers to human life and animals on account of airships flying over cities and farms and predicted that it would be necessary to pass laws for the regulation of travel in the air.

Mr. Griggs said that there are now in the United States twenty-two thousand aviators who were trained for the war and that only eight hundred of these are engaged in aviation. These men were trained at a cost of twenty thousand dollars per man. He said that he believed that they should be utilized as a reserve force for use in case of war.

New members of the Men's Club are: Clifford B. LePage, Edward B. Packard, George W. Watson, Jr., John D. Fletcher, William E. Woodard, E. F. M. Wye B. A. Levett, M. J. Folsbee, E. D. Sealy and George H. Merrill.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The current readings chapter, Mrs. Donald G. Clark, chairman, will present Dhan Gopal Mukerji, a Hindu philosopher, who will speak on the subject, "The India of Tagore and Kipling," at the general meeting of the Women's Club, on Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Jan. 3, at the Inn. Miss Elsie McGall Parsons, soprano, will sing.

Mrs. E. H. Mays will open her home, 175 Slocum Crescent, at 2:30 P. M., on Jan. 11, to the current readings chapter, when Mrs. George Smart will review the vital book by Whiting Williams, "What's on the Worker's Mind?"

At the home of Mrs. Robert C. Adams, 22 Deepdene Road, Mrs. Eugene Schoen will review Barrie's "Mary Rose," before the same chapter on the afternoon of Jan. 25, at 2:30 o'clock.

The philanthropic chapter will meet at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Forry R. Getz, 60 Olive Place, at 2:30 o'clock, on the afternoon of Jan. 18.

The Women's Club, through its current events chapter, Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe, chairman, is co-operating with the Men's Club in presenting the Hon. George W. Wickersham, who will speak on "Our Foreign Relations," in the Church-in-the-Gardens, on the evening of Jan. 19. The tickets will be \$1.00 each, and the proceeds will go to the Community House fund.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Brewer have left the Inn and are making their home with their son in Brooklyn.

Fred Small, Greenway North, Malcolm and Myron Burton, Rockrose Place, and Godwin Castleman Gardens Apartments, are home for the holidays from Andover.

Edgar Snow, Meteor Street, is home from Irving School, Tarrytown.

Girard Wheeler, Burns Street is home on a vacation from Dartmouth, Hanover New Hampshire.

John Gray, Slocum Crescent, reports a good term at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jack and Howard Orgies Continental Avenue are visiting their family after a good term at Trinity College, Hartford.

Otto Reimer Greenway North, is the Gardens representative at Princeton and is enjoying his vacation.

Helen E. Smart, Deepdene Road, is home from Wellesley.

THE INN



There is a feeling of suppressed excitement, especially with the junior guests of the Inn in anticipation of Santa Claus' arrival and the many other festivities now being planned for both young and old to give the good old-fashioned Christmas cheer to the life of the Inn. Christmas Eve will be celebrated as usual, with the entertainment of the Carolers for the midnight supper at the Inn and the decorating of the lobby and tree by the guests, while later in the night

Santa will do his part when all the children's stockings are hanging from the big fireplace in the Lounge. After that good man breakfasts at the Inn, he will distribute the many presents which we hope he will leave under the big tree in the drawing room and then depart for the well deserved rest he will need after his hard work in Forest Hills Gardens. Christmas dinner will be at 1:30 and a Thé Dansant to which a general invitation is extended to the residents of the Gardens from 3:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon. There will also be formal dancing in the evening.

On Wednesday of next week Mrs. Hawley will entertain the younger guests of the community from eight to ten in the evening. This will include all the young girls and boys from twelve to seventeen years of age living in the Gardens, to whom we extend this notice as a formal invitation. On New Year's Eve, the usual Supper Dance will be held at the Inn, starting promptly at 10:30, with, we hope many "unusual" and interesting features. The rate for the Supper Dance and entertainment will be \$4.00 per plate and reservations will be made in the order in which they are received and limited to three hundred guests. There will be a Thé Dansant on New Year's Day in the afternoon, and also dancing in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Gere have just returned from their trip west, Mrs. Gere having materially benefited from the change and now enjoying her usual good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cast and their daughter Miss Beatrice have also returned to the Inn and have decided to spend most of the winter in Forest Hills. Miss Cast has kindly consented to again sing at our Sunday evening concert on December twenty-sixth and those who were fortunate enough to hear Miss Cast render her delightful selection of soprano solos some weeks ago, will no doubt take advantage of this opportunity to hear her splendid voice.

Fred Nagle of the Inn has just left for a few weeks vacation at White Sulphur Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Jewett are leaving for the west to spend the Christmas holidays with their family.

Miss Florence Sherman arrived from Europe last Wednesday much to the delight of her many friends at the Inn.

Among the recent arrivals at the Inn are Capt. P. M. Fielding of Calcutta and Major N. J. Wallace, who together with Thomas B. Walsh of Australia have formed the Wallace-Fielding Corporation, operating the moving picture studio at Glendale.

Charles Ungerman of Birmingham and also his son Charles Jr., and daughter, Ruth, have recently joined Mrs. Ungerman and her two smaller children at the Inn and will remain over the New Year holidays.

AMERICAN LEGION POST, NO. 630

The regular monthly meeting was held Dec. 13 1920, at the club house on Seminole Avenue, at 8:45 P. M. The meeting was very well attended and several matters of importance were taken up.

A collection of \$41.40 was taken and presented Mr. Hoey representing the Queens Co. Ass'n for the wounded soldiers at Fox Hills Hospital.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Commander. Myron J. Folsensbee; 1st Vice-Commander, Harvey T. Warren; 2nd Vice-Commander, Thomas B. Paton, Jr.; 3rd Vice-Commander Stephen L. Coles; Adjutant E. H. Moir; Treasurer Chauncey G. Nichols; County Committeeman, Alvin H. Dessan; Chaplain, Irving H. Hare.

It was planned to hold a Lincoln's birthday party and dance probably at the new Masonic Temple on Gown Street and elaborate preparations are being made to make this affair the event of the social season. The committee in charge will be: Bob Nachman chairman; H. D. Springsteen, Irving H. Hare, George B. Wells, Thomas B. Paton, Jr., and John Nachman.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Discussion of Increased Water Rate—Mr. Sheppard Speaks on Mexico.

An interesting meeting of the Community Council was held in Masonic Temple on Friday evening Dec. 17. This is the first Council meeting to be held in the new hall which has so recently been opened for use.

Thomas B. Paton, Jr., reminded the people of the promise made by Judge Humphrey on the evening of the October Council meeting, when he said that if any Forest Hills burglar was ever brought before him for judgement he would deal with him most severely. Recently a burglar, whose sphere of activity had been Forest Hills, was brought into Judge Humphrey's court and the Judge kept his promise by sentencing him to 20 years in Sing-Sing. The Council decided to send Judge Humphreys a letter of appreciation for exercising such sound judgement in the case.

The committee on investigation of the gas and water situation assured the people that the Corporation Council of the City of New York has promised to force the Gas Company to deliver a better quality of gas and to return to the consumers their half million dollars. This sum is the money impounded in the Bank of Long Island during the three years beginning with 1916 before the Gas Company's raise in rate of 15 cents per thousand feet was approved by the courts. So those who have thriftily saved their old gas bills will in time be rewarded for patient waiting for this money.

In regard to the water question the committee recommended that a petition, addressed to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York protesting against the proposed raise in rate of the Citizens' Water Supply Company and asking that the city lay parallel pipes throughout the district served by the Citizens' Company with a view to supplying this tract with city water be approved by the Council and signed by the members present. This petition is the outcome of the committee's investigation which shows that if this raise in rate is allowed to go into effect Jan. 1 as proposed, the water bills for Forest Hills residents for next year will be about twice as large as they would be if supplied with city water and 50 per cent. higher than they now are. This petition was approved and signed by many of those present. A committee of the Community Council will, however, thoroughly investigate the whole subject before any step toward laying new pipes is taken.

A plan was proposed by M. J. Folsensbee a member of the American Legion, that the residents of Forest Hills entertain at a dinner here sometime early in January as many half-sick and wounded soldiers from the Fox Hills, Staten Island Hospital as are able to leave the hospital for the day. A committee appointed to investigate the matter has since arranged through the Forest Hills Chapter of the Red Cross to attend to the immediate needs of the soldiers and entertainment may be provided later.

Dr. Albert Sheppard, pastor of the Church of Forest Hills, delivered an address on "Mexico From Within." Dr. Sheppard feels that the clouds are clearing for Mexico and that the time will soon come when their struggle will be over and their government established.

The next meeting of the Council will be on the third Friday in January.

NEW SCOUTMASTER

Owing to pressure of other duties, Scoutmaster Warren has found it necessary to resign. The troop feels itself particularly fortunate in obtaining W. Irving Hare as its new Scoutmaster, as his large experience in scout-craft should be a great asset to the troop.

A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent on the occasion of the recent visit of Troop 2, Brooklyn, to Forest Hills. The visiting scouts were very welcome, and an interesting program of scout games was put on, followed by a collation of food which might stagger some groups, but not a group of growing boys, who are "bottomless pits."

Second class scout Leon Schoen appeared before the court of honor and successfully passed his tests and has been promoted to a first class scout.

Scout meetings will be suspended during the holidays, the next regular meeting being called for Friday evening, Jan. 7.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



The 11 o'clock service tomorrow morning will be beautiful with Christmas music. Under Mrs. Le Blanc's skilled hand the rich tones of our splendid organ—the gift of Mrs. Sage—are sweetest in the wealth of these special Christmas selections. In addition to Miss Gardner's increasingly acceptable work Mrs. Le Blanc has arranged a quartette for tomorrow morning, and has also been fortunate in securing the services of Arthur Hadley whose unusually fine tenor voice will be remembered with delight by those who heard him at the Women's Club meeting some time ago.

Dr. Latshaw will deliver the Christmas sermon. The community is cordially invited. A suggestion that the service begins promptly at 11 o'clock and that seats will be at a premium might not be out of order!

The Annual Meeting of the church will be held in the Social Room on Wednesday evening, January 12, beginning with a dinner served by the Women's Guild at 6.30 o'clock. All members and friends of the church are invited to be present.

The week of January 2 has been set apart as a universal day of prayer throughout the churches. A special service of prayer and consecration will be held in the church on Wednesday evening, January 5, at 8 o'clock.

The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday School was held on Wednesday evening. The beautiful pageant given by members of the school under Mrs. Burton's direction and the Christmas tree celebration in the Social Room under Santa Claus Mays' direction will not soon be forgotten by the members and friends of the school. The school's gift to the starving children of Central Europe and to the famine sufferers of China amounted to \$291.83. Toys, books and games were given to the Queensboro Contagious Hospital, and articles of clothing to needy families in Jamaica under the supervision of the Day Nursery.

The officers and members of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor were greatly encouraged by the large and appreciative audience which greeted their first attempt at a musical program, on last Sunday evening. Miss Ketcham chairman of the music committee, deserves no small praise for the quality of the program presented.

Dr. C. E. Burton, of our own congregation will preach on Sunday, Jan. 2.

W. P. McC.

ST. LUKE'S MISSION

The Woman's Guild cleared \$500 on the rummage sale held recently in Jamaica.

The Sunday School Christmas entertainment will be held in the chapel on Dec. 28, at 4 P. M. Every one is welcome.

There will be the usual Christmas Eve mid-night communion service, Cannon Duffield officiating. This is a most impressive service and a beautiful way to start Christmas day aright. It is hoped that Episcopalians will avail themselves of this, their opportunity and their duty.

There will be another celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas day at 10 A. M.

The Christmas offering will go into the building fund. On Sunday, Dec. 26 at 11 A. M., there will be a special musical service under the direction of Mrs. Stocking, an accomplished musician of New York, who will also play the organ. There will be soloists and a violinist.

J. LeB.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE GENEROUS

As a Thanksgiving offering the pupils of public schools 3 and 101 brought a generous supply of jellies, cereals, crackers, canned goods, fruit, boxed groceries, about two barrels of potatoes, and about one bushel of apples. These eatables were given to the Jamaica and Ridgewood Day Nurseries. Both donations were gratefully acknowledged. The Christmas offering was fully as large as the Thanksgiving one.

It is interesting to note that our registration is steadily increasing.

GREETINGS FROM FOREST HILLS GARDENS AUDUBON SOCIETY

Of all the Christmas Carols,
The sweetest one to me
Was one I heard in Norway,
Far, far across the sea.
It was not a surpliced choir
A hundred voices strong,
But ten thousand little warblers
That sang to me that song.
On Christmas Eve the people there,
When birds are all at rest,
From the sheaves of wheat and barley
Bring each the very best.
And to each spire and house-top,
Every barn and weather vane,
Every gate-post, every gable,
Fasten they a sheaf of grain.
When the Christmas sun arises,
Every sheaf of grain on high,
Suddenly bursts forth in music,
Soaring to the very sky.
And the children run to listen,
When the old church steeple sings,
And the air is rife with gladness,
And is filled with fluttering wings.
So of all the Christmas Carols,
The most beautiful to me,
Was sung by birds in Norway,
Far away across the sea.

--Selected.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

Every child in Forest Hills is invited to see the beautiful Christmas Crib in the Catholic Chapel on Ascan Avenue. The children will be impressed with the true meaning of Christmas by seeing the little Infant Jesus in the manger.
A Member.

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.

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 1 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.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 27 and 28, 8:45 P. M.—"Eager Heart," Church-in-the-Gardens.

Dec. 31, 8:00 P. M.—Dance, Masonic Hall.

Jan. 3, 2:00 P. M.—Women's Club, Inn.

Jan. 11, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Woman's Club, 175 Slocum Crescent.

Jan. 12, 6:30 P. M.—Dinner and Annual Meeting, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Jan. 14, 2:00 P. M.—Annual Meeting, Women's Guild, Church-in-the-Gardens, 45 Deepdene Road.

Jan. 18, 2:30 P. M.—Philanthropic Chapter, Women's Club, 60 Olive Place.

Jan. 19, 8:00 P. M.—Lecture by Hon. George W. Wickersham, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Jan. 21, 8:00 P. M.—Community Council, Social Room, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Jan. 25, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 22 Deepdene Road.

Jan. 31, 8:00 P. M.—Men's Club, place to be announced.