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"BUTTON DAY."

The children of the Playground had a "Button Day" when they were told to wear all the buttons they had earned. The result is shown above, with Master Dean in the foreground fairly tattooed with these patriotic service badges.

## WELCOME THE HOME COMERS!

At the last meeting of the Taxpayers' Association, a committee consisting of Mr. L. B. Stowe, Chairman, and Messrs. Demarest, Hillman, Mandeville, Meyer, Osborn, Springsteen and Thoms, was appointed to plan some method of welcoming the homecoming fighters who pass through here daily, either by erecting signs or decorating the station appropriately.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE INN.

There will be a supper dance at the Inn on December 31st to welcome the New Year. As space is very limited, reservations will be made in the order of their receipt. There will be a caberet of interesting talent, plenty of noise-makers, and souvenirs. The charge will be \$2.50 per cover and supper will be served promptly at eleven o'clock.

## YULE-TIDE CAROLS.

This year the pouring rain made the singing of the Christmas "Waits" in the streets of the Gardens impossible, much to the disappointment of both children and their elders who were sorry to miss this beautiful custom of other years.

At ten o'clock, however, there was the usual Christmas Eve assembling in the Square and, as outdoor singing was not practicable there, the carols were sung in the ball-room of the Inn.

Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, who had trained the chorus, led the singing, assisted in solo parts by Mrs. W. W. Crawford, Mrs. E. B. Wilson and Mrs. A. B. Moore. A delightful rendering of the new anthem, America Triumphant, was a musical achievement of which the carollers may be proud.

In discouraging weather, under Mrs. Scammell's inspiring leadership, the singers maintained the Yule-Tide spirit, and then, with their singing done, as guests of the Inn, enjoyed its bounteous hospitality in welcoming Christmas with mirth and good cheer.

## SAVE THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A deplorable state of things in the Public Library situation in Queens Borough calls for immediate action on the part of Forest Hills citizens. In brief, the the library appropriation for Queens for the ensuing year has been cut down by \$16,000, whereas from the very nature of present conditions it should have been increased. This ill-timed reduction means that at a time when our country in this new great period of reconstruction must see to it that the young, the scantily informed, and the inquiring alien are educated along the best lines, few, if any new books may be added to the libraries, good books may not be rebound, and library stations( here is our own especial peril) may be obliged to close their doors. A hearing on this matter before the Board of Estimate will be held early in January. Volunteers to go and make themselves heard may enlist by sending name and address to Community Secretary.

C. A. Gray.

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Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 27 Greenway Terrace, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.

### MRS. HAROLD CONWAY.

Mrs. Helene Pierik Conway, wife of Harold Conway, died Saturday morning, December 21st, at her home, 69 Burns Street, of pneumonia, after an illness of only two days.

Mrs. Conway had many friends in Forest Hills and all who knew her loved her. They, who mourn the loss of a friend, join in extending their deepest sympathy to her husband and her two small sons, who in her death have lost a noble wife and mother.

### TAXPAYERS' MEETING.

At its meeting held on Friday, December 20th, the Taxpayers' Association went on record as opposed to the appointment by the Mayor of William Randolph Hearst to the Committee to welcome returning fighters. Led in the discussion by Lyman Beecher Stowe, the members nuanimously empowered President Paton to file their protest with the Mayor.

Another subject under discussion was the desirability of a fifteen minute so-called "shuttle" service on the Long Island Railroad between Jamaica and Pennsylvania Station. Mr. William G. Walker presented this situation to the meeting, urging the value of such service, but also recognizing practical difficulties due to the present universal shortage of railroad equipment. The concensus of opinion was that 15 minute headway service would prove very stimulating to local growth and very satisfactory.

Mrs. T. C. Martin, as a most interesting feature of the evening, contributed a paper proposing a Community House, a most essential pre-requisite to the best promotion of Community Spirit.

### WOMEN'S CLUB.

The January meeting on January 6th at 2:30 P. M., will be of the nature of a Rally, and held in the charming ball-room of the Inn. At the beginning of the New Year surely all the members will wish to show their helpful interest by making a real effort to be present. Tea, at aspecial rate will be attractively served, through the kindness of Mrs. Hawley of the Inn.

### PERSONAL NOTES.

A son, Norman Borch, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Maithe Hasseriis of Ascan Avenue, on Saturday, December 7th.

Robert Weir, whose letter, descriptive of the fighting in which he was wounded, appears below, has now come back to Forest Hills in person, arriving last week on the Leviathan. Mr. Weir is still under hospital treatment in New York, but has already been able to make several brief trips to his home in Harvest Street.

Mrs. Ralph Bevin Smith, formerly Miss Lillian Deghueue, has received the good news by cable from Hull, England, that her husband, Lieutenant Smith of the Royal Flying Corps is safely there on his way home from a German prison camp.

Miss Mabel Brewer sailed for France on Monday last to take up the kindergarten teaching of little children in the war stricken district of France under the auspices of the Friends' Society.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Andrew of 15 Ivy Close have Major and Mrs. Philip James Kieffer and children as their guests for the holidays.

### Letter from Robert Weir.

Well, Jerry's given me the right to wear a wound chevron, and if it wasn't for the suffering caused at home by the announcement in the casualty list, I wouldn't mind a bit. Don't worry, for it is only a flesh wound, and will just give me a good, long rest, and a chance to fatten up again.

The wound is in my right side just above the hip, and I am one lucky man because the bullet never touched my intestines. As it is, it is just a clean wound, and I stand a good chance of a trip to England and a furlough afterwards without very much danger.

I had quite some experience with this wound. There was a patrol of eight of us out nearly a thousand yards ahead of the rest of the advance, and we saw a group of Jerrys and decided to capture them, so we got up near them and yelled for them to give up, and only then did we discover that they were only a part of the main body, and we knew we were in for it. Instead of giving up, they opened up on us with a machine gun, and we ducked for cover, but in a little while they had us flanked on both sides. I knew the only way out was to get help from our main body, so I up and ran for it, but only got about ten yards before they got me. I crawled to a shell hole, and there I lay from about 9 a. m. to 12 midnight waiting for our boys to come and get me. At midnight some Jerries came out, and put me in a sort of sling and carried me and another fellow to their first aid post. I learned from the other fellow that every one else had been hit, but had been able to crawl back but us two.

Well, we lay on the floor in that dressing station for two days and three nights, and we were sent back, and yesterday I arrived at this hospital. It's a British hospital, but is being run by an American hospital unit, and as I am the only Yank patient in the ward, I'm rather lionized. They have a little American flag stuck up at the head of my bed to let every one know that there's an American there.

Just keep cheerful and happy and when I come home I'll be able to sport a gold stripe on my right arm, and walk with a limp, and then we'll parade all over town letting every one look us over. I sure would like some home cooking right now, though the hospital food is very good. I have an awful craving for sweets just now, but have no money, so am out of luck.

Lieut. de Wierzebecki to Speak.

Lieutenant Vincent de Wierzebecki of the French High Commission, who so aroused the enthusiasm of all those who heard him speak at the Inn last June, has consented to come to Forest Hills again to speak under the auspices of the Women's Club at the home of Mrs. Rowland Smith, on the evening of Thursday, January 10th, at 8 o'clock. To this meeting the members of the Men's Club, with their wives, are cordially invited, as well as the husbands of the members of the Women's Club.

The Count de Wierzebecki served for two and one-half years as an interpreter in the French Army attached to the British forces in France. After this experience, being a trained public speaker, Lieutenant de Wierzebecki was sent to the French High Commission in this country to present to the American public the part France has taken in the war. During the last two Liberty Loans he was designated by the Commission to speak for the American Treasury Department. In this connection he made scores of speeches throughout the entire United States. He is now an authority on public opinion and war achievements both of France and America. The opportunity to hear so distinguished a Frenchman is unusual, and will not be an occasion for any solicitations.

The Inn.

The Sunday evening concerts still continue to delight the guests of the Gardens as well as the Inn, and each concert brings a larger and more appreciative audience. There has been a soloist for each different evening since the commencing of the winter season, and many prominent singers are still to be heard. On Sunday evening next the Christmas Carols will be sung by a quartet of male and female voices, with violin and cello obligato, and a splendid program is promised by the orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brion of the Inn entertained a party of relatives and friends in the Sun Parlor on Christmas Eve. The guests were seated at a long table which was beautifully decorated with poinsettias and trailers of greens, while the entire room was festooned and decorated with holly and Christmas flowers. Mr. Brion carved a huge turkey in splendid old-fashioned Christmas style and the dinner was much enjoyed by everyone. There was much merriment, with singing and dancing, after which the guests joined the Christmas Carolers in the revelry over the egg nog.

Mr. and Mrs. Michie and Mr. Jack Michie of the Inn are spending the Christmas holidays out of town with relatives.

Mrs. James C. Hobart of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been spending several weeks at the Inn, where she was visiting her friends, Col. and Mrs. W. W. Gray.

Mrs. R. Tryon Tyrrell and Miss Marie Tyrrell were recently the week-end guests of Mrs. Wesley W. Crawford. Mrs. Tyrrell was Miss Peggy Crawford before her marriage to Lieut. Tyrrell last spring and has been with her husband in the West until her return a few days ago.

Mrs. Charles R. Erdman of Princeton, N. J., spent several days with her son and daughter, Lieut. and Mrs. Calvin P. Erdman, of the Inn.

Mrs. C. J. Hasselman and her two little daughters, Betty and Jane, are recent arrivals at the Inn, where they anticipate spending the winter and spring.

Capt. Ray Bell has just received his discharge from service and is now spending the holidays with his family in North Carolina, after which he will return to take up residence at the Inn again.

Mr. E. H. Ellis, who entered the Merchant Marine service several months ago, is anticipating receiving his discharge and will return to the Inn shortly after the New Year.

Mr. A. L. Milliron has recently returned from an extended trip through the Middle West.

Mr. Daniel J. Morse of Andover, Mass., has just arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with his brother, Mr. Albert Morse, and his many friends at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cotter Connell and their little daughter are among the new arrivals at the Inn.

Miss Celeste Gleasner of Chicago has been the guest of Mrs. R. G. Streit of the Inn.

FOUND—Small wrist watch. Address Geraldine Claypoole, Gardens Apartments.

The Fifteenth Point.

Samuel Castleman, Jr., of Slocum Crescent, has added one to the Fourteen Points of President Wilson in the following stirring poem, reproduced here by the courtesy of the New York Herald:

Out of the sea, from land to land,  
The World of the Living hears  
A plea that the "Ally of Gott" shall stand  
Before a court of his peers.

Under the gleaming path that floats  
Into the rising sun,  
Rippled by khaki laden boats  
Returning from work well done,  
A shudder troubles an age old sleep  
And a vibrant pleading rolls  
Up from the sorrow laden deep,  
The tragical call of souls;

A little child with its life unlivd,  
A boy with life's cares unwooded;  
A girl in the glory that girlhood gives,  
Deprived of her womanhood;  
A man in the fulness of useful joys,  
With grinding toil behind;  
A woman leaving some motherless boys  
In a world not always kind.

As the seashells murmur the world's unrest  
When placed against the ear,  
So the lifeless shells of these souls protest  
If humanity cares to hear,  
While we look with calm on the murder lust  
This "Ally of Gott" anoints  
And gravely ponder and hear discussed  
An crudite fourteen/points.

For the courts of all civilized lands engage  
To penalize lawless strife,  
Or to punish some wreck that in half-blind rage  
Snuffs out a personal life.  
But what can we say to this murdered host  
When death to the soul gives birth and life?  
If the steel stript war lord still may boast  
That he walks unchained on the earth?

Stepping from out of the blood soaked scene  
Onto a peaceful soil,  
Quitting the lands that for years have been  
His to mar and despoil,  
Permitting us graciously now to live,  
Granting because he must  
Things that were never his to give—  
Will they call this travesty just?

Out of the sea, from land to land,  
The World of the Living hears  
A plea that the "Ally of Gott" shall stand  
Before a court of his peers.

Mothers' Club.

On Monday, December 16th, the Mothers' Club met at the home of their President, Mrs. E. H. Mays, in Slocum Crescent, with twenty-five mothers attending. As the President is sure there are more than twenty-five mothers in Forest Hills, she takes this opportunity to invite cordially every mother, regardless of the age of her child or children to become a member of the Mothers' Club. The annual membership fee is one dollar.

Tennis Ranking.

With the return of peace and the revival of sports tennis is to come once more to the front and the ranking of players for 1919 grows increasingly interesting. The stars will enter the coming season according to the ratings, just announced, as follows:

1. Robert Lindley Murray; 2. William T. Tilden, 2d; 3. Frederick B. Alexander; 4. Walter Merrill Hall; 5. Walter T. Hayes; 6. Nathaniel W. Niles; 7. Ichiya Kumagai; 8. Charles S. Garland; 9. S. Howard Voshell; 10. Theodore R. Pell

Can Williams, Johnston, Church and the others who could not compete this year now come back and regain their places?

## Coming Events.

**Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, 27 Greenway Terrace. 'Phone Forest Hills 6200.**

Tuesdays at 8 P. M., at the Sales Office of the Homes Company.—Meetings of the Chess and Checkers Club.

Thursdays at 8:15 P. M., at Ninth Regiment Armory, 14th Street, New York City—Ninth Coast Artillery Drill.

Monday, January 6th, at 2 P. M.—Meeting of the Women's Club at the Inn.

Tuesday, January 7th, at 4 P. M.—Boys' Gymnasium Class.

Wednesday, January 8th, at 8:15 P. M.—Lecture by Ernest Harold Baynes on "Birds," under the auspices of Audubon Society, at the Inn. (4:30 P. M. for the children.)

Thursday, January 9th, at 4:30 P. M.—Girls' Gymnasium Class.

Friday, January 10th, at 8 P. M.—Dramatic Club meets at Seminole Avenue Club House.

Saturday, January 11th.—Swimming Class leaves Forest Hills on 10:35 train for New York.

Monday, January 20th, at 3 P. M.—Meeting of Mothers' Club at home of Mrs. Mays, 175 Slocum Crescent.

## "Sunshine and Shadow."

The children of the Playground did their part to bring, on behalf of the National Child Labor Committee, the perils of Child Labor before the community, when they very effectively produced the pageant "Sunshine and Shadow" at the Inn on the evening of Friday, December 13th.

The hostesses take this opportunity briefly to call to the attention of those who were not there what this committee is doing and why it should receive the support of every person with a heart and a brain.

Under the pressure and haste of war conditions the children of the poor were temporarily forgotten, with the result that today approximately twice as many children as before the war are forced to work in the industries of the country and are being deprived of all opportunities for education. Even before the war the conditions were very bad in many of the States. In one there is no protection for children whatever. We have undergone great sacrifices to make the world safe for democracy. Democracy cannot be safe with thousands upon thousands of children growing up stunted in mind, body and spirit.

This committee is the only national agency which is striving to create conditions throughout the country which will give children a chance to live healthy, normal lives, and to grow into safe and useful citizens. Largely through the committee's efforts a bill has just been passed by Congress imposing a special tax of ten per cent. upon the products of child laborers.

There is nothing more fundamentally important to the reconstruction period upon which we are now entering than that the efforts of the National Child Labor Committee should be successful. They cannot succeed unless they receive the almost universal support, both moral and financial, of all the more fortunate citizens of the nation. Since Forest Hills is a particularly fortunate community, it is naturally looked to to do its full share. Those gathered at the meeting pledged about half what is regarded as Forest Hills' fair quota. Those who were not present or who have not contributed are urged to make up the balance by sending what they can within the next ten days to Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe, who has been designated to receive these contributions. Any amount will be gladly received, though the membership enrollment for one year is as follows:

Associate, \$2.00 or more.

Contributing, \$5.00 or more.

Sustaining, \$25.00 or more.

Donors, \$100 or more.

## Kew Forest School.

A goodly number of Forest Hills parents and friends gathered at the Kew Forest School on Friday afternoon, December 20th, when the building was officially opened. The site is attractive and with plenty of light and fresh air the class rooms and assembly make it ideal. After one had wandered through all the rooms meeting the Principal, Mr. Marriott, and other teachers, it was very delightful to be refreshed with either tea or chocolate served by some of the older pupils.

Before the close of the afternoon Mr. Marriott awarded a cup, given by Mr. Millar, to the "Blue" Soccer Football Team, which was victorious this fall.

## Church Services.

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

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings, 9:45 o'clock, Sunday School; 11 o'clock, Morning Service and Sermon. Fridays, 10 A. M., Litany Service. Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.

Vicar's residence, 100 Puritan Avenue; telephone, Forest Hills, 6508.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 10 o'clock; sermon at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday at 7:30 P. M. in Social Room. 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.

## Church-in-the-Gardens.

Mrs. LeBlanc, organist, and Dr. Kent, pastor, join in giving thanks to all who responded so cheerfully in furnishing the excellent musical program for the Christmas service last Sunday morning. It was greatly appreciated.

The "White Gifts for the King" is always a beautiful service; never more so than last Sunday afternoon when the Sunday School and their friends filled the church to celebrate Christmas. Besides the telling of the legend on which it is based by Miss Snow, and exercises by the several departments, there was a fine story told by Mrs. Smart, and the presentation of toys and money by school and friends. The toys were for children in the hospital, the money for Armenian children who have suffered so much in the war.

As in former years, a dinner will precede the annual meeting of the Church on Wednesday evening, January 8th. A committee of the Women's Guild is arranging for it. A charge of one dollar a plate will be made to cover the cost of the dinner. Ten ladies, each of whom will preside as hostess at a table, will furnish tickets to those who apply promptly. The committee must know before Sunday night, January 5th, how many to provide for. The hostesses are: Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Getz, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Ketcham, Mrs. Smart, Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. McFarlan and Mrs. MacNeal. Mrs. Rea is Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

## St. Luke's Mission.

The Vicar entertained the Executive Committee of the Mission at dinner at the Inn Thursday evening, December 19th. Following the dinner a committee meeting was held and a budget adopted, predicated upon systematic support from all communicants for the year 1919.

## Lecture By Ernest Harold Baynes.

In the four years since Mr. Baynes has been in Forest Hills we hope we have learned something about birds, but Mr. Baynes is the intimate friend of everything feathered and furred and always has interesting things to say and wonderful pictures to show us. In "Birds in the Nesting Season" there are 110 new slides treating in the most engaging way of this peculiarly human side of bird life.

At both lectures the film, "Animals in Modern Warfare," will be shown by Mr. Baynes with remarkable pictures taken on the battlefield with the co-operation of the French Government.

At the Inn, January 8th, 1919, 4:30 to 5:30 P. M., for children. Admittance, ten cents. Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Smart and Miss Fox in charge.

At the Inn, January 8th, 1919, 8:15 P. M. Moving pictures and dancing afterward. Tickets for sale at the Inn and Chemists' Shop are fifty cents each.

## Playground.

Toys and good fun have kept the children from having their regular gymnastic classes at the Seminole avenue club house this last week, but with a good vacation here for this coming week we will have outdoor games, weather permitting, so all come and have a tug-of-war with your neighbor, or will you be a rooster to chase the hen from her nest? Boys come Tuesday at 4:00 o'clock. Girls come Thursday at 4:00 o'clock.