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BIRD FOOD STICKS.

From the photograph by E. W. Victor.
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CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

One of the most delightful community enterprises of the year is the Christmas Carol pageant. There were thirty in the chorus under the direction of George H. Brainard and Mrs. Charles H. Scannell. A. C. Wessman as Santa Claus, with Messrs. Wilde, Warren and DuPuy as able assistants, distributed gifts and brought joy to all the little folks along the route. Mr. Messinger officiated at the organ and Mr. Seward at the chimes, while Clarence Fancy as master of ceremonies rode at the head of the pageant on a white charger. After traversing the entire community the singers were guests of the Inn. The continuance of this delightful custom has been made sure by the organization of the Christmas Carols Committee with George H. Brainard as Chairman.

On Wednesday, January 24th, Miss Gertrude Robinson-Smith will talk in the Social Room of the Church-in-the-Gardens. She will tell of her trip in France and at the front, and will show, on the screen, some pictures given her by the French Government. This will be held under the auspices of the War Relief Committee of the Women's Club.

TAXPAYERS' NOTES.

The program for the Taxpayers' monthly meetings have been planned as follows:

Tuesday, January 30th, at the Church-in-the-Gardens. Speaker, Police Commissioner Arthur Woods.

Tuesday, February 27th, at the Church of Forest Hills. Speaker, Dr. James, President of the Academy of Medicine.

Tuesday, March 27th, at the Church-in-the-Gardens. Speaker, Commissioner Travis Whitney, of the Board of Public Service.

Tuesday, April 24th, at the Church of Forest Hills. Speaker, Dr. Headley, State Entomologist of New Jersey, and leading authority on mosquito extermination in the United States, and Dr. Emerson, Health Commissioner of New York City.

Tuesday, May 29th, Church-in-the-Gardens. Speaker, Tax Commissioner John J. Halloran.

Tuesday, June 26th, exhibition of home fire protection.

WHITE GIFT CHRISTMAS.

Teaching children the delights of giving was the theme of the White Gift Christmas service at the Church-in-the-Gardens on Christmas eve.

The Primary Department gave 33 pairs of mittens; 60 boxes of candy. Miss Snow's class gave 2 Christmas trees (trimmed by Miss Brewer's kindergarten) and made clothing for 17 dolls. Mrs. Eddy's and Mrs. Ward's classes, assisted by some of the older women, made undergarments for 38 children. The boys' classes made, with hammers and saws, 15 boxes of blocks and 7 tool chests. The Girl Scouts gave 2 Christmas dinners; made outfit of clothing for Missionary's baby in Texas; sent a box of gifts to a little mission girl in China. The children of the school also gathered a large box of used toys.

Nearly \$100 was contributed in cash. This paid for 42 pairs of stockings; material for work done by Girl Scouts; 5 Christmas dinners; 7 sets of tools; 9 knitted scarfs and caps, and 17 dolls. The surplus money will be sent to Armenian Relief Fund.

Gifts were sent to 38 children in the Kings Daughters Day Nursery, Brooklyn; 38 children of prisoners; and 12 children of nearby needy families. Four friends gave the use of their automobiles for delivery of gifts on Christmas eve.

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THE GARDENS PLAYERS.

Three one-act comedies were presented privately by the Gardens Players on the evening of December 14th, at the Gardens Club. Only members of the Players and their invited guests were present. The three casts included twelve members, some of whom had not previously appeared before a Forest Hills audience. The plays were happily chosen—all being within the range of amateur effort and not demanding too much of the scenic artist or the stage carpenter; but it was never more apparent that there is a crying need of a more suitable place than any now available in our community for functions of this sort.

The first play given was George Bernard Shaw's well known "How he lied to her husband," with Mrs. Will Phillip Hooper as "She," Dr. Davenport as "Her Husband," and Harvey Warren as "He." The audience hugely enjoyed the poetic fervor of the lover and liar, the coyness, distress and dismay of the wife, and particularly the irate tirade of the husband, to say nothing of the violent set-to when the affair reached the climax.

In strong contrast was the second offering, a play never before given in America, entitled "The Dear Departed," by Stanley Hough. This depicted an incident in middle class life. The cast, which was well selected, did full justice to the grim humor of the lines. The audience seemed particularly pleased with the excellent work of Miss Bertha Mandel, as "Mrs. Slater," and the vacant expression on the face of Robert J. Cole, as "Henry." The expressive lugubriousness of "Mrs. Jordan," as played by Mrs. Sterling Birmingham, the explosive humor of her husband, by Mr. Poultney, the precocity of "Victoria," a girl of fourteen, played by Mrs. Austin, and last, but my no means least, the towering, almost spectral appearance of "Abel Merryweather" (Walter (Hartwig), who, until the moment of his sensational entrance, has been "mourned" as recently deceased—all of these bits of character work were keenly enjoyed.

The last play on the program was the satire on the "h. c. of l.," appropriately entitled "Food," by William C. de Mille. In this the three parts were cleverly handled by Edward H. Moir, Mrs. Violet Eder, and E. H. Conway. The husband, facing financial ruin because of his wife's terrible craving for another egg; the wife's despair at her unsuccess in con-

trolling her fatal appetite, changing to hope and happiness on the opportune appearance of an old flame, now an officer of the "food trust," with a really, truly egg safely concealed at his belt; her coquettish blandishments in persuading the officer to surrender the egg to her; the reappearance of the husband, and the tragic destruction of the egg—all this the audience followed in breathless suspense. When the wife gathered up the remains and fled from the scene, the audience wept tears of sympathy.

The performance was repeated on the following evening as a special compliment to the Men's Club of the Gardens. The three plays were produced under the direction of Harvey Warren, Ralph Renaud, and Mrs. Hartley Smith, respectively. Scenes by Norman Baker and Miss Anne Price; properties by Miss Mabel Brewer.

AUDUBON SOCIETY NOTES.

Do not forget the birds now when they need help most of all. During the winter months it is hard for them to find the necessary food and drink. The Audubon Society has put out a number of food sticks, filled with suet, generously given by Mr. Krupp. A wire netting holds the suet and prevents squirrels and larger birds from carrying it off. But many more such sticks and feeding shelves should be placed at various points to keep our birds through the winter. In the picture on the first page we see a Chickadee feeding on suet and such a scene ought to be common in Forest Hills.

Mr. Neil Morrow Ladd, President of the Greenwich Bird Protective Association, whom we have had the pleasure of hearing here before, will lecture in the Social Room of the Church-in-the-Gardens on Friday evening, January 19th, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Audubon Society.

Miss Mary Eastwood Knevels, who is Secretary of our local branch of the Audubon Society, sent out as a Christmas card to all the members of the Society the following bit of verse, entitled, "The Small Birds' Litany," written by Miss Gertrude Knevels:

Here we gather on the tree,
Downy, junco, chickadee—
Francis preached to such as we;
For St. Francis aid us.

Clear the snow a little space,
Make for us a resting place,
Crumbs and seeds of your good grace;
For St. Francis feed us.

Chirp we thanks now from our tree,
Downy, junco, chickadee—
Francis' little brother's wee;
For St. Francis heed us.

Carl McClure and family are visiting in Coatsville, Pa.

F. E. Smith and family spent Christmas in Paterson, New Jersey.

Mrs. Martin Hoban has gone to Jacksonville, Florida, for a visit.

Mrs. Oscar Bevins has gone to Palm Beach, Florida, for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Finnegan are in Baltimore for a short visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Lee Galloway spent Christmas in Patterson, New Jersey.

Mrs. Wm. H. Dunklin, of the Inn, is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Scruggs.

Skating on the streets and sidewalks was great joy for the youngsters Wednesday.

Miss Elizabeth Montague, of the Vassar faculty, is visiting Mrs. Ralph Renaud.

Miss Charity Lyons, of Chicago, visited with the Spangenberg's over Christmas.

Chas. Mays, of Belmont, Ohio, visited his brother, Edward H. Mays, over Christmas.

W. H. Buckley has been spending considerable time recently at his country home at Oneonta, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Masters, of Brooklyn, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Brainard.

J. T. Warder, of Puritan Avenue, who has been quite ill for several weeks, has gone to Atlantic City to recuperate.

Mrs. Harvey Warren enjoyed a Christmas visit from her father, W. R. McCleve, and brother, R. B. McCleve, of Scranton, Pa.

The fact that the "maintenance gang" had our streets and sidewalks cleared almost as fast as the snow fell was greatly appreciated.

Miss Eleanor L. Lattimore, head social worker in the department of psychology of the University of Pennsylvania, visited her mother during the holidays.

Roll of Honor, December, 1916, Public School No. 101, Miss Belle W. Hansen in charge: 6B, Muriel Drummond; 6A, David Millar; 5B, Walter Schlayer, 4B, Nicholas Tomasula; 2B, Margery Mohan and Robert Burns; 1B, Sidney LeBlanc, Cicely Kershaw and Norma Fraser; 1A, Margaret Lewerth, Edward Schweibert and Helen McCulloch.

The many friends of Gilmore Kinney, Jr., were greatly shocked to hear of his sudden death in New York on Friday, December 15th. Although a resident of the Gardens only since last June, he was much interested in everything pertaining to our community and his loss will be keenly felt. His wife and his two young children survive him and our deepest sympathy goes out to them in their loss.

THE INN.

The many friends of Irving Hopkins are glad to have him home from Williamstown, Mass., for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Spence is visiting her home in Milwaukee, Wis.

Thomas Joyce, from Andover, Mass., is spending his holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock Davis.

Mrs. Emma Springs is spending a few weeks with friends in Brooklyn.

The Misses Warren have gone to Atlantic City for a few weeks.

Miss Mary Shanks spent Christmas at her home in Virginia.

Baron and Baroness de Goncer and Mrs. Constance Watson have left the Inn for an extended trip through the south and to the Coast.

Miss Grace Bland and Miss Mary Buttles spent Christmas in Atlantic City.

The Christmas dinner dance on Monday night was enjoyed by one of the largest gatherings in the history of the Inn. One of the features of the evening was the singing of Christmas carols by the guests (in which they were joined by the colored servants) accompanied by the orchestra.

Among the recent arrivals at the Inn are Miss May Worthington, of Wisechester, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitney and daughter, Miss Louise, of Manhattan, and Mrs. L. B. Hoblet, of Manhattan.

PLAYGROUND NOTES.

Neighbor group work, consisting of story telling and games, was done with groups of different age children at the following homes during the past week: Mrs. Gray's, Mrs. Daniels', Mrs. Galloways' and Mrs. Rolfe's. Anyone who is willing to give the use of an enclosed porch or room for this purpose kindly telephone Miss Anne Smith, at the Inn.

A group of girls from 8 to 10 years of age have a sewing class on Tuesday afternoons, under the direction of the playleader. Their first afternoon was spent in sewing together pieces of material for use in the War Relief work.

The second regular meeting of the Forest Hills Young People's Social Club will be held at the home of Miss Rosalind Holmes, Fife Street, on Monday evening, January 8th.

FOUND—Hockey shoe and skate, with one glove inside. Inquire Homes Company's office, 27 Greenway Terraces.

LOST—Toy, white, long-haired poodle, on Christmas day, from 35 Greenway Terraces.

CHURCH SERVICES.

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

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings. Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Sunday school 12:15 o'clock. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Evensong at 5 P. M. St. Luke's Chapel, Greenway South near Ascan Avenue.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sunday School 10 o'clock. Preaching service 11 o'clock. Prayer meeting Thursdays at 8 P. M. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

Church of Forest Hills (undenominational) — Regular preaching services each Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street, North Side.

COMING EVENTS.

Tuesdays, 2.30. Sales Office. Meeting of War Relief Committee of the Women's Club. Women of the Community cordially invited.

Wednesday, January 3rd, 2 P. M. The Inn. Program meeting of Women's Club. Address by Emily Dinwiddie on "Housing Problems."

Monday, January 8th, 2:30 P. M. At the home of Mrs. Charles H. Duling, 133 Euclid Street. Meeting of English Literature Class of the Women's Club. Subject, "Arnold Bennett." Leader, Mrs. Thomas F. DuPuy.

Wednesday, January 10th. Annual meeting of the Congregation of the Church-in-the-Gardens. Dinner will be served.

Thursday, January 11th, 8:15 P. M. The Inn. Benefit concert for War Relief. Admission 50 cents.

Friday, January 12th, 2:30 P. M. Church-in-the-Gardens. Meeting of Women's Guild. Hostesses, Mrs. Wm. A. Rice, and Mrs. Herman Rountree.

Tuesday afternoon, January 16th. Trip to Sing Sing Prison. Those interested may communicate with Mrs. Norman B. Baker.

Wednesday, January 17th, 8 P. M. The Inn. Readings from his own works by Arthur Gunterman. Auspices English Literature Class, Women's Club.

Friday, January 19th, at 8 P. M. Social Room of the Church-in-the-Gardens. Lecture by Neil Morrow Ladd, under the auspices of Audubon Society. Public cordially invited.

Wednesday, January 24th, Church-in-the-Gardens. Address, illustrated by stereopticon, by Gertrude Robinson-Smith on experiences in France. Auspices War Relief Committee.

Tuesday, January 30th, 8 P. M. Church-in-the-Gardens. Address by Police Commissioner Arthur Woods. Auspices Taxpayers' Association. Public cordially invited.

Friday, February 2nd, 8 P. M. Church-in-the-Gardens. Address by Dean George W. Kirchway on Prison Reform. Auspices of Prison Reform Council. Public cordially invited.

The west end house of the new stucco and brick group on Summer Street has been sold to Dr. Fred B. Humphreys, of 31 West 140th Street, Manhattan, who is connected with the German Hospital.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

The White Gift Christmas service of the Sunday School is a marked advance over the old time entertainment, in dignity, beauty, spirit and influence. The church was filled with members of the school, parents and friends on Sunday afternoon when the three-fold gifts of substance, service and self were made. Nearly one hundred dollars was given by persons not members of the school, and the gifts to over one hundred children included useful presents as well as toys.

Mr. McCulloch, representing the Deacons, Dr. Baker, representing the Trustees, and the President of the Women's Guild, Mrs. Rea, were appointed a committee to nominate officers at the annual meeting on January 10th.

The chimes will not be used regularly until they have been retuned. A present of a number of choice records has been made to the Church and at a special service in the near future they will be played.

The Trustees are hopeful that they will be able to close the year with all bills paid. The annual report will show an increase in membership, in income, and in benevolent offerings.

ST. LUKE'S MISSION.

A very beautiful midnight service was held on Christmas eve. The service exceeded all expectation in point of numbers, the chapel being completely filled. It was beautifully decorated with greens and the altar with lilies; and the whole chapel was bright with candle lights. The Vicar officiated, and about fifty made their communion. The music was in charge of Miss Francis Judd, who was very ably assisted by Mrs. Harn and Messrs. Messenger and Roeschlaub, with Miss Dickey at the organ. A very generous offering was made for the church Charity Foundation in Brooklyn. The Vicar hopes that this Foundation in Brooklyn.

The children's Christmas celebration, with tree, was held on The Innocents Day (Thursday) at which the children brought gifts for others who were less fortunate.

At the request of some of our parishoners, the Vicar will hold a service on New Year's Eve, beginning at 11:30 o'clock Sunday night.

Bishop Burgess, of the Diocese of Long Island, will visit the parish on Sunday, January 14th, to administer the rite of confirmation and preach.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE WAR RELIEF

At the Inn

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 8:15 P. M.

Artists—Mr. Sam Ljungkist, Tenor, of the Royal Opera Co., Stockholm, Sweden.

Miss Hammerskold, Contralto.

Also Swedish Folk Dancing, by Four Artists.

Admission—50 Cents.