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GROUP 33.

Group 33, just completed on a plot where Middlemay Place branches into Bow Street, is interesting for more than architectural reasons. Irregular shaped plots which are necessitated by curvilinear streets, such as occur so often at Forest Hills Gardens, and which add so much to its charm, nevertheless create considerable difficulty when the actual planning of houses to be erected thereon is undertaken. It is under just such conditions as these that the Group Plan affords especial advantages.

In the ordinary straight street the advantage of the group is largely in the possibility of economizing land area without sacrificing privacy, outlook, or other practical living conditions. The Group Plan under these conditions is, of course, to a large extent, valuable in that it makes possible a better architectural solution of the small house. In the case of the irregular plot, however, such as that on which Group 33 stands, this virtue of the Group Plan becomes vastly more important. Where a series of six or seven small houses built closely together in a straight line makes a more or less restless and inharmonious composition, this same number when placed at the various angles and in the various relations required by an irregular plot create a situation that is little short of architectural anarchy.

Of course, Group 33 is but another demonstration of the qualities in the Group Plan that have already made Forest Hills Gardens distinctive amongst American suburbs. To its inhabitants the Group Plan is not new and it is largely for the stranger that we mention

some of the advantages of the Group Plan. Quite apart from the saving in expense—not perhaps very great—obtained by buildings having party-walls, and quite aside from the much better esthetic effect which can be obtained by a group of houses which are designedly placed with relation to one another, there is the further very considerable advantage of the assurance which the Group Plan affords in immediate environment. The purchaser of a house within a group at least knows what his immediate environment is to be and is protected better than any restrictions can protect him against an unacceptable outlook from those of his windows which face the adjoining lots.

As for the bearing of the Group Plan upon the general development, the value of the group when placed at important points, as is Group 33 for example, where it closes vistas or occupies prominent frontages, can scarcely be over-estimated. If the buildings at such points are good, the intermediate houses may be comparatively commonplace and yet the entire character of the development remains far above the average.

Miss Lillian D. Rice, 120 Puritan Avenue, has been appointed by the Homes Company as their representative on the Eagle. The plan of co-operation between the Homes Company and the Eagle has already been put before the people. This is only a reminder that news items given Miss Rice will be properly handled and to ask that she be sent such items promptly.

No. 27 Greenway Terrace has a pet thrush that roosts in a tree beneath the office window. When the sparrows permit him, he feeds on a piece of suet hung nearby and appears to have made up his mind to stay the winter. Many thrushes are reported as being seen in the village, which shows that protection and feeding are beginning to bring results.

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To the Editor:—

Oh where, Oh where has our Watch Dog gone,
 Oh where, Oh where can he be?
 With his hear'rs cut off and his tale cut short,
 Oh where, Oh where is he?

—A Park Lark, et al.

SCOUTS' OUTING.

Complying with a request from the Bulletin, Mr. McCulloch, the Scout Master of our local troop, gives the following account of the recent outing given the scouts by the Brooklyn Eagle:—

"It was a great day; it went from good to better, and I think the boys were unanimous in pronouncing the plunge in the 65 ft. pool in the Central Y. M. C. A. a fitting climax to the full day. Mr. Mays certainly made himself solid with the troops that day. It was a great day also in that it marked the first combined outing with Troop 1. They are 'Hail fellows, well met'; so are Mr. Mays and the Brooklyn 'Eagle'; so are we!

"We made a flying auto trip from the 'Eagle' office to the Navy Yard, where we were impressed with the endurance test the workmen on the new 'Arizona' and 'California' were up against. Handling armor plates, steel rivets and pneumatic riveters in zero weather calls for a substantial grade of mettle in a man's make-up. That these two mighty 'defenders of the peace,' now under construction, will take their places in the very forefront of the U. S. Navy, is a foregone conclusion in the minds of twenty-five of 'Uncle Sam's' young hopefuls.

"After luncheon at the Civic Club—provided in our honor by the 'Eagle'—we spent two most profitable hours in the 'Eagle' plant. From the all-but-human arm of the linotype, which handed out complimentary slugs bearing each boy's name, to the huge presses gormandizing immense rolls of paper at lightning speed and turning out folded copies of the 'Eagle' counted in fifties ready for delivery to the waiting host of newsboys, auto trucks, and trolley cars, the clock-work seemed almost perfect. I say *almost*, because through a slight imperfection we had the privilege of seeing the largest press stopped, the paper ripped off by men who climbed around the two-story machine like brownies, the imperfection corrected, the paper re-fed through the numerous rollers and the press started again on its race for time.

"February 12th will long be remembered as a BIG DAY, only surpassed by the big dinners the Scouts fell to when they reached Forest Hills."

SCHOOL—PROMOTION LISTS.

2B—Paul Zeron, Edith Lowse, Ether Guiler, Melanie Polachek.

2A—Lawrence Bonine, Joseph Hurley, George McGill, Maurice Moynahan, Charles Reiss, Lewis Walker, Gertrude Cantrell, Gladys Hoshafian, Marguerite Murphy.

1B—Millard Briggs, Angelo Tomasulo, Evelyn Dow, Elsa Neumer, Emma Wissel, Ethel Crecelines, Mildred Millar.

1A—Walter Bonine, Alan Drummond, Robert Hurley, Milton Scherph, Lincoln Smith, James Briggs, Elizabeth Burns, Miriam O'Shea, Paula Wunch, Marie Pebaridi, Emilie Pebaridi.

4A—Frederick Adams, Eleanor Rountree, Edward O'Shea, Frank McGill, Francis McGill, Betty Gray, Frances Zerovian, Ernest Boose, Helen Fay, Forbes Walker, Barron Rockwell, Otto Meyer, Rhoda Stahlman, Alfred Briggs, Tyler Sweeney.

3B—William Nuerge, Leon Schoen, Helen Ward, Jack Linton, Louis Pedlar, Ruth Roeschlaub.

3A—Randolph K. Martin, Ernest Nuerge, Catharine Attardo, Geraldine Claypool, Ruth Schraeder, Rose Vogel, Marjorie Anderson, Margaret Wetmore, Olivia Edwards, Marie Hereford.

2A—Philip Attardo, Collier Elliott, Curtis Kloetzer, Lawrence McNamara, Edna Brady, Dorothy Broadbent, Lydia Flint, Joy Mays, Virginia Wheeler.

2B—George Simons, Alfred VanWagenen, Louise Cox, Alfa Gray, Barbara Mohan, Katherine Seward, Gussie Vogel.

1A—John Curtis, Arthur Bruce, Howard Fiera, Earle Hines, Paul Hirschorn, John Woodrough, Jessie Fiero, Mildred Hutchison, Regina Sherwood.

1B—Boston Hunt, Wharton Lyman, Herbert MacNeal, Streckfus Manning, Alberta Cox, Margery Mohan, Emilie Nuerge.

Kindergarten—Sidney LeBlanc, Rita O'Shea, Genevieve Stotler, Norma Fraser, Andrew Hardgrave, Stuart Scott, Eileen Moynahan.

4B—George Briggs, Richard Fancy, William Knoche.

3B—Joseph German, Robert Millen, Ferdinand Neumer, Geraldine Dow, Catherine O'Keefe, Florence Wissel.

3A—John Millen, Nicholas Tomasulo, Anna Backus, Grace Cinchy, Dorothy Guy, Eileen Johnson, Janice Traub, Minnie Frank.

6B to 7A—Lucy Hoshafian, Alice Dede, Gertrude LaForest, Stephen Briggs, Valentine Gress, Aleck Weir., Henry Weigman.

6A to 6B—Dorothy Boose, Lucy O'Keefe, Edith Walker, Lawrence Strohlman.

5B to 6A—Muriel Drummond, James Millen, Fred Meyer, John O'Shea.

5A to 5B—Ruth Dowse, Wilhelmina Meyer, Virginia Miller, Angelique Smith, Mildred Weiss, Ruth Wylie, Lawrence M. Brown, Edward MacNeal, David Millar.

BREWER-GREENMAN.

Charles Davies Brewer, of 229 Greenway South, was married on February 17th to Miss Elizabeth Greenman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burt Greenman, at the First Reformed Church, Brooklyn. A reception, at the residence of the bride's parents, followed the ceremony. Mr. Brewer is a Harvard graduate and a member of the Harvard Club. He has taken an active interest in the Scout work at the Gardens.

Mrs. George C. LeBlanc has been appointed organist for the Church-in-the-Gardens. She was formerly organist at Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Jersey City, N. J.

William C. Wiese, a prominent teacher of music in Brooklyn, is seriously considering making his home in Forest Hills Gardens.

Skating at the Gardens Club has been much in vogue during the recent cold weather.

CATHOLIC BAZAAR.

The members of the Roman Catholic Church are preparing to hold a bazaar in their chapel at Ascan Avenue and the Boulevard to begin on the evening of February 28th, for the purpose of providing furnishings for the chapel. Not only is nearly every member of the little parish taking an active part in the preparations, but much generous assistance is being received from the rest of the community.

The women of the church have formed a committee of the whole, with Mrs. Walter Mayer as President, and are putting forth much effort to make the affair successful. It will be continued every evening for a week, with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday especially for the benefit of the children. There will be music and dancing each evening and such a variety of articles for sale that every visitor may feel sure of finding something to purchase. Borough President Connolly will open the bazaar on Wednesday evening with appropriate ceremonies. Everybody, of course, is cordially invited.

\$150,000 DRAINAGE FUND.

The work of the Anti-Mosquito Committee has been successful to the extent that \$150,000 has been voted by the Board of Aldermen for immediate use in draining the marsh lands of the city. This now awaits the favorable action of the Board of Estimate, which has been promised. Most of the work will be done in Brooklyn and Queens Boroughs.

The adoption of babies by two Gardens' families, the serious consideration of it by several other families, and the frequent announcement of "new arrivals," makes it evident that the Gardens is soon to become a veritable "children's paradise."

BOULEVARD ASSESSMENT.

In regard to widening Queens, or Hoffman Boulevard, C. G. Pearce, Chairman of the Committee on Taxes and Assessments, has requested the Bulletin to state that the Commissioners of Estimates in condemnation have finished taking the testimony of property owners under the city's experts.

The city has taken title to the property for the entire length of the Boulevard, about $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The municipality will pay 50 per cent., the Borough of Queens 30 per cent., and the property benefited 20 per cent.

From Grand Street, Newtown, to Union Turnpike, the Boulevard is to be widened from 80 to 200 feet. The area of assessment includes a strip 800 feet in width on each side of the thoroughfare. The total cost of construction is estimated at approximately \$1,500,000. The assessment will probably be levied at the end of the present year.

The Commissioners of Estimates will take up and definitely settle the awards in this matter on March 7th, at 1.30 P. M. in the Bureau of Street Openings, Municipal Building, Anable Street, Long Island City. All persons who have any information relating to the widening of the Boulevard, or who are directly interested in the assessments that are to follow, are urged to call or communicate with the Bureau of Street Openings immediately.

THE INN.

Miss Anna Schlesinger of College Point, N. Y., is now making her home at The Inn.

Mrs. H. W. Fenton of Chicago, Ill., is visiting Mrs. Rockwell at The Inn.

Miss O'Dailey, Superintendent of St. Christopher's Hospital for Babies in Brooklyn, is visiting at The Inn.

Mrs. J. M. Gatewood of Richmond, Va., and Miss Margaret Crutchfield of Fredericksburg, Va., have been visiting at The Inn.

Mrs. E. L. Robinson of Baltimore, Md., spent a few days at The Inn during the past week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Skipp.

Mrs. C. Bachman and Miss Julie Adams of Brooklyn are staying at The Inn.

Mrs. O. B. Wood of San Francisco, Ca., is among the guests at The Inn.

Mrs. Laura Elliott of New York is spending a few days at The Inn.

Miss Dorothy Whitehead has gone to Boston, Mass., to visit Miss Maida Birmingham, who formerly lived at The Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Renfrew of Brooklyn spent the weekend at The Inn.

Mrs. A. M. Ryley of LaJolla, Cal., who was at The Inn for several weeks, is now visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward H. Bouton, in Roland Park, Baltimore, Md.

TENNIS TOURNAMENTS.

The premier event of the lawn tennis world, the National Singles Championship Games, will be held at the West Side Tennis Courts, Forest Hills Gardens, next summer. This was determined, almost without contest, at the meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association held recently at the Waldorf Hotel. The local club was also awarded the challenge round for the National Doubles, the all-comers' tournament, the National junior and National boys' events. It was announced that because of the war there would be no international matches and that the Davis Cup games would not be played.

At the School-in-the-Gardens, the Palmer Penmanship Button has been awarded to Lucy Hashafian, Muriel Drummond and Fred Meyer.

The regular meeting of the Forest Hills Gardens Taxpayers' Association will be held in the social room of the Church-in-the-Gardens on Tuesday evening, February 29th, at 8.15 o'clock. The meeting will be in charge of the Committee on Schools, of which Benjamin P. DeWitt is chairman, and the address by Dr. Shallow on "Suburban Schools" will be of great interest to all who realize that adequate school privileges are essential to such communities as Forest Hills.

Representative Charles Pope Caldwell is pushing the matter of better mail service for Forest Hills. A survey by a post office inspector is promised and it is expected that an increased delivery and collection service will be ordered. Meantime many of our residents are buying stamps in large quantities.

COMING EVENTS.

To make this column as complete as possible, we desire the co-operation of all organizations of the community. Kindly send all communications to the office of the Homes Company, addressed to the "Bulletin."

Tuesdays—2 P. M., at the Sales Office. Meeting of Volunteer War Relief Division of Women's Club.

Thursdays—10 A. M., at the Inn. Meeting of the Musical Art Society.

Monday, February 28th—9 P. M., Church of Forest Hills (north side). Concert by Forest Hills Musical Society. Admittance, \$1.00.

Monday, February 28th, to Saturday, March 4th—Catholic Chapel. Bazaar. Cordial invitation to the public.

Tuesday, February 29th—8.15 P. M., at the Church Chapel. Monthly meeting of Taxpayers' Association. Address by Dr. Edward B. Shallow, Associate Superintendent of Schools, on "Suburban Schools." Auspices of School Committee.

Wednesday, March 1st—8 P. M., annual meeting of Gardens Club. All members expected to be present.

Wednesday, March 1st—2.20 P. M., at the Inn. Monthly meeting of Women's Club. Addresses by Mrs. Emanuel Silpel, Vice-President of Federation for Child Study, and Miss Anna Bird Stewart, "How to Tell Stories to Children."

Friday, March 10th—2.30 P. M., at the Church-in-the-Gardens' Social Room. Monthly meeting of Women's Guild. Mrs. Norman B. Baker and Mrs. Robert J. Cole, hostesses.

Sunday, March 12th—8 P. M., at the Church-in-the-Gardens. Lecture by Hans P. Freese, "The Truth About Mormonism." Auspices of the Civic Betterment Chapter of Women's Club. Public cordially invited.

Friday, March 17th—8 P. M., at Gardens Club, open meeting of Men's Club, to which the women of the community are invited.

The new subway station at Hunterspoint Avenue is open. An increasing number of our residents are using it even with the limited train service now available.

Gardens' residents have a comfortable feeling over the fact that the assessment, recently levied by the Department of Water Supply, Gas & Electricity on one of our neighboring communities, for the purpose of putting electric light wires underground, will not be extended to this community. Our subway system is one of the outstanding features that makes the Gardens attractive.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING.

On Wednesday, March 1st, the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Club will be held at the Inn. All members are urged to attend, as important business will be voted upon. The speaker for the day will be Mrs. Emanuel Silpel, Vice-President of the Federation for Child Study, and her talk will be of the greatest interest to friends of children.

The Homes Company has sold a plot, with a frontage of 100 feet on Greenway South, near Cranford Street, to the Diocesan Missions of Long Island, as a site for an Episcopal Chapel, and later an Episcopal Church.

CHURCH SERVICES.

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

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Charles C. Foster, 36 Slocum Crescent. Holy Communion, second Sunday of each month at 8 A. M.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 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. Prayer meeting Wednesdays at 8 P. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street, North Side.

CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

The Women's Guild is planning a social gathering of unusual interest to be held in the social room on Friday, March 3rd. All members of the church and congregation are cordially invited.

Mrs. George C. LeBlanc has been engaged as organist by the Music Committee. Mr. Gallagher is rendering a much appreciated service as precentor. The soloist on Sunday, February 20th, was Mrs. Walker, whose singing was very acceptable.

A series of sermons on "The A. B. C. of the Christian Life" will be preached by Dr. Kent for the special instruction of the young people, commencing Sunday morning, February 27th.

Arrangements are being made to install the Rev. Frank I. Hanscom as Dr. Kent's successor as pastor of the Lewis Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, on Thursday, March 9th. Dr. Kent is to give the charge to the people.

The members of the Ministers' Brotherhood of Queens and Nassau are to have an interchange of pulpits some Sunday in Lent.

February 27th will be Temperance Sunday in the Sunday School. Parents and friends are welcome. The hour is 10 o'clock.

A senior class for boys has been organized under Mr. McCulloch's care. Mr. Kaighn will take charge of the intermediate boys' class; and Mr. Mays has kindly consented to help out as substitute when Mr. Kaighn has to be away.

The designation of our local public school has been changed from Annex No. 1 of Public School No. 3, to School No. 101.

Birds in large numbers have taken advantage of the permanent feeding stations and the many improvised ones during the recent cold weather. This has saved many bird lives and added to the pleasure of our bird lovers.

Plans are being formulated for a peace meeting. A preparedness meeting would also be in order, since Long Island figures so prominently in all of the magazine stories of foreign invasion.

An afternoon tea was held recently at the home of Mrs. F. E. Smith, Greenway South and Shorthill Road, by the Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens.

The Boy Scouts have an outing today. They are visiting the Ford motor plant in Long Island City.