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# BENTLEY THOMS BACK.

Arrives on Lapland and is Now at Fox Hills Hospital

Bentley Thoms landed from the Lapland last Sunday and is now convalescing in the Fox Hills Hospital, Staten Island. It is nearly four months since he was wounded in the fighting that succeeded in breaking the Hindenburg Line. He has so far recovered that he can walk again with a cane, favoring his left leg, which was hit above the knee.

It was on September 29th that he fell, serving in the Intelligence Department immediately behind the advancing tanks in the attack of the 27th Division, with the 107th in the van, that broke the German line between Cambrai and St. Quentin.

German phosphorescent bombs disclosed the men working behind the tanks and Thoms was hit almost immediately. Taken from a shell hole, he fell into the hands of capable Red Cross nurses and ever since has had excellent care. He hopes soon to be able to make the trip out to Forest Hills, where a warm welcome is waiting for him.

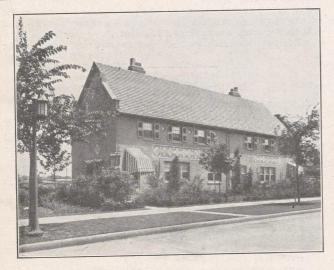
# RED CROSS NOTES.

Allied and Red Cross Flags which were left at the Red Cross House at the time of the Fair may be obtained by applying to Mrs. Curtis E. Kloetzer, 51 Wendover Road.

In connection with War Relief Work, Mrs. Kloetzer has discovered a Belgian refugee most competent in the teaching of French and would like to get pupils from families in the Gardens to go to her for instruction. Please telephone Mrs. Kloetzer, Forest Hills 6593.

# CAPTAIN COLES RETURNS.

Captain Stephen L. Coles, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., has received his honorable discharge from the army and has returned to Forest Hills Gardens. During his service in the army, Captain Coles was the responsible officer in charge of the construction of the high explosives plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala., one of the largest operations undertaken by the Government.



# GROUP XXIX.

On Greenway North, between Puritan Avenue and Borage Place, is the attractive group of two semi-detached houses pictured above. These two houses with their gable ends of rough textured lammie brick, tile and gravel, aggregate stucco with tile panel inserts and the large surface of unpierced red tile roof create a distinctive picture to the eye.

Each house consists of eight rooms and two baths, with laundry, cold room and boiler room in the basement. One of the features in the plan of the second floor is the large open hall, with seat and fireplace. These two houses have just been placed on the market by the Homes Company.

J. T. Tubby, Jr., was the architect and the Homes Company the builder.

# ENSIGN GATES HOME.

Missing Since October, He Surprises His Family Here.

Ensign Carroll M. Gates landed on Monday, returning from recent service on the Italian Front and is now staying at the home of his sister, Mrs. Basil D'Emo of Groton Street.

Ensign Gates is a naval flyer of the hydro-aeroplane service, his most recent flying having been along the Adriatic shore and in bomb attacks upon Austrian strongholds. Before the war he had gone abroad with an American Ambulance, going into active fighting with our entrance into the war. Wounded once, sustaining a broken shoulder blade in a fall, he has now completely recovered.

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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.

# PROGRESS ON WELCOME PLANS.

Architect Submits Effective Decoration Scheme to Cheer Passing Troops.

Mr. Tompkins has drawn up plans providing for a display of flags and welcome signs upon and around the station in a setting that will unmistakably attract the notice and please the men passing through here as they go from their boats to disembarkation camps at Mills and Upton.

The Committee, to work out details, has been strengthened by the following additional appointments:

Mrs. Leon D'Emo, Mrs. E. M. Bristol, Mrs. Lee Galloway, Mrs. Forry Getz, Mrs. Charles Pope Caldwell, Mrs. Vincent Engelbach, Mrs. Harold Daniels, Mrs. Murray Brown, Mrs. H. W. Hillman, Mrs. Curtis Kloetzer, Mrs. Charles Scammell, Mrs. E. R. Wilkes, Mrs. F. K. Seward, Mrs. R. Tappan, Mrs. R. W. Waddell, Mrs. L. L. Post, Mrs. William G. Walker, Mrs. William V. Ortgies, Mrs. Horace Judson, Mrs. John McFarlan, Mrs. C. W. Johnson, Mrs. Robert Whyte.

#### PLANS FOR MASONIC HOME.

Will Include Long-Sought Community Hall.

Tuesday evening, January 21st, 1919, marked an epoch in the history of Forest Hills Lodge, No. 946, of Free and Accepted Masons. Since the establishment of Forest Hills Lodge it has been necessary for the Lodge meetings to be held in Elmhurst, there being no suitable place for a Masonic home in Forest Hills, and it has long been the intention of the Masons to erect in Forest Hills a Masonic Hall.

There have been numerous committee meetings and conferences which culminated on Tuesday evening last in the passing of a resolution whereby a Holding Company has been authorized and empowered to proceed with the purchase of a suitable building site on which is to be erected a Masonic Hall.

This Hall will consist of a two-story and basement building of appropriate design and structure. In the basement there will be conveniences for lockers, kitchen arrangements, etc., and on the ground floor will be a Community Hall which, it is intended, will give Forest Hills that which it has long needed, e. i., a public meeting place wherein can be held meetings, entertainments, gatherings of all sorts, amusements, all of community interest. On the top floor will be the home of the Forest Hills Masons, known as Forest Hills Lodge.

Various sites have been submitted, but none selected as yet.

The Holding Company will issue bonds in denominations of \$50 each to carry five per cent. interest, which bonds will eventually be retired by the Lodge. Numerous Brethren of the Lodge have already made donations, and it is hoped that within the next two weeks there will be sufficient in the treasury to not only pay for the site, but also to establish beyond all doubt the erection of a dignified and suitable Masonic Hall.

The Community Hall in the building will be for the benefit of the entire population of Forest Hills, and this in itself

will be welcome news to the residents.

Further information and details will be forthcoming

# PUBLIC LIBRARY.

#### Boy Scout Books Now Available.

The following named books form a collection now on hand at the Library. Various other collections, especially for children, will be available from time to time.

Books for Scouts:

Holland-Boy Scouts of Birch Bark Island.

Hornibrook-Scout of Today

McCormick-Boy and His Clubs.

Roberts-Secret Trails.

Pike-Scouts' Book of Birds.

Thompson-Animal Heroes.

Kephart-Camp Cookery. Beard-Boy Pioneers.

Beard-Shelters, Shacks and Shanties.

Beard-On the Trail.

Cave—Boy Scouts' Hike Book.

Cave-Boy Scouts' Camp Book.

Cave-Girl Pioneers of America. Marks-Vacation Camping for Girls.

Richardson-Boy Scout Movement Applied by the Church.

Taylor—Boys' Camp Manual.

Thompson—Book of Woodcraft.
Thompson—Woodcraft Manual for Girls.

Johnston-Famous Scouts.

#### BOY SCOUT MEETING.

# Commodore Wilbert E. Longfellow Demonstrates First Aid.

On Thursday night, January 16th, the regular meeting night of the Boy Scouts, Mr. Osborn's Troop, a number of the Girl Scouts joined them at the Sales Office. together to greet Commodore W. E. Longfellow. dore Longfellow has demonstrated First Aid and Life Saving in many of the training camps here in United States under the Red Cross.

Being affiliated with the Boy Scouts, he was at home with them here in Forest Hills. He showed those present a first aid bandage which originated on the battle field somewhere in France. It is a piece of ordinary 2-3 inch gauze about four feet long and used for bandaging the head which is so difficult to bandage securely. The center of the gauze is placed under the jaw and the ends carried up in front of the ears and tied in a single overhand knot on top of the head. The knot is then spread apart, the ends being held by the patient or otherwise, carrying portions of the bandage forward over the eyes or back for the rear of the head, well covering any portion of the head which may be injured. The one-arm carry, the coat carry, fire-man's lift, the chair carry, fire-man's drag, and several others were showns which are invaluable to Scouts.

Before the evening was over, Commodore Longfellow showed some breaks for death grips in saving the drowning and then the form of carry to tow the rescued to safety. The life saving is the portion which interests Commodore Longfellow most keenly, and although without the aid of a tank the interest of the girls and boys was well held.

# LITERATURE CHAPTER, WOMEN'S CLUB.

The Literature Chapter of the Women's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Lee Galloway, 250 Greenway South, on Monday, January 27th, at 2:30 P. M.

The subject will be "War Poetry," and the discussion will be led by Dr. J. W. Perry, Mrs. Phanor Eder and Mrs. Alice Larsch.

#### LIEUT. DE WIERZBECKI'S ADDRESS.

# Under Auspices of Women's Club He Outlines Claims to be Made by France at the Peace Conference.

Lieutenant Vincent de Wierzbecki of the French High Commission, speaking under the auspices of the Women's Club at the home of Mrs. Rowland H. Smith, on the evening of Thursday, January 10th, addressed a gathering of two hundred members of the Club and their guests assembled in the drawing room to hear him on the rights to be claimed by France at the Peace Conference.

These he named in simple terms. Germany must make restitution, reparation and disarm permanently the threatening territory between France and the Rhine. There was no mistaking the depth of feeling behind these claims. He left his audience in no doubt that France was prepared to insist that, as far as humanly possible, she be placed again prosperously on her feet and free from the continual threat of invasion under which she has lived so long.

Applause and cheers welcomed these claims. Lieutenant de Wierzbecki delighted his audience, who needed no conversion, but were greatly pleased to hear and approve the just claims of France as he expressed them.

#### MEETING OF TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

# A Plea for the Library—Mr. Baldwin's Description of Devastated France.

The Taxpayers' Association held its regular monthly meeting on January 17th last in the Church-in-the-Gardens, with the largest attendance of the season.

After the reading of the Treasurer's report and the report of the committee upon providing suitable Welcome Home signs around the station for the soldiers passing through, Miss Hume, of the Jamaica Public Library, was introduced to speak on the library situation. She deplored the cut of \$15,000 in the 1919 appropriation for Public Libraries and warned her hearers that they must boost hard for the Public Library or that institution, much as it is needed here in these times, would disappear.

Mr. Arthur J. Baldwin, of New York, was then introduced. He told of being a guest of the British Government and having had the thrilling experience of seeing that wonderful safeguard of the world, the British Fleet. The British took him to France, where he and his associates, as Americans, were recognized and given the right of way everywhere, treated splendidly, as all Americans have been treated.

Before showing his pictures, he told how they had visited Ypres, Vimy Ridge, Paris, Verdun, Rheims, Hill No. 108, seen General Pershing at the Somme, and gone over to Metz and back. Most of the pictures shown dealt with the frightful devastation over the battlefields mentioned. Roads, homes, forests and bridges were cut down and levelled so completely that to Mr. Baldwin it seemed they could never be rebuilt. Several times, and in closing, he repeated the question, "Can they ever be rebuilt?"

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Congressman Caldwell, in thanking Mr. Baldwin for coming out here, took occasion to answer this question in the affirmative on behalf of his audience, and the "Ayes had it."

# AUDUBON NOTES.

The two lectures of Mr. Baynes on January 8th cost the Audubon Society about \$150.00. Of this amount about \$75.00 was returned in tickets sold. The Society believes that the best way to spend money accumulated through subscriptions is in educational work and always tries to get the best man to present the subject. The attraction and protection of birds are essential to the well-being of the Gardens where thousands of dollars have been invested in ornal pental trees and shrubbery.

#### A Subscription to the Audubon Society is a Lands ape Insurance Fee.

The Audubon Society has purchased three dozen bird houses and a dozen suet holders, which are for sale; the houses at 50 cents each, and the holders at 15 cents each, at the Flower Shop. The boxes are easily adjusted and readily cleaned. Every home in Forest Hills should have

one or several of these practical attractive little houses in place for the spring nesting season. The sooner they are put up the better, as the birds must get used to them. The holders are to be filled with suet and attached to a nail or twig. If we want the Gardens full of birds next summer we must feed them this winter. It means much, this friendly service, not only to the birds but to us all, for the birds in their ceaseless warfare against destructive insects are the truest food savers known. Hoover has said—"I hope the people of the United States realize how closely related to the whole question of food saving is the question of the protection of our insectivorous and migratory birds."

#### THE INN.

Among the newcomers who have taken up residence at the Inn are Mrs. David R. Reynolds of New York with her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss E. Hunsdon. Captain Reynolds has been stationed in the West on Government work for some time, but on his return will join his family at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Everitt and their small son have recently closed their house in Forest Hills for the winter months and returned to the Inn, where they spent last winter also.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Michie and Master Jack, who have been guests of the Inn for some time, have recently returned from their trip over the holiday season. Mrs. C. M. Squier, of Toronto, Canada, a sister of Mrs. Michie, has just arrived for a visit of several weeks.

Mrs. Francis P. Hallett, of Concord, New Hampshire, has been spending several weeks at the Inn. Mrs. Hallett is a friend of Mrs. Thurlow M Gordon of Forest Hills and was so charmed with our community that she has decided to make it her headquarters on future visits to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Walmsley and Miss Catherine Walmsley, of Chicago, are among our recent guests, Mr. Walmsley having changed his business from that city to New York

Mr. Chester Thornley, of Providence, R. I., was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. Thornley, of the Inn.

The Baron and Baroness de La Ferte-Goncer, of Biarritz, France, are spending some time at the Inn before their return to their own country. They have been in America since the beginning of the war and came to the Inn for a farewell visit to Mrs. C. M. Watson.

Commodore W. E. Longfellow of the American Red Cross, stationed at Washington, D. C., is making the Inn his headquarters during a business trip to New York.

Mr. John R. Nichols and Mr. Louis J. Killien, of Boston, were recently week-end guests of Lieutenant and Mrs. L. P. Mills, of the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. McGahie, of Forest Hills, entertained at a delightful little dinner party at the Inn last Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. P. Seward, wife of Dr. Seward, of New York, the well-known surgeon, has been spending some time at the Inn, where she came to rest after her return from Red Cross service in France.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Kennard, Master S. P. Kennard, Jr., with their aunt, Mrs. A. L. Richards, and Mrs. L. C. Mc-Kinney, of Boston, are among the new guests at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ripley have recently given up their apartment in New York and arrived at the Inn, where they anticipate spending the balance of the Winter.

Captain A. T. Shurick and Mr. E. Duffy, former residents of the Inn, have received their discharge from Army life and returned to make their home at the Inn. Captain Raymond Bell and Mr. E. H. Ellis have also been mustered out of the service and are now at the Inn.

Among, other arrivals are Mr. R. D. Willets, of Joplin, Mo.; Mr. E. H. Conway, of Forest Hills, and Mr. Roderick W. Smith, of Pittsfield, Mass.

# Sunday Evening Concerts.

The Sunday evening concerts at the Inn have been growing in favor so much so that they are looked forward to with a great deal of enthusiasm.

#### COMING EVENTS.

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

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 27th, at 2:30 P. M.—Meeting of the Literature Chapter of the Women's Club at the home of Mrs. Lee Galloway, 250 Greenway South. Subject: War

Tuesday, January 28th, at 4 P. M.—Boys' Gymnasium

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

Friday, January 31st, at 8 P. M.—Dramatic Club meets at Seminole Avenue Club House.

Saturday, February 1st.—Swimming Class leaves Forest

Hills on 10:35 A. M. train for New York.

Monday, February 3rd, at 2 P. M.—Regular meeting of Women's Club at the Inn.

# GARDENS CLUB HOUSE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

#### Offer for Use of Convalescing Soldiers Turned Down by Red Cross.

Mrs. Curtis E. Kloetzer has received a letter from Mr. George M. Woolsey, of the American Red Cross, in which he advises her that he has taken up with Col. J. M. Kennedy, Port Surgeon, the question of the use of the Gardens Club for convalescing soldiers.

Col. Kennedy states that on account of the small accommodations and the fact that the building is so far removed from a hospital which might be used as a base, that "Under the circumstances I do not think it worth your while presenting the matter to the attention of the Atlantic Division of the Red Cross, under whose jurisdiction such a proposition would actually fall, provided it had the approval of the medical authorities of this port."

# MOTHERS' CLUB VISITS SCHOOL.

# Make Inspection of Improved School Facilities While Their Children Are in Session.

At the Mothers' Club meeting, held at Public School No. 101, on last Monday afternoon, there were about twenty-five mothers present. The meeting was held in the school building rather than at Mrs. Mays' home so as to afford an opportunity for those present to inspect the improvements made upon the building since summer. All was found to

be very satisfactory.

Miss Cording's office now is something of a room rather than a portion of the hall; the furnaces have been installed in the basement instead of in each room, and with proper ventilating systems, and the coats and hats of the children are kept in closets in each room in place of being all together in the halls. The banner obtained by the children during the last Liberty Loan Campaign was in evidence, also the huge document issued by the War Savings Campaign proving that the children had over-subscribed their quota by more than any other school in the district building is open at any school hour for your inspection.

# Mothers, Attention!

All mothers are asked to make a special effort to get their children to school promptly and regularly. The attendance has been very irregular both as to absence and tardiness.

#### Public School Notes.

The new term at Public School No. 101 will begin on There are vacancies for a few pupils in January 31st. Children who are four years of age may be admitted in the afternoon Kindergarten class. Those who are five to six years old may enter the morning Kindergarten. There will be a First Year class in each building.

Seventy-five Victory Boys and Victory Girls will receive certificates as soon as they have paid their pledges in full.

# 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.

After an excellent dinner prepared by a committee of the Women's Guild and served by a large number of young ladies, the business of the annual meeting was taken up on Wednesday evening, the 8th. Following an appropriate address of appreciation of the lectures Mrs. Smart had given the school and friends on Religious Education by Mrs. Ward, Dr. Kent presented to Mrs. Smart a Bible, asking Miss Helen Smart, representing the young people, to take it from him and give it to her mother. Mrs. Smart responded in a few words of sincere gratitude.

The newly elected officers for the year are: Trustees, Mr. J. G. Marsh, Mr. W. H. Batcheller, Mr. H. H. Judson; Deacons, Mr. V. H. Paltsits, Mr. W. P. McCulloch, Mr. James Rea; Superintendent, Mr. R. P. Kaighn; Treasurer, Mr. J. F. McTyier; Clerk, Mr. V. H. Paltsits. Music Committe this year will be: Mr. Marsh, Chairman, Mrs. Scammell, Mrs.

Smart.

The Sunday School reported 150 members, besides a Cradle Roll of nearly 50. The total benevolences of Church and organizations were over \$900. The Treasurer reported all bills paid.

Mrs. Ortgies is to be President of the Women's Guild this

year.

Tomorrow at the morning service Dr. Kent will speak on the place of music in worship with special reference to congregational singing. He will tell what are the great hymns of the Church and what makes them such.

# PLAY IN WINTER.

# Gymnasium Classes.

The girls and boys have come over to the Seminole Avenue Club House and had some good work in calisthenics. The room has not been very attractive, but now we hope to have a real nice gym or club room to use at any time when we care for it. The girls are learning a little Indian Folk Dance and we would like to have some of their friends come and learn it with them. We have a piano and that helps so much. The boys are enjoying the marching with the assistance of the piano, and we are to start learning a jumping jack jig right soon, so you better hurry and register with Miss Fox at 27 Greenway Terraces. Remember, Tuesday is the day for the boys and Thursday is the time for the girls, at 4 o'clock.

# Dramatic Club.

Don't forget that the Dramatic Club meets on this next Friday evening and we are to start trying out for the parts in a new play. Girls and boys from fourteen years up are cordially invited to meet with us, Friday, January 31st.

#### Indoor Swimming.

The Saturday morning swimming class varies in ability to swim, therefore all are learning the Crawl stroke. This is the simplest in co-ordination and the best for speed and time. The tank affords room for more to attend, and Miss Fox would be glad to register members at 27 Greenway Terraces.