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NEW RIDING CLUB

Keen Interest is Shown at the First Meeting— Encouraging Attendance

Homes Company Offers to Sell Gardens Club and Grounds—Committee will Consider Various Suggestions and Present Financial Plan

The Forest Park Riding Club held its first meeting in the Homes Company office in Station Square on Monday night, July 18 at 9 o'clock. The meeting was well attended and those present were very enthusiastic and in hearty support of the project to establish a riding club in the Gardens. The spirit displayed was very encouraging.

Major M. A. White, the originator of the movement, presided and stated clearly and briefly the object of the organization. He dwelt at some length upon the very favorable circumstances which would indicate that a comprehensive organization could be conducted at a minimum of expense to its members.

J. M. Demarest for the Homes Company outlined the possibilities of securing the grounds, stables and club house by offering to sell to the organization and finance the property, consisting of approximately three and a half acres with the improvements thereon, on Metropolitan Avenue opposite Ascan Avenue, formerly known as the Gardens Club and grounds. He offered the property at acreage cost plus the investment already made in the former club house and stated that a standard army barracks or mess hall could be purchased from the Government, wrecked, transported and re-erected on the grounds at 75% or less, than the cost of a new building. This building would serve excellently as a stable, accommodating about sixty animals and provide other requisite space.

A committee consisting of Major White, chairman, Dr. T. T. Sweeny, Colonel H. F. Dalton and J. M. Demarest was appointed to consider, investigate and report upon the practicability of the many suggestions offered, reduce them to the most advantageous proposition and submit the figures and financial scheme with definite recommendations, at the next meeting.

The organization is rapidly emerging from an embryonic state. Those who did not attend the meeting and those who have not indicated their desire to join the organization and are interested, should drop a line to Major M. A. White, the Tennis Place Apartments, or to E. Bird Wilson, 134 Puritan Avenue.

All those interested are cordially invited to attend the next meeting—the Homes Company office in Station Square, Monday evening, July 25 at 8:30 P. M.

CARD PARTY

A party, at which the ladies of the community may meet one another although strangers heretofore, is being planned for July 26. All those desiring to play cards or simply choosing to sew, in company, may se-



ENTRANCE DOORWAY TO HOME OF F. B. FARRAND

The above is the charming entrance doorway to one of the many successful homes which have been designed and built by the Homes Company, located at the intersection of Middlemay Place and Bow Street.

The freedom in the choice of material in the soft stucco walls, brick trim forming a frame to the door and small lanterns flanking this opening together with the flower boxes at the steps and over the hood, invites one to enter this really delightful home.

The leaders and leader heads are of lead of a simple but interesting design.

This doorway opens into the entrance hall, which has on one side the living room and on the other the dining room.

cure tickets at a dollar a piece from Mrs. Harold P. Daniels or from any of the drug stores, for the card and garden party to be given under the auspices of the Mothers' Club of the Gardens, at 20 Markwood Road, on the afternoon of July 26, Tuesday, at 2:30 o'clock. The proceeds will go towards the financing of the side shows for children at the Community House fair in the fall. Light refreshments and flower prizes will be given. Tables are being arranged for ladies who come alone and it is to be hoped that, failing her usual foursome, none will remain away for that reason, but will consent to play with strangers. In this way the Mothers' Club hopes to introduce unknown neighbors to each other—a task to which it willingly sets its hand.

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Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 9 Station Square, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

WHILE 12,000 and more have come from all parts of the country to attend summer school at Columbia and large numbers are attending similar sessions in various parts of the United States, there is much that might be said pro and con about going to school when the thermometer is high. Many come to New York attracted by the big city and the many diversions and interests it offers, but all are intent upon improving themselves, enlarging their visions and learning something out of the text books. There is an innovation in summer schools this year at Bryn Mawr, which not only offers the office girl a chance to develop along the lines which she needs most in her work, but also gives her an opportunity to spend a few weeks on a perfectly beautiful campus. Summer schools are taking on a new complexion.

But we are thinking primarily of the little summer school of thirty boys and girls who are attending the classes in public school 101 every afternoon, except Saturday and Sundays, in July between 2:30 and 3:30. The article in another column of the BULLETIN tells the story of the curriculum and of the busy mothers who are giving of their experience and of themselves to the children enrolled, so that the entire summer may not be spent in aimless play but in something that will improve their time. The class room work is such fun and the children enjoy it so much that they are just as happy as if they were playing. The mothers of the children say that the boys and girls come home from the afternoon session happier than when they went. One mother reports that her boy returns from the handcraft classes "with something in his head and something in his hand."

The editor recalls that a mother in another city spent her summers a few years ago teaching her own and the neighbors' children nature study,—birds, flowers, trees and butterflies. One year a collection of butterflies was made by the boys and girls; then the winged creatures were properly labelled with the common and scientific names and placed in a cherry case and this was presented to the public school which these children attended. There were fourteen varieties of butterflies, male and female, in that case and they were caught in a city yard. This laboratory work out of doors could naturally follow the indoor drawing and modelling that the classes are doing this summer. The wild flowers of our fast disappearing vacant lots, the birds, trees and butterflies could make a delightful study for another summer.

Whether the work is continued or not, the parents of the children who are attending this year's summer session are grateful to the busy women who find time not only to teach their own but the neighbors' children.

HANDCRAFT CLASSES

Summer Session in Public School 101 Pleasing to Children and Parents.

The public school in the Gardens is open during July from Mondays through Fridays, for one hour, beginning at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. At that time, a group of boys and girls are securing instruction from skilled teachers. The little school house is as comfortable in these warm days as any place in the village, for the many windows are wide open and the breezes blow delightfully, over the window boxes filled with red geraniums, into the rooms where happy children are learning handcraft.

If the classes have given the children a knowledge of how to use the various materials so that they may intelligently work with them at home by themselves and if the children's powers of observation and analytical faculties have been developed, then the work has been a success from the point of view of the Gardens Mothers' Club, under whose management the classes have been conducted.

The enrollment has been 30 and the daily attendance has averaged 25, (one day this week there were 28 present), so it is apparent that from the standpoint of the number of children and of their continued interest the summer school has been a success.

Mrs. Donald G. Clark has daily overseen the work and she has trained the children in the proper handling of clay and inspired them to make objects, such as fruits, leaf forms on backgrounds, ash trays and vases. The last two, when particularly well formed, are to be baked in a kiln so that the children may keep them as mementoes of the summer's work.

Very painstakingly has Mrs. Harold P. Daniels taught the classes in drawing, taking her objects from the common garden flowers and native birds. Through the use of pencil, crayon and paint box, the children have learned the differences between the brown thrasher and the wood thrush, paying especial attention to the color, outline, size and other distinguishing characteristics. Other birds have been treated in the same way. The fine distinctions among favorite and well known garden flowers have been shown to the children, who draw and paint these flowers.

Baskets of various shapes have been made under the direction of Mrs. Andrew E. Coburn. Each child will be the proud possessor of one basket which he has made. Accuracy and care are needed for this work and the children respond to the demand.

Only one half hour a week has been allotted to singing and with Mrs. Jewel St. Leger Aldrich the teacher, the boys and girls have enjoyed it. Mrs. Aldrich has been teaching the children two old English folk songs, which they dramatize as they sing. These two songs are: "The Strawberry Fair" and "Wraggle, Taggle Gypsies," the latter with a subtle moral.

The kindergarten children join the others in the regular class work, but when they find that too irksome, Mrs. G. Lester Hopper tells them stories and plays games with them. Mrs. Frank Y. Low is the assistant in this department.

The summer session closes July 29. The playground will also close officially on that date and until the opening of public school 101 in September.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

"NEVER write what you dare not sign," is an old proverb which might well be heeded by some people who write anonymous letters to the Sage Foundation Homes Company. Under no consideration will the Homes Company pay any attention to unsigned communications. However, when any resident has any definite information about people or conditions here which ought to be brought to the attention of the officials, the company stands ready to thoroughly investigate and to have rectified whatever is not proper. In every case this information must be given personally to an official of the company, or it must be sent in a signed letter. Such information will always be considered confidential by the company, the character of which ought to inspire trust and confidence. It goes without saying that the person who gives the information must be fully conversant with the facts. Writing this kind of a letter, with or without the signature, before evidence has been secured, will bring true the saying of Butler:

"Full oft have letters caused the writers
To curse the day they were inditers."

MOSQUITOES IN FOREST HILLS

The type of mosquitoes that is at present bothering some of the residents of Forest Hills is the *Culex pipiens*, or common house mosquito. This type is especially troublesome as it comes into the house and sings and bites at night when one desires to sleep.

The breeding places of this type are numerous. It breeds in stopped-up drains, water barrels, bird baths, pools, and in fact in almost any fresh water that is sufficiently polluted. The more stagnant the water, the more rapid the growth of the mosquitoes.

The house mosquito is not thought to fly very far—no more than a few hundred yards—so if any one is bothered by mosquitoes in the house, it would be well to examine all the drains about the house to make sure that there is no standing water. If water is found, it should be oiled every week, regularly. If one has a bird bath in the yard, the water should be all cleaned out each week and fresh water supplied, as bird baths furnish an ideal place for mosquito breeding. It is important that all the old stagnant water be cleaned out, or otherwise the larvae and pupae would still remain in the bath. If the water is thrown on the ground, the wrigglers soon die.

The bird bath and catch basin in Olivia Park have had the attention of the local inspector for the last few weeks, and some breeding has been found there. A request has been made that the Sage Foundation Homes Company clean the bath and basin every week and at the same time oil the catch basin to prevent breeding.

The nearest large breeding place in this vicinity at the present time is a large pond adjacent to a city dumping ground on Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens. This place has been reported to the Street Cleaning Department whose duty it is to keep the place in a sanitary condition and free from mosquito breeding. It is being watched by your inspector. This one dumping ground and the adjacent pool supply Forest Hills and nearby towns with 90% of their flies and mosquitoes.

While it is easy to locate and abate the large inland breeding places, it is very difficult to examine all the drains about every house in a community. So the local inspector asks the cooperation of the residents of Forest Hills in this matter and suggests that each look after his own house. Even the smallest pool of water may turn out enough mosquitoes to infest a neighborhood.

The local inspector may be reached at all times through the Homes Company office. Any questions regarding mosquitoes will be gladly answered.

*Edwin M. Durand,
Inspector for Forest Hills.*

FOURTH OF JULY MUSIC

Very unostentatiously and without their names appearing on the program of the day, a number of musical artists helped very materially to make the music of Independence Day celebration more attractive.

The singers of New York who assisted the Forest Hills Choral Club are friends of Mrs. Charles H. Scammell. They were: Miss Lydia Reed, Miss Florence St. John, Miss Edna Westervelt, Mrs. A. P. Maddux, Gordon Emrie, Alton Jones, William Roberts and William Harper. Mr. Barker, who is singing in "Sally," in New York, sang a solo at the flag raising, and on July 10 was soloist at the Church-in-the-Gardens.

Charles Prescott Poore, a cellist, who lives at 4 Roman Avenue, assisted throughout the day's program on the Fourth of July; at the flag raising, in Olivia Park in the afternoon, and in the Station Square at night. He also was a soloist in the Church-in-the-Gardens at the patriotic service on July 3. Mr. Poore is a graduate of Harvard University and the New England Conservatory of Music. For pupils and appointments he may be reached at his home.

Harriette Louise Barnard, of 41 Slocum Crescent, celebrated her tenth birthday, June 30, at her home by entertaining twenty-four of her young friends. The chief event of the afternoon was the appearance of Gus Vincent, known as the boy magician, and Arthur L. Thowless, who performed a number of clever conjuring tricks which were greatly appreciated by the children.

THE INN



Mrs. Charles E. Stuart of the Gardens entertained a small company at dinner in the sun parlor on July 9; covers were laid for six.

Mr. and Mrs. William McClenaghan have returned from a motor trip to Spring Lake and Atlantic City, N. J.

Miss Martha Williams is sojourning in the Adirondacks for a few weeks.

Herbert Moore is again at the Inn, for the summer months.

Mrs. Margaret Shuler has returned to her home in Indianapolis, having spent several weeks visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Adair.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Osgood, and Miss Mary, have returned after a few weeks vacation.

G. T. Moynihan, of London, is numbered among the recent arrivals.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Runge, of Philadelphia, are at the Inn for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Grieve, and daughter, Miss Evelyn, of Atlantic City, are guests for the summer months.

Miss M. A. Kirk, a former resident of the Inn, is here for a few weeks stay, visiting Miss E. M. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hereley, with their daughter, Virginia, and son, Ted, of New York, are making their home at the Inn.

Captain and Mrs. Adolphus Andrews, child, and nurse, of Norfolk, Va., are guests of the Inn, while the Captain's boat is stationed nearby.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowman, and daughter, of Kansas City, Mo., are recent arrivals.

Frank J. Ross, one of the old time guests of the Inn, has returned after an absence of several weeks.

Mrs. H. F. Dalton, and son, Franklin, have returned from a week's visit with relatives in Boston and Salem, Mass.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Speir, Shorthill Road, have gone on an extended trip in Wyoming. On the way home, they will go down to Utah and spend some time there.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Merrill, 47 Markwood Road, announce the birth of a son, George Ogden Merrill, on Sunday, July 17, 1921.

Miss Katherine C. Knobbe is spending the summer in the White Mountains.

Miss Florence Benson was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Nelcamp, Puritan Avenue, over the Fourth of July. Miss Benson is a namesake of Mrs. Nelcamp. She is attending Columbia Summer School and is a frequent visitor over week-ends at the Nelcamp home. She will teach in the High School of Bear Creek, Montana, next year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh, and Miss Mary Marsh, Greenway North, are making a week-end visit at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pushae Williams, Bayshore, Long Island. Mr. Marsh returned the first of July from a six months business trip to Mexico.

Miss Mathilda Brownell, Tennis Apartments, has reached home after spending several months in England, France and Spain. She has joined her mother, Mrs. Silas Brownell, at Stockbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hulbert and son, William, Greenway Terraces, have moved for the summer to their farm near Boonton, New Jersey. They expect to spend the summers on the farm and the winters in Forest Hills.

Miss Della Scammell, of Trenton, New Jersey, is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, Greenway Terraces.

Jane Maxwell, 229 Greenway South, has gone to Camp Avalon, Shaftsbury, Vermont.

Miss Margaret Latschaw and Miss Florence Longcope are at Camp Iroquois, Lake Winnepesaukee, Center Harbor, New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Kendrick and family are spending the summer at their cottage in West Dresden, Maine. Their Forest Hills home on Puritan Avenue is being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cunningham and family of Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Gene Carr, of the Gardens Apartments, announces the marriage of her sister, Miss Adeline Stillwell to Allen Buell, of San Antonio, Texas. The wedding took place in The Little Church Around the Corner, New York, on July 12.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



The summer congregations in the Church-in-the-Gardens have been unusually good, even though many of the membership are away at their summer homes. Dr. Latshaw's sermons are helpful because of his wide experiences. The music has been most acceptable. Mrs. Carrie Devoe, of Jamaica, has a rich voice and she was the soloist on July 17.

Plans for the Community House are being revised. Chairman Eckman has had several meetings of the Advisory Board, which is composed of representatives of the various organizations in the Gardens. Members of the board are giving valuable assistance in the revision of plans. Further announcement will be made early in the fall.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, large plans are under way for the Community House fair to be held this fall. Residents of the Gardens who wish to help are urged to communicate with Mrs. Scammell.

The pastor leaves for his vacation on July 25, and the church will be closed on July 31 and throughout the month of August.

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

The services will continue throughout the summer months. It is well to remind ourselves that GOD does not take a vacation; hence our duties to Him and His church are as imperative now as at other times of the year. Attendance at the early communion service will avoid the heat of the day and allow sufficient opportunity for recreation.

Plans for the annual fair, early in October, have been made, and under the able supervision of Mrs. Major A. White the various tables have been assigned, and a complete organization provided.

A bridge was given by Mrs. L. M. Burt and Mrs. J. S. Maxwell at the home of the latter on Greenway South. It was well attended and its success will enable two tables of the fair to be financed. Details of the fair will follow later.

W. P. S. L.

CHURCH SERVICES

Summer Schedule.

- Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 6:45, 8 and 11 o'clock, Ascan Avenue near Queens Boulevard.
- St. Luke's Episcopal—Rev. William P. S. Lander, Vicar—Sunday, 8 A. M., Holy Communion; 11 A. M., Morning Service. Holy Communion first and third Sunday in each month.
- Church-in-the-Gardens—David Latshaw, D. D., Pastor. Sunday morning, sermon at 11 o'clock.
- Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills—Sunday mornings, sermon at 11 o'clock. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street.
- First Church of Christ, Scientist of Forest Hills—Services Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.; Wednesday evening at 8:00. Reading room open Tuesdays and Fridays, except holidays, from 2 to 4 P. M. Masonic Temple.

RALPH HERZ

Ralph Herz, long a popular comedian in musical plays, died suddenly on July 14 at Atlantic City. Mr. Herz had lived for the last two years in Forest Hills Gardens, first on Ivy Close and then on Groton Street.

He recently closed an engagement in "Blossom Time," which was to be produced soon by the Shuberts on Broadway. He was born in England; educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, and soon after graduation went on the stage in London with Maxine Elliott. He came to this country with Mrs. Patrick Campbell. Since 1906 he has been appearing in this country in musical comedy. He has appeared in "Madame Sherry," "The Charity Girl," "A Pair of Sixes," and other musical comedies. His wife, Frances Logan, survives him.

KEW-Forest SCHOOL

The Year Just Closed Has Been Most Successful—Closing Exercises and Commencement Enjoyed By Scholars and Parents.

On Friday, June 10, Kew-Forest School held its closing exercises in its new high school building on Union Turnpike. The assembly hall was packed to capacity. As stated by Ellen Robinson of the graduating class in her address of welcome, it was, in a sense, the school's birthday, the day when, for the first time in its history, it awarded its diploma to graduates of the full high school course. The speakers on the program were Ellen Robinson, Bernice Boner, Henry Robinson, John Montague, Muriel Fraser, David Millar and James Forgie.

The musical numbers, in particular, called forth many words of high commendation. Judge John R. Davies' address was informal, a simple and sincere tribute to the school from one speaking from personal and direct knowledge.

The following were the athletic awards: The Keyes baseball trophy, presented by Dr. and Mrs. Edward L. Keyes, Jr., for highest batting and fielding average in each of the high school classes. Won by John Montague, H. S. III; David Millar, H. S. II; Henry Robinson, H. S. I.

To the captain of the winning baseball team was also presented by Dr. and Mrs. Keyes a silver fob in the shape of a baseball. Won by James Forgie, captain of the Blues.

The David Millar cup, presented by David Millar, Sr. Upon this cup each year is engraved the name of the winning soccer team of the year. Won by the Tigers; captain, James Forgie.

The Mrs. David Millar cup, presented by Mrs. David Millar, and having engraved upon it each year the name of the winning girls' athletic team of the year. Won by The Reds; captain, Christina Forgie.

Scholarship honor badges were given to all pupils who had attained an average of 90% or over for the year. The awards and averages were as follows:

High school and eighth grade: Helen Fay, 91.7; Mary Louise Marriott, 91.6; Ruth Davies, 91.5; Ellen Robinson, 90.9; Caroline Vose, 90.2; Geraldine Dow, 90.2.

Grades VI and VII: Betty Knight, 93.7; Mildred Millar, 92.2; Norma Mundorff, 91.3; Jane Maxwell, 91.1.

Grades IV and V: Laura Abbott, 91.2.

Grades III and II: Cecily Teague, 92.5; Catherine Lewerth, 92.5; Helen Renaud, 90.8.

Katherine Seward, Cecily Kershaw and Margaret Lewerth received honorable mention.

The most coveted prizes of all are the silk banners given to the girl and the boy having the highest scholarship averages for the entire year. The winners for 1920-1921 were: best girls' average, Betty Knight, 93.7; best boys' average, Collier Elliott, 88.94.

Honorable mention was given Dorwin Teague of the fifth grade. Dorwin's average for the year was 88.92, only two one hundredths of a point less than that of the winner.

A special attendance prize was given to Eileen Johnson of the seventh grade for perfect attendance record for three years.

High school diplomas were awarded to Edith Parker Guiler and Ellen Robinson, the first pupils to complete the full high school course.

Applications for admission to the school next year are coming in steadily. The completion of the new high school building has, for the present, relieved congestion in the upper school. Several of the grades, however, are already well filled and a waiting list in those grades is in sight.

The fall term opens Monday, September 19.

The Principals.

(The publication of this article has been necessarily postponed because the last two issues of the BULLETIN have been almost filled with Independence Day celebration news.—The Editor.)

COMING EVENTS

- Monday and Friday, 3 to 5 P. M. Library Open—Sales Office.
- First and third Tuesday evening of each month, 8 o'clock—Forest Hills Lodge, 946, F. and A. M.—Masonic Temple.
- July 25, 8:30 P. M.—Riding Club Meeting, Homes Company Office, Station Square.
- July 26, 2:30 P. M.—Card Party, Benefit Community House Fair. 20 Markwood Road.