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FITTING CLIMAX

Last Entertainment in Women's Club Course Draws a Crowd.

Mrs. Gray, the President, Writes the Review of the Program Given by Home Talent.

It has always hitherto been considered discreet for prophets to ply their dignified profession well out of earshot of home audiences. "A prophet is without honor in his own country," but on Wednesday, Mar. 10, at the last entertainment in the series given by the Women's Club of Forest Hills at the Church-in-the-Gardens, the utter absurdity of discrediting the best the gods can send because it is nearest at hand, was settled for good and all. Mr. John M. Demarest presented Judge Charles F. Moore, a resident of Forest Hills, as the "honored guest" of the evening, and "honored" he was, sincerely and enthusiastically, from his first flash of wit to his last potent word of wisdom. Although Judge Moore is singularly fortunate in his agile wit and facile phrases, he by no means kept on the surface of his timely subject, "Dollars and Sense," but dug deep into a mine of wisdom. From an amusingly contemptuous rating of the fool in general (and "there is no cure for being a fool") he went on to show that "The gilded fool is the most dangerous man in our country today." "Too many working overtime and too many undertime" was his terse explanation of our present deplorable economic situation, and he emphasized the high standing and saving grace of work. Judge Moore is a member of that upper class of American humorists who make us laugh in order to make us think.

Neither was Mrs. George Smart in her charming impersonation of Priscilla repudiated by her neighbors. The outer Priscilla in her gray gown and white was most good and fair to look upon, but it was the inner Priscilla, high-minded, solemn of speech, yet guilty, mind you, of a sense of humor, it was this spirit living again that made Mrs. Smart's impersonation an actual reappearance of Priscilla, best loved of the Pilgrims. Mrs. Smart's work is the truest form of classic art, modelled in simplicity and grace, quickened by spirit within. An especial adaptation of McDowell's 1620 was most sympathetically played on the organ in accompaniment to Mrs. Smart by Mrs. George LeBlanc.

A cornet solo, "The Favorite," Mrs. Anna Park-Angell gave with rare artistic execution. Mrs. Angell is one of those real artists who respond to insistent appreciation in full measure. Her rendering of Novelli's "In the Remembrance of Thine Eyes," as an encore was a delightful reason for a storm of applause. Mrs. Jewel St. Leger Aldrich sang with much spirit and charm two sprightly chansonnettes. The Chorus, the especial pride and possession of the Women's Club, sang gloriously of Spring, partly out of respect to the spring decorations arranged by Mrs. Herman Rountree and Mrs. James Woodrough, and partly for the pure joy of entering His courts with song. The Chorus followed the inspiring leadership of Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, who has kept this community in tune from the start. She has never stinted labor or love to set voices and spirits singing in Forest Hills. This splendid series of entertainments is just one more instance of her untiring and wonderful service to her town.

At the close of the concert, Mrs. A. J. Wilson and her committee served a delicious buffet supper in the Social Room, with Mrs. J. J. Sheahan and Mrs. C. P. Tompkins presiding at the coffee urns.

C. A. G.

Current Readings Chapter

On Wednesday, Mar. 24, the current readings chapter will attend the matinee performance of Drinkwater's "Ab-

raham Lincoln." On Tuesday, April 6, 2:30 P. M., the same chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. Bryan R. Dorr, 88 Ascan Avenue, when Mrs. Robert Tappan will discuss M. Maeterlink's works.

The music chapter passed a delightful afternoon in the study of Nevin's compositions at the home of Mrs. H. P. Bogart, 15 Wendover Road, Thursday, Mar. 18.



FAIRWAY CLOSE

Fairway Close is typical of one of the many features that have created for the Gardens the foremost place in suburban development. Two of the eight houses comprising the Close are illustrated above—the Close being formed by utilizing the center of a block of large area, a thoroughfare of more or less privacy leading to the dwellings within.

In studying the general lay-out, the natural setting of the houses consisted of placing two semi-detached houses farthest from the entrance, with the detached house flanking them symmetrically on each side, with two larger houses forming the Close entrance. An attractive little park divides the main roadway near the center of the grouping. The Homes Company was architect and builder.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A National Meeting Called by Franklin K. Lane to Promote Nation Wide Community Organization

Hon. Franklin K. Lane, just retired as Secretary of the Interior, has called a meeting in Washington for today, Mar. 20, of representatives of Community Councils and all community organizations to promote a nation wide program of community organization.

"In calling this conference Mr. Lane has added one more great service to his splendid record of achievement for the American people," said General Pershing.

"Bringing together community representatives into a permanent body on a non-partisan basis will have great possibilities for good.

"To meet the problems of this critical period we need effective community organizations. The great questions which confront us all must be solved from the bottom if we would have any lasting improvement. And to effect this we must have a conscientiously co-operating citizenship."

Mr. Lane will suggest that all over the country, June 14, the national Flag Day, be made an occasion for patriotic community celebrations. George Smart, president of the local Community Council, who was invited to the meeting, has written Mr. Lane and has suggested that July 4 might be the better day for such community celebrations and has referred to the successful entertainments which have been given in Forest Hills Gardens on July 4.

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THE COMMUNITY—A CROSS SECTION OF THE NATION

“THE community is a microcosm, a little world in itself. It is the nation on a smaller scale. We should more properly say the nation is only an enlarged community. It is the aggregate of all the local communities which comprise it. The measure of the national spirit, therefore, is the measure of the community spirit.

“Our emphasis must be upon the community, and our endeavor must be to strengthen and enrich the community spirit, because that is our natural point of contact. We are more responsible for our community than any one outside can be and more responsible for our own than for any other community. Our interest in some other community cannot serve as an excuse for neglect of our own. Many of us are troubled with hypermetropia. We can see conditions at a distance which are desperately wrong, but we often have a blind spot to similar conditions which exist next door to us. The presumptions are always in favor of our duty being near at hand and in the natural relationships of life; the burden is on the distant appeal. The test of our sincerity in the larger affairs of the nation is to be found in our devotion to the community where we live.”

These are the wise words of Brooks, the author of the book on Christian Americanization, which is being studied every Thursday evening in the Church-in-the-Gardens. Read them over again and see if you do not think he has the heart of the whole thing in those few sentences.

The same thoughts are in the mind of Hon. Franklin K. Lane in calling together representatives of the communities of the country. He sees that the place to begin in regeneration of our national life is in the place where the individual man and woman has a chance to do his or her bit, namely in the community organizations. A rebuilding and strengthening of the best in our national life ought to result from just such a meeting as is being held in Washington today. Mr. Lane is a patriot of the highest type!

TALK ON BIRDS

Through the courtesy of the Audubon Society, H. K. Button, a teacher in the State Institute of Applied Agriculture, at Farmingdale, Long Island, and an authority on bird life, spoke before the pupils of every room in the public schools on Thursday Mar. 18. Mr. Button carried colored pictures with him and made the habits and customs of the birds which find hospitality in the Gardens very attractive to the boys and girls. He encouraged the children to observe these things themselves.

OBSERVATIONS OF A BIRD LOVER

The Winter and Early Spring Birds Which Have Been Seen in One of the Gardens Here—A Story by One Who Knows

Fritz Hagens, the chairman of the committee on field and educational work of the Forest Hills Gardens Audubon Society, writes the following delightful story at the request of the Editor of the BULLETIN:

“The birds that have gathered in our yard have been unusually varied this winter. So regular has been their attendance that some of them have become individually known to our family. For instance a song sparrow could easily be identified, for it had lost its tail; like a little chicken it ran over the snow and came up to the window sill for food. Especially noteworthy was a flock of goldfinches, from 3 to 15, coming during the cold and sleety weather to feed on seeds and honeysuckle berries. The northern tree sparrow never seemed quite so numerous or so tame as this winter. One bird in particular seemed to associate with a white throated sparrow; the two always fed and camped out together under the hedges, which shows how misery will create unusual companionship. Again there was the scene of three fox sparrows,—these handsome, large, red sparrows with heavily dotted breast, much like a thrush, feeding with several white throated, and the rarer white crowned sparrows. All are acrobats and while on the ground scratch like little chickens, however using both feet at the same time.

“Every winter has brought to our house some surprise of bird life. Once it was a thrush wintering here; then some robins, and again a mocking bird braved the cold of winter. This year a screech owl has made its home in a wood pecker's nest on the telephone pole and has furnished a good deal of interest and amusement to our family. To watch, towards evening, how the owl's head gradually fills the entrance of the box is a test of patience, so slowly and cautiously it moves— and then like a flash it is back again in the hole—the world did not yet seem propitious. Early in the morning we hear its soft purring call, and indeed this melodious spring song of Mr. Owl does not seem to come from the same throat that fills the summer night's air with its shrill laughter. The owls are nesting already, and it is certainly remarkable how respectful for once sparrows and starlings can be, for none of them ventures within six feet of the box; no doubt some warning note tells them to beware.

“To argue from the numerous songs heard now in the morning, we shall have a great many song sparrows this season. The great migration is in full swing. The first robins and blue birds are here and black birds and meadowlarks will follow. It is very important to feed the birds during the spring months, if we wish to entice them to remain with us. The Audubon Society has just acquired excellent bird food which will be gladly distributed, as long as the supply lasts, by applying to Fritz Hagens, 54 Slocum Crescent.”

PERSONALS

Virginia King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen King, of Greenway Terrace, was born Mar. 11.

John Gray, of Slocum Crescent, has been home for a week's vacation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

John Burchard, of Marshall, Minn., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Clark of Deepdene Road. He is attending the same college as John Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Elliott, of Winter Street, have gone to Chicago for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hirschberg, of Greenway North, have opened their home, after an extended visit south and west.

THE HARMONY CLUB OF FOREST HILLS

Owing to the enthusiasm and interest shown in this club, the membership has increased during the past three months to twenty-three young men. Its activities cover three fields—social, musical and athletic. Every Friday evening the Club House on Seminole Avenue is used as a gymnasium.

THE INN



The late winter months continue to show even more enthusiasm in the social life of the Inn than earlier in the season: a great many card and afternoon tea parties are being held in the Sun Parlor, and also elaborate dinner affairs almost each Saturday evening. The advent of spring will find many new touches and improvements at the Inn, which is entirely booked ahead with summer guests.

Mrs. T. W. Spence, who has been visiting her former home, Milwaukee, Wis., has returned to the Inn for the spring months.

Mrs. George F. White and small son, Bob, of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. Murrell, of Richmond, Va., have been the guests of their sister, Mrs. Hartwell A. Taylor.

Mr. F. B. La Farge, of Washington, D. C., has been the guest of Dr. Butterfield for several days.

Mr. Warren Worthington spent the week-end with Mrs. Worthington and their little daughter, Jane, but had to return to New Hampshire, where Mrs. Worthington anticipates making her summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Root, Jr., of New York, are staying at the Inn through the spring months.

Mr. Frank J. McCormack has just returned from Boston and now intends remaining at the Inn, having made a new business connection in New York City.

Mr. H. L. Bisbee, of Chicago, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bisbee, with his wife and little son, spent several days last week visiting his parents.

Mr. P. L. Waters, of Washington, D. C., has returned from Chicago and will remain in New York for about a two weeks' vacation.

Dr. and Mrs. Philip G. Cole, who were guests at the Inn for many months, recently moved into their beautiful new home on Greenway North.

Mrs. J. Wilbur Chapman is spending a few days with her brother at Providence, R. I.

Among the new arrivals are: Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Richards, Providence, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Langston, Red Bank, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson, New York; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Fenlon, New York; Mrs. Truman Parsons, of Paterson, N. J.

NEWS FROM THE PLAYLEADER

Girls' Club

A group of young ladies gathered at the Sales Office on Monday evening Mar. 8 and again on Mar. 15. They have organized with the hope of promoting sociability and in order to take up some work of charity. It is the plan to help the Gillio family living in Corona. Outgrown clothing will be gladly received by Miss Fox at her office in the Sales Office. The Gillio family consists of father, mother and four children, whose ages are 1, 3, 6 and 12 years.

Girl Scouts

Mrs. E. H. Mays met the Girl Scouts on the afternoon of Mar. 12 in public school 101 and told them in an interesting way of her experiences in Japan. The girls hope that Mrs. Mays will talk to them again. Such fun there is in seeing real Japanese kimonos, parasols and playthings.

"The Show"

Saturday, Mar. 13, "The Greatest Show on Earth" came to Forest Hills and stopped at the Seminole Avenue Club House. Not only the show but the audience was the "Best on Earth." The audience and the performers hope that the show will come to Forest Hills every year. The clowns took the prize. Big profit was made for the Club House or the playground and it will be decided soon where the money will go. The management thanks one and all for generous contributions.

Expedition No. 3

March 27 the boys and girls who wish to join Miss Fox will have the opportunity of going to the Statue of Liberty. This will be on Saturday afternoon. Please let Miss Fox know if you are to be able to come with the group.

MEN'S CLUB

Gregory Mason the Speaker on the Intensely Interesting Subject of Japan.

The Men's Club held its March meeting at the home of Basil D'Emo, on Groton Street, Friday evening, Mar. 5. Very inclement weather accounted for the small attendance, but the splendid address repaid those who braved the storm.

Rowland H. Smith, president, introduced the speaker of the evening, Gregory Mason, of the editorial staff of the Outlook, who spoke on the subject, "Shall We Be Friends With Japan?" Beginning his talk with a survey of the conditions in Europe, showing that western Europe, although exhausted, as evidenced by her low birth, and high children's death rate, still has powers of recuperation. And that Germany, if not permitted to participate in this recuperation of western Europe, would naturally turn to the east. Mr. Mason stated that Poland would be no barrier to Germany's ambition and influence; that passing through her, she would control at least Russia in Europe. Germany's understanding of Russia, her resources and her needs, would help her and also satisfy her need of allies in any desire and plan for world dominance.

Mr. Mason spoke of Japan as ruled by a group of powerful men, also of the militaristic party and the fact that Japan had been successful in her wars with China and Russia. To him her military power seems to be exaggerated. The growing liberal movement seems to be advancing owing to the high cost of living. Japan's great need is coal, iron, petroleum and means for expansion of development. Also fields for the colonization of her rapidly increasing population, hence her activity in Korea and her longing look toward China. Japan was spoken of as a strong, poor nation and China as a weak, rich nation. Mr. Mason said that Japan in the Shantung matter thought that as it had captured Germany's sphere of influence it had the right to make it Japanese; that is, to exercise the same kind of influence in Shantung that England and France do in provinces ceded to them. The Japanese view seems to be that if Japan gives up territory in China, other nations holding territory there should do the same; and that if the United States insists upon it for Japan, she must insist that England and France do the same.

E. H. Moir and E. B. Wilson were elected members of the club.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Women of the Church-in-the-Gardens Very Active—Many Plans to Aid the Community House Building Fund.

The candy and apron sale, held at the Inn on the afternoon of Mar. 17, was most successful from every standpoint. As a result, \$200 has been added to the Community House building fund.

The all day meeting of the Guild was held Friday, Mar. 12, at the home of Mrs. J. G. Elliott of Winter Street, with Mrs. E. C. Ketcham and Mrs. Henry W. Hillman assisting. Many aprons were made preparatory to the sale. Luncheon was served at noon and in the afternoon a devotional and business meeting was held, Mrs. J. Floyd McTyler leading in the devotional. The committees are all active, particularly the missionary and ways and means. The Guild has done a monumental service in support of a Slavic minister and his wife who work among the Slavic people in Pittsburgh as well as a generous donation to the foreign field.

The Lockwood-Donohue bill, the passage of which would mean an immediate increase in the salaries of teachers, was unanimously endorsed.

The recital of Miss Winifred Marshall in the Church on Monday evening April 12, will be one of the most popular events that have ever taken place in the Gardens. Miss Marshall has a true soprano voice of sweetness and volume and she has a charming personality. She sings songs of different periods and different nations in appropriate costumes. Mrs. Benj. A. Rolfe is chairman of the ways and means committee and is planning this entertainment for the same purpose as the apron sale. Refreshments will be served in the social room after the recital by the social committee, of which Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh is chairman.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



Tomorrow at 11 o'clock Rev. B. K. Appelian, a native of Armenia, will speak on "Armenia, the Power and Triumph of the Cross." The school children have been reminding us of the appeal for Armenia. Whether or not we have given toward the cause through the schools or some other channel, we will be interested in this first-hand message from Armenia. As a church we certainly ought to share in such a worthy cause, and while there is to be no organized drive for funds tomorrow, opportunity will be given to take a share—whether large or small—in the saving of the lives of our Near-East neighbors.

The "every-member-visitation" in December revealed the fact that there are quite a number of families in the community who, on account of the absence of a regular pastor, have not been made to feel that a hearty welcome awaits them in the fellowship of The Church-in-the-Gardens. A number of the members of the church are alive to their failure in this respect and have informally planned to make themselves known to these newer families and to assure them that there is a warm welcome for them in our church life. Wouldn't Easter, 1920, be a most appropriate time to come into this fellowship? It is a Community Church in which denominational lines are not drawn. Mr. Arthur H. Flint is moderator ad interim, and will be glad to talk with any who may be interested.

The class on Christian Americanization will complete the study course next week. The study of this vital and timely subject has been most stimulating and informing, and many avenues of service have been suggested. The leaders are planning to have Mr. Stapleton sum up and apply some of the lessons of the course at the Thursday night session next week. All are welcome; but those wishing to come to the dinner at 6:30 should telephone Mrs. Ward or Mrs. Burton before Wednesday evening. W. P. McC.

CHURCH SERVICES

- Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 10 o'clock, Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.
- St. Luke's Episcopal—Rev. R. S. Nichols, Vicar, residence, 38 Greenway Terrace; telephone 6206. Sunday, 8 A. M., Holy Communion. 9:45 A. M., Church School. 11 A. M., Morning Service.
- Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday School for Juniors and Intermediates at 9:45 o'clock. Primary School at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor Society—7:45 P. M. Thursday, 6:30 P. M. Dinner. Program, Christian Americanization. Corner Ascan Avenue and Greenway North.
- 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. Reading room open daily from 2 to 4 P. M. except Sundays and holidays. 173 Continental Avenue.

MOTHERS' CLUB

A well attended and spirited meeting of the Mothers' Club was held at public school 3 on Monday afternoon Mar. 15, with Mrs. George A. Douglass, president, in the chair. Fathers as well as mothers had been invited and two of the former left business cares and appeared in person. The new building on the north side, which is needed so much, was the subject of discussion. Immediate relief will be found in the use of the Social Room of the Church-in-the-Gardens for kindergarten purposes.

Mrs. A. C. Wessman reported on the meeting of the Queensborough League of Mothers' Clubs held recently at the Hotel Pennsylvania. At her recommendation the Lockwood-Donohue bill for the increase of teachers' salaries was supported by the club.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT SAINT LUKE'S

Palm Sunday (Mar. 28.)—7:45 A. M., Blessing of Palms; 8 A. M., Holy Communion; 9:45 A. M., Sunday school; 10:30 A. M., Children's Processional with Palms; 11 A. M., Holy Communion and Sermon.

Monday and Tuesday before Easter—10 A. M. and 4 P. M., with meditation.

Wednesday before Easter—10 A. M. and 8 P. M., address (Mr. Kaulfuss.)

Maundy Thursday, (April 1.)—10 A. M., Holy Communion; 8 P. M., Service preparatory for Easter Communion; communicants' attendance obligatory.

Good Friday (April 2.)—10 A. M., 12 and 3, Passion Service (Vicar); 8 P. M., Evening Prayer and Sermon, (Rev. John Graham.)

Easter Even—10 A. M. and 4 P. M., Holy Baptism.

Easter Day (April 4.)—8 A. M., Holy Communion; 10:30 A. M., Morning Prayer; 11 A. M., Holy Communion and Sermon; 3 P. M., Children's Easter Festival.

Easter Monday and Tuesday—10 A. M., Morning Service.

At the last meeting of the St. Luke's Women's Guild, held at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Kienle, Summer Street, on Mar. 5, 1920, the following officers were elected to fill the vacancies made by removal from town of Mrs. J. M. Demarest and Mrs. A. J. Gosselin, their resignations having been accepted with regret and thanks for their fine work for the Guild during two years past: President, Mrs. Mary T. Sterling, formerly Vice-President; Vice President, Mrs. Thompson T. Sweeny; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Wright, 38 Greenway Terrace.

New members were enrolled and strong activity was shown to push forward the paying off the mortgage on the church property. Preparations were made for the successful rummage sale held in New York City on Mar. 17. On Saturday afternoon, Mar. 27, the Guild will hold a cake sale at the Inn. The Guild's refreshment table at the Inn during the Saturday evening dances has become a very successful and enjoyable feature.

The Rev. W. Northey Jones, M. A., rector of the historic parish of St. Peter's, Perth Amboy, exchanged with the Vicar on Feb. 29. His fine sermon and reading were much enjoyed by the good congregation.

The Dean of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, has invited the Vicar to preach at the Cathedral on the evening of Mar. 26.

In regard to the Easter offering, the Vicar again calls the attention of the parishioners and friends to his appeal in his Lenten Pastoral. A united effort will make a successful reply. R. S. N.

COMING EVENTS

Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, at the Sales Office. 'Phone Forest Hills 6200.

Every Monday and Friday, from 3 to 5 P. M., the library is open in the Sales Office.

Every Tuesday, 4 P. M.—Seminole Avenue Club, gym. class for boys, aged 8 to 14 years.

Every Thursday, 4 P. M.—Seminole Avenue Club, girls' gym. class 8 to 12 years.

Every Thursday, 8 P. M.—Boy Scouts, Sales Office.

Every Friday, 4 P. M.—Public School 101, girls' and boys' gym. class, 5 to 8 years.

Every Friday, 5 P. M.—Girl Scouts, Public School 101.

Every Friday, 8 P. M.—Meeting of French Circle, 114 Ascan Avenue.

Every Saturday—Girls' swimming class, 10.35 A. M. train for New York

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Monday, April 5, 2 P. M.—Women's Club, Inn.

Tuesday, April 6, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 88 Ascan Avenue.

Friday, April 9, 2 P. M.—Women's Guild, Church-in-the-Gardens, 6 Seasongood Road.

Saturday, April 10, 8:30 P. M.—Harmony Club Dance, Club House on Seminole Avenue.

Monday, April 12, 8:30 P. M.—Winifred Marshall Recital, Church-in-the-Gardens.