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## HOME OF W. L. HARRISS.

On the corner of Slocum Crescent and Standish Road, is the attractive English half-timbered residence of W. L. Harriss. A garage with a man's room corresponding in design, adjoins the house on the south. The chimney, constructed of small cobble stones laid in cement mortar, the color of which matches the light grey of the stucco, adds a distingtive note to the general design.

In plan the dining and living rooms are connected, while off the dining room is an enclosed porch. There are three masters' bed-rooms and two baths and two servants' rooms.

The house was erected by the Homes Company from designs made by its own architectural department.

## FOREST HILLS RIFLE AND DRILL CORPS

An enthusiastic meeting was held at the Sales Office on Monday evening, March 12th, at which Lt Col. Harold Smith was chosen to act as instructor and a committee was appointed to draw up plans for a permanent organization, and to investigate other matters requiring immediate attention. Two drills a week will be held, one at 9.15 to 10.45 A. M., on Sunday mornings, and the other at 8 P. M., on Wednesday evenings, first call at 7.45. At the drill on Sunday, March 18th, there were 70 men in line and 80 are now enrolled. Col. Smith made a selection of temporary officers at the Sunday meeting, in order to facilitate instruction and drill, and later expressed gratification at the progress made. Men with previous military experience are much needed for officers and are requested to communicate with Col. Smith, or with A. T. Shurick or T. J. B. Lang, Assistant Instructors.

## GARDEN FESTIVAL

Plans are maturing for the garden festival at the Gardens Club under the auspices of the Gardens Chapter of the Womans Club of which Mrs. Lee M. Hattmer is chairman. There will be dancing by the children of the community as well as by professionals A fine set of golf sticks will be given as prizes.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR SOCIAL SERVICE.

Classes for Railway Canteen service will be held at the Young Women's Christian Association building, 50th street and 10th avenue. Four lessons, \$2.50.

Midday talk on women's service at 11.30 A. M., 38 West 39th street. Mondays, Motor Service; Tues days, Canteen; Wednesdays, Red Cross; Thursdays, Wireless, and Fridays, Agriculture.

#### SAVE OLD PAPERS.

Residents are requested to save newspapers and magazines to be collected and sold by the Scouts; proceeds to go toward the fund that the Scouts are collecting for five fatherless children they have undertaken to support.

#### COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

In its work of relating, initiating and directing many of the activities of the two communities, the Community Council will doubtless be of great service to all of us. The outline of the activities to be comprehended makes it evident that the time has come when such a co-ordinating body is greatly needed. It is particularly gratifying that the north and south sides find in the Council a means of regulating common activities that have too often been carried on independently. Doubtless the play and social life of the children will be the most important feature of the work, but the guidance of civic work of all kinds can scarcely be less important.

An important function will be the relation of the Council and its secretary to the work of the "Bulletin". The secretary will keep a complete calendar of coming events and edit a column of reports and notices for each issue, which will be more complete than any mere newsmonger can get together.

The members of the Council thus far chosen are: Lyman Beecher Stowe, Chairman; John M. Demarest, Representative of the Sage Foundation Homes Company; George Meyer, Representative of the Cord Meyer Development Company; C. E. Perry, Representative of Taxpayers' Association; Mr. Magens Representative of Audobon Society; and Miss Cording, Supervisor of Local Schools, with Miss Ann Smith as Community Secretary.

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#### GARDEN HELPS.

The attention of our ambitious gardeners, who are planning to compel mother earth to assist them in reducing the cost of living, is called to the fact that by sending to Cornell they can get for the asking certain highly instructive little pamphlets and so avoid many a fatal error. Publication No. 58 is especially good for this purpose, and others to be commended are Nos. 33 and 92.

## HOCKEY TEAM WINS.

On March 11th the Forest Hills Hockey Club defeated the 7th Regiment Team at St. Nicholas Rink by a score of 2-0. This game brought to a close a very successful season, the team having won every game except a previous match with the 7th Regiment at the rink, which resulted in a tie. Garden City and Freeport were defeated earlier in the year. The success of the team this year warrants looking forward to a more extended schedule and more encouragement for games on the local rink next winter. The team lined up as follows against the 7th Regiment: Burt, 8., Grant, p., Worth, c. p., Garrison, l. w., Hillman, r w., Warren, c., Mecabe, r.

#### MISS ROBINSON-SMITH'S LECTURE.

Miss Robinson-Smith will give a talk to the people of Forest Hills on Friday evening, March 30th, at 8 o'clock, at the Church-in-the-Gardens Social Room. She will have stereopticon and moving pictures that were given to her by the French Government to show in this country. Miss Robinson-Smith, who organized the Vacation War Relief Committee, went to France to learn at first hand the needs that her Committee and others were trying to supply. She will tell of her interviews with Government officials and of what she saw on this very interesting trip. She was at Verdun and at Rheims, and, excepting Madam Bernhardt, is said to be the only woman who has en tered the Cathedral since its partial destruction by shells. After her talk on her trip to France, she will give an outline of the work of the League for Women's Service, of which she is the New York Chairman. The admission fee, 50 cents, is for the benefit of the local War Relief Workers. Everyone is urged to attend this unusually interesting lecture.

## AUDUBON NOTES.

The following interesting letter was written to one of our Trustees by our President, Mr. Hagans and we reproduce it just as it was written to show why, in spite of many difficulties, we feel encouraged to believe that the birds are coming to the Gardens. He writes :--- "During the last snow storm I was out in the woods on the property and wished somebody could have shared the sight. The snow field was literally covered with spring birds. Around each weed sticking out of the ground they were feeding. I put up plenty of suet and established several feeding stations, and last Saturday I walked into swarms of birds feeding at these places; song sparrows, fieldtree sparrows, kinglets, woodpeckers, chickadees nuthatches-besides our robins, some of which have been with us all winter. Again the other day, after the storm, I noticed a flock of several hundred birds, tired as could be, fluttering down Ascan Avenue and past the Church-kinglets and field sparrows. Every day now brings us new crowds.

#### BOY SCOUTS.

Through the courtesy of Committeeman Mays members of Troop 2 enjoyed an afternoon at Brook lyn Central Y. M. C. A. The fine new pool in the Boys' Department was placed at the Troop's disposal for an hour. Patrol Leaders Gray and Deghuee Assistant Patrol Leaders Seward and Fay, Secretary Kimball Gray, Treasurer Burton and Scouts Jagoe Gress, and Knoke passed their First Class Scout requirement in swimming 50 yards.

The members of the Troop—14 strong—were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mays on Saturday evening where a real St. Patrick's Day party ended a perfect day. Mr. Mays took occasion to read, on behalf of the local Scout Committee, the resignation of Scout Master McCulloch, who for several reasons finds it necessary to give up the active leadership of the Troop. The resignation was accepted, pending definite action by the Committee. Assistant Scoutmaster Folensbee, who has rendered such excellent service to the Troop, was immediately nominated to succeed Mr. McCulloch, subject of course to the approval of the Committee. Mr. Folensbee was then subjected to a real Boy Scout initiation, in which the boys' ingenuity was "generously" employed. He came through it with iron nerve and was judged fully cap able of taking charge of Mr. McCulloch's bunch of husky hopefuls. Committeeman Kaighn helped to make the evening one of unusual pleasure for the boys.

Mrs. Norman Baker was at Sing Sing Prison on Tuesday in the interest of the Prison Council.

W. H. Deghuee and family will move to Cambridge place, in Brooklyn, in the near future.

L. E. Bailey, Adolph Dietsche, Richard Harriss E. J. Knoche and T. J. Scannell have recently joined the Men's Club.

Homer Croy initiated the members of the Men's Club into the mysteries of the making of moving pictures. He showed several reels of specially prepared film.

Mrs. Lester G. Hornby is the guest of her mother Mrs. Anna C. Boyd, 7 Greenway Terraces. Mrs. Hornby will remain until Mr. Hornby returns from a West Indies and South American sketching trip.

The flower shop has sent out notice to residents that those desiring to have their lawns rolled should send in orders at once as the shortage of labor makes it necessary to go but once along each street. The cost will be 35c per man per hour.

The expressions of assent to the proposed clerk's half holiday have been so general that the local shop keepers have announced that beginning April 4th, the grocery stores and meat markets will close on Wednesdays at 1 P. M.

Congressman Charles Pope Caldwell has prepared petitions for the various civic organizations urging the Long Island Railroad to put in half-hour service from Jamaica to Pennsylvania station and to Long Island City. These will be ready for signature and presentation to the Public Service Commission at an early date.

Through the co-operation of the Queensborough Public Library there will be on hand a selected collection of children's books to be used for reading hours and for circulation. This, however, will not conflict with the regular semi-weekly library hours at the Inn. Residents having juvenile books are invited to contribute them for circulation or lend them for reading hours.

### LECTURE BY DR. EUGENE FISK.

At the Women's Club on April 4th, Dr. Eugene Fisk, Director of the Life Extension Institute, will give an address on "How to Keep Well." Dr. Fisk had charge of the food experiment with the New York City policemen recently, which showed how well nour ished the body can be on a well chosen, yet not highpriced dietary. It is expected that Dr. Fisk's ad dress will be of great interest and all members of the Club are urged to be present.

#### THE INN.

Meredith Birmingham, of Baltimore, Md., spent a few days last week with his brother and family.

Mrs. Baumes has returned from an extended visit to her mother in Chicago, Ills.

Miss Marion Holmes, who is in the Bennett School, at Millbrook, N. Y., is spending her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes.

Miss Blanche Lopez has returned from a lengthy visit at Lakewood, N. J.

Miss Bonnie Henkle, who has spent the winter at Palm Beach, Florida, has returned. She spent the week-end at the Inn.

Master Carl Reynolds celebrated his fifth birthday last week with quite an elaborate dinner, at which there were many pretty favors and the usual birthday cake. His guests were Martha Magrane, Dolly Herty, Betty Jane Smith, May Shea, and Stuart Gayness.

Mrs. W. J. Barse and son, Horace, who is just recovering from a severe illness, have started on quite an extended western trip, going by way of New Orleans. They expect to be gone about three months.

Among the recent arrivals at the Inn are W. V. Davidson, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. and Miss Torney, of Montclair, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wilson, of Boston, Mass., and R. E. Shanahan, of Forest Hills.

Miss Mary Buttles spent the week-end with Mrs. Charles Field Griffen (nee Bland) at her home in Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Miss Helen Davis, who is in school at Cornell, spent the week-end with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock Davis. She will be home for the Easter vacation on the 4th of April.

Mrs. M. E. Hewitt, successor to Johnston & Hewitt, the well-known Fifth avenue photographers, has received and accepted a commission to photograph the Deering house and estate in Miami, Florida. She left on Tuesday last and will probably be gone several weeks. The Deering estate is one of the show placs in the south. Mrs. Ruth Parrish, of St. Louis, Mo., a niece of Mrs. Hewitt's, will take care of the New York business while Mrs. Hewitt is away. Mrs. Parrish will make her home at the Inn.

#### MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION NOTES.

The Mosquito Extermination Committee acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of contributions to the 1917 fund from those named in the following list. We shall make a contract within the next few weeks with a competent inspector, but the \$380 already contributed is not enough. We must have sufficient funds to carry this work through until fall. The members of the Committee are spending time and energy in the service of the community, and those who have not already contributed can save a little of both by sending checks without waiting for a personal appeal. List of contributors:—West Side Tennis Club, S. E.

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A new show window, an enlarged soda counter and other embellishments are being added to the chemist shop on Station Square.

Mrs. R. S. Wilson, of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Smith.

The Womans Guild added about \$50 to its treasury through the Parcel Post party held recently.

## COMING EVENTS.

Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, 27 Greenway Terraces. 'Phone Forest Hills 6200.

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

First and Third Tuesdays of each month. Arcanum Hall, Elmhurst. Meeting of Forest Hills Lodge of Masons.

Sundays, 9.15 to 10.45 A. M., and Wednesdays 8 P. M., Continental Avenue, near the Inn. Rifle and Drill Corps drill. Men of the community cordially invited.

Tuesday, March 27th, 8:15 P. M. Church-in-the-Gardens. Meeting of the Taxpayers' Association. Address by Travis H. Whitney, member of the Public Service Commission. Public cordially invited.

Thursday, March 29th, 3 P. M. Home of Miss Lucy M. Brett, 15 Ivy Close. Address by Miss Emily Exley on Decorative Gardening. Women of the community cordially invited.

Monday, April 2nd, 2.30 P. M. At the home of Mrs. H. Mandeville, 96 Ibis Street. Meeting of English Literature Class. Subject, "John Masefield." Leader, Mrs. H. LeH. Smith.

Wednesday, April 4th, 2 P. M. Church-in-the-Gardens. Program meeting of Women's Club. Addresses by Dr. Eugene L. Fisk "How to Keep Well," and by Miss Grace Tabor, on Landscape Gardening

Thursday, April 12th. Four one-act plays. The Gardens Players. Members only.

Saturday, April 14th, 8 P. M. At the home of Lee Galloway, 250 Greenway South. Meeting of Men's Club.

Wednesday, April 18th, 2 P. M. Church-in-the Gardens. Business meeting Women's Club.

Friday, April 20th, 8 P. M. Musical program by the Senior Girl Scouts of Troop 1. Admittance 25c. Public corrially invited.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES.

Christian Science Services will be held Sundays at 11 o'clock at 173 Continental Avenue. Public cordially invited.

#### TAXPAYERS OFFICERS.

The officers and chairmen of committees of the Taxpayers' Association are as follows: President, Lyman B. Stowe; Vice-President, James Scott; Secretary, Miss Anne R. Smith; Treasurer, George C. Baerlecher. The chairmen are: School Committee, Edwad H. Mays; Health and Sanitation, Dr. Paul S. Barrett; Anti-Mosquito, Samuel W. Eckman; Fire, Ford. Neumer; Railroad, Alexander Cameron; Water, Gas & Electricity, Harold Daniels; Public Service, John M. Demarest; Streets, Arthur H. Shapiro; Taxes and Assessments, Frederick K. Seward; Police, Edward O'Shea.

## THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

To prevent misunderstanding, the Trustees wish to give notice that all applications for the use of the church, either the main auditorium or the social room, should be made to H. H. Judson, Chairman of the House Committee, who, in turn, will instruct Mr. Perry when to open the church. On Good Friday night the Church at Forest Hills will unite with the Church-in-the-Gardens in a special service in the latter's place of worship.

Special music is being prepared for Easter and a service of much beauty and significance will be given in the afternoon for the Sunday School and friends. The Trustees are looking to the members and friends of the church to make a generous Easter offering. Parents may present their children on Easter for baptism.

Communion will be observed the first Sunday morning in April. Any wishing to come into the church-family will be welcomed at that time.

"Raymond, or Life and Death," the famous book written by Sir Oliver Lodge about his son killed in the war will suggest the sermon this coming Sunday morning and will be the last of the series of war books written from a religious point of view which the pastor has been considering during March.

Two successful and very enjoyable entertainments have been given by the House Committee of the Women's Guild; one, a musicale, at the home of Mrs. Hanks, the artists being Rasmus Kam, baritone, Miss Gertrude Bonime, pianist, Miss Birmingham, soprano, accompanied by Miss Buckingham, Mr. John Cover, violinist, and Dr. Hans Clausen, pianist. The other was a Parcel Post Sociable at the home of Mrs. F. E. Smith, when Mr. Kaighn proved himself a born auctioneer, and Mr. Smith surprised and delighted his friends with several fine shakesperian recitations, and Miss Lee, soprano, and Mr. Cafferty, baritone, sang a number of splendid solos.

#### OUR LADY OF MARTYRS

The lenten services on Sunday evenings are being conducted by Father Nummey.

One of the members of the congregation has recently presented to the church a beautiful ostensorium.

## ST. LUKE'S MISSION.

The Lenten Season is more than half over. Services have been fairly well attended; Thursday even ings especially well. The visiting preachers have helped us greatly. The course is closed by the Rev. Dr. Haster, Rector of the Church of the Messiah Brooklyn, on March 29th.

Palm Sunday, April 1st, will be specially marked by the appropriate decorations and blessed palms for the parishioners to carry home and keep on their walls until Palm Sunday, 1918.

The Rev. Mr. Graves will speak Palm Sunday morning on behalf of the Church Charity Foundation. The Vicar will celebrate the Holy Communion

Holy Week, special services:—Wednesday 8 P. M. Preparatory service for the Easter Communion Thursday, 8 P. M. Musical service—Stainer's "'The Crucifixion." Good Friday, 10:30. Morning service 12 M. 3 P. M., Passion Service, and at 8 P. M, Evening Prayer and address by G. Sherman Rich ards, of Forest Hills Gardens. Easter Even (Satur day the 7th), 3 P. M., Holy Baptism.

The growing Sunday School meets at 10 A. M. and receives instructions from the Vicar.