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## EMERGENCY WATER SERVICE.

An arrangement for emergency water service has been worked out between the City Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity and the Citizens' Water Supply Company. This provides for a supply of water from the city mains in case of accident to the company's service, and a reciprocal supply to the city mains in case of necessity. This is highly satisfactory to all property owners, as it will provide a supply of water for domestic and fire uses under almost any emergency.

## BASEBALL.

Plans for the coming baseball season are rapidly maturing and it is hoped that the schedule will soon be ready for publication. Residents of Forest Hills will have an opportunity of seeing some excellent baseball this year and the team should be loyally supported. All who have not answered the appeal to subscribe for season tickets are urged to send in their postals or sign their names on the notice at the Gardens Club, so that the burning question of the financing of the team may be settled.

## FIRE PREVENTION MEETING.

Every property owner is vitally concerned in the subject of fire prevention in suburban communities. Commissioner Robert Adamson is one of the foremost authorities on this subject and the Taxpayers are to be congratulated on securing him for an address at the fire prevention meeting on next Tuesday.

## BIRDS.

Now is the time of the year to put up new bird boxes and clean out last year's boxes. Some of our residents feel discouraged because these boxes have been occupied all winter by the sparrows, and they feel that sparrows will continue to occupy them all summer as well. The boxes should be thoroughly cleaned out, and then, if the sparrows attempt to make nests and the nests are thrown out and eggs destroyed, the little pests will finally become tired of the effort. Try it and see.

It is the most humane way of dealing with them, and as the normal life of the sparrow is five years, continuous destruction of the eggs must have an effect. This is not work for children and they should not be encouraged to do it. It is not a pleasant task for anyone, but it must be done if the Gardens is to become a sanctuary for our native birds. One of our loveliest bird visitors, the blue bird, and the one who uses the nesting boxes most freely, may be expected any day now. If we want him to take up his residence with us at the Gardens we must help him fight his enemies, for he is easily frightened away, even after his nest is built and his eggs hatched.

## CARD PARTY.

On Wednesday, March 29th, 2 o'clock, at the Inn, a card party will be given by the Women's Club, at which five hundred and auction bridge will be played. Tickets may be obtained at the homes of Mrs. C. H. Scammell, 14 Greenway Terraces, and Mrs. Francis L. Holmes, 31 Fife Street, or at the Chemist Shop, Station Square. Tickets, 75 cents.

## HOME DEFENSE LEAGUE.

Several residents have signified their willingness to enroll in Police Commissioner Woods' Citizens' Reserve Police Force. The plan is to have in each police precinct a company of fifty citizens who pledge themselves to take up, as volunteers, the work of the regular police force in case any great emergency should make it necessary to call the regulars to some central point. No police powers will be given except when the volunteers are officially called out and sworn in as special policemen. The captains of each precinct will instruct the volunteers in police requirements and will, if desired, give drills and calisthenic exercises.

## COMING ASSESSMENTS AFFECTING FOREST HILLS PROPERTY.

C. G. Pearce, Chairman of the Taxpayers' Committee on Taxes and Assessments, announces that the Commissioners of Estimate, in the matter of the widening of Queens (or Hoffman) Boulevard, have not as yet taken final action, but expect to do so shortly. The assessments which are to follow probably will not be levied until the early part of 1917. Very little of the property of the Homes Company is within the area of assessment—800 feet on either side of the Boulevard.

The assessments for the 43rd Street sewer became a lien on February 21, 1916.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at a meeting held July 10th, 1913, authorized the construction of a sewer and appurtenances in 51st Street (Jefferson Street and Central Avenue), from the Bulkhead Line of Flushing Bay to Lurting (Willow) Street, Second Ward, Borough of Queens. Forest Hills is within the area of assessment. The Work will be completed in about seven months.

Plans have been prepared for a sewer which will confer direct benefit on Forest Hills property. It begins at Myrtle avenue and runs through Woodhaven Avenue and Yellowstone Avenue, connecting with the 51st Street sewer mentioned above. It is proposed to drain the sewers under the higher portions of Forest Hills property into this sewer. The contracts for this improvement have not as yet been let.

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### OFFICERS

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### DRAMATICS.

Everyone interested in amateur dramatics is urged to be present at 88 Groton Street on Monday evening, March 27th, at 8 P. M., when plans for organizing a local dramatic club will be discussed.

### SUFFRAGE CLUB MEETING.

The suffrage Club of Forest Hills will hold its annual meeting on Thursday evening, March 30th, at 8 o'clock at the Sales Office of the Homes Company. Mrs. Charles M. Field, associated during the past two years with Thomas Mott Osborne in his work of prison reform, will be the speaker of the evening. Her topic will be, "Thomas Mott Osborne, the Man and His Work." On account of the general interest in the topic, and the exceptional opportunity of hearing Mrs. Field, the club extends a very cordial invitation to everyone in Forest Hills.

### PLAY AT GARDENS CLUB.

Ladies' night of the Men's Club was celebrated on March 17th at the Club House by the production of R. Marshall's one-act fantasy "Shades of Night," coached and staged by Harvey T. Warren.

Upon a stage set in ghostly light this comedy was so well enacted by Dr. S. E. Davenport, N. B. Baker, E. H. Mays and H. T. Warren, that the audience enjoyed its subtle humor to the full. In the haunted room N. B. Baker, as Winifred Yester, played the timorous but not too bashful maiden becomingly to Dr. Davenport's dashing advances as Captain Terrence Trivett. Their loving spurred the shades of their ancestors to imitation. These phantoms, E. H. Mays as Sir Ludovic Trivett and H. T. Warren, as Lady Mildred Trivett, in a minor, sadder key, re-enacted the love scenes affectingly, lamenting their ghostly limitations.

Failing in love they might have enjoyed a little light wine but for the untimely crowing of the morning cock (well crowed by Mrs. J. T. Warder), which spoiled even the hoped-for satisfaction of a drink. That is the tale of the comedy, with just a flavoring of mock heroic pathos. But for the fact that it might be considered a reflection on the memories of the departed "shades" it might be mentioned that C. C. Close was official "prompter."

Refreshments and dancing were enjoyed after the play, James J. Finnegan and Arthur H. Flint serving as hosts of the evening.

## GARDENS CLUB "PEP."

By

"PEP VOBISCUM."

The billiard and pool tournament is on—some excitement!

Fred Seward won his match with George Brainard. George said he would have won, but! Let us say right here, we will not stand for any more interference from the gallery, and as for coaching from the side lines—well, you will hear from us later what will happen to that chap.

If you will promise to keep quiet and not laugh you can see a match most any time you wish. Call 6309 and find out when your favorites play. No coaching nor signals allowed. Sit on the stairs or floor, any place except the tables; players only allowed to use the tables for that purpose.

Looks like a big Easter dance on the 24th of April. Save that date. The interest is accumulating fast.

The 1916 officers and committees are getting squared away for some glorious times for all of us, if the attendance at the club most any night is any criterion. Lots of "Pep," too—see later Bulletins.

St. Patrick's Day this year will be well remembered, not because it was so beastly cold, but in spite of it, on account of the ambitious and progressive members of the Men's Club, who so ably rendered the glittering spectacle of the "Shades of Night" at the Gardens Club. Dr. Chalmers counted 150 present, making 151 including himself. Some attendance! Some success!

The bowling tournament was a big success.

Walter Ryan won the first leg for the cup.

Wait, Walter! "The handicappers will get you if you don't watch out."

New bowling prizes are now offered each month for the highest score of three consecutive games in any one day, provided the total score is 550 or over. That lets me out!

"Doc" Chalmers says he would win it if he could play it alone without audience and provided he could play a frame over if he got a split. Anyway, Dr. Chalmers has the high score so far for March—228.

Distance is measured by the pleasure at the other end. That's why the Gardens Club is "right next door."

Tom Todd trimmed Stan Hillman. That's what you get for playing on Sunday.

Charlie Close lost his billiard match to our esteemed president. We will hand it to you, Charlie. It was some "Close" call.

### A YEAR LATE.

The Bulletin, unfortunately, is not infallible. The notice, in the preceding issue, of a hearing before the Public Service Commission, to urge an all night service on the Queens trolley line, proves to be a year old. The reporter might possibly be excused for not seeing the "1915" on the printed sign displayed in one of our offices, but he should be severely condemned for overlooking the fly specks. At any rate, we didn't get the all night service last year and we need it even more this year. Perhaps our Taxpayers' Association will see fit to make another appeal.

Mrs. B. B. Kendrick is in the Brooklyn Hospital, recuperating from a serious operation.

A few cases of measles are reported in the community. Great care is being exercised to prevent a spread of the malady.

The sleet storm seriously interrupted train service on the Long Island Railroad last week.

That the gardeners of Forest Hills will respond almost unanimously to Congressman Charles Pope Caldwell's recent offer of free seeds from the Agricultural Department, goes without saying.

The women of the Card Club of Forest Hills enjoyed an afternoon sleigh ride recently. A luncheon, followed by card playing, was served at the residence of Miss Garia DeBevoise, of Metropolitan Avenue.

The long talked of \$150,000 for mosquito extermination has at last become a reality. Dr. Haven Emerson, Commissioner of Health, is planning extensive work on the project in the immediate future. The Queens Anti-Mosquito Committee, under the direction of S. W. Eckman, has been untiring in bringing this matter to a successful issue.

Plans are being made to organize the girls of the community under the direction of the Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens. It is probable that the new organization will affiliate with the Girl Scouts. Mrs. Norman Baker will be director. Mrs. Sherwood Eddy and Dr. Julia Wygant Perry are assisting in the work of organization.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Everitt and George B. Everitt, Jr., of 87 Ibis street, left on Wednesday for Louisiana, where they will spend the month of April. They expect to be in North Carolina during May, where they will be joined by Dr. Martha Everitt of Pinehurst. They will all return to Forest Hills in June.

A cake sale at the Church of Forest Hills is announced for April 22nd under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Art Study Class of the Women's Club visited the Metropolitan Art Museum on Tuesday, under the leadership of Mrs. Adonijah B. Chaffee, of Worcester, Mass.

Bettie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Bristol, has recovered from a recent illness.

Norman Baker was ill with tonsilitis last week.

Jean, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Stickel, is convalescing from a severe illness.

The Women's Club is planning a sale of Porto Rican articles for Thursday, April 13th. It will be under the auspices of the Civic Betterment Chapter and will provide an opportunity for the purchase of drawn work, baskets, beads, etc., for Easter gifts.

## THE INN.

H. C. Henry, of Boston, Mass., is now living at the Inn.

Lindsay Doughty, of New York City, spent a few days at the Inn.

Mrs. A. W. Warren, of Hinsdale, Ill., is staying at the Inn.

Miss M. Grover, of New York City, and Miss H. E. Mullin, of Canada, are among the guests at the Inn.

H. H. Burgan, of Baltimore, spent several days at the Inn as the guest of J. M. Marshall.

Mrs. Charles Ayres is visiting her son, Fairfax Ayres, and his wife, at the Inn.

Mrs. S. K. Walker and daughter, of New York City, spent several days at the Inn during the past week.

Mrs. J. H. McPike and Miss McPike, of New York City, are now living at the Inn.

W. F. Jackson, of Chicago, Ill., spent several days at the Inn during the past week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jackson.

Miss Constance J. Nelson of Waltham, Mass., is making her home at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Owen have gone to Hot Springs, Ark., for a month's visit.

Mrs. F. A. Dudley and family, of Germantown, Pa., are living at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dunklin have returned to the Inn from a visit to Summerville, S. C.

Miss M. Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes, is home from school.

Mrs. Bevins, of Andover, Mass., has been visiting at the Inn, the guest of her sister, Miss A. M. Shaw.

Mrs. S. J. Shivers, of New York City, is staying at the Inn.

Miss Alice P. Clark, of College Point, N. Y., is making a short stay at the Inn.

## BABY PLACING.

After reading in the Bulletin of February 26th that two Forest Hills' families had adopted children and that others were considering doing likewise, it occurred to Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe that it might be of interest to the readers of the Bulletin to know something of the baby placing work of Miss Spence's School Society, of which she is the president.

This society has recently opened an attractive house at 232 East 62nd Street, Manhattan, for the care of orphaned babies until placed for adoption. Here there are six or eight babies always awaiting suitable foster parents.

It is the particular aim of this society to select especially promising babies and place them in homes of education and culture where they will have unusual opportunity for development; in other words, just the kind of homes which we have at Forest Hills. If any of you are interested and desire further information, Mrs. Stowe would be glad to have you communicate with her at her house, Union Turnpike and Greenway South. Telephone, 6444 Forest Hills.

## NEW ARRIVAL.

Elizabeth Atkinson, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LeHartley Smith, on Monday, March 13th.

## COMING EVENTS.

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

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

Tuesdays—8 P. M., at the Catholic Church. Lenten lectures by Father Woods, of St. John's College, New York City.

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

Tuesday, March 28th—8 P. M., in the Social Room of the Church-in-the-Gardens. Address by Robert Adamson, Fire Commissioner of New York City, "Prevention of Fires in Suburban Communities." Auspices Committee on Fire Prevention of Taxpayers' Association. Cordial invitation to the public.

Wednesday, March 29th—2 P. M., at the Inn. Card party. Auspices Women's Club. Tickets 75c.

Thursday, March 30th—8 P. M., in the Sales Office. Meeting Suffrage Club of Forest Hills. Address, "Thomas Mott Osborne, the Man and His Work," by Mrs. Charles M. Field. Public cordially invited.

Friday, March 31st—8 P. M., in the social room, Church-in-the-Gardens. Address by George Sherwood Eddy, "Experiences in Europe and Asia during the Present War." Auspices of Men's Club. Men of the community invited.

Wednesday, April 5th—2.30 P. M., at the Inn. Regular meeting of the Women's Club. Auspices of the Gardens Chapter.

Thursday, April 13th—Afternoon and evening, at the Sales Office. Sale of fancy articles made in Porto Rico. Auspices of Women's Club.

Friday, April 14th—2.30 P. M., in the Social Room of the Church-in-the-Gardens. Monthly meeting of the Women's Guild. Mrs. John Brewer and Mrs. M. C. Colwell, hostess.

Additional returns for the Catholic Bazaar bring the net profit up to a little over \$2,900.

Miss Floris, who is conducting French classes at the Inn, has been requested to start an outdoor class for little ones. They will meet once a week, when French games and songs will be introduced.

Mrs. May Louise Cooper Colwell, of Greenway North, Forest Hills Gardens, has written a series of articles on bugs and insects encountered in the garden and how to combat their destructive work. The first of these, on "Beetles," appears in the March number of "The House Beautiful," illustrated with sketches made by the author and with photographs. Mrs. Colwell has devoted considerable time to research work and experiment in this line and the articles are of special interest to residents in this section of Long Island, inasmuch as she has obtained much of her data through watching and fighting insects in her own garden.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

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

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

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Prayer meeting Thursdays at 8 P. M. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

Church of Forest Hills (undenominational) — Regular preaching services each Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Prayer meeting Wednesdays at 8 P. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street, North Side.

## THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

A series of four Sunday evening Lenten addresses is to be given by Dr. Kent, commencing March 26th. The theme will be the greatest masterpiece of Hebrew literature, the Book of Job, which has been described as "The Epic of the Inner Life." The special subjects will be: March 26th, "Satan's Sneering Question, Does Job Serve God for Naught?"; April 2nd, "The Bitter Cry from the Ash-heap"; April 9th, "The Sublime Protestant"; April 16th, "The Voice from the Whirlwind." The services will begin at 8 o'clock.

The Church-in-the-Gardens was organized three years ago last Sunday. In a brief statement Dr. Kent mentioned the fact at the morning service and said that the progress of the church should inspire sincere gratitude.

A good audience greeted Mr. Earle, of the Columbia University Debating Team, last Sunday night at the Men's Forum in the Social Room. In a forceful way he opened the discussion of "Preparedness," in which six or seven others took part. It was an interesting discussion—frank, thoughtful and in good temper.

The members of the Women's Guild are to meet at the home of Mrs. E. C. Ketcham, 216 Greenway North, for a social afternoon, on Thursday, March 30th.

Mrs. Kaighn will give a musicale for the benefit of the Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens early in April, probably on the evening of the 12th. Details will be announced later.

Mr. Brainerd, who is always heard with much pleasure, sang the solo at the morning service, March 19th. Miss Hazel Clark, a member of the choir of the Church of the Ascension, New York, will sing Sunday night, March 26th, at the first of the special evening Lenten services.

Many favorable comments are heard on Mr. Hans P. Freece's address on Mormonism at the union service. There was a large audience.

Guests at the Inn are always welcome at the services. Some attend regularly.

The first Sunday in April will be communion Sunday.

Ellis O. Jones is expected home this week from his trip abroad as a member of the Ford Peace expedition.

Miss Molly Martin, of Bryn Mawr College, is visiting her uncle, T. Cummerford Martin.