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"MY BROTHER'S KEEPER"

W. P. Beazell Speaks on Human Relationships Before Women's Club

"The Christian philosophy is the only one teaching service," said W. P. Beazell, in speaking before the Women's Club last Monday afternoon. He went on to show that we are our brothers' keepers and that the newspapers make all countries and cities our neighbors. "Civics embraces the whole scheme of human relationships," he said, "and now we are concerned not only with effects but with causes." Then he described a Morals Court in Pittsburgh, which helps the juvenile delinquents to make a clean record. Adults are called in by the Judge to be formal attaches of the court as guardians. As a result of the personal work of these guardians less than 2 per cent. of the 4,000 boys and girls brought before the Judge in one year are ever brought back.

Mrs. R. Edson Doolittle, president of the Long Island Council of Women's Clubs, spoke briefly. She announced that Mrs. E. D. Sealey will act on the executive board of the council.

Mrs. Louis D. Speir spoke of the work of the civic committee, along the lines of the articles in the last BULLETIN. Mrs. A. M. Gray outlined the hopes of the philanthropic chapter. She asked for clothing to be sent to her home, such clothing to be sold at a rummage sale to the poor people who patronize the milk station at Jamaica. She hopes that the club will assist the Y. W. C. A., of Jamaica, in the efforts to raise a building fund. She wishes that the club would establish a scholarship for a boy or girl in High School.

New members of the club are: Mesdames Lorenzo Ullo, Leroy L. Smith, George B. Hanavan, R. S. Locke, C. E. Tuttle, J. K. Marshall, Walter A. Ker, Carl Nesbitt, W. W. McKee, C. L. Perkins, Gardner Osborne, Oliver M. Ramsay, Mary Elizabeth Buffum, W. W. Workman, John Messenger, S. M. Neville, Misses Charlotte Ortgies, Margaret MacDonald, Marie MacDonald and Elizabeth Dana.

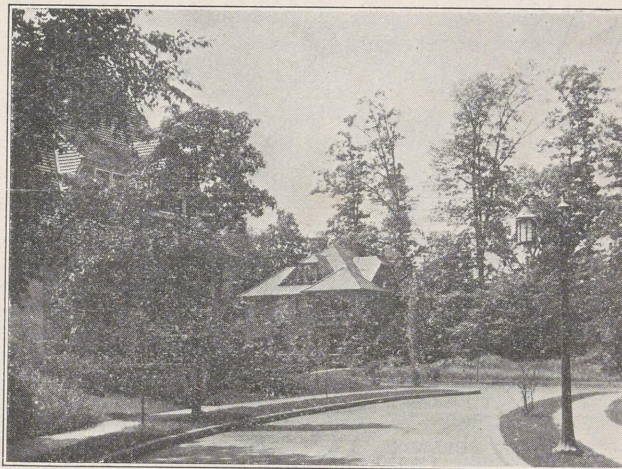
FOREST PARK RIDING AND HUNT CLUB

The Forest Park Riding and Hunt Club has been organized with a subscribed membership of 73. The following officers were elected: Major M. A. White, president; Dr. Thompson T. Sweeny, vice-president; George C. Meyer, treasurer; Louis P. McGahie, secretary. Major Charles L. Stevenson, U. S. A. is the commander. The Board of Governors chosen is: John M. Demarest, Col. H. F. Dalton, Dr. Thompson T. Sweeny, Hugh F. Philbin, Edwin B. Wilson, Dr. Elliott Shipman, Major C. L. Stevenson, Dr. Louis F. Licht, Major M. A. White, Louis P. McGahie, Fred Stone, G. W. Cunningham, George C. Meyer, C. J. Quinn and Van H. Manning. The shares will be \$100 for the first one hundred members, \$125 for the next fifty and \$150 for the last fifty—the membership being limited to two hundred.

CHORAL CLUB CONCERT

The Forest Hills Choral Club is working hard at weekly rehearsals in order to make a great success of its first concert, which will be given on Dec. 9, at 8:15 P. M. at the Masonic Temple. A stage will be built for the 75 singers. John Palmer, impersonator, will take part in the program; Bruno Huhn is the conductor of the club and H. Everett Hall, the accompanist. A dance will be held after the concert.

The tickets for the dance and the concert will be \$1.50 each. Associate members will each receive four tickets for each concert. The active members will receive two tickets each, one for the singer and one for an escort. It pays to belong to the club and more members, both active and associate are very much desired. Send names to Mrs. Charles H. Scammell or to Mrs. John A. McFarlan.



VIEW FROM OVERHILL ROAD

Turning into Overhill Road from Beechknoll Road, one first comes upon the home of R. M. Harris, (now occupied by W. H. Batcheller and family), and then at the end of the vista the home of J. O. Morris. Both houses are from the designs of Grosvenor Atterbury and were built by the Homes Company.

THE GARDENS PLAYERS

The first subscription performance of the current season to be given by the Gardens Players on Friday, Nov. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Kew Club, will signalize an important event aside from the interesting bill that the Players have prepared. The Gardens Players are making an interesting experiment in intercommunity spirit. At the invitation of the Players the Nyack Dramatic Club from Nyack, N. Y., will supply one of the three one-act plays on the first bill of the season. Later the Gardens Players will go to Nyack and contribute a one-act play on a bill to be prepared by the Nyack Dramatic Club. This is the first of a series of exchanges among the metropolitan organizations that is being effected through the co-operation of the New York Drama League.

The first play on the bill will be a cockney, "The Scaring Off of Teddy Dawson," in which the players are Mrs. A. J. Wilson, Mabel Claypoole, Edward Moir and Walter Claypoole. The second play on the bill will be the contribution of the Nyack Players, and they have selected a fantasy, "The Will o' the Wisp," also in one act. The third play on the bill will be Philip Moeller's historical burlesque, "Helena's Husband," and in the cast will be Jewell St. Leger Aldrich, Frederick Smith, Frances Moir, Channing Hare and Crispia Bebb.

SUPPORT THE HOME FOR THE BLIND

There is to be a home for the destitute blind of Queens. One hundred thousand dollars will be raised for that purpose in a drive which will be conducted on the morning of Nov. 28, throughout Queens. The home will be located in Richmond Hill, on Chichester Avenue, between 115 and 116 Streets. Mrs. George C. Le Blanc is chairman for Forest Hills Gardens, and Mrs. H. W. Thoms will head the forces in Forest Hills on the north side of the tracks. Every house will be canvassed and it is expected that the small sum of fifty cents will be given by each family. Of course one may give more if one wishes to do so. The following ladies are captains for their sections: Mrs. J. S. Maxwell, Mrs. B. B. Kendrick, Mrs. B. S. Halsey, Mrs. G. Willis Drake, Mrs. E. V. Gent, Mrs. E. B. Wilson, Mrs. G. Bert Williamson, Mrs. L. R. Blackhurst, Mrs. E. C. Ketchum, Mrs. C. H. W. Hasselriis, Mrs. Henry Hirschberg, Mrs. E. B. Seamon, Mrs. W. S. Ortgies, Miss Meigs, Mrs. James Rea, Miss Courtney, Miss Helen Kay, Mrs. Clarke Brown, Mrs. Arthur Wright, Mrs. Louis P. McGahie, Mrs. N. S. Wilkes, Mrs. Leonard Buck, Mrs. Bertha Aldrich and David Millar.

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A READER'S COMMENT

THE BULLETIN goes to 1,450 families; many of whom live at great distances. People who have lived here at one time or another are grateful for the news that the paper brings to them; letters from them are frequently received. Occasionally a letter comes from some one who has never owned property here but because of the unusual kind of a paper that it is and the unique kind of a community whose news it prints, that stranger writes to the editor.

A man who lives in a New Jersey town, a man who fills a very important position in social service, being the director of the New York Tuberculosis Association, and having been a director of the Home Service of the American Red Cross, has written a letter to the vice-president of the Homes Company, John M. Glenn, which we print herewith:

New York, Oct. 31, 1921.

Dear Mr. Glenn:

Last summer I heard about the FOREST HILLS GARDENS BULLETIN, and got myself placed on the mailing list.

Although I know scarcely a soul in that town, I have great interest in following the town organ because of its policy of appealing to the community on such a high civic plane. It is in marked contrast with our own small town weekly, and with almost all such publications that I have seen, mired as they are in boiler plate and patent medicine advertisements—in which it is hardly imaginable any one, living these days, would retain interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. B. DEACON.

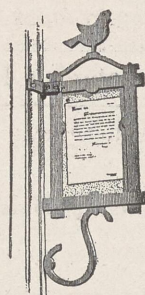
It is fortunate that the BULLETIN is being published by a company which gladly supports the editor in the highest ideals for the paper. Free from advertising, with only the loftiest civic ideals for the community which the paper serves, the publication attracts attention because of this lack of advertising connection. It is a privilege to edit it under these circumstances.

While reflecting the aims and character of those directly connected with it, a newspaper is likely, after all, to be not much better than it is made by those who read it, for they demand high standards or are contented with low ones; lend a helping hand or do nothing to encourage editor or publisher. This community would not be interested in a paper of a low standard and there are many who do their part by commendation, constructive criticism and by writing articles to make the BULLETIN more interesting and useful.

ELECTION RETURNS

The residents of the village enjoyed the opportunity of finding out the election returns at home in the Station Square, on Tuesday night. The returns were flashed on the screen and told the results of the day's voting. A number of beautifully colored moving pictures, of an educational nature, were also shown.

MR PEARSON TELLS ABOUT LIFE IN THE NEST



In her preliminary remarks introducing T. Gilbert Pearson, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, the speaker of the evening, Mrs. George Smart, the president of the Gardens Audubon Society, spoke of the wish on the part of the society that every open space on Long Island should be a place where birds are fed and protected. Following her, Mr. Pearson said that the balance of nature had been destroyed in this country and that it was impossible to restore it. Emphasizing the efforts of nature to make this loss good, he told of

the protective coloring of eggs where the birds laid them in exposed places and the pure white egg of the owl and chimney swift, which were laid in the dark. Birds regulated the number of their eggs according to the number of their enemies. The humming bird laid at most two, the quail twenty or more, while all nesting habits were far more changeable than we had any general idea of.

Moving pictures and slides were shown, illustrating the varieties and habits of birds, particularly at the nesting season.

MARY E. KNEVELS, Secretary.

PERSONALS

Janet Perry is very enthusiastic over her life at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, where she is enrolled in the department of the drama.

Mrs. David Springsteen has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Ella Alletta, to George Ellinwood Batcheller, on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 8 o'clock, at 112 Queens Boulevard.

Calvin Johnson, author of "Temple Dust," is visiting at the home of Herman Rountree. Mr. Johnson has been a contributor to the Saturday Evening Post for a number of years. A moving picture will be produced from his story, "Tomorrow You Live," with Bert Lytell the principal actor. He has written three stories while visiting the Rountrees and much of the inspiration is due to the charm of their fireside, he says.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Pedlar, 74 Greenway Terrace, announce the birth of a daughter on Nov. 9.

RECENT SALES

Some very important sales have taken place since the last issue of the BULLETIN. The large stone house owned by H. H. Buckley, corner of Markwood and Underwood Roads, with the very attractive grounds which surround it, has been sold by Mr. Buckley to Dr. Philip G. Cole. Dr. Cole and his family will move into the recently purchased house after the first of the year.

Dr. Cole has sold his house on Greenway North to Fred Beck, who now lives at 132 Greenway North.

Mr. Buckley and his family will spend their summers at Cathedral Farm, Oneonta, New York, and their winters will be enjoyed in California, Florida, and in foreign travel.

Ira F. Barnes, Groton Street, has sold his house to Mr. Schirmer, who will take possession about Jan. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes will move to California.

CELEBRATIONS ASSOCIATION

At a recent meeting of the executive board of the Celebrations Association of Forest Hills Gardens the following officers were elected: John Messenger, president; Mrs. Augustine J. Wilson and T. J. Mitchell, vice-presidents; Homer Croy, treasurer; Scott Robinson, secretary. Walter D. Teague was elected a member of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. James R. Woodrough and Mr. Mitchell was elected to the board.

AN OVERSIGHT

In the last number of the BULLETIN there appeared a report of the annual meeting of the Celebrations Association. Most unintentionally did Horace MacRobert, Jr., fail to express the indebtedness of the association to Louis H. Chalif and his dancers for their delightful addition to the Olivia Park program on July 4. This gratuitous service has been rendered for years and the people of the Gardens are appreciative of it.

LOST—Police dog, male, color sable. Telephone Boulevard 6271. Reward of \$50 offered. No questions asked.

THE INN



The Hallowe'en week-end party began on Saturday evening. The music was furnished by the "Me-lo-dee Orchestra" and was thoroughly enjoyed; refreshments were served during the evening by the St. Luke's Guild. Sunday afternoon a paper chase for the Forest Park Riding and Hunt Club, took place, which was suggested and instigated by Miss Elizabeth Camp, who is just home from Europe, and a guest of the Inn. A paper chase is similar to the game of hare and hounds.

Promptly at 2:30 o'clock Miss Camp and Mr. Harty, also of the Inn, as the "hares," trotted off with the rolls of white paper ribbon, which they threw over branches and hillsides for the "hounds" to follow. Fourteen horsemen and horsewomen responded to the bugle call twenty minutes later and dashed away following the white ribbon out and the red ribbon back. There was much merriment and fun, the hounds being led in their dashing chase by Mr. and Mrs. M. A. White, guests of the Inn, and the promoters of the Riding Club. All were back in time for hot tea and refreshments served in the south sun parlor. The successful affair was brought to an end with a harvest dance on Monday night, the ballroom being decorated in keeping with the holiday with ghosts, witches, black cats and owls, corn shocks and festoons of black and yellow. The ladies came in gingham dresses and aprons, while their escorts represented typical farmers. The grand march was led by William Dunklin, who had charge of the cotillion. Two prizes were awarded for the best costumes, and also for the two winners of the potato race. Cider, gingerbread and doughnuts were served during the evening, and dancing was enjoyed.

The Misses Sally H. Pierce and Martha M. Williams spent the week-end in Brielle, N. J., the guests of C. S. King and his sister, Mrs. C. J. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill and daughter, Miss Eunice, entertained a company of three at dinner in the sun parlor on Nov. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson entertained at dinner Saturday evening last in the sun parlor. Covers were laid for twelve and the company enjoyed dancing later.

Mr. and Mrs. Prince, of the Gardens, entertained the same evening a party of four and remained for the dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Kneass, of New York City, have arrived to spend the season here.

Mrs. C. W. Fentress and daughter, Miss Ethel, and mother, Mrs. H. S. Eley, of Norfolk, Va., are guests of the Inn.

Miss F. MacGowan has returned after a vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. A. T. Whiting, of Chicago, is again numbered among the guests of the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Weinrichter and baby son are among the recent arrivals for the winter.

Mrs. W. T. Gracey and son, Wilbur, of San Francisco, are among new arrivals. Mr. Gracey is the American Consul General, having been stationed in Birmingham, England, China, Mexico and in Spain during the war. Mrs. Gracey is expecting to spend Christmas with her father in San Francisco, Charles G. Yale, head of the Geographical Survey of California, Washington and Nevada.

General C. F. Humphrey, Washington, D. C., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Sigsbee over the week-end.

THE OPEN SHOP

Nearly fifty men were present at the meeting of the Men's Club on the evening of Nov. 4, to meet Noel Sargent and to listen to his able talk on the "Open Shop."

Mr. Sargent demonstrated to his audience the value to the community of this plan of industrial operation. He gave statistics of unemployment in the various parts of the country which proved conclusively that in districts where the system of open shop employment prevails, unemployment is reduced to a marked degree. His treatment of the subject was fair, and he expressed himself, and the National Association of Manufacturers, with which he is affiliated, as being opposed to the non-union shop plan which does not encourage or permit the employment of union men.

Mr. Sargent's lecture was followed by an animated discussion on this timely subject, in which nearly every member present took part.

Judge John R. Davies, F. E. Smith and Arthur Vallquette were elected as members of the club.

The host of the evening was Dr. Lee Galloway, Greenway, South.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Home Affairs To Be Considered at Next Meeting—Fighting the Dump Nuisance

The next meeting of the Community Council will be on Nov. 18, in public school 3. The evening will be devoted to Forest Hills affairs, including a review of the past year and discussion of plans for next year.

Forest Hills has been complaining for many years about the odor from the garbage dump in Flushing meadows. Corona and Elmhurst suffer even more because nearer to the dump. The Community Councils from these three communities have tried many times to get relief from this nuisance by appealing to the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company, which holds the contract with the Street Cleaning Department of New York City for dumping on this ground.

Heretofore, the councils have worked separately and accomplished nothing. Now they propose, through the City Parliament of Community Councils of Greater New York, to join forces and see what reform combined effort can bring about.

On Monday night, Nov. 7, at a mass meeting in the Newtown High School, these councils brought the matter before Mr. Bell, Assistant District Attorney of Queens County. Mr. Bell said the odor was undoubtedly a menace to health, and, as such, would come under his jurisdiction for action. He promised that he would, after the election, take some drastic measure to relieve the situation.

The Community Council hopes that every one in Forest Hills will seal all Christmas packages with anti-tuberculosis seals. The money goes for a worthy cause.

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT FOR DEVASTATED FRANCE

The auction bridge players of Forest Hills are to have the opportunity of testing their skill in the national par auction bridge tournament to be held from Nov. 28 to Dec. 10 for the benefit of the American Committee for Devastated France. The local tournament will take place at the home of Mrs. H. W. Hardinge, 79 Greenway South, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 7.

Par auction is a new and extremely ingenious plan of playing auction bridge and was originated by Milton C. Work. Par auction is played exactly as is ordinary auction except that the hands have been prearranged by experts and are dealt according to the direction of arrows on the backs of the cards. Aside from the opportunity of aiding the Committee on Devastated France, any one who is interested in auction bridge, whether a novice or an expert, should be keen to enter the tournament.

The local committee consists of Mrs. H. W. Hardinge, chairman; Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe, Mrs. Stephen L. Coles, Mrs. James H. Cassidy, Mrs. Murray S. Brown, Mrs. Albert V. Moore, Mrs. Charles H. Scammell and Mrs. James R. Woodrough. Tables are \$10 each and tickets may be secured from Mrs. Woodrough, 215 Greenway South.

LEGION OF QUEENS WILL GIVE DANCE

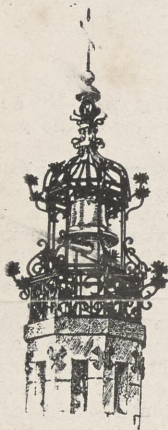
The Queens County Branch of the American Legion will hold a reception and ball at Hotel Pennsylvania, on Monday evening, Nov. 14. The committee in charge, consisting of representatives from each of the 25 posts in the borough, is making every arrangement to have this affair—the first annual one—a very successful occasion.

There are over 3,000 men in the organization, and it is expected that fully 1,500 people will attend the ball. The members of the Forest Hills Post, 630, are busy planning for this party, among the leaders being: Myron J. Folsenbee, commander; Harvey T. Warren and Irving H. Hare. The tickets are \$1.00 each.

GIFTS OF JELLY OR JAM

The Queensboro League of Mothers' Clubs asks that every member of every Mothers' Club in Queens give one glass of jelly or jam for the Seaside Home for Crippled Children. Those mothers wishing to give to this worthy cause may leave their donations, on or before Nov. 22, at the home of either Mrs. S. W. Eckman, 10 Greenway Terrace, Mrs. W. C. Mayer, Euclid Street and Colonial Avenue, or Mrs. J. Elmer Kline, 82 Meteor Street.

CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



One of the outstanding features of interest to be announced in the BULLETIN this week is the very successful "Father and Son" dinner which was held last night in the social room of the church. The occasion was a very enjoyable one as well as significant. When fathers and sons sit down together to partake of such a fine dinner as was provided by the social committee of the Women's Guild and enter so heartily in the program of the evening, nothing but good can result from such an occasion. The speakers at the dinner among the boys were Allen Smart and Harold Renshaw, and among the fathers, Messrs. Lawrence Abbott, Thurlow Gordon and C. H. Hasselriis. E. H. Mays gave some pointers to the boys on the subject, "Bringing Up Father." The games under the leadership of Dr. Davenport and the music by Ralph S. McKee were delightful features of the program. The address by C. C. Michener, president of the Silver Bay School for Boys, on Lake George, was very appropriate and his appeal to fathers for the right chum relationship with boys leading to an educated life equipped for service was a splendid climax to the "Father and Son" dinner. It is hoped this will become an annual affair in Forest Hills.

Mr. Stowe Will Speak

Lyman Beecher Stowe will speak next Wednesday evening on "Training for Citizenship." This vital subject treated by one who knows it, will attract a crowd.

J. F. McT.,

CAKE AND CANDY SALE

There will be an attractive cake and candy sale in the social room of the Church-in-the-Gardens on Nov. 19, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. A table of fancy articles will interest the Christmas shopper. It will pay every one in the Gardens to patronize this sale. The sale of cake and candy will benefit the work of the Women's Guild, under whose auspices the sale is held, and the money from the fancy articles will be turned over to the Community House fund. The chairman of the ways and means committee of the Guild, Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, is in general charge of the sale and she is assisted by several efficient committees.

AMERICA'S MAKING

All of the public schools of Greater New York are presenting pageants this fall under the general title, "America's Making." At public school 3, on Oct. 28, a very elaborate and successful pageant was given, in which a large number of children took part. The history of the country formed the background for many scenes and dramatizations. Mrs. Mary Hoppe, the principal, and her teachers deserve much credit for the success of the program.

CHURCH SERVICES

- Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 6:45, 8 and 11 o'clock, Ascan Avenue near Queens Boulevard.
- St. Luke's Episcopal—Rev. Wm. P. S. Lander.
Sundays—Holy Communion, 8 A. M., Church School, 9:30 A. M. Service and sermon, 11 A. M., Vespers, 4 P. M.
Holy Days—Holy Communion, 7:30 A. M.
- Church-in-the-Gardens—David Latshaw, D. D., Pastor.
Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 A. M.; sermon, 11 A. M.; Christian Endeavor, 8 P. M.
- 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 daily from 2 to 4 P. M., except Sundays and holidays. Masonic Temple.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

The Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island, the Rt. Rev. Frederick Burgess, D. D., will visit the parish and administer the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20, at 4 o'clock.

Vespers will be said on Sundays beginning Nov. 27 at 4 o'clock. If you cannot attend the morning services, be sure to come in the afternoon.

The church school continues to grow rapidly. Four new teachers have been added to the staff and several more are needed.

The regular meeting of the Women's Guild has been changed to the second Monday of the month at 3 o'clock. The next meeting is on Nov. 14 at the home of Mrs. Joseph S. Maxwell, 229 Greenway South. All the women of the parish are urged to come. Mrs. Thompson Sweeny was re-elected president, Mrs. Major White was elected vice-president in the place of Mrs. G. Willis Drake, whose resignation was regretfully accepted; Mrs. Arthur Wright was re-elected secretary-treasurer. As house cleaning time is again with us do not forget to save your "rummage" for our rummage sales. Notify Mrs. Maxwell, Boulevard 6308, and she will see that it is called for. The Saturday night suppers at the Inn have been resumed. Persons desiring cakes or sandwiches, though not attending the dances, should communicate with Mrs. Arthur Wright on Saturdays before 10 in the morning.

A Junior Guild has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. Ernest Bristol, Mrs. Clifford LePage and Mrs. William Lander, for girls between the ages of 10 and 16. They meet every other Wednesday at 3:30 P. M. The next meeting will be with Mrs. LePage at 145 Greenway South, on Nov. 16. This Guild has for its object the befriending of the crippled children at the House of St. Giles the Cripple at Garden City. The girls of the community are invited. President, Betty Bristol, vice-president, Cicely Kershaw; secretary, Affa Gray; treasurer, Betty Knight.

W. P. S. L.

ARTS APPLIED TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Mothers' Club of public school 3 and the Forest Hills Gardens Mothers' Club will hold a joint meeting on Monday afternoon, Nov. 21, promptly at 3 o'clock, at public school 3. The subject of the afternoon will be "The Arts as Applied to Our School Children." Mme. R. de Vielle Neuf will give two dances, Mrs. C. H. W. Hasselriis will sing, and Miss Anna G. Price will speak on drawing. A large attendance is expected.

COMING EVENTS

- Monday and Friday, 3 to 5:30 P. M. Library Open—Sales Office.
- First and third Tuesday evening of each month, 8 o'clock—Forest Hills Lodge, 946, F. & A. M.—Masonic Temple.
- Thursday 8 P. M.—Choral Club Rehearsal, Church-in-the-Gardens.
- Monday, 8 P. M.—Public School Lectures. Public School 3.
- Nov. 14, 8:30 P. M.—American Legion Dance. Hotel Pennsylvania.
- Nov. 17, 2:30 P. M.—Philanthropic Chapter, Women's Club, 56 Beechknoll Road.
- Nov. 18, 2:30 P. M.—Music Chapter, Women's Club, 80 Ascan Avenue.
- Nov. 18, 8 P. M.—Community Council, Public School 3.
- Nov. 19, Cake and Candy Sale—Women's Guild, Church-in-the-Gardens. Social Room.
- Nov. 21, 3 P. M.—Joint Meeting of Mothers' Clubs, Public School 3.
- Nov. 22, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club.
- Nov. 25 and Nov. 26, 8:15 P. M.—Gardens Players, Kew Gardens Country Club.
- Nov. 26—Blue Bird, Rialto Theatre, Jamaica.
- Dec. 2, 8:15 P. M.—Men's Club.
- Dec. 5, 2 P. M.—Women's Club, Inn.
- Dec. 7, 8:30 P. M.—Bridge Tournament, 79 Greenway South.
- Dec. 9, 8 P. M.—Choral Club Concert, Masonic Temple.

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History of the Community House of Forest Hills

Born of Necessity for Larger Quarters for Religious Education, the Plan Developed Along Broad Lines, Appealing to All Progressive People.

By GEORGE SMART

THE Community House is an evolution, a development from a modest beginning to a broad movement, starting with a small group in one church and extending to include the people of all religions and even those who think they are not religious but are willing and anxious to be helpful. The original idea was not narrow, for in the little church were representatives of eight or nine denominations and there was also the spirit of Olivia Sage, of honored memory, who in presenting the beautiful place of worship to the community stipulated that no denominational test should ever be applied to those who sought membership and that all who loved the Lord should be welcomed within its portals. Hence it was not surprising that the people who had come together on such a liberal basis welcomed plans for greater service than they had conceived.

The Inception of the Enterprise

Like many other good things, the idea was born of necessity. The increasing number of children coming to the Sunday School of the Church-in-the-Gardens clearly demonstrated that the accommodations for the little ones and those somewhat older were inadequate and were certain to become much more so as time passed. It was first proposed that two or three of the lots adjoining the church property on Ascan Avenue be purchased and that the church erect a modest parish house to meet the needs of the Sunday School and carry on other kinds of religious education while also serving the community as much as possible. The subject was first presented to the trustees of the church on May 9, 1919, when it was stated that the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor had in mind a plan for raising a fund to be the first payment toward establishing a parish house. The plan had been approved at the mid-week church meeting. The trustees appointed a committee to confer with the Sage Foundation Homes Company as to the terms on which the lots could be purchased and on Oct. 24 the purchase of four lots was decided upon by the board.

Larger Project Made Possible

Then came the pleasant surprise which made larger plans possible.

At a meeting of the board of trustees held Nov. 10, 1919, one of the members, Rowland H. Smith, stated that his mother, Mrs. Alfred H. Smith, being desirous of rendering a service to the church in a way that would promote also the interests of the community, wished him to say that she would give the church an amount equal to the cost price of such lots on Ascan Avenue and Borage Place as might be necessary for use in building a parish house and a pastor's residence on condition that within a year from Jan. 1, 1920 an

equal amount would be raised by the members of the church and others interested.

The generous offer was accepted with thanks and a committee appointed to raise the necessary amount of money. The action, a few days later, was approved by the church congregation and before the end of the month of January three lots at the corner of Greenway North and Borage Place and five lots on Borage Place were purchased and a committee on preliminary plans for the building was appointed. The building was still called the parish house, but a meeting of the board on Jan. 14 the committee on plans was instructed to ask the advice of the advisory board of the Community Council as to taking care of the need of the community organizations. The broadening movement was now well under way.

The Passing of Rowland Smith

Then came the shock that filled Forest Hills with sorrow, for on April 2, Good Friday, 1920, Rowland Holbrook Smith, whose influence had been unceasingly devoted to the development of the higher life of the people of the village, and whose constant effort had been exerted in the new movement, was taken from his field of action in this life. His influence abided, and with new determination his friends, with many who knew him little personally but had felt the inspiration of his unselfish life went forward to complete the great work as he would have had them do it.

The House and Hall Named

A noteworthy forward step was taken at a meeting of the trustees on April 30, when it was voted that the board recommend to the corporate body of the church that the new structure be called the Community House of the Church-in-the-Gardens and that the main auditorium be called Rowland H. Smith Hall. It was voted to present the project to the community as a one hundred and fifty thousand dollar undertaking, not including the parsonage.

One of the last acts of Mr. Smith in connection with the Community House was to make preliminary arrangements for the purchase of two additional lots on Ascan Avenue and this transaction was completed shortly after his death, so that the church now owns ten lots, surrounding the present edifice on the East and South.

The June Campaign

The campaign for funds was started June 6, carried on for three weeks and \$70,150 including the land valued at \$20,000 now represents the assets of the Community House. When the fund amounts to \$75,000, a gift of \$10,000 will be forthcoming and when the fund reaches \$100,000 there will be available as a loan another \$10,000 at 2 per cent. It should be stated that it is now impossible to say definitely what the total cost of the enterprise will be. As the plans of the committee on building have developed,

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Community House of Friendship and Good Will

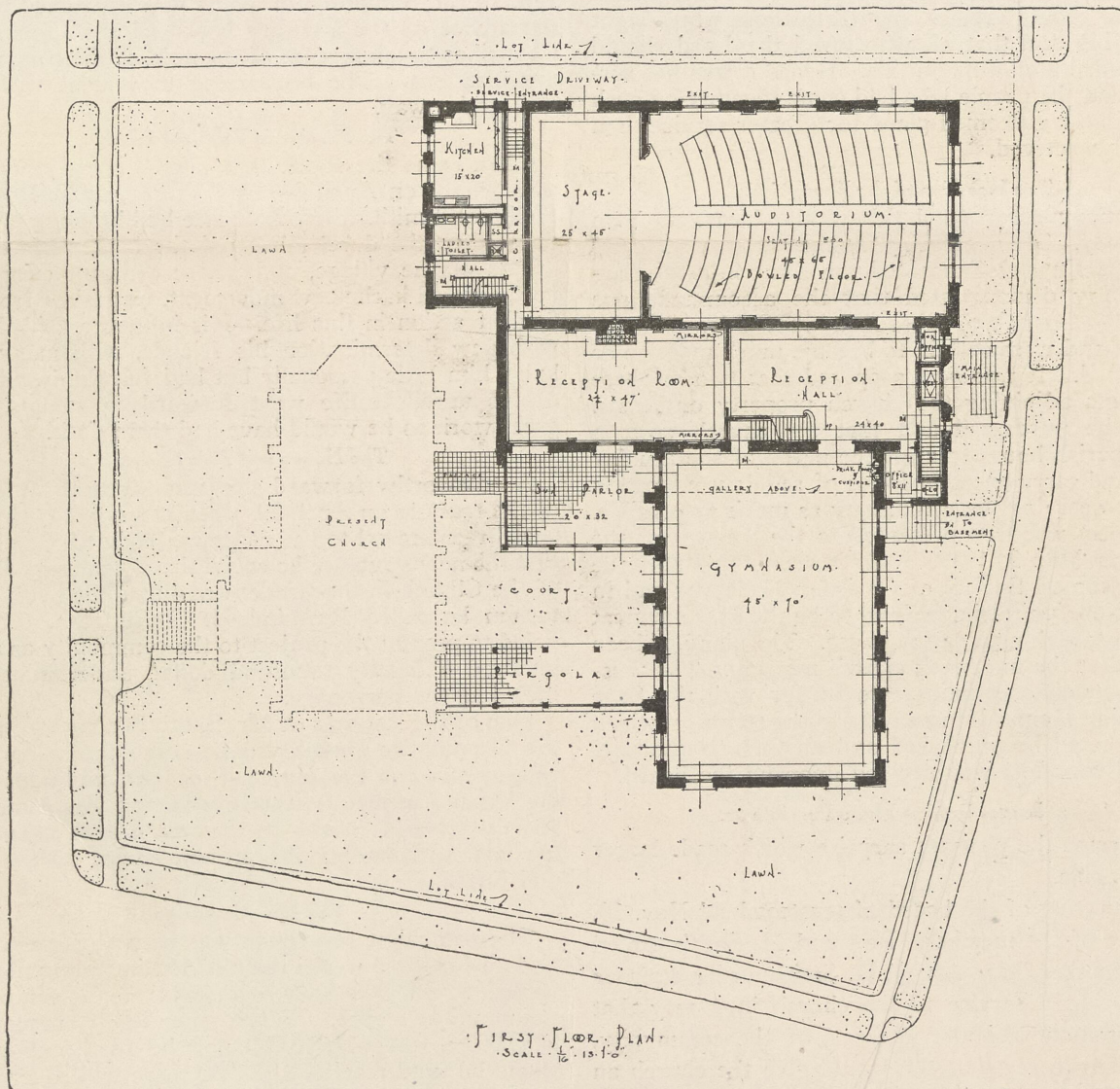
By DAVID LATSHAW

Expectancy is big in the faith of the Christian Men of America. They expect great things to happen. They wait only for leadership to make them happen. Christianity as in the early days challenges to the great adventure. Adequate statements of our faith have been hammered out on the anvil of debate. The age of religious debate is past. The age of religious emotion has enlarged the hearts and horizons of men.

The age of action is here. Our time demands a demonstration of the friendship Christian men have thought, felt and talked about. The masses of men want to be shown and thousands of Christian men want to live more fully the ideals they have accepted. They honor their leaders, but in these days, adventure by proxy will not be enough. The Community House aims to give this spirit an adequate channel of expression.

The Church-in-the-Gardens has already demonstrated that men and women of various denominations can unite for worship and service. Old points of disagreement are deliberately pushed into the background. Points of agreement are emphasized and acted upon. In other words we do more than *tolerate* each other. We are friends.

We expect the Community House to enlarge this spirit in the Community. We demonstrate our good faith in the community by asking the community to participate in its management. Other churches and constructive agencies in Forest Hills will have a voice in the management of the house, with the active co-operation of the Church-in-the-Gardens. We are therefore building a house in honor of friendship and good will.



PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN

Showing Gymnasium, Auditorium, Reception Hall, Reception Room and Sun Parlor

PROPOSED PLAN

Governing Board of Community House — Method of Appointment, Powers, Duties and Responsibilities

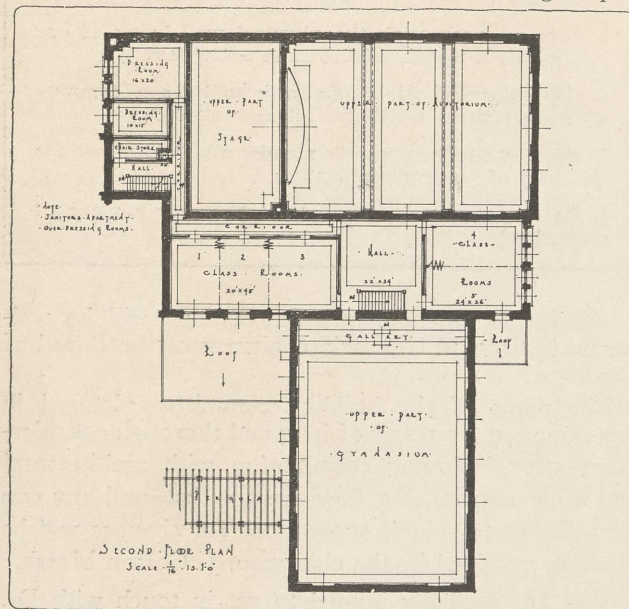
The Board of Trustees of the Church-in-the-Gardens, after consultation with Thurlow M. Gordon, attorney and other residents, has prepared the following document to be presented to the church for formal action:

Memorandum of Resolution to be Recommended by Board of Trustees

Acting upon the suggestions of the Campaign Committee, the Board of Trustees recommends to the church the following resolution to be adopted by the church for the purpose of fixing definitely the plan of government for the new Community House when completed and put into operation.

RESOLVED: In order that the proposed Community House shall in the broadest way serve as an institution for the character building of our children and the religious, educational, charitable, patriotic and other proper activities of the people of Forest Hills as a whole, the trustees of the Church-in-the-Gardens (hereinafter called the "trustees") are hereby directed to create a Board of Governors of the Community House (hereinafter called the "board") which shall consist of nineteen (19) members selected in accordance with the following plan:

- (a) Six (6) members of the board shall be appointed by the trustees to represent the Church-in-the-Gardens and shall include one trustee, one member of the Church Committee, a representative of the Sunday School, a representative of the Women's Guild, a representative of the Young People's

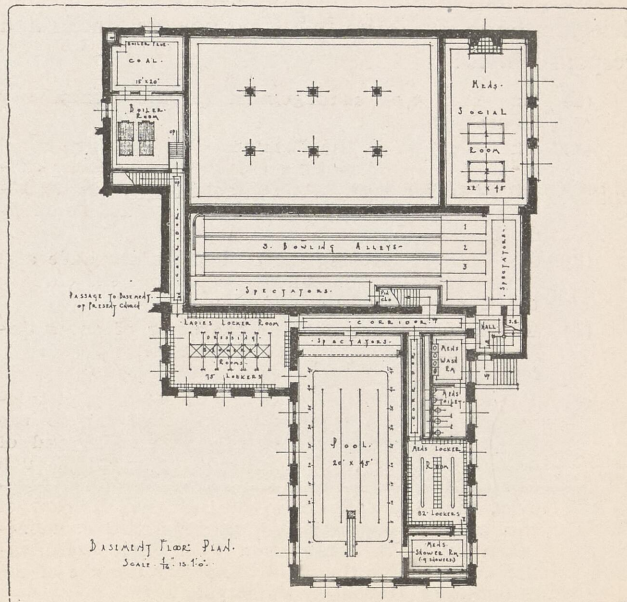


TENTATIVE SECOND FLOOR PLAN

Class and Club Rooms and Upper Part of Gymnasium and Auditorium.

- Society, and one officer of the church (the Pastor, Moderator or Clerk).
- (b) The second group of ten (10) members shall represent the ten leading non-political organizations in the community, with the understanding that for the three years following the opening of the

Community House these organizations shall be the Protestant Episcopal Church of Forest Hills, the Roman Catholic Church of Forest Hills, the Church of Forest Hills, the Christian Science Church of Forest Hills, the Community Council, the Men's Club, the Women's Club, the Mothers' Club, the



BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

Swimming Pool, Lockers and Showers, Men's Social Room, Heating Plant and Store Room.

Gardens Players and the Boy Scouts; and with the further understanding that the same ten organizations shall continue to be represented on the board thereafter unless and until the trustees shall designate from time to time other organizations in the opinion of the trustees more suitably qualified to carry out the spirit and purpose of the Community House. Each organization shall be asked to appoint one representative. If any organization designated shall cease to exist or shall neglect for six months to appoint a representative whenever one should be appointed, another organization shall be named in its place by the trustees, if in the opinion of the trustees a suitable organization exists in the community of Forest Hills. If no such organization exists, then, until such an organization shall come into being, the place so left vacant shall be filled by the appointment of a representative of the community at large as hereinafter provided in paragraph (c).

- (c) A third group of three (3) members shall consist of representative men or women of the community and shall be selected by the members comprising the first and second groups. These shall represent the community as a whole and shall be appointed without regard to affiliation with churches or other organizations.

The first board shall be appointed to serve until the following November 1, and until the respective successors are appointed and confirmed. Thereafter, members of the board shall be appointed annually to serve for a period of one year (beginning November 1 in each year) and until their respective successors are appointed and confirmed. If the successor of any member shall not have been appointed at the expiration of six months after the time for such appointment has come then the term of such member shall automatically expire at the expiration of such six months period.

To conform with legal requirements, the trustees shall ratify and confirm all appointments.

In the event of a vacancy on the board through

death, resignation, or otherwise, it shall be filled by the appointment of a new member for the remainder of the unexpired term, to be selected in the same manner as the member whose place shall be vacant.

The Church-in-the-Gardens and the trustees thereof delegate to the board the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

- (a) The care and management of the Community House generally;
- (b) The selection of the Community House personnel to originate and carry on Community House activities (other than religious activities), i. e., activities originated by the Community House itself and not by outside organizations;
- (c) The duty of meeting the cost of maintenance and repairs of the Community House and the care of the Community House funds;
- (d) The responsibility for the character of entertainments conducted in the Community House or for it;
- (e) The responsibility of granting or refusing permission to persons or organizations desiring to use the Community House or any part of it, and of fixing the terms and conditions upon which such use shall be permitted; it being understood, however, that the Church-in-the-Gardens, in view of the greater proportionate responsibilities undertaken by it, in comparison with other organizations, shall have the right to specify the use of the Community House on Sundays;
- (f) The board shall at the opening of the Community House and on January 1 of each year thereafter submit to the trustees of the Church-in-the-Gardens a budget covering income and expenditures for the ensuing year. The board shall also submit to the trustees every three months a statement of the current financial condition of the Community House;
- (g) In view of the ultimate responsibility of the Church-in-the-Gardens for any indebtedness which may be incurred on behalf of the Community House, all acts of the board shall be subject to the veto of the Church-in-the-Gardens; and in case of unforeseen contingencies the trustees shall have power to amend or modify this plan in such respects as may be necessary to carry out the spirit and purpose of the Community House. The board shall not incur any indebtedness or obligation which may become a lien upon the Community House or other church property, and shall not, without the consent of the trustees, incur any financial obligations outside of a budget approved by the trustees. No activities shall be permitted in the Community House which are inconsistent with the tax exemption to which the property will be entitled as property used for mental or moral improvement or for religious, educational, charitable, patriotic and such other activities as are exempt from property taxation under the Laws of the State of New York;
- (h) The board shall have full power to act by a majority, to establish its own by-laws and to determine its own manner of organization and action, including the manner of electing the members to be chosen by the board. It shall be authorized to act either at a meeting or by consent without a meeting, and may delegate its authority to such individuals or committees as it sees fit. No member of the board shall be responsible for the acts of any other member or for anything except his own individual, wilful malfeasance.

These resolutions shall not constitute a declaration of trust or the assumption of any legal obligation of any nature whatsoever, but shall constitute an expression by the Church of its purpose faithfully and conscientiously to carry out the spirit and purpose of the Community House in conformity with this plan.

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suggestions for enlargement and improvement have been accepted in a tentative way, thereby increasing the estimated cost to about \$250,000, but to offset the increased cost to a considerable extent will be the decrease in the cost of materials and labor which is certain to come in the near future unless all indications fail. The Community House will be built in units and will be so carefully planned that it will not become a greater burden than this progressive community will be glad to bear to promote the common good.

Plan of Government

One of the most difficult problems which has been met was that of providing a plan of government of the house which would meet legal requirements and also appeal to the entire community as liberal and fair. In working on this problem the trustees have had the invaluable guidance and counsel of Thurlow M. Gordon, an able lawyer of broad sympathies and strong community spirit. The plan published elsewhere in this issue has been approved by the board, but has not been finally acted upon by the church and

A FEW VITAL QUESTIONS

1. Are we as a community making Forest Hills the best possible place in which to live?
2. Are our educational leisure time activities developed to the full?
3. What are we doing to develop the cultural and art life of our community?
4. Are we seeing to it that all the groups in our community have an opportunity for a richer recreational life?
5. Are we promoting the physical well being of our community through leisure time activities?
6. Do we want our community to have a community program in which we all may share?
7. Shall we as community members pull together for the good of our community?
8. Is our community one of neighbors or a place of strangers?

is subject to amendment. Suggestions will be welcomed by Donald G. Clark, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The plans of the building committee pictured in this issue are the result of long and thorough consideration after including consultation with architectural and other experts, but they are not final and any one who desires to submit suggestions for changes will be cordially received by the chairman, J. Gorton Marsh.

You are cordially invited to get in touch with Dr. S. Ellsworth Davenport Jr., secretary of the Campaign Committee, for it may not be possible for members of the committee to make a personal call upon all and it is hoped that many who have not subscribed will do so without waiting to be called upon.

The very efficient treasurer of the Community House fund is J. Floyd McTyier, 57 Summer Street.